By George Ogles

IRWINDALE - On Saturday, May 25, Irwindale Speedway honored our Armed Forces both active and retired.

The event had a great program including American Idol Finalist and Former United States Marine Angel Curilo and former National Anthem singer. The night was presented by the Event Center on-site stock car driving school: LA Racing Experience in association with Garden State Fireworks, which mounted an aerial salute to the Armed Services at the close of the night’s racing.

Track CEO Jim Cohan asked his staff to invite veterans and their families from across the southwest to be honored and to enjoy a great night of NASCAR-style Memorial Day event activities at everyone’s favorite Home Track. All Military (active and retired with ID) was admitted for only $10.

Many of the famous Purple Heart Guard Riders with their motorcycles and American Flags in attendance. A number of the young薰nce from the “Frangs for Parents” organization were on hand as well, to pose with fans. There was a cadre of military vehicles assembled on the track for families to check out.

Representatives of the Hollywood Chapter of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, their Ladies Auxiliary, the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars were on hand and prominent to the fans during the opening show.

Irwindale Mayor Pro Tem H. Manuel Ortiz was in attendance, as well as Navy Reserve Lieutenant Paul Johnson of Azusa, a true “home town hero”. Miacs will be signing up for duty in Kandahar, Afghanistan on May 31. Miacs is a member of the Azusa City Council and, like Ortiz, has been serving as Mayor Pro Tem as well. Comrade Richard Halley from the City of Covina, who is also a former Marine was present.

Fans were allowed on the track before the event opened to meet the drivers and to get pictures and autographs. This seemed to be the big hit with the little kids and the big kids (babies) as well.

After the opening ceremony, the races began which included cars, trucks and the crazy (on the speedway states) clown princes and princesses of the circle track, the nebbish Pink Pant Skid Plate Race.

The Patriot Guard Riders at Irwindale Speedway

One Hundred Years Young Celebrated at Bridgecreek Retirement Facility

By Jayam Rutnam

WEST COVINA - Two ladies who blew out 100 candles at Bridgecreek, a retirement facility in West Covina, Monday May 13, 2013 was a memorable day for centenarians Catherine Mistone and Bernice Eilers.

Over fifty residents of the HOLIDAY Retirement facility listened to music: had lunch, mingled and helped the two smiling ladies celebrate their day in the sun. “One lady said, all of a sudden I feel young,” she was 87 years old.

Bernice had her celebration the day before and now it was Catherine’s day to have her relatives and friends celebrate this landmark birthday. The oversized cake was donated by Alzheimer’s Supermarket in West Covina, and their assistant store manager Allen McMurtry was there to make sure all the candles were blown out. It was Catherine’s great grandson Evan Hogue who helped do the honors. Evan is in 3rd grade and loves riding his bike. He was last seen eating a piece of the birthday cake.

Some of Catherine’s Miacs family present were Steven Hogue, Lorrie Hogue, Patrick Hogue, Evan Hogue, Sophia, Joanne and Marc Sandford. The piano player was Danu Reed who kept everybody entertained with songs like “she’ll be coming round the mountain.”

Irwindale Speedway Honors Armed Forces

These front wheel drive, no rear wheels machines are set to spin their way around the Irwindale third-mile like so many decorated deserters. This semio-

un-Army division was a great way to end a night of tight-jawed, hair-trigger short track competition. These bottom-scraping bollies always offer hilarious war jokes and hairy breath. When a firecracker had drawn, just seems to keep happening over and over again to slow motion. This was also a real crowd pleaser and was a great way to lead into the great fireworks show.

The Speedway once again lit up the night sky over the San Gabriel Valley in a special tribute to our Armed Forces both active and retired.

The thrilling evening enjoyed the evening. There is no question, YES, the Irwindale Speed- way is open and running.

Vulcan Materials Company Presents $75,000 to Azusa Scholarship Program

AUSA - At the Wednesday, May 22, 2013 Special Meeting of the Azusa City Council, Mike Rudford, District Operations Manager, Vulcan Materials Company, West Region made a presentation of a seventy-five thousand dollar check for the Azusa Scholarship Program.

In a special election in 2011, Azusa residents voted in support of the city’s development accomplishment thus far and should look forward to even more success in their futures. We encourage you to help your local hospital and the scholarship program by watch- ing for future fund raising events such as the Home Tour in November and Corks & Forks in the spring. We would also like to invite you to find out more about joining the hospital auxiliary by calling the volun- teer office at (626) 857-3103.

In a special election in 2011, 2013 Scholarship Recipients: David Su, Francesca Coronado, Mayra Campos, Gerome Bermudez, Rosita Sanchez, Lucinda Schoenick, Acacia Tatum. Sachin Allahabadi, Gabrielle Seibel, Katryna Gates, Nathan Keyes, Nicholas G. Devries, Katelyn Warren, Catherine Mistone and Bernice Eilers at the landmark birthday party at Bridgecreek.

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The scholarship recipients and their families were invited to the traditional chili and cornbread dinner provided by the hospital. The highlight of the evening came when Paul Christiansen, scholarship com- mittee chairman, called each of the award winners to the po- dium where they gave a short speech about their studies and their plans for the future. All of this year’s winners should be very proud of what they have accomplished thus far and should look forward to even more success in their futures. We encourage you to help your local hospital and the scholarship program by watch- ing for future fund raising events such as the Home Tour in November and Corks & Forks in the spring. We would also like to invite you to find out more about joining the hospital auxiliary by calling the volun- teer office at (626) 857-3103.
Glendora Woman’s Club Past President Honored at Club’s 105th Anniversary

By Joan Hallidy

GLENDORA - The Glendora Woman’s Club honored its past presidents and celebrated 105 years of service to Glendora during a recent meeting on April 2.

The eight women’s club past presidents who attended this year’s 105th Birthday celebration were, standing from left, Rose Myers, Sandra Taylor, and Ray Malki; seated, from left, are Mary Hanna, Shirley Geimer, Mary Kheradmanan, and Rotary District 5300 Governor Sylvie Waters. She is involved with a summer of Red Carpet events and projects, several of which will be appreciated and recognized at the 105th Birthday Celebration. The Glendora Woman’s Club was honored by the Glendora Public Library in 1912, to be a part of the future festivities, The San Gabriel Valley Examiner, May 30 - June 5, 2013

Monrovia’s 127th Birthday in Paw-Style!

By George Ogden

Monrovia, a healthcare partner you can rely upon with four nearby locations to caring for you and about you is our pleasure and our commitment. We invite you to take a tour of our beautifully appointed facilities where living for long and living if you please and your companion’s.

Aimee Abramian and Tanya Tijerina. Aimee is involved with the Associated Student Body and Tanya volunteers for many school programs. She has challeged herself with courses on Advanced Placement and Honors. She is planning on majoring in Anthropology in college.

The Woman’s Club of West Covina strives to promote studens and assisting them with their education by presenting scholarships. This is just one of the many programs that the Woman’s Club is proud of that they do, for the community.

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Assemblymember Holden To Honor San Dimas Business

PASADENA – Assemblyman Chris Holden has named Joe Fransen and Awards by Champion as the 41st Assembly District Small Business of the Year. Fransen will be recognized at ceremonies in Sacramento on June 10.

“I am pleased to recognize Joe Fransen for his dedication and hard work in San Dimas and the San Gabriel Valley,” stated Assemblymember Holden. “Joe is a success not only because of his business acumen, but because he gives back to the community through the countless hours he contributes in both San Dimas and La Verne.”

For more than 20 years, Awards by Champion has been a fixture on West Arrow Highway in San Dimas where Joe Fransen’s community service awards are almost too numerous to mention. He has served as President of the San Dimas Chamber – twice. With a passion for music, he created the Wednesday night, Music in the Park summer program which is still going strong two decades later. He currently serves as Chair of the McKinley Children’s Foundation, and has donated countless hours to the La Verne Chamber, San Dimas Coordinating Council, San Dimas Historical Society and Route 66 Heritage.

“20+ years in the community is a strong testament that a business has shown excellence in customer service and in producing a quality product. His generosity with product and time in a wide number of community and business organizations is truly admirable,” said Marlene Carney, Southern California, Cal Chamber.

Joe Fransen, Small Business honoree for Assembly District 41.