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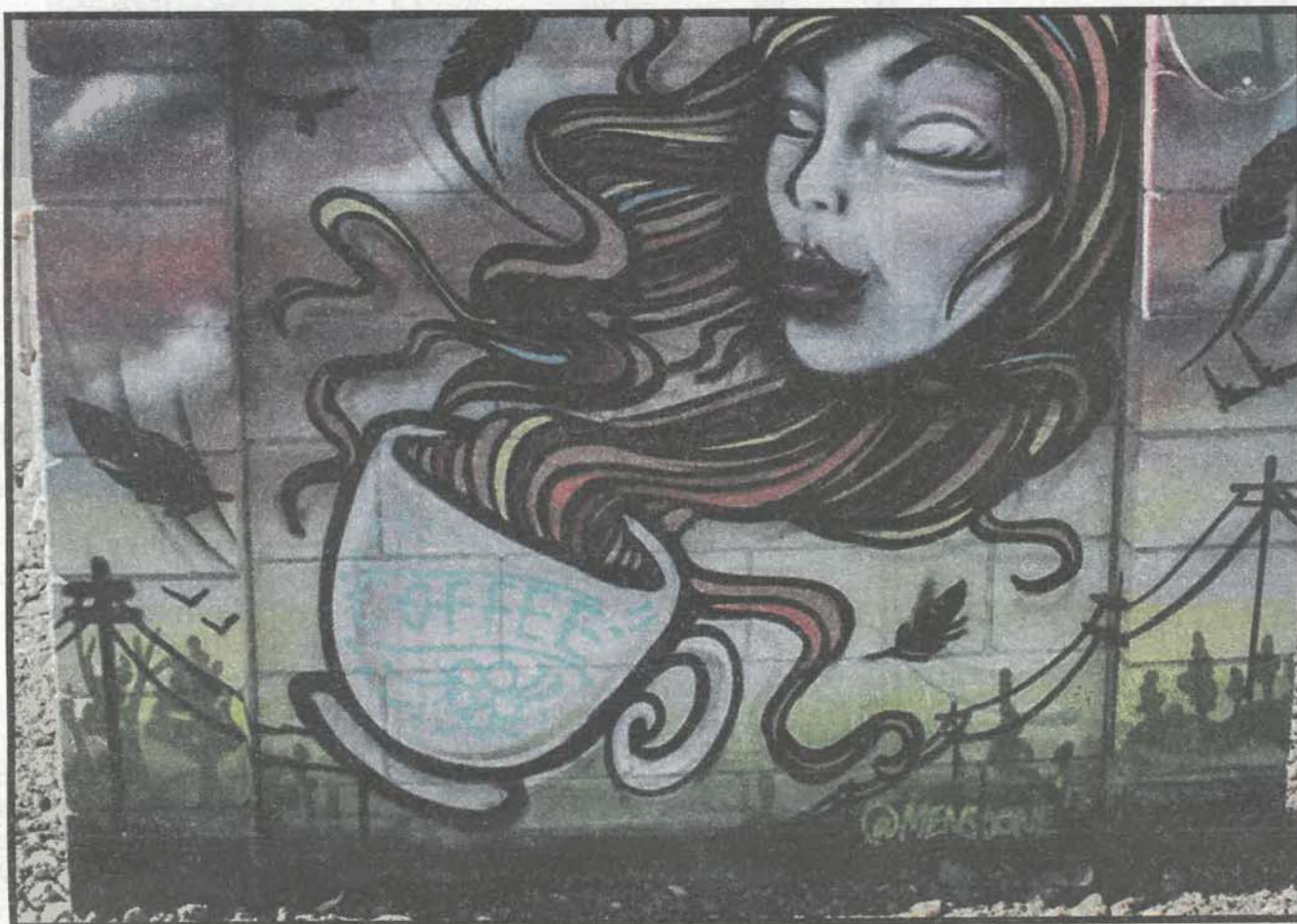
2017-2018 SAN BERNARDINO NATIONAL FOREST PRESCRIBED BURN PROGRAM

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif.— The U.S. Forest Service will implement prescribed burning operations on the San Bernardino National Forest in the upcoming months as conditions allow.

Beginning late fall into the spring the Front Country, San Jacinto and Mountaintop Ranger Districts will conduct burning projects in a continuous effort to reduce the threat of catastrophic wildfire and improve forest health.

Various methods of prescribed burning will be implemented, including broadcast and pile burning to reduce accumulated fuel loadings on the forest floor and ladder fuels that

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By: Andrea T. Smith

"Graffiti Coffee", a local family business, held a grand opening in Aguanga on Saturday November 18. The drive-through coffee shop located on Highway 371, next to Phil's Barbershop, has been a project very much anticipated by locals and the owners themselves. Sarah Tinsley, co-owner, expressed "This is something we've been working for as a family for about ten years".

Many high-country residents must drive down the hill to go to work on a daily/weekly basis. For those of you that have to, this coffee and beverage variety establishment is currently open from 4:00 am to 6:00 pm during weekdays, and on

weekends from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm. Coffee products are regional, locally roasted and organic.

The event had free hamburgers and hot dogs for all attendees, as well as a wide range of complementary teas and coffees.

Co-owner Sarah Tinsley, drew the raffle winners for the tickets given out with attendance before thanking everyone who made the project a reality. Gifts ranged from chocolate covered coffee beans to gift certificates.

Graffiti Coffee especially thanked local businesses and residents of Lake Riverside Estates who participated.

Mimi, of Idyllwild Roasters, who



provide the regional and organic varieties of coffee to the shop, was present and was thanked before giving a welcome speech to the crowd. After her, Steven Leash, co-owner, was handed the microphone to speak a little about the vision behind Graffiti Coffee. Steve went on to say "This is not only about coffee, but it is also about art. All kinds of art are welcome but to start, we are going with graffiti. Hopefully in the future we can have a lot more styles".

The entrance and exit to the shops had been beautifully painted during the morning by graffiti artist Preston Rodriguez, who is a graffiti artist since around 1998 "To me it's always been more than just about tagging your name. It's about the story. It's

about saying I was here". Preston said while accepting the thanks of the community. There is an open invitation to artists that wish to paint, collaborate with murals or have their work included, the possibility was made clear.

Special Thanks to the delightful cooks Sibylle Rosamont and Lynnette Smith; as well as handymen Andreas and Antonio.

Finally, when Phil Tinsley was asked who would he like to thank, his response was "Thanks to everybody. I thank everybody. I'm happy".

We are happy for you all too. Best of luck. ...

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Top: Graffiti mural at the entry. Center right: Free sample display. Bottom left from left to right: Roberta, Steven, Elizabeth, Leonella and Sarah of the Leash family.

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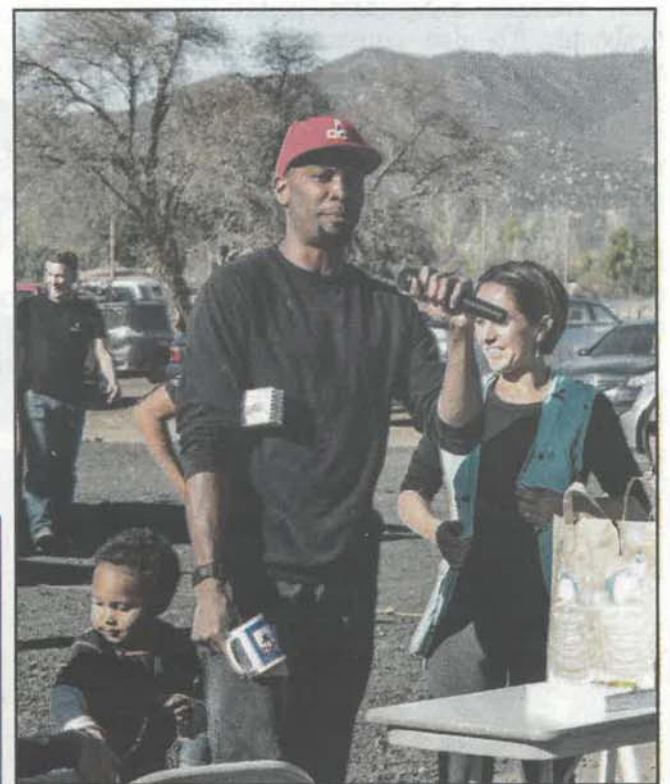
Right: The Barnyard Boys rockin' the fest.
Below: Pie Eating Contest!
Below right: Mutton Bustin'!



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Left: Artist Preston Rodriguez.
Below: Phil Tinsley giving his appreciation speech.
Bottom right: Cooks Sibylle Rosamont and Lynnette Smith





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