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## Moving Forward Together

### Crime in Newberry Springs

“Did you see anyone hauling my drywall away?” Fred, my absentee neighbor asked when he was here a few days ago.

I hadn't. Though we live next door to each other, unless I'm outside I'm not aware of what's going on at his place. His two small unoccupied houses are targets for trouble. Someone probably noticed that he had started doing some renovations because otherwise nothing of value would have been there.

“Did you call the Sheriff?” I asked.

“No. What good would it do now? It could have happened any time in the last week.”

Larceny and burglary (two different things; see below) are the most common crimes in Newberry, but too often the victims don't call the Sheriff.

One resident complained to me, “We know who did it. They've been arrested many times but get released a few days later. Then they start again.”

“Under-reporting is a problem,” says Lt. Manny Mendoza. “Even if the thief is long gone or the items stolen aren't real valuable, we can set up a paper trail so that when they are finally caught, we have evidence to use against them in court. That makes it more likely they will be convicted and put away for a longer time.”

Unfortunately, if the crime is petty theft (under \$950), a six-month or less jail term whizzes by quickly and the thief is back before he or she has been missed. With calculators in hand, they add up the value of their take to just under \$950 each time. When arrested, the

cumulative amount over several thefts doesn't matter. Each is considered separately, and each is only a misdemeanor.

Proposition 47 changed many former felonies into lesser crimes so that only felons would serve time in the crowded jails or prisons.

Most burglaries happen during daylight hours, 10:00 to 2:00, and within a few blocks north or south of the I-40 corridor. But any area is vulnerable. Weather is also a factor. When it's cold, crime is down, but as the weather heats up, the crime rate also goes up.

Speaking at the Community Services District meeting on February 23, Mendoza reported that during the previous month there were 121 calls in Newberry, including two vehicle thefts, one residential burglary, and two burglaries at the truck stop. Four arrests were made.

Who are these thieves? Not gangs from “down the hill.” Not itinerant outlaws from Barstow. Most often, they live right in your neighborhood. Could be

someone you know. Someone who knows if you're on vacation or not. Someone who spots changes in your habits; for instance, if you once had a large dog or two and now you don't. Someone who knows if

something was delivered and it's sitting outside until you can get to it.

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Do you think that what's visible in your yard is too big to steal? One local case actually involved taking a windmill and a tractor.

Thieves look for particular signs that a property is going to be easy pickings.

Cars are the favorite targets. Locking your car is always a good defense, or at least a deterrent. Also, if you leave something in your car where it can be seen, then a bad guy (or girl) can see it, too. Not everyone is as lucky as the car owner in Yermo whose car was broken into, ransacked – and then the thief left his own wallet on the passenger seat.

You can be a deterrent yourself by joining the Citizens on Patrol program.

**Citizens on Patrol (C.O.P.)**

With a 9200 sq mi area to cover, the Sheriff can't be everywhere all the time. They need our help.

Up until about seven years ago, Newberry Springs had an active and well-staffed Citizens On Patrol program. The benefits to the community were enormous. Crime was down. COPs drove through areas where suspicious activity had been reported. They kept an eye on homes when residents were on vacation. They were the eyes and ears of Newberry. Because of their visibility, crime was down.

The San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department wants to increase the number of COPs by 25%. This a great time for Newberry to reinstate it here.

"I can't be a C.O.P. because it probably costs a lot

in gas and my car isn't good enough." That's a common misconception. The Sheriff's department supplies the marked car and gas. C.O.P.s wear a simple uniform and don't carry weapons.

How do you qualify? Anyone who is willing, has no police record, is physically able, and can drive is eligible. After the training sessions, the COP must donate at least eight hours a month, attend a monthly meeting, and help at special events like the Rodeo and Pistachio Festival.

The major benefit of the Citizens on Patrol program is visibility. People feel safe knowing someone is watching out for them; and wrong-doers feel *less* safe knowing someone is watching out for *them*. Applications will be available at the Property Owners meeting on April 9.

**What about the pot farms?**

Not long ago, the UPS operation at Deel's came in for special attention after a sniffer dog at the UPS main facility down the hill became interested in a large shipment sent by a customer. Instead of the dried peaches and apricots indicated on the label, the boxes were actually filled with pot.

The illegal growing of marijuana is a countywide problem, but Newberry is a hot spot. Of 35 warrants issued recently, 29 were for suspected operations here. Our wide open spaces appeal to pot cultivators. Unfortunately, because so much profit is involved, even when an operation is closed, another soon pops up, so keep watching, and keep calling the Sheriff.

Again, it's usually neighbors with eyes and ears who spot the problem.

What should you look for? Number one would be unusual activity.

A pot farm out by Fort Cady Road involved days of bulldozing eight-foot high berms of sand around the perimeter to hide the large new green houses. That much activity was noticeable. Even worse for the neighbors, wind blew the non-compacted sand onto the roadway high enough to block access. An angry neighbor

plowed the sand back into the pot farm's driveway. The pot people called the Sheriff, who arrested the helpful neighbor.

Later, the pot farmers were arrested. Calling the Sheriff to report a neighbor's offense might not be a good way to keep your own misdeeds secret.

**Cleaning Up Dumping Sites**

Do you know of a place where people have been dumping tires, mattresses, etc.? The Sheriff has access to equipment and personnel that can remove these unsightly piles. The "personnel" is prisoners, putting them to work for a good cause so lets keep them busy.

**Explorers Program**

Boys and girls 14-21 years old can actively participate in keeping the peace. In the Explorers program, they learn all aspects of the Sheriff's job (except firearms), go on drive-alongs, help out at special events, and do community service. Want to participate? Give the Sheriff a call. Right now you'd have to join the program in Barstow, but if we had enough interest, it could be here, too.

**Education and Visibility**

Lt. Mendoza is eager for the Sheriff's Department to be involved in school and summer activities. The more children see uniformed peace officers in good situations, the less afraid they will be to report if things go wrong or if they need help with something. They love to answer kids' questions like what all the "toys" on their belts do, what's inside their cars, and how to be safe, etc. It's important for young people to see uniformed peace officers as friendly and concerned about their safety.

*\*Larceny vs. Burglary: Larceny is plain old theft; burglary is entering a building with intent to rob and do harm. Burglary is a felony.*

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## The Future is Bright for Newberry



We have lots of space and a rural lifestyle that's different from most communities in the county. We also have problems that are not unique. "Throughout America, many rural communities are losing people, businesses, jobs, and vibrancy. It's time for a rural recovery." [Center for Rural Affairs, Nebraska]

Cody, Nebraska, is a farming community of 149 residents in the

middle of nowhere. Young people were leaving to raise their families in more populated areas. Jobs were scarce for teenagers. The closest big grocery store was 40 miles away.

Yet Cody, together with the school district, won two major grants of \$75,000 and \$95,000 from the USDA to bring a grocery store in the town. The first grant was for setting up an entrepreneur class at the high school to plan the project. When an existing suitable building could not be found, the second grant was to help build the store with matching funds in the form of a lot of donated materials and labor. Students helped with construction and now order the goods, keep the books, and in their free time run the cash register. Some also sell their own handmade goods and pocket the profit.

On December 27 last year, a meeting took place that could change Newberry Springs! The Obama

administration had set up a competition for something called a "Promise Zone." One of the 300 grants was to be for a disadvantaged rural community, minimum population 10,000. Of course, we don't have that many people, but by including Lucerne Valley, Needles, and parts of Barstow, we do. A second meeting was held at which an organizing committee was elected to form the Newberry Springs Economic Development Association (NSEDA) to work toward applying for this program. The time was ridiculously short. Deadline was February 21. But the wheels were churning and impossible things became possible.

Enthusiastic support came from all along the Hwy 66 corridor. Numerous meetings, conference calls, letters and emails went between the committee, other communities, and our "instigators"

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Holly Shiralipour from USDA and Lorrie Steely, grant writer. Great progress was made and hopes were high.

Unfortunately, just days before the deadline we were informed that in spite of the fact that the County (initially liked our proposal, it had decided to back the City of San Bernardino’s application for a Promise Zone. The County could not legally back both of us because if it tried, both would be eliminated. And we could not apply without County support.

Did that mean an end to NSEDA? No! The ideas developed for the Promise Zone can work for Newberry. In fact, we are excited to be thinking about our possibilities.

Here are some ideas:

•Put up large “Welcome to Newberry Springs” signs at the two freeway off-ramps.

•A group in Barstow wants to set up tours of the Mojave, where people come to stay for a week or 10 days. Why not train our high school students to conduct tours of the sites, tell the history, tell stories about

them, lead “Ranger Rick” type discussions (and earn some money, too).

•Set up tourist information booths or kiosks. Partner with the schools to have students and others create brochures and videos.

•Summer camps for children, building on the program established by Pastor Charles and Gwen Patrick. Take the kids for trips to local amazing sites – see the emus; visit the Volcano House; see how a pistachio farm works; ride a tractor on an alfalfa farm. Lots of other possibilities.

•Establish farm or bakery or entrepreneurial co-ops where locals can sell produce and other goods to locals and tourists.

•Build a touristy shopping center for the above out of sand bags (a company in Hesperia does this).

How could we fund it? There are federal, state, and private grants available. Look at the Cody, NE example! It takes planning. We talk, we plan, we plan some more, we figure it out, and then we get to work applying for grants and having bake sales.

## Our Fire Chief

Daphne Lanier is a giver, willing to help anyone at any time, in any way she possibly can. This attribute has gotten a real workout as Fire Chief of our Volunteer Fire Department.



If you have to call for help, chances are that Daphne will be one of the first responders. Her smile and her expertise make whatever situation brought the call, better.

She brings hope along with help.

Unfortunately for Newberry, Daphne will be moving to northern California in May to be closer to her family. She has been such a strong presence in Newberry that she will be deeply missed..

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Cost: \$325/couple

## What Future Do We Have Without Water?

“What’s your biggest concern out here?” asked Supervisor Robert Lovingood at the community meeting on March 14. “Safety?” A few hands went up. “Code Enforcement?” Again, one or two hands. “Water?” To Lovingood’s surprise, every hand was raised.

“Without water, we can’t live out here,” explained Wayne Snively. Others chimed in, “We lose our homes.” “Our wells are going dry.” “Homes get abandoned because no-one wants to move where they don’t have water.”

Long gone are the days when you could dig down ten feet or sometimes less and hit water. Newberry shares in the record drought affecting all of California.

California’s water problem has been coming on gradually since the early 1900s, pushed by the desirability of living in the Golden State and the increase in agriculture. The City of Pasadena brought a lawsuit in 1937 dealing with water in East Los Angeles (Raymond Basin), which resulted in the state’s first stipulated agreement.

Move ahead 53 years to 1990 when the City of Barstow sued the Mojave Water Agency for allowing development and agriculture upstream (Hesperia and Victorville et al), leading to overdrafting the Mojave basin.



Various appeals and judgments resulted in the 2002 State Supreme Court ruling that stated in the introduction, “by the mid-1950’s, demand for water in the basin exceeded the natural supply, resulting in an overdraft condition. Development continued, particularly during the 1970’s and 1980’s. By 1990, the basin’s population was approximately 235,000, more than 10 times the population in 1950. . . If overdraft conditions continue, the basin’s water supply will experience significant depletion.”

The Supreme Court ruled in favor of rampdowns of 5% for 5 years for those who agreed to the “stipulation,” until the basin reached “sustainability”. However, a group of alfalfa and dairy farmers appealed and the Superior Court ruled that their “overlying rights” (i.e. priority rights over the water beneath their property) meant they did not have to agree to the stipulation and could do what they pleased as long as it was “beneficial.”

A short history is at <http://www.mojavewater.org/history.html>

In most areas of California, water rights stay with property when it is sold, but in the MWA district (us), the rights can stay with the seller, a feature that can surprise a new buyer when they check it out later. .

A local alfalfa farmer stated (2005), “Once you have property rights and water rights and you have bought them fair and square, it is ridiculous that someone wants to take them away from you.”

Given the inter-relationship of all sources of water above and below ground, a lot of pumping a mile away depletes the water under another’s property, making that kind of reasoning pretty self-centered.

The UCLA law school, in a detailed 2013 study, concluded, “The settlement agreements that result are sometimes overly protective of the property interests of a few large

water users . . . and do not typically impose aggressive measures to protect the basins from overdraft.” [www.law.ucla.edu/Emmett]

How was the allowable pumping amount determined? Between 1987 and 1990 records were kept of yearly pumping amounts, and the maximum pumped became the baseline. Ordinary residents (minimum producers) with no agriculture or lakes are allowed ten acre feet a year, a subject to rampdowns that was supposed to be addressed.

On the surface this sounds fair. If you were a pistachio farmer, however, it hurt. 1985 saw a big increase in new pistachio orchards, a desert crop that requires far less water than alfalfa. As the trees were young, less water was being used during 1986-1990, which made their base rate small. With each 5% rampdown, the growing trees needed more water than was allotted. To put the required water down, you would have to buy water rights.

There is very little, if any, enforcement of restrictions on new agriculture. Lucerne Valley and other high desert communities are seeing an influx of jujube growers who know nothing about the water problem and its history. The MWA, our “watermaster”, claims not to have enforcement rights and defers to the County, which claims it, too, has no enforcement duties.

And the wells keep going dry.

Longtime residents continue being forced to sell their land.

**Is there hope?** Maybe. Please attend the Property Owners (open to everyone) meeting on April 9, Saturday, 10:00 at the Community building to voice your concerns and find out what’s being done, including the following:

SPARC (San Bernardino County Partnership for Renewable Energy and Conservation) held a meeting in Barstow on March 14. Innovative ideas for energy generation were developed and discussed. Something



and then given to the County to include in its overall plan.

As for water, it's important for us all to keep showing up, to keep talking, not to let down. Unless we do, the powers in the County and

good for Newberry may come from this.

The USDA is partnering with organizations about a grant program to help people repair or replace dry wells. Lorrie Steely will tell about this.

Ron Frame, field representative for Supervisor Lovingood, will also be present to answer questions of any sort pertaining to the County, and discuss the future Community Plan for Newberry Springs. This Plan will be created by us, the local people,

State will ignore us, thinking we're just fine.

We aren't fine. A monument to how not fine we are is the recharge basin on Newberry Road. Filled not with water from the multi-million dollar pipeline but with tumbleweeds and sand, it is a symbol of the future unless something is done to stop the overdrifting of our Baja basin and address the fact that upstream is still affecting downstream.

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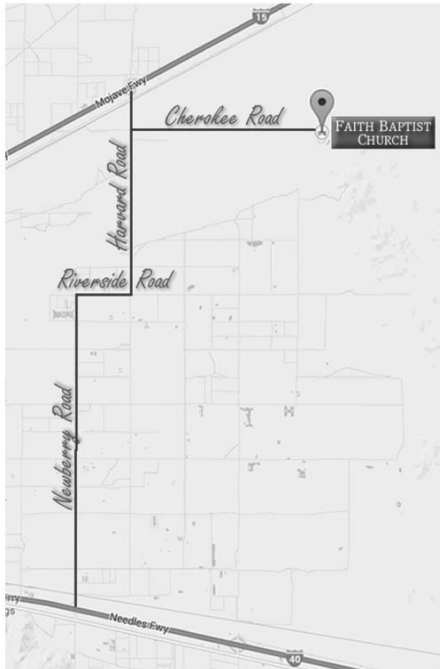
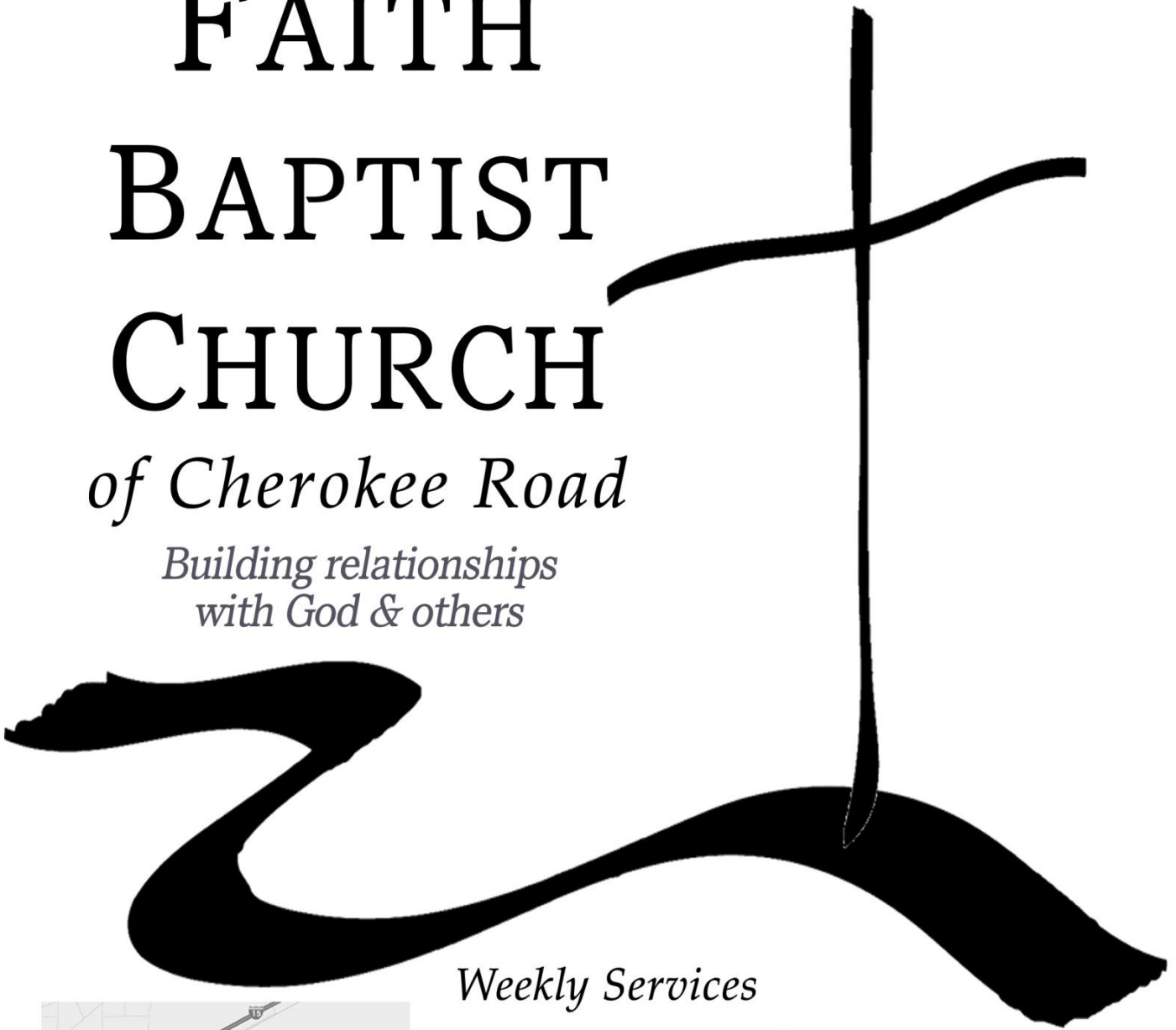
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## Off Grid in Paradise

By Paul Deel

Paula and I moved from Woodland Hills to barren land in Newberry Springs in 1980. We knew that the self-sufficient lifestyle we were going into would mean hard brutal labor, deprivation, and not many amenities like electric light, washer and dryer, or even a refrigerator.

If we wanted those amenities (and we did), we needed energy. The desert has tons of energy for free along with plenty of water and few cloudy days. It was a no-brainer.

Edison would have been happy to run a line to our place for a mere \$250,000. We really didn't want energy from Edison anyway. We were moving "Beyond the Sidewalks" by choice.

In 1980, photovoltaic cells were almost a novelty, used mostly on space satellites and by pot growers in Northern California. I settled on a low speed, high torque windmill that looked like an eight foot cooler squirrel cage, one stacked on top of the other. The manufacturer claimed that it would produce enough power to allow us to have all those amenities to which we were accustomed.

Roger Watson, the contractor who built our earth bermed house, cautioned me that things in the desert don't go like they do in town.

The windmill eventually showed up – without the generator. That would follow a year later.

In the meantime, awaiting approval from the county to build our underground house, we moved into a refrigerated boxcar. Water was pumped into a stock tank on top of the boxcar by a little gasoline generator, making showers possible. An ice chest kept milk from spoiling for another hour or two. A trip to the laundromat took the place of the washer/dryer. Our daughter did her homework by a propane lantern

hanging over the kitchen table. In the winter, it would warm her hands so she could write her assignments.

Things got better. Out of pity, Floyd Wiley, who had sold us the boxcar, was willing to sell us a 1945 Servel propane refrigerator.

Twenty-nine years later, when we moved into the house, it was still working.

Inexpensive gasoline generators will last 1000 hours if you baby them. Run them into the ground without much maintenance and they only last 999 hours. My advice is buy propane generators just barely big enough to charge your batteries. Propane doesn't go bad; you don't have to lug around gas or diesel cans and it works when you want it.

An experimental photovoltaic plant had closed its doors so I was able to buy all the solar panels I could. They arrived brown from sunburn and much smaller than they looked in the catalog.

It was a godsend nonetheless. Combined with some new forklift batteries and a 1000 watt inverter, we were on top of the world. We also had a 12 inch black and white television.

The RV market had boomed and 12-volt DC equipment became available. Fluorescent lights made the night bright. Appliances with 120-volt transformers could be run straight off a 12-volt DC battery.

### *Thirty-five Years Later*

In 2009, twenty-nine years after the move from Woodland Hills, we moved into our earth-sheltered home. The amenities we had patiently awaited for are here -- a refrigerator/freezer, a washer and

dryer that are used on sunny days, a dishwasher, microwave and blender.

There's also a toaster but once



you've had stove-top toast there is no reason to go back.

LED lighting is new. The house is designed for light efficiency with a south-facing window wall. One LED light bulb will light the entire living area of the house using only 12 watts, much better than the old 100 watt bulbs.

Because of the solar thermal system, we have more hot water than we can use. Soon that will be connected to the hydronic forced-air furnace to add winter heat to the house. For now, turning on the oven for an hour heats up the 1800 square foot area nicely.

Six years ago new solar panels were installed that deliver 3 kw a day if everything is just right. They are tilted to look straight at the winter sun in the south, making them more efficient for shorter winter days. The longer summer days make up for lower efficiencies and incident angles.

Where do we go from here?

Why, nowhere, of course. We found our paradise off grid and "beyond the sidewalks in Newberry Springs. All the comforts of home and no electric bill is not a bad way to go.

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## In Memoriam

### *Reprint from a M.M. Gornell Route 66 blog a few years bacj:*

I've been slow to talk about Whiting Brothers because I've been afraid I couldn't "do it justice." My main concern was not finding the right words. *I know, I know!* I'm a writer, "words" are my medium for goodness' sakes. But one of the main aspirations/challenges for me as a writer, is to find words that evoke compelling mental pictures—and most importantly—heart touching emotions.

With this old Whiting Brothers, there are vibrations from the past that have often jumped out and grabbed me when I've driven by. *And to actually explore the property—up close and personal!* Sure, I could blab on and on about the feeling in the pit of my stomach when I touched the old pumps; read the faded lettering; peered through the aged windows; felt the awe and respect that comes with knowing how rugged the desert was (*still is*); remembered how little infrastructure existed then, compared to now; felt the heart tugging sense of loss knowing so much has gone with time...but all that makes for a *really long, puffed up, and gushy* sentence that requires a bunch of semicolons—or *should it be colons?* (*Editors among us, please let this paragraph slide!*)

Instead, here's the sentence I finally came up with to describe the Whiting Brothers Gasoline Station on Route 66 in Newberry Springs, CA.

#### ***It is a really cool place!***

See "Tony's Cafe" on the building?

There are articles on the Internet with history, station details, and pictures of the entire station. But, like the other places I've so far visited, the station only became alive when I talked to Mary and Henry, touched the pumps, squinted to read the faded and almost gone Tony's Café sign up close, and ran my hand across the building's railroad-tie and stucco framework. It is

very difficult to convey the feelings of how the past became part of my present through those experiences.

Mary graciously shared how she bought this Whiting Brothers property in 1982, which had started its Route 66 life as Tony's Café — Italian American Dishes. There now remain three gas pumps – two regular, one diesel. Together we read the last gas pumped prices, 33.9¢ for Super, and 36.9¢ for Ethel Supreme! The gas contained lead, there were 11¢ in taxes, and the pumps were made by the Bennet Company. I couldn't help but imagine the last car filling up at this station. Did the attendant and customer realize they were becoming part of Route 66 history? Or was it just another day on the road?

Mary and Henry also told me about interest in the station over the years by movie makers and schools; and with a touch of sadness, Mary also wanted it mentioned that Danny Marks, a good friend, and a person of "desert rat"



*Rest in Peace  
Henry and Mary McGee*

legendary, was a wonderful steward of the property until his death in 1997.

It was a beautiful morning, a regular pale-blue Mojave sky—a perfect temperature and a perfect time to step back in history. Mary and Henry were very kind and generous hosts; and for my canine loving friends, their dogs were wonderful! So, I have to say again,

***It is a really cool place. And add, the McGees are really cool people!***

[\[1\]](#) Mary was also one of the final two teachers at Amboy, CA school before it closed.

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1st & Third Fridays, 6 p.m.  
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### AUXILIARY DINNERS

1st Friday each month  
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**S.A.L. BREAKFASTS**  
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- °BBQs
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- °Poker Runs
- °Special Dinners
- °Bake Sales
- °Gun Club Events
- °Parades
- °Parties
- °Turkey shoots

## NEW MEMBERS AND VOLUNTEERS ALWAYS WELCOME!

Legionaires meet the 1st Thursday each month, 6 p.m. (dues \$40)

Auxiliary meets the first Tuesday each month, 6 p.m. (dues \$25)

Sons of American Legion meets after breakfast the first Sunday each month, 11 a.m. (dues \$20)

*Rent the Hall for Parties, Meetings, Graduation, etc. Call for information.*



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# Newberry

By Mary McGee (Dec 1983)

Why? (Some have asked) What see you in this barren place...of driest wind and saltine air...of colorless mass of desert space?

At times I wonder this myself...what draws me to this parch of earth...In summer's heat and winter's whine...a sea of vast and endless time.

Perhaps it is the moment's peace—When seek me shade from desert's heat...And crouched beneath the athel tree...I feel the wind upon my knee...A moment's sigh of cool and damp...Beneath my sun-drenched clothes.

Or maybe it's the age-long sight...Of ant house etched upon the soil...of reddened scurry to-and-fro...As legged beasts 'bout tasks they go...stout bearers of laden loads beyond their means!...(Thye give me courage, that I know, to bear with mine!)

Still, maybe more than that could be...On glancing at the Mountain's hews...of purple, pink, and glazed blue...Which jumps, and moves with every view...God's handicraft, perfected law...I think on this and pause in awe. Whatever reason it may be...I stopped one day to look at thee...And found my spot of desert sand...And stayed and stayed beyond my plan.

I know not why Newberry is...And how and when and that this is...I only with my heart can see...that this is where I want to be!



## Newberry Springs Assembly of God

32582 Mountain View Road  
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Pastor Bill Long

### Church Services:

Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.

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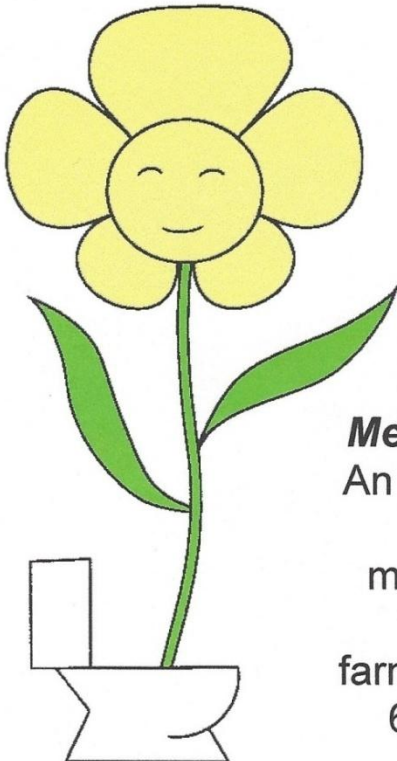
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### Scholarships

We received word that one of our 2014 scholarship winners, **Rain Escovedo** made the Dean's List at Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania. Congratulations Rain! We would love to hear from more of our scholarship winners.

**Now** is the time to apply for a 2016 scholarship. Applications are **due April 20<sup>th</sup>**. We award three scholarships to Silver Valley Students. If you do not attend a Silver Valley Public School, applications are available on our website and at Deel's.

Would you like to be a COP? Citizens on Patrol is accepting volunteers Contact Barstow Sheriff's Station Meetings are the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the Month 1800 hours at 225 E. Mountain View, Barstow, Ca., 760-256-4838. Always call the station prior to ensure the meeting has not been canceled. Meetings are open to the public

### The Pistachio Festival

Always fun with interesting booths and food and of course the spotlight is on Pistachios. The date is **November 5th 9-5**. Put it on your calendar. Have something you want to show off? Questions? Call Jill at the Chamber.

### Bingo

Bingo Games are on hiatus at this time.

**Chamber Membership...**Join with us. Membership applications are at our web site or pick one up at Deel's.

## Newberry Springs Economic Development Association

NSEDA is a group of Newberry citizens exploring ways to develop the economy of Newberry Springs.

If Newberry is to have the amenities such as a market or other local services; we need to grow a population that can support it. How do we attract people to our desert wonderland without polluting paradise? Our answer is to make Newberry Springs a place entrepreneurial families want to relocate to.

These are six goals toward that end.

1. **Increase economic activity** by attracting family business
2. **Create jobs** through tourism with a Route 66 Village on the model of Calico Ghost Town
3. **Reduce crime** through COP programs and neighborhood watch etc.
4. **Improve educational opportunities** by developing after school and summer activities for children.
5. **Improve community infrastructure** through land use zoning compatible with rural family business. Secure rail road crossing at Ft Cady and all weather river crossing at Harvard and Minneola.
6. **Improve health and wellness** through healthy food access, by establishing a clinic or transportation for seniors and vets.

We would love to hear from you. Do you have an interest in one of these goals or know someone who does? We need many workers to build a sustainable future for Newberry Springs. If we build it, they will come.

Next NSEDA meeting is April 12th 5:30pm at the Community Services District Building, 30884 Newberry Rd. For now you can contact Paul Deel at Deel's, 760-257-3606.



Newberry Springs  
Property Owners  
Association  
NSHPOA

*Pulling together for the good of the community*

**APRIL 9**

**10:00 A.M.**

**SATURDAY**

**COMMUNITY BUILDING**

*All are welcome, member or not*

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- Help for wells (Lorrie Steeley, USDA)
- NSEDA and Promise Zone
- Citizens on Patrol
- Alternative Energy possibilities
- Bring your ideas

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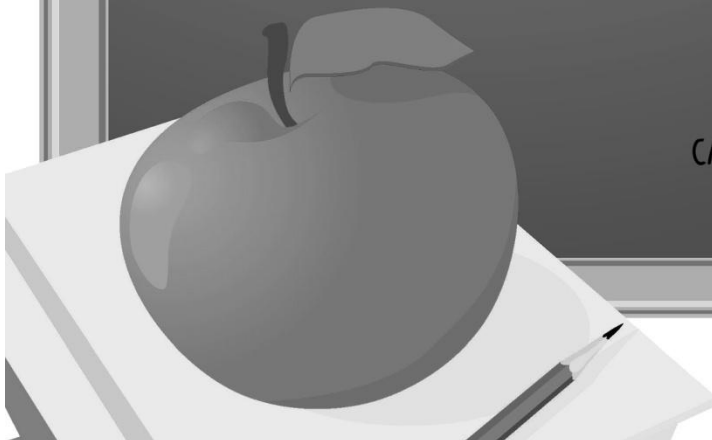
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