

cent orange. On bright, sunny days use a countdown rapala with your nonfluorescent colors. This lake has rainbow trout.

Red Lake: Good shore fishing with plenty of fish. Shore anglers do best early a.m. with Kastmasters, 1/8 and 1/4-ounce gold in color. Roostertails, dark colors, are more predominant. Bait fishing is very popular here, using night crawlers or salmon eggs. Power bait is also good, most colors work. Boaters have a little better advantage trolling the southwest area or near the dam. Again, blades (medium) and a night crawler or a blue and white crippled herring. Kastmasters also work good. Gold or silver are productive when the water clarity is dense or it is cloudy. Gold has been the producer. For those of you who want some real fun, head to the southwest end of the lake near the weeds. This area holds large cutthroat and rainbow trout. The fish hang in this area because of a small stream that feeds the lake. Small roostertails (white) or Kastmasters work well here. Adjust your presentation to your surroundings. When the stream is flowing good, a fast retrieve is acceptable. But when the stream slows down, a slow presentation is recommended. What you don't want to do is change the natural environment. Keep your lure at the same pace as the activity in the water. This will keep you from spooking the fish. Red Lake is also known for ice fishing. Remember to always use caution when venturing out on the ice. Holes can be no larger than 6 inches in diameter by law. Jigs are your best bet. Maribou jigs, brown, black or purple, small spoons (silver predominant). Small spinner is my favorite, 1/8-ounce Kastmasters, and of course baitfishing is a great standby. Mini night crawlers work very well when injected with air. This will keep

the crawlers active in the cold water.

Here are a few things you might want to take along: A bucket to sit on and to carry your gear; a ladle to keep your hole cleared of ice and slush; sunblock and good sunglasses are very important as you can burn your skin as well as your eyes on a sunny day. This lake has brood stock cutthroat and rainbow trout.

Last but not least, my favorite, Caples Lake. This lake offers a wide variety of angling. Boat anglers do very well using medium trolling blades (cowbells, ford fender) followed by a mini night crawler. The better area to troll is the dam area, when the ropes are not up. Troll into 25 to 35 feet of water paralleling back and forth. Keep checking your speed and your depth. Let out 200 feet then mark your line with a Black Magic marker. Try this depth for a couple of passes. If no action, let back 25 ft more, mark it again. This will help you get to the proper depth of where the fish are feeding. If no action, then either change your presentation by changing speed or your trailer. Try a Kastmaster, 1/8 or 1/4-ounce, gold or fire tiger. Other areas are at the north end by Woods Creek area. Here you must keep an eye on your depth finder (very important). There are large rocks that could damage your boat. But this area holds large fish. If you can stay at the 35-foot mark you should get into fish. For those of you who enjoy casting, the Woods Creek area is very productive. Let me give you my personal advice: Using a floating rapala, rainbow, black and silver, black and gold or fluorescent orange colors are your best bet. You can cast and retrieve using various speeds of retrieval or you can use a ripping method. You can do this by casting, wait for the ripples to dissipate, then twitch your lure a little then pull your rod sharply



Doug and Renee Buscy - West Fork Carson River

toward you, then rest. Do not allow the lure to surface and repeat—this is called ripping. Make sure you cover all areas. The reason for this is to imitate an injured minnow or fry (a young fish). The large fish hold in these rocks, waiting for lunch to swim by. Other areas to troll are from the docks to the spillway, using the same trolling methods. For those of you who want to go after the large lake trout, use a downrigger or lead core, trolling a blue and white or silver J plug 20 to 40 feet. My favorite area is from the marina, 300 feet out from there (Reason: There is a large mass of rock area in front of marina). There is a steep drop-off from 5 to 45 feet from there, following the channel northeast to the far shore opposite of the marina.

Caples Lake is not only a fair weather lake, this is an excellent ice fishing paradise. You

can refer to Red Lake for methods. For areas for fishing to be productive, the spillway area for rainbow, the dam area for rainbow and Mackinaw and the Woods Creek area for large rainbow and Mackinaw. Theory has it the deeper you go the bigger the fish. "False." In the winter the fish hang around in the shallows 5 to 15 feet. This is where the most food will be, and your best chances. This lake has rainbow, German brown and Mackinaw (lake) trout. These areas I have shared with you have been my favorite areas of success for 25 years. I hope your experience of fishing Alpine County will be a pleasurable one. It has brought me back over and over again and I will continue to fish Alpine County two to four times a week. "Good Fishin'!"

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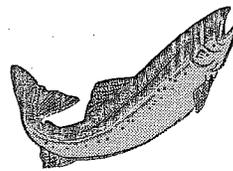
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# BLUE LAKES ANGLING GUIDE

Information Courtesy of ACCC)

The Blue Lakes area is accessible via Blue Lakes Road, off Highway 88 in Hope Valley. The road is six miles of paved road turning to six miles of good dirt road which is suitable for passenger cars into the Blue Lakes Campground area, 4x4 or high clearance vehicles are suggested for exploring the spur roads. These spur roads direct you to 14+ lakes within a very short driving distance.

The Pacific Crest Trail can be accessed at a trailhead near Tamarack Lake. Parking and a trailhead campsite are well marked on the Tamarack Lake Road. A very rough (4x4 or hiking only) Emigrant Road connects the Blue Lakes with Hermit Valley on Highway 4.

### Five Developed Campgrounds

Hope Valley Campground (which can accommodate trailers and RVs) is about one mile in on the Blue Lakes Road; Lower Blue Lake Camp (PG&E); Middle Creek Camp; Upper Blue Lake Camp; and Upper Blue Lake Camp (PG&E) are all developed campgrounds.

Numerous undeveloped campgrounds are located around the lake shores and throughout the meadows and pine groves.

### Opening Dates for a Photographer's Paradise

The Blue Lakes Road is usually closed due to snow until late May. Hope Valley Camp is usually opened for use earlier as it is only a mile off Highway 88. The campsites are close to the West Fork of the Carson River whose headwaters begin in the watersheds out of Lost Lakes. Stream angling is interesting during the early part of the season. Water levels lower as the fall months advance.

Charity Valley Creek, Meadow Creek, Blue Creek, Deer Creek and Forestdale Creek offer challenging Spring Creek fishing. The high mountain meadows are a photographer's dream in a blaze of wildflower colors in late June. Hiking and picnicking are very popular throughout the area. Charity Valley Road still bears the scars of wagon wheels on the Emigrant Road. Present day Blue Lakes Road partially follows the Emigrant Road through the high mountain meadows over to Bear Valley. The remains of several log cabins still dot the landscape. Horseback riding is also popular in this pristine area. Lower Blue Lake's east shore has some mammoth granite lava flows and boulders at water level. Swimming, picnicking and sunbathing are popular from these locations.

Services are not available at Blue Lakes. Hope Valley Resort offers gas and propane, camping and fishing supplies, ice, beer and sodas, groceries and a cozy cafe. The resort is about three miles east on Highway 88 going towards Woodfords.

Caples Lake Resort also offers fine dining,

gas, boat rentals, cabins and rooms in the lodge. The resort is about three miles west on Highway 88 going towards Jackson.

Woodfords Station offers gas, ice, groceries, food, beer and sodas, fishing licenses and supplies. Woodfords is about ten miles east on Highway 88. Woodfords Auto, an approved AAA tow service, is a full service auto repair, including RV tow and service (916) 694-2916.

Boats Etc.

Shore angling is good around all lakes. Small boat anglers usually single out the larger lakes: Upper and Lower Blue and Twin - boat access is impossible or difficult in all the other lakes.

Canoes are best on Upper and Lower Blue, Twin, Tamarack, Lost Lakes, Wet Meadows, Lower Sunset.

Float Tubes are a safe bet for the lakes listed above plus: Summit, Meadow (which requires a moderate distance walk down to the lake from a parking area) and Hell Hole.

### Popular Fly Patterns

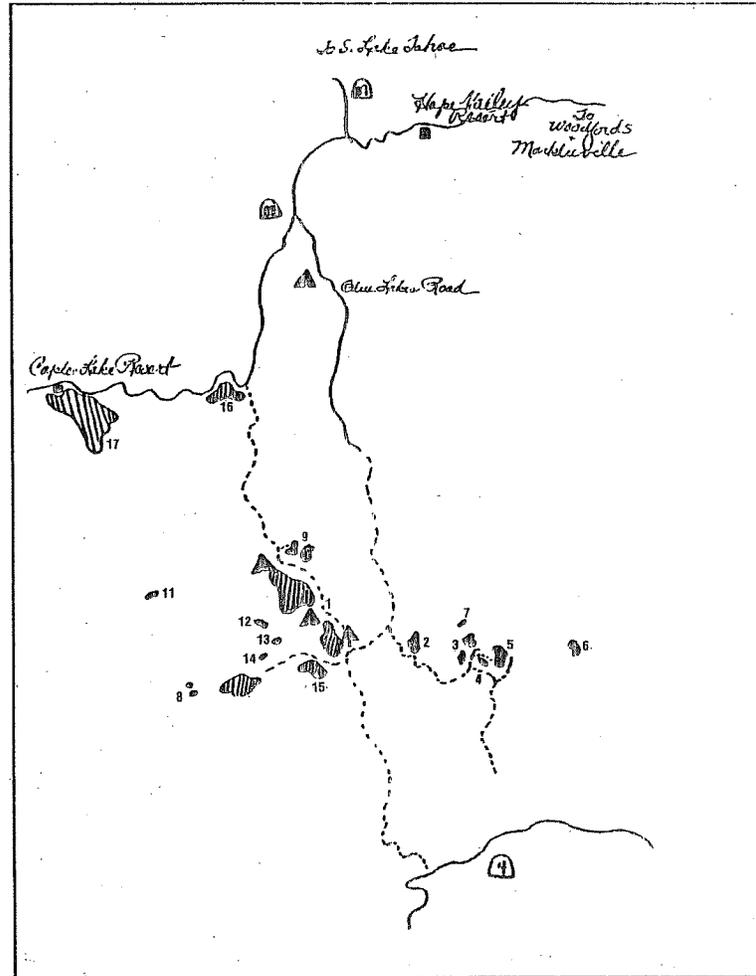
Blue Lakes	Black Wolly Worms 10 1/2
Twin Lake	Black Leech 10/12
Wet Meadows	Brown Matuka 10
	Muddler Minnow 10
	Silver Hilton 10
	Antron Caterpillar 10
Meadow Lake	Zug Bug 14
Tamarack Lake	Bivisible 14
Lower Sunset & Remaining Lakes	Sheep Creek 16
	Mosquito 16
	Adams 14
	Hare's Ear 14
	Tan Skud 16
	White Miller 16

### Natural Bait

Large garden worms and power bait/orange and green.

### Blue Lakes Map Location and Access

1	Upper & Lower Blue Lakes	Easy
2	Tamarack	High axle best
3	Upper & Lower Sunset	High axle best
4	Summit Lake	4x4
5	Wet Meadows	4x4
6	Raymond Lake	Hike only
7	Hell Hole Lake	Hike only
8	Meadow Lake	Moderate
9	Lost Lakes	Rough road
10	Dreadwood Lake	Hike only
11	Grouse Lake	Hike only
12	Granite Lake	Hike only
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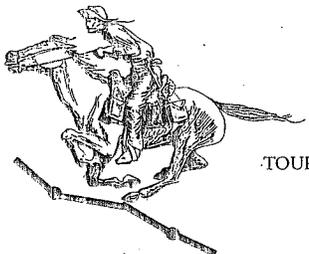
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# HEENAN LAKE: LAHONTAN CUTTHROAT IN CALIFORNIA

Courtesy of ACCC



Heenan Lake has the only Lahontan Cutthroat trout in the state of California. The Cutthroats average 26-32 inches. A 44 inch female was the 1992 season record. A limited fishing season is offered from the Friday before Labor Day to the end of October, weekends only, Friday to Sunday, sun-up to sundown.

The permit fee per day has not been determined, check with the California Department of Fish & Game.

### Special Regulations

Special Regulations are for barbless, single hook, no live bait, "catch and release" angling. Float tubes, canoes and small engine boats are permitted. Shore angling is productive.

A parking area is provided near the permit building. Boat launching is accessed by a dirt road, but parking is not allowed on the lake shore. No services are available. Sani-huts are placed at several locations around the lake, but no potable water is available.

### Be Prepared

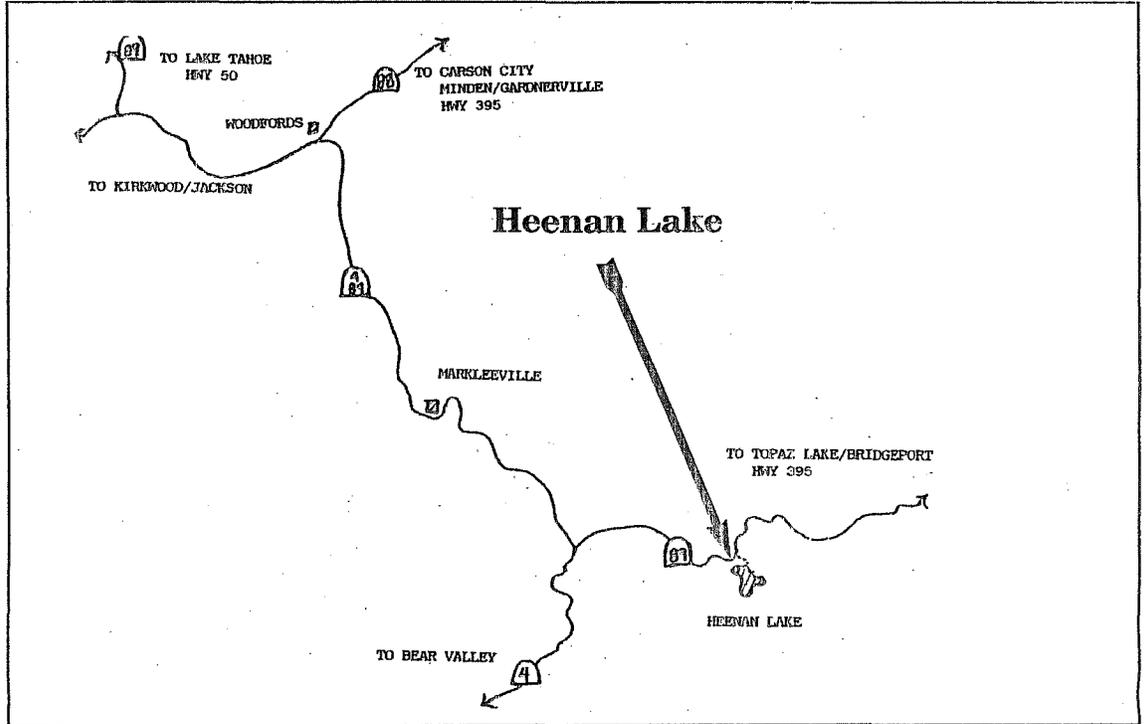
Be well prepared. Wear warm layered clothing that can be shed as the day warms. Morning temperatures can be very low. There are no developed campsites on Monitor Pass, but there are many undeveloped sites.

No camping is allowed around Heenan Lake shores.

Bears, coyote, deer, hawks, eagles, herons, small birds, ducks, etc. are numerous.

The closest services are in Markleeville -- a ten mile drive over Monitor Pass (Highway 89) from the lake. East Fork Resort, three miles out of Markleeville towards Heenan Lake, offers a small grocery store, gas and fishing cabins. The East Fork of the Carson River is within a very short walking distance from the resort.

Markleeville has two motels, a grocery store, several good places to eat, a Post Office, museum, library, Grover and Hot Springs State Park. The town is only two blocks long so finding these merchants and services is easy.



### Fly Patterns

Antron Caterpillar:	6/10
Black, Green Matukas:	6/10
Brown, Black Wolly Worms:	6/10
Pheasant Tail:	12
Prince Nymph:	12
Tan Skud:	12/14

### Catch and Release Tips

Shorten up your retrieve time to keep stress at a minimum. Keep Lahontans in the water to release -- gravity can damage internal organs. Cameras should be ready to shoot before taking trout from the water -- try to keep in the water! Use stronger tippetts and leaders to decrease time in retrieve. Keep hands wet if handling is necessary. Revive exhausted Lahontans until they struggle before releasing. Do not put fingers in gills -- hold by lower bony jaw with index finger and thumb

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# FISHING NEWS

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## Cutthroat Breedstock in Heenan Lake

Heenan Lake is the only Lahontan Cutthroat brood stock lake in California. The 1996 hatchery program provided 650,000 eggs for DFG and Federal hatchery systems. DFG stocked Alpine waters with 500 brood stock after the June hatchery egg taking program. They have allowed 400 brood stock for the 1996 season. 8,000 adipose fin-clipped hatchery-reared fingerlings were restocked into Heenan Lake and other waters. This endangered species has been under the watchful eye of DFG, Cal-Trout, US Fish & Wildlife, Alpine County Fish & Game, the Alpine County Board of Supervisors and the Chamber of Commerce.

With the ever-increasing demand for water, Heenan Lake has been the focus of water rights issues.

The continued housing development in the Carson Valley (Nevada) may play a major role in the health of this valuable resource. The lake has been open to a short angling season since 1983. The season starts the Friday before Labor Day and continues through to the last weekend in October.

You can purchase the on-site permit per day or for Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Fishing is prohibited during any other time of the year.

## East Fork, Carson River

Hangman's Bridge, downstream to the Nevada border is a "wild trout" area. A proposal to amend the regulations would change the entry site for the "wild trout" section to move it downstream to Slam Rock or the confluence of Markleville Creek. The proposed change in regs would allow bait anglers to fish near the bridge and encourage families, seniors, handicapped, etc., to use the new easy access trail. Enforcement would also be improved. The regulation change is still in the consideration stages.

Please note that there are three angler survey boxes in



Rick Bartoni of So. Lake Tahoe on Caples Lake - 4 Pound Brown

the "wild trout" section of the Carson River. The time taken by anglers to fill out these surveys is very valuable to the management of this area. Take the time and fill out the surveys!

Weight forward sinking lines with dark fly patterns have been consistent. Muddler minnows used as sculpin in the Spring/Summer or as grasshoppers in the fall are dynamite. Browns, 'Bows, Cutthroats and Whitefish can be found here.

Cutthroats, Browns, Brookies, and 'Bows scattered throughout its many miles.

Through the Hope Valley area, the water slows down a bit and offers some great cut-bank meander pockets. In recent years, beaver activity has created some interesting pools. Woodfords Canyon is a challenge for plunge pools and fast rapids.

Mosquito, White Miler, Adams, Ants and Hoppers are choice dry patterns. Hare's Ears, Nymphs and Dead Head wet patterns should work well during the Spring flows.

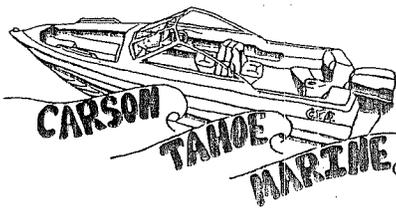
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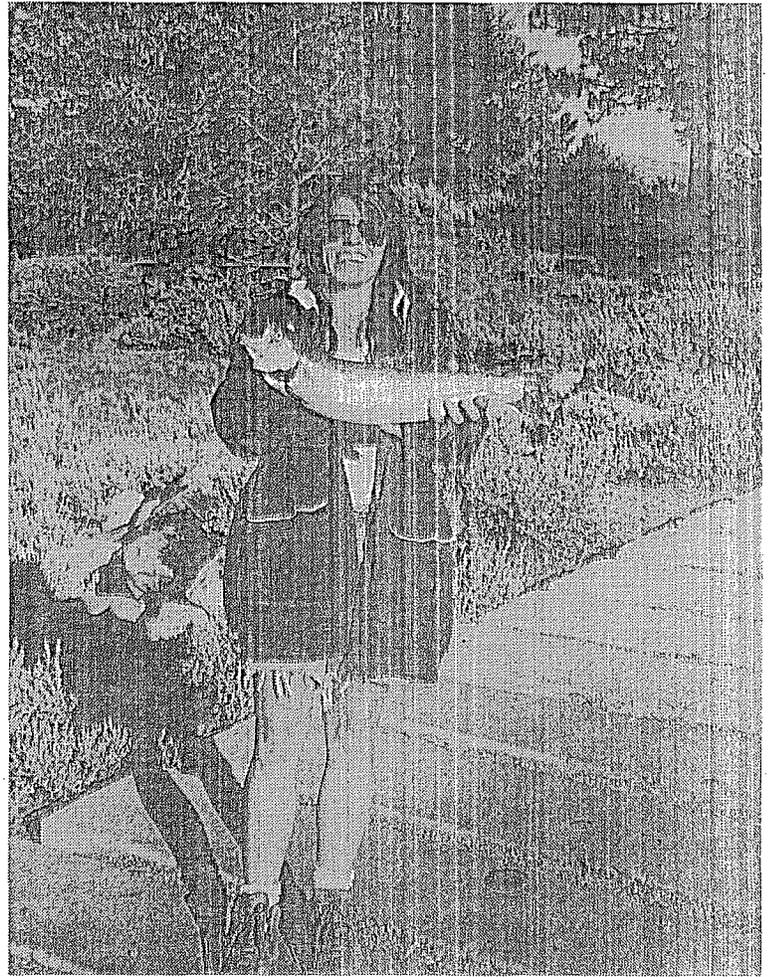
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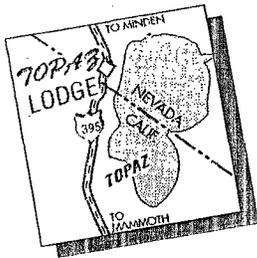
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The reservoir is a freshwater lake filled from spring run-off and the West Fork of the Carson River.

Access is via four miles of paved road off Highway 89 between Markleeville and Woodfords.

Indian Creek is a great tube, canoe or small electric motor lake, while shore angling near the two dams is productive.

On the shore of the lake is a beautiful BLM campground with showers – sorry, no reservations accepted.

The lake produces very large Rainbows, Kamloops, Lahontan Cutthroats and Brookies.

### Fly Patterns

Black wooly worms:	6/10
Black leeches:	10
Green Matukas:	10
Silver hiltons:	10
Muddler minnows:	10
Antron Caterpillar:	10

### Other Bait

Green or Gold panther martins: 1/4 - 1/8 oz.  
Pink or Orange power bait

### Large Garden Worms

### Pleasant Valley Creek

The creek is 1.5 miles out of Markleeville off Hot Springs Road. Take a left onto Pleasant Valley Road, travel through the residential area to the top of the hill where a dirt road begins and takes you downhill to Pleasant Valley.

There are no developed campsites on what is mostly private land. However, the landowner allows access – but take care of the area and pack out your trash!

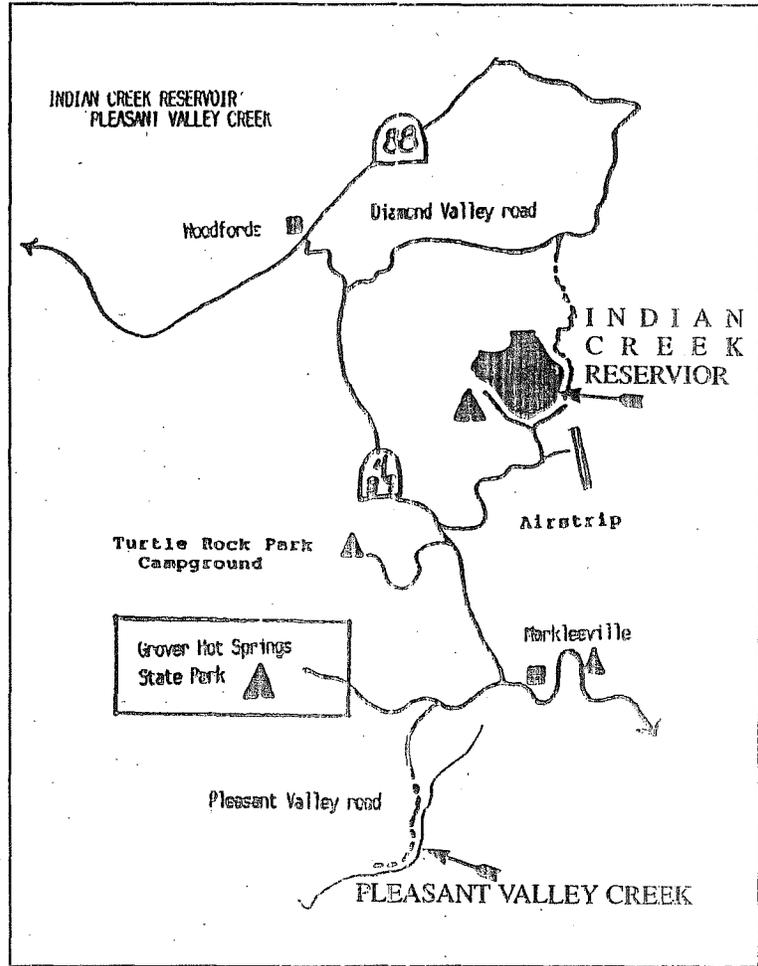
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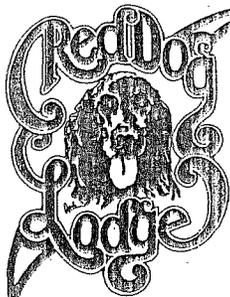
Fly fish only with barbless, single hook. There is a two fish limit with a "catch and release" request. No live bait.

The creek produces Rainbows, Browns and Cutthroats.

### Fly Patterns

Black ant:	12
Para/Hare's Ear:	16
Elk hair caddis:	14
DK Hendrickson:	16
Brown Thorax:	16
White Miller:	14/16





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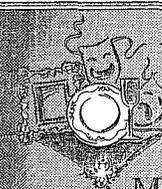
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left to the landowner to clean up after inconsiderate visitors.

Whether your journey is on public or private lands, make a mental note to leave the paths and streams you trek in a little better shape than you found them. Pack in and pack out. Pick up litter when and wherever you find it. There are public dumpsters for your use at the Chamber of Commerce office and across from the Markleeville General Store in downtown Markleeville. Lastly, walk softly. If we are all respectful of the lands we traverse, these lands will be here in all their splendor, and still accessible to us, next year and for many years to come.

The Chamber of Commerce Visitors Centers, located in downtown Markleeville and in the Bear Valley Center in Bear Valley, are open daily for your information needs. Stop by and pay us a visit.

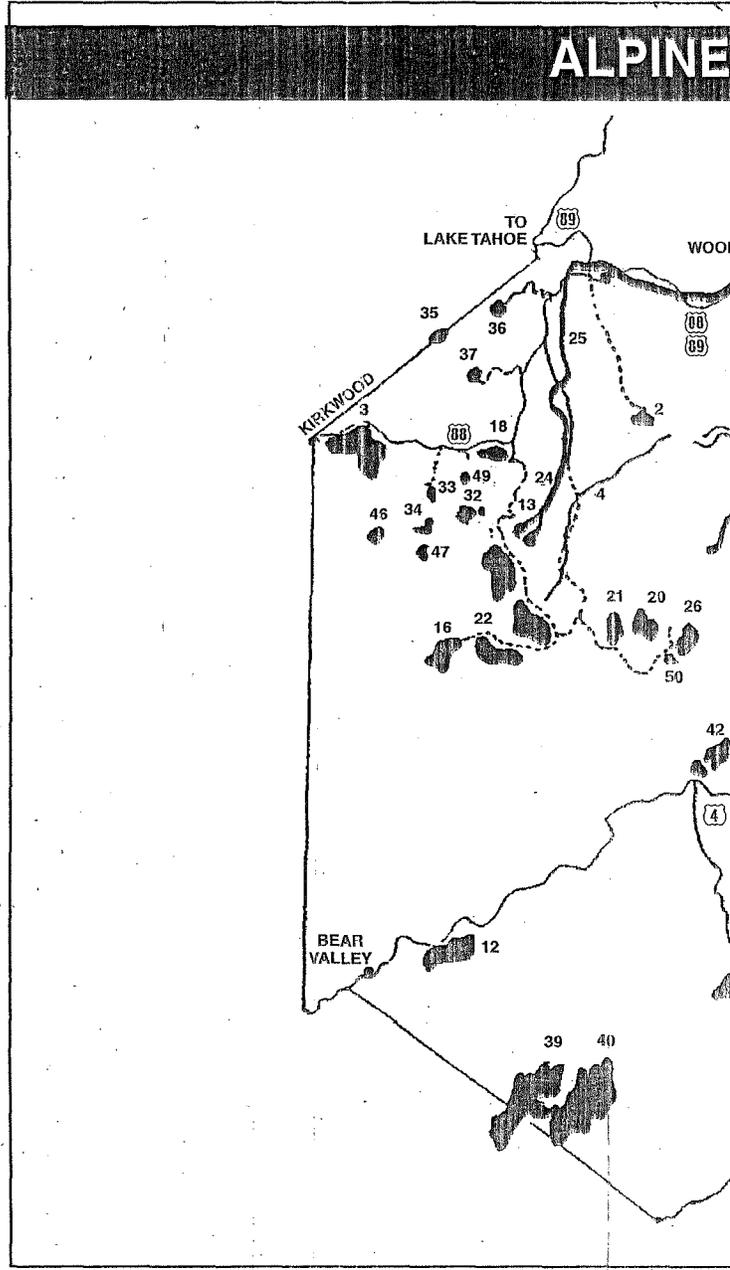
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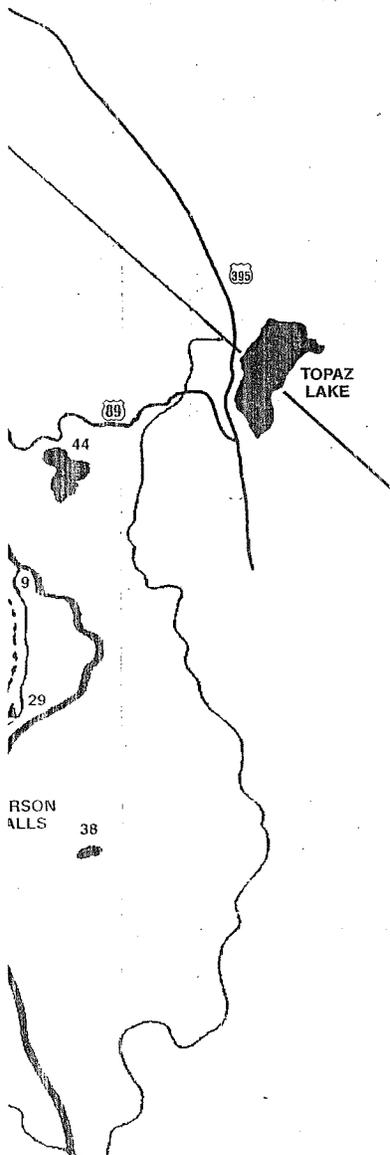
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by **Martha Austin**  
Assistant to the Board



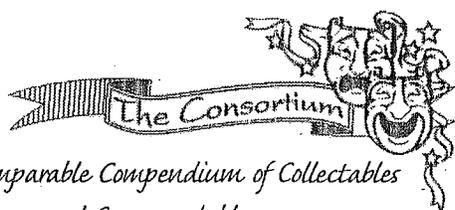
Welcome to beautiful Alpine County! The community hopes that you have an enjoyable stay in our County, taking advantage of the spectacular scenery, wonderful fishing, and great hiking and camping opportunities it offers. All we ask in return is that you leave the areas you enjoy in the same condition in which you found them. For you hikers and campers, please pack out whatever you pack in, so that the others are able to enjoy a landscape free from debris. Part of the beauty of Alpine County is its pristine natural landscape, and we'd like everyone to be able to appreciate it as much as we do.

We know you will enjoy your stay in the County, no matter what your favorite outdoor activity – and don't forget to visit our shops, restaurants and our County museum (the museum is located in downtown Markleeville)! The residents of Alpine County take great pride in their community, and urge you to enjoy all it has to offer. The pace might be a bit slower than you're used to, but we encourage you to take a deep breath, look around, and slow down to take advantage of the sights and sounds of Alpine County's forests, meadows, trees, and mountains. Have a great stay!



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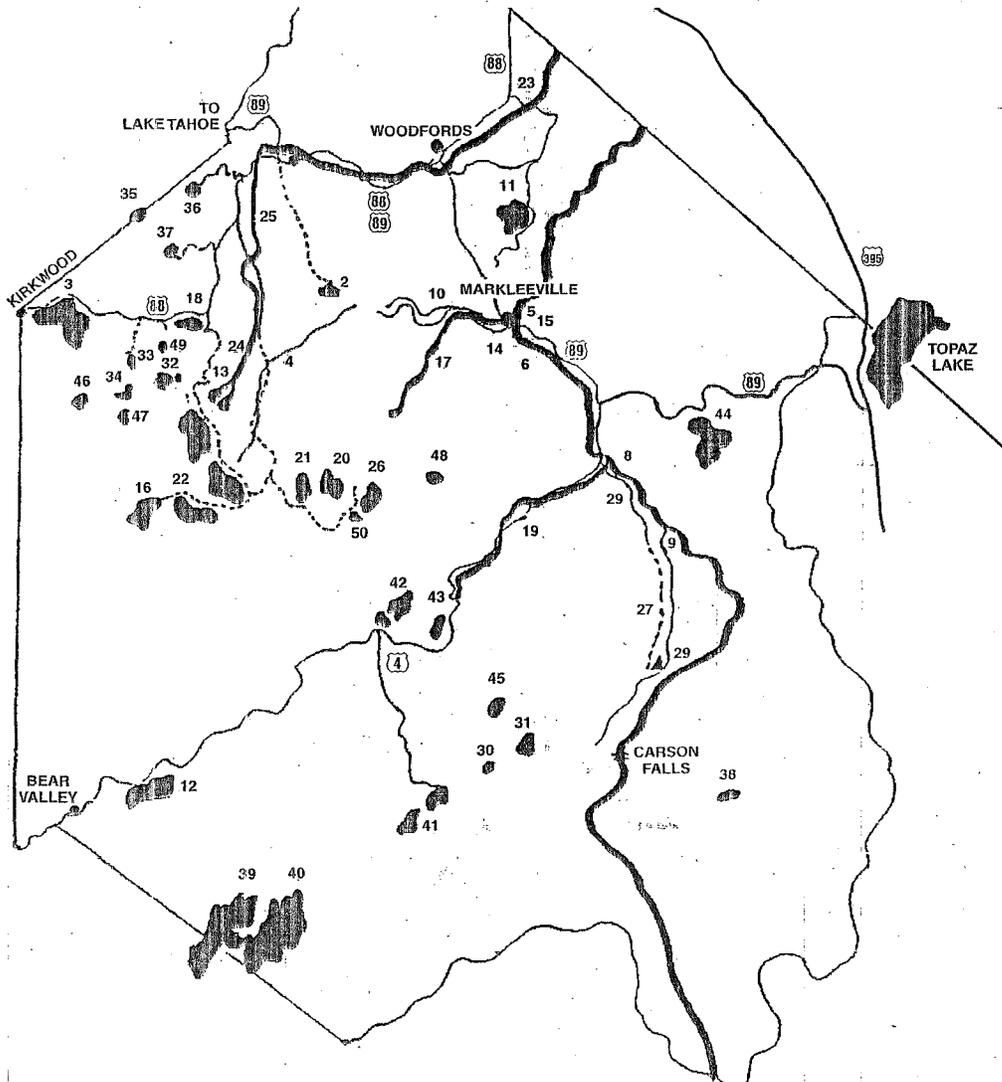
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# ALPINE COUNTY FISHING



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| 9. E. Fork Carson River/Wolf Creek Confluence                      | 34. Round Top Lake                          |
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| 11. Indian Creek Reservoir   | 36. Scotts Lake                             |
| 12. Lake Alpine  | 37. Crater Lake                             |
| 13. Lost Lakes/Upper & Lower                                       | 38. Poison Lake                             |
| 14. Markleeville Creek   | 39. Utica Reservoir                         |
| 15. Markleeville Creek/E. Fork Carson Confluence                   | 40. Union Reservoir                         |
| 16. Meadow Lake  | 41. Highland Lake                           |
| 17. Pleasant Valley Creek  | 42. Upper/Lower Kinney Lakes                |
| 18. Red Lake   | 43. Kinney Reservoir                        |
| 19. Silver Creek   | 44. Heenan Lake                             |
| 20. Lost Lakes/Upper & Lower                                       | 45. Noble Lake                              |
| 21. Parack Lake  | 46. 4th of July                             |
| 22. Twin Lake  | 47. Emigrant Lake                           |
| 23. W. Fork Carson River/Chambers Lane                             | 48. Raymond Lakes                           |
| 24. W. Fork Carson River/Headwaters/Faith Valley                   | 49. Frog Lake                               |
| 25. W. Fork Carson River/Hope Valley/Towards Blue Lakes            | 50. Summit Lake                             |

# WHERE TO CATCH BROOK TROUT IN ALPINE COUNTY

Courtesy of ACCC

Brook trout are in the Char family and are very common in the Sierra Nevada. They occur in nearly 1,000 mountain lakes and 1,500 miles of stream statewide, generally above 6,000 feet elevation. Within Alpine County, brook trout occur in 28 streams and 30 lakes. Brook trout are self-sustaining in most waters: that is, periodic stocking is not required or desired. Exceptions are lakes without tributaries, submerged springs, or graveled areas where trout can successfully spawn. In such situations, brook trout fingerlings must be stocked each year or every other year. Lakes not accessible by road are planted with fingerlings dropped from low flying aircraft.

### PROLIFIC

Brook trout spawn in the fall. They so prolific that in lightly fished water, particularly streams or lakes with natural reproduction, stunted populations of short, slender fish are frequently produced. The largest and best-conditioned brook trout can be found in some mud-bottomed lakes where fish are unable to naturally reproduce and population size can be controlled by adjusting fish stocking levels.

### BONUS BAG

Because brook trout so frequently over-produce, a special bonus bag and possession limit has been established for Sierra Nevada waters. Up to 10 brook trout per day less than 8 inches total length may be taken and possessed in addition to the other daily bag and possession limits as specified (generally five trout for most Alpine County

waters). The bonus bag limit does not apply to Red Lake in Alpine County, or Kirman Lake in Mono County.

### DISTINGUISHING FEATURES

Brook trout can be distinguished from other trout by:

1. Red spots surrounded by blue halos on both sides of the fish;
2. Irregular wormlike markings on the upper body and dorsal fins;
3. Orange bottom fins edged with white and black.

### NOT NATIVE

Brook trout are not native to California but rather from Eastern Canada south to Georgia. They were introduced to California between 1872 and 1879 from eggs imported from New Hampshire and Wisconsin.

Brook trout are easily caught in streams. In lakes, they may become more difficult to catch, particularly during the summer when upper water layers warm up and the fish go deep. Angling with worms and flies are favored methods for catching brook trout, though they can be caught on lures, salmon eggs and prepared baits, such as power-bait. Although brook trout may not fight as well as rainbow or brown trout, most anglers agree that pan-sized fish from mountain lakes, particularly those with pink flesh, can be the finest flavored of all.

## ALPINE COUNTY LOCATIONS FOR BROOK TROUT

STREAM	LOCATION	ACCESS
Willow Creek	Hope Valley to Horse Meadow	A
Horsethief Canyon	Upstream from W Carson River	C
Red Lake Creek	Red Lake to W Carson River	A,C
Forestdale Creek	Old Blue Lake Rd to Faith Valley	C
West Fork, Carson R.	Upper Faith Valley	A
Charity Valley Creek	Blue Lake Road to Hot Springs Creek	A,C
Devils Corral Creek	Above Summit City Creek	B
Summit City Creek	Mokelumne Wilderness	B
Woods Creek	Woods Lake to Caples Lake	A
N Fork, Mokelumne R.	Highland Lake to Hermits Valley	A
Highland Creek	Carson Iceberg Wilderness	B
Weiser Creek	Upstream from Highland Creek	B
Clark Fork	Upstream from Iceberg Meadow	B
Arnot Creek	Upstream from Clark Fork	B
Poison Creek	Poison Lake to Silver Creek	B
Noble Canyon	Noble Lake to Silver Creek	B
Kirkwood Creek	Kirkwood Meadows	A
LAKE	LOCATION	ACCESS
Asa	Near Wolf Cr Pass east of Highland L.	B
Beebe (Upper)	SE of Silver Lake	B
Blue (Lower)	Blue Lake Rd south of Highway 88	A
Boulder	Above Clark Fork	B
Bull Run	South of Pacific Valley	B
Caples	Highway 88 near Carson Pass	A
Crater	West of Hope Valley	D
Emigrant	South of Caples Lake	B
Heisser	South of Pacific Valley	B
Highland (Lower)	Upstream of Hermit Valley	A
Highland (Upper)	Upstream of Hermit Valley	A
Kinney (Lower)	Near Ebbetts Pass	B,D
Kinney Meadows Res	Near Ebbetts Pass	A
Lily Pad	East of Lower Blue Lake	D
Noble	Along Pacific Crest TRail, south of Ebbetts Pass	B
Poison	Carson Iceberg Wilderness	B
Red	Near Carson Pass	A
Scout Carson	South of Kirkwood	B
Summit	East of Union Reservoir	A
Summit	East of Lower Blue Lake	D
Summit Meadow	South of Kirkwood	B
Sunset (Lower)	East of Lower Blue Lake	D
Sword	Near Spicers Reservoir	B
Twin	Near Lower Blue Lake	A
Utica	South of Lake Alpine	A
Woods	Near Carson Pass	A

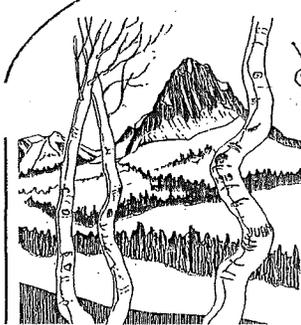
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Jillie Regan



Alpine County and the South Tahoe Public Utility District have had a working relationship since the 1960s. The environment is the true beneficiary of this partnership—Lake Tahoe is protected and the fields of Alpine County are green during the arid, summer months.

The District pumps reclaimed water through a 27-mile pipeline to Alpine County where ranchers use this water for irrigation of alfalfa crops and pasture land. The effluent is stored in Harvey Place Reservoir during the winter. During the summer and fall, it flows from the reservoir through irrigation ditches onto several local ranches.

### Why The Effluent Comes To Alpine County

The South Tahoe Public Utility District follows unique regulations to protect the water quality of Lake Tahoe. The Porter-

Cologne Act of 1967 mandated Lake Tahoe wastewater utilities to pump all treated wastewater out of the basin. No other area in the United States has a similar law that forbids reuse of treated wastewater in their watershed. If reused within the Tahoe Basin, the phosphorous and nitrogen in the District's effluent could cause algae to grow. Algae is one of the chief culprits in the loss of Lake Tahoe's startling blue clarity.

Pumping the effluent 27 miles is no simple task. The pressure necessary to pump the effluent over Luther Pass, at an elevation of 7,700, is 600 pounds per square inch. At this pressure, the water can cut through steel. The power cost for this pumping station alone is nearly \$1,000,000 per year. Consequently, the District's 16,000 sewer customers pay rates 1.5 times the state average.

The District treated 1.7 billion gallons of

wastewater in 1994. This translated into 5,200 acre-feet of water used for irrigation of Alpine County's ranch lands.

The District monitors the treated effluent, both at the treatment plant and in Alpine County. Laboratory employees perform 25,000 tests on the effluent annually. All test results on both the treatment plant and Alpine County are sent to the State Regional Water Quality Board, who oversees the protection of water in California. Tests in Alpine County include stream samples, soil samples, and samples of the effluent in Harvey Place Dam & Reservoir.

### Indian Creek Is No Longer Used For Effluent

In 1989, the Utility District brought the Harvey Place Dam & Reservoir on-line. The new dam stores all reclaimed water from the District. The Indian Creek Reservoir has

contained only fresh water from the West Fork of the Carson River since that time.

The District supplies \$40,000 worth of trout every year for stocking Indian Creek and other lakes as part of an agreement with the county.

### Utility District Wants To Hear From You

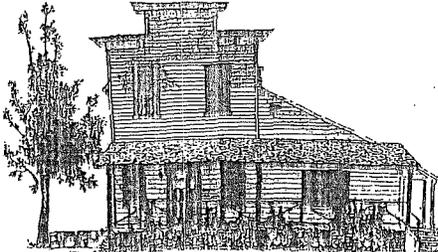
If you have any questions about the District's facilities in Alpine County, please call the District at (916) 544-6474. You can also call Gene Eppler, Alpine County Land Manager, at (702) 782-7468.

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# ALPINE COUNTY TO TRY OWN FISH & GAME WARDEN

Tentative Appointment as of This Printing

Under the general direction of the Alpine County Fish & Game Commission will inform anglers of the unique and diverse opportunities and regulations within Alpine County, to suggest fishing locations suitable to individual anglers, i.e., people with small children, fly fishing pursuits, etc., to inform people of (but not personally enforce) campfire restrictions, and to insure people fishing in Alpine County are properly licensed, and are fishing legally. To provide Commission with Creel Census reports and estimated number of people fishing specific locations so the Commission may better evaluate and manage the fish plant program. To eliminate the perception of limited fish & game enforcement in Alpine County.

The effectiveness of fish plant programs in Alpine County have caused fishing pressure to increase at an unexpected rate. This year, our state game warden has been assigned to half-time duty at Lake Tahoe and does not have the time to completely patrol Alpine County.

The special deputy will be paid from Commission funds. The Commission will determine each month, or as required, the sites to be visited and hours to be worked. It is the intent of this program that the warden will visit a specific site and check fishermen for proper licenses and determine fishing success. Warden will be available for dispatch to areas of citizen complaint in nearby areas while on duty. The Commission and warden will work with the sheriff and state warden to insure successful implementation. There will be no "stand-by." On rare occasions warden will be called at home to respond to emergencies. Warden may accept or reject call at his discretion. Warden will make effort to arrange work schedule monthly in advance to "fill in" times when state fish and game warden is off duty or out of coun-

ty, and advise sheriff's department of said schedule.

Citations issued by the warden will be processed promptly to the court. To insure proper law enforcement procedures are followed and state fish and game laws are understood and uniformly applied, the warden will take instruction training from the Alpine County sheriff and state fish and game personnel. The deputy will carry a 2-way radio to communicate with sheriff's department if necessary. Sites visited will be only locations close to maintained roads, primarily those planted by the Commission and which have high fishing pressure: Indian Creek Reservoir, East Fork, West Fork, Red Lake, Caples Lake, Pleasant Valley, and if requested, Heenan Lake and Lake Alpine. Driving or hiking into remote locations and use of snowmobiles is dangerous, time consuming, and is not an effective use of the Commission's limited resources.

The County Game Warden contractor must have current Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) certificate, and be (or eligible to be) an Alpine County reserve deputy in good standing. Warden will supply all materials to properly perform duties, i.e., radio, uniform, auto, weapon, etc..

It is anticipated that adjustments (changes) to procedures, hours worked and job description will be required, especially at the beginning of this program. Adjustments will be made by the Commission with the understanding and knowledge of the sheriff, state warden and county game warden.

Should the Commission consider program to be ineffective or unaffordable, program may be discontinued with reasonable notice.

# FISHING THE WEST SLOPE OF ALPINE COUNTY

by Eric Jung

There's a rumor that the fish on the west side of Alpine County point in the opposite direction from the fish on the east side. This could not be so, as it is impolite to point; and like their eastern counterparts, western fish are unfailingly polite, and will always respond to the proper invitation from an angler, whether phrased with lure, fly, or bait.

Lake Alpine is headquarters for the trout of western Alpine. The lake is regularly stocked with rainbows. We wouldn't lie and say that it is overstocked, but we admit that sometimes we must add water. The lake is handy to the roadside, and is served by a beautiful old lodge with restaurant, store, and cabins for rent. And if the urbanized planter fish aren't enough of a challenge, there is a native population of wily German brown trout which can be heard chuckling about the transparent trickery of the amateur angler, but which are not immune to the wiles of the experienced fisherman.

At the top of Pacific grade sits Mosquito Lake, asking the question "How can half a lake be 2 feet higher than the other half?" The trout therein enjoy a jewelbox setting typical of Alpine County's incomparable beauty.

New Spicer Reservoir is plenty big enough for boats, and the fish are too distracted by their new accommodations to quibble about what they bite.

Duck Lake is a scenic half-hour hike from Lake Alpine, and boasts a community of catfish. You may also be rewarded with sightings of eels and otters.

Highland Lakes sit near the crest of the Sierras at the end of a 4-wheel drive road, and offers a chance to escape the roadside throng.

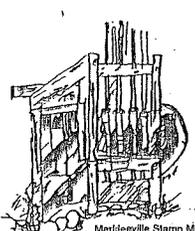
For the stream fisherman, two major watersheds with associated streams beckon the more energetic sportsman. Some stretches of the Stanislaus River are accessible by car, and a hike which is its own reward holds the possibility of a very private fishing hole and an incomparable meal of fresh-caught trout cooked on a campfire.

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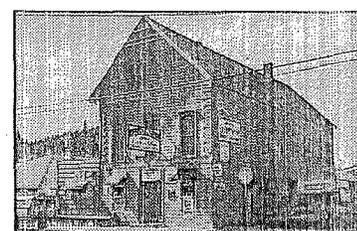
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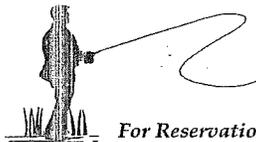
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Fish and  
 by Sherman Gletting  
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On behalf of the fishermen and residents, welcome to Alpine County – home of some of the best fishing in the west. We hope your fishing is enjoyable and successful.

Each year the Alpine County Fish and Game Commission stocks readily-accessible lakes and rivers with large, top quality rainbow trout. The fish are purchased with funds provided by the South Tahoe Public Utility District and the Alpine County Chamber of Commerce. Stocking continues throughout the fishing season. Because it is not unusual to catch a 3 lb. or larger fish, people are encouraged (but not required) to not take more fish than are needed for that night's meal.

Alpine County offers a wide choice of specialized fishing, i.e., fly fishing only at Pleasant Valley Creek, native trout fishing on the east fork of the Carson River below Hangman's Bridge (a walk in "unstocked" area), or some peaceful bait dunking at one

of our many lakes.

I would like to call your attention to the Corrections in the front of the 1996 California fishing regulations. Pleasant Valley Creek – fly fishing only – limit 2 fish. East Fork Carson River above Carson Falls is closed to fishing. Carson River below Hangman's Bridge – minimum size 14 inches, only artificial lures or flies with barbless hooks may be used – limit 2 fish.

Be sure to check the regulations before fishing Heenan Lake. This lake has a special season and a zero fish limit – also some very special fish.

For information on what bait or lure is working best and where to find the fish, check with one of our local stores. They're usually up-to-date on the hot fishing spots and the best equipment. Good Luck!

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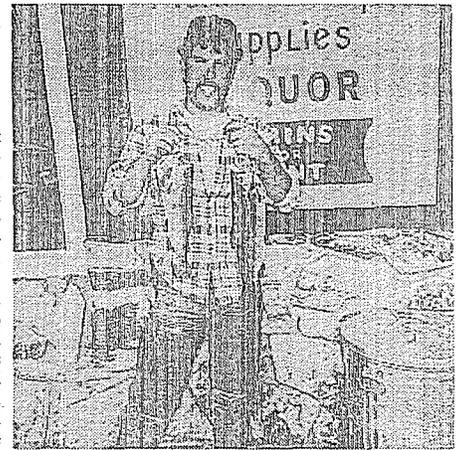
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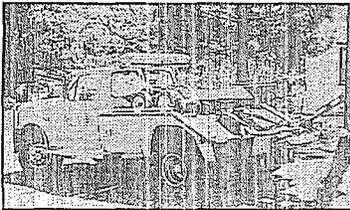
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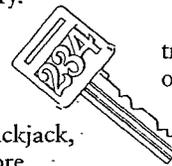
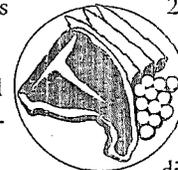
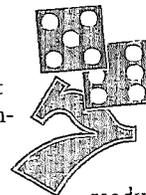
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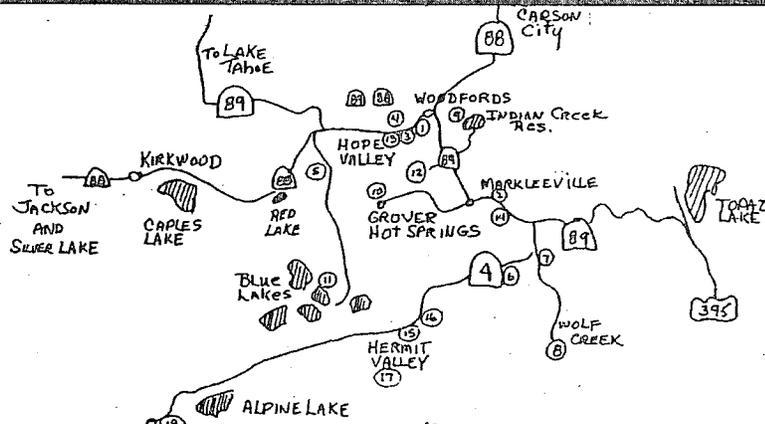
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Kit Carson CG (*4)	12			X				X	14			May-Sept
Hope Valley CG (*5)	20	X		X	22			X	14			June-Sept
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												25 sites/picnic tables/ hand pump water/ vault toilets	June-Oct
												4 1/2 miles south of Tamarack on Spicer Res. Road.	June-Oct
												8 tables/vault toilets/no water	June-Oct
												6 miles east of Lake Alpine	June-Oct

## Surprise Alpine County drug sting nets 35 arrests

By Rob Bhatt  
Tribune Staff Writer

A surprise law enforcement move last weekend led to 35 arrests — primarily for misdemeanor drug possession — on State Route 88 in Hope Valley.

Called a "drug interdiction zone," the Alpine County Sheriff's Department, in conjunction with adjacent agencies, increased patrol between Pickett's Junction and Carson Pass.

Targeting motorists committing either vehicle code or penal code violations, officers searched for other contraband after making traffic stops.

"Information we've been getting from our intelligence sources is that Highway 88 is being used as a drug trafficking zone," said Sheriff Henry "Skip" Veatch.

No major shipments of narcotics were found during the operation, conducted be-

tween 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, but Veatch considers the effort a success.

"Most of (the arrests) were personal-use kinds of stuff, but it's still illegal activity," Veatch said.

Others did not have as favorable an opinion.

The American Civil Liberties Union reported receiving four complaints about the operation on Monday.

"We will certainly monitor the situation," said John Crew, the ACLU attorney who heads the organization's Northern California Police Practices Project.

"The goal to find drugs is a laudable goal," Crew added. "But that goal by itself does not justify all the means used to achieve it."

A local resident, an employee at Kirkwood Ski Resort speaking under condition of anonymity because of his job, was enraged about the operation. This individual heard about what went on from friends but

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— John Crew  
ACLU attorney

was not pulled over himself.

"I think (the Alpine County) sheriff is getting a little out of hand," the man said. "You're going to a ski resort with a joint in your pocket, and you have to go through this? I think it's a little extreme."

The Alpine County Sheriff's Department,

in conjunction with the Douglas County Sheriff, Washoe Tribal Police and SLEDNET narcotics task force, assigned six officers — including three dog teams — to the area.

Normally, the area falls on the patrol routes of one Alpine County deputy and a California Highway Patrol officer.

The goal was to pull over motorists seen committing either penal code or vehicle code violations.

Some voluntarily turned over drugs in their possession, were cited and allowed to drive away. The dogs were used to search those who consented, Veatch said. Those that refused were allowed to leave.

The sheriff did not know the total number of motorists pulled over or cited for traffic violations.

One man was arrested for alleged unlawful possession of a loaded handgun. Another was arrested after he allegedly attempted to steal the sign notifying motorists about

the interdiction zone.

The sign notified motorists they were entering the zone and that dogs would be used to search vehicles.

However, organizers said they did not publicize the event prior to Saturday in order to maintain the element of surprise against potential drug traffickers.

The move was such a surprise that officials from the CHP, which enforces traffic laws on the state highway, had no prior knowledge of the operation.

Lt. Tom Boswell, supervisor for the CHP's South Lake Tahoe office, was not informed that it would actually take place until after it was over Monday morning.

"(Alpine County officials) should have notified us, and they were apologetic for not notifying us," Boswell said.

Veatch said his department intends to conduct similar operations in the future, but he declined to disclose specific dates.

### Dramatic experience



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#### Man busted for DUI after rolling his car

A Bay Area man who rolled his vehicle Saturday afternoon near Sierra-at-Tahoe pleaded guilty Monday to drunken driving.

The defendant, Kevin Daniel, 37, of Emeryville, was credited for time served on the DUI charge, but he remained in county jail Monday on parole hold.

Hospital and released later Sunday.

The man said he was walking home at about 1 a.m. from the casino area through an alley behind Womack's Barbecue on U.S. Highway 50, South Lake Tahoe police reported. The victim said he heard someone yell, "hey white boy, what are you doing in this neighborhood?"

The victim said he then turned around and felt his body hit several times by what he believed to be

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not allowed to issue surety bonds. He was arrested Jan. 19, 1995.

"I have to do something to make you very aware of what happens if you take someone else's money and don't use it for the purpose you said and don't give it back," Gibbons said. "You don't even think you have committed a crime."

Gibbons refused to delay imposition of the sentence for 30 days to allow Bennett to travel to Dallas.

"I don't trust you," the judge said.

Gibbons sentenced Bennett to one year in Douglas County, suspended, and placed him on three years' probation. He is subject to unannounced search and seizure of his person and property for stolen property or evidence of fraud and must pay the restitution. Gibbons gave parole and probation the authority to veto Bennett's financial transactions if they are questionable.

He must perform 80 hours of community service and make full financial disclosures regularly.

### \* FOUR MONTHS IN JAIL

A Woodfords man must serve four months in Douglas County Jail and eight months under house arrest for striking a sheriff's deputy.

Mark Warren Merrill, 45, pleaded guilty in January to battery on a police officer, a gross misdemeanor.

"Mr. Merrill is not a violent person," said attorney William Cole. "His problem is alcohol. He didn't intend to hurt anyone."

According to the sheriff's department, Merrill struck the deputy who arrested him Aug. 26 with his head, knocking off the officer's glasses and bruising his eye.

Merrill had been stopped because he was driving 30 mph in a 45-mph zone. He has six prior convictions for driving under the influence.

Merrill has completed an inpatient alcoholism treatment program and told District Judge

Michael Gibbons that he has been sober for six months.

Gibbons placed Merrill on probation for three years and ordered him to abstain from alcohol. Merrill must attend a minimum of three Alcoholics Anonymous meetings a week and pay any restitution for medical expenses incurred by the officer.

"There has to be some punishment for what you did," Gibbons said.

BAR CHECKS

## JV track runs well at zone

Coach Dan Makley took 36 athletes to the junior varsity zone track meet at Reed High School Tuesday and was pleased with his squad's performance.

I think we did really well," said Makley. "One of our goals is to PR at the end of the season and pretty much all of them did."

Some of the highlights for the Tigers were Kelly Morris (1st in discus at 85 feet, 4 inches, third-place 4x100 relay), Jeremy Chandler (third in the 800 with a 2:13 and fifth in the high jump at 5 feet, four inches), Jesse Riley (12.04 100 meters, good for third and ran on the boys' 4x100 relay which finished fifth), Megan McIntosh (4th in the long jump with a 13-foot, nine-inch leap), Lauren Olivas (6th in the 400 with a 1:09.95 and

1:09.2 split in 1600 relay) and Daniel Crawford (41 feet, 10.5 inches in the shot put, 99 feet in discus).

Other Tigers who performed well were Andy Patrick and Brian Sullivan in the 3200 (12:05 and 12:08, respectively), Jennifer Boche and Anna Koli in the 100 hurdles (21.3 and 21.76), Somerli Davis and Elizabeth Yurtinus in the long jump (11 feet, six inches and 11 feet, 4.5 inches).

"When they got on the bus they were happy and that's what is important," said Makley.

"That may not show up in the team scores, but we're mostly freshmen and some sophomores and hardly any juniors, unlike some teams who really load up their junior varsity teams.

# Valley Shepherds hold a showmanship clinic

by **Aimee Hoskin**

Special to the R-C

The Carson Valley Shepherds Sheep Club sponsored a showmanship clinic on March 30 with judge Shelly Phillips.

The placings were for seniors, Rosey Hoskin, first; Jamie Apple, second; Sean Gillespie, third; Bridget Wood, fourth; Whitney Reagan fifth.

Juniors were Jennifer Reagan, first; Aimee Hoskin, second; and Sherry Liles, third.

Novices were Skyler Zulian, first; Jessie Greer, second; Jackie from Bakersfield third; David Hoskin, fourth.

For Pee Wee, all participants were first, Trenton Rask, Brian Hoskin, and Jamie Greer. Master

showmanship included the first and second places from senior, junior and novice classes. Winners were Jamie Apple, first; Rosey Hoskin, second; Aimee Hoskin, third; Jessie Greer, fourth; and Jennifer Reagan, fifth.

Over the Hill winners were Shea Vick, first; Shauna Rask, second; Joe Apple, third; and Jim Liles, fourth.

This was to get members ready for the area show, April 27.

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# Douglas track team runs, jumps to zone

## Some stars missing, others shine at Division II

There were several surprises, both pleasant and unfortunate for Douglas track coach Dan Makley at the Division II track meet last weekend at Carson High School.

On the positive side there were 25 performances that were ahead of the seedings, compared to just 11 Tigers who finished behind their expected place.

Unfortunately, Nik Neubauer found himself on that list, as a leg injury kept the senior sprinter from competing in Saturday's finals.

"Nik tried to go Friday in the 200," said Makley, "but he just couldn't."

Scott Darran was also nursing a leg injury, forcing Makley to call on an ill Myron Davis to fill in on the 4x200 and 4x400 relays.

The junior ran well, and the Tigers emerged victorious in both races in 1:32.70 and 3:30.01.

"Myron was a hero," said Makley.

Neubauer and Darran hope to run at the state meet if the 4x200 relay qualifies.

Also impressive was sophomore Greg Masse, who placed third in the 400 with a time of 51.99, and ran the third leg of the mile relay.

Makley stressed the number of quality athletes on his squad as much as he did his stars, and Saturday it paid off.

"Our depth really saved us this week," said Makley.

Perhaps the biggest surprise of all was the showing by the girls

team, which actually placed higher (4th) than the boys (5th), though the boys scored 63 points to the girls 62.

"It was a pretty nice day for the girls," said Makley. "I was real proud of them and the effort they put out."

Freshman distance runner Kathleen McSweeney made a huge improvement her specialty, the 1600, finishing second with a time of 5:30.5, a drop of 10 seconds from her previous best. She also ran the fastest leg (2:31) on the girls' 4x800 relay.

McSweeney's time in the 1600 has Makley pondering the possibility of his freshman qualifying for state.

"I expect guys like Josh and Lee to make it, but if she does I would call it a huge accomplishment," said Makley.

All four girls' relay teams qualified for zone, as the Lady Tigers finished second in both the 4x400 and 4x800, and fourth in the 4x100 and 4x200.

Douglas' season-long standouts also performed well. Rochelle VanBruggen won the high jump (4 foot-10), Josh Jacobs added a second-place finish in the 100 (11.22) to go with his 200 victory (22.84), and Lee Larson won the 400 (51.12).

The Zone championships begin with field events at 8 a.m., the 4x800 at 9 a.m., and the rest of the running events at 11. All events are at Reed High School in Sparks.

## Storytime set May 11

Calico Books in Carson Valley Fair Shopping Center will feature Diane Rogers of Markleeville, a member of the Alpine County Friends of the Library.

She will be the reader in a storytime for kids May 11, 11 a.m.

## DHS juniors are honored

Fifty Douglas High School juniors will be awarded the Nevada High School Silver Scholar Award by the University of Nevada, Reno Alumni Association.

The award recognizes the top 10 percent of juniors in selected Nevada high schools.

The awards will be presented by Mike Davis, director of alumni relations, and Steve Devore, alumni program coordinator, at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 9, at the high school.

Family and school administrators will be on hand to see the following students receive a certificate and a Webster's Collegiate Dictionary.

Douglas Silver Scholars are: April Addeo, Joenel Agbigay, Brett Alder, Sabia Armstrong, Heather Barrett, Cleve Barwig, Anthony Betzel, Meghan Burns, Nicholas Callahan, Raul Carranza, Jessica Clark, Scott Coleman, Kelly Combs, Nichole Cosentino, Paula Coyne, Kristin Cutler, Shaun Davidson, Audrey Dewitt, Courtney Dirksen, Cori Doherty;

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The Villa Gigli is the kind of restaurant you want as your own personal best-kept secret. So why do my husband and I keep hauling our friends and visiting family down to Markleeville whenever we get a free weekend?

Maybe it's natural to want to blab about homemade cannelloni shells, rich fruity olive oil, or a unique blend of pine nuts and sweet chard. Then there's the array of vintage Napa wines. Oh, yes, and the

sweeping panorama of mountains, pastures and forest. But I think what makes us so magnanimous is the feeling that here we are sitting in someone's home, where the food just happens to be the best Italian we've ever had.

The restaurant is actually a few yards from Ruggero and Gina Gigli's house, on the north side of the road between Markleeville and Grover Hot Springs (about 60 miles south of Reno). The small skylit building is open for dinner at 6 p.m. on Friday, Saturday and Sunday; be sure to call ahead for reservations, since seating is limited.

During the past two decades, the Giglis have moved back and forth between Northern California and the eastern Sierra. Ruggero used to run a restaurant in downtown Markleeville; the Villa Gigli has been open for just three years. According to Gina, they're much happier cooking and serving on the weekends. The rest of the time, the couple is busy bottling their Napa Valley olive oil and turning out fine art. The Villa Gigli doubles as a



PHOTO BY HEIDI HART

gallery for Gina's paintings, etchings, limited-edition prints, silk banners and papier-mâché masks and butterflies.

In the summer, Villa Gigli guests can sit outside on the deck surrounded by fresh herbs, or inside where wooden shutters open on to the slope and pine trees outside. Gina will welcome you like family and describe the day's special, which—though she's not Italian herself—she makes sure to refer to as the "speciale." The menu is simple: a salad of mixed greens (\$2.50), a choice of lasagne, tagliatelle, can-

nelloni, or the day's pasta special (from \$10 to \$13), then a light dessert and coffee. Wines include Pedroncelli white, red, Zinfandel and Pinot Noir, and a 1985 Sterling Diamond Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon. Guests can also select old or unusual wines from the gallery.

As a chef, Ruggero has remained semi-faithful to his native Tuscan cuisine. His homemade bread, which starts the meal, is just like the dense, crusty stuff I lived on for a summer in Siena, Italy—but dressed with

salt and the Giglis' olive oil, it's more than authentic. It's dangerous.

If you crave the impeccable freshness of true California cuisine, the Giglis' salad will leave you positively grinning. It's small, but these leafy greens, pulpy tomato slices, beets, garbanzo beans, purple onions and pine nuts make up in pizzazz what they lack in numbers. Splashed with that gorgeous green-gold olive oil and vinegar, this salad may make you swear off meat forever.

Now for the pasta. Without the slog of sauce and cheese you get at

fake Italian restaurants like the Olive Garden, these dishes may shock your mouth. You can actually taste what goes into the blend of ingredients. Last week's special was tagliatelle with a creamy pesto sauce and three scampi. The lasagne included slivers of carrot and celery, even a few navy beans, in addition to the usual cheeses and clear tomato sauce.

I had the cannelloni, which involved multiple layers of pasta on each side. For the filling, Ruggero used sweet chard, spinach, celery, carrots, basil and five cheeses. Canned and fresh tomatoes ("You need both," Ruggero insists) went into the pomarolla sauce, with onions, garlic, pepper and garlic. Every dish gets a sprinkling of pine nuts for a fresh, woody taste.

For dessert, the Giglis typically offer homemade biscotti or spumoni. Though Ruggero calls his spumoni "Italian ice cream," it's not the same as the gelato you can get in little paper cups. This stuff has punch. Ruggero makes the ice cream with heavy cream, honey and brandy. Then he tops it with six or seven kinds of fruit cooked in wine.

I don't think I have to say another word.

—HEIDI HART

# Alpine County Museum opens this weekend

"Images of the Vaquero Cow Camp," a black and white photo exhibit that was displayed in Gardnerville this winter and spring, will be featured at the opening of the Alpine County Museum and Historical Complex in Markleeville this Saturday.

The purpose of the exhibit, according to photographer David Dawson, is to encourage the understanding of a fragile place and a disappearing way of life in Sierra Nevada history.

The daily life of a Sierra Nevada cow camp are unknown to most people, and most of the people who knew what a camp was like are now gone, Dawson says.

The photos are of the Vaquero Cow Camp in Silver King Valley in Alpine County. The portfolio of 16 photographs, donated to the museum by Dawson, are accompanied by narrative prepared by the photographer.

In 1989, the U.S. Forest Service, Toiyabe National Forest, acquired the Silver King Valley, and Alpine museum curator Nancy Thornburg has been working with Forest Service archeologists Gwen Walter and Terry Birk on long- and short-term plans for preservation and interpretation of the camp.

An article featuring the photographs and narrative was published in the March issue of "Sierra Heritage" magazine, which is available at the Alpine County Library and at the museum.

The opening of the museum will also offer Indian

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## Museum: Alpine County facility opens Saturday

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tacos, homemade desserts, beer and soda pop and entertainment with Joyce Vetter and the The Blue Rose Project presented by the Alpine County Arts Commission.

The entertainment and dancing will be held at 1 p.m.

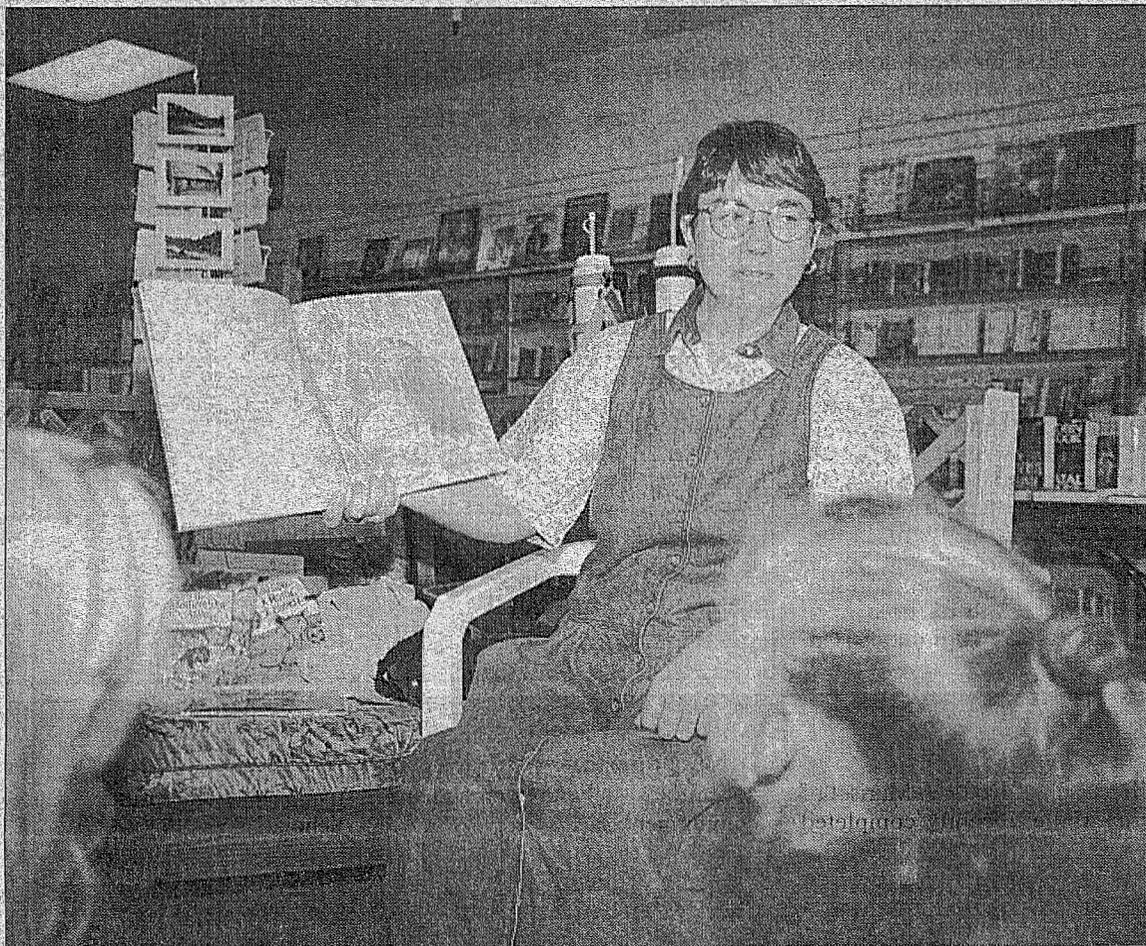
The museum opening is set for 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the museum at the top of the hill. The Alpine County Library will hold a rum-

mage sale the same day from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

"Images of the Vaquero Cow Camp" had been on display at the Carson Valley Museum and Cultural Center in Gardnerville.

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**STORYTIME:** Dianne Rogers of Markleeville read to youngsters at Calico Books in Gard-

nerville during the monthly Storytime. R-C photo by Tammy Litka.

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# Folk, blues, country on tap for Alpine

Hot on the heels of their overwhelming success at the Lake Tahoe Talent Expo '96, where they took top honors over 29 other groups, Joyce Vetter and her new band "Big Red" will present two great opportunities for Alpine County, South Tahoe, and Carson Valley audiences to hear their eclectic and electric mix of country, folk, and blues influenced music.

There'll be plenty of room for

dancin' around; snacks and beverages to keep you goin', and enough musical energy to light a small county.

Both performances will take place on Saturday, May 25. The first show will be a 1 p.m. set at the annual opening gala at the Alpine County Museum in Markleeville; this one is free. The 8 p.m. evening show will be held at the Diamond Valley School in Woodfords. Tickets for the

evening show are \$5 adults, \$1 kids under 16; available at the door.

Joyce and company's performances are being presented by the Alpine County Arts Commission as part of the 1995-96 Public Performance Series.

This program is made possible, in part, by a grant from the California Arts Council, state-local partnership program, a state agency.



## Alpine County weekend fun

Charlotte Westlake of Sacramento, above, looks at the display during this weekend's opening of the Alpine County Museum and Historical Complex featuring the display "Images of the Vaquero Cow Camp." At left, Amanda Jordan helps her aunt, Kat Busch-Jordan, with a plant at the Alpine Friends of the Library rummage sale. R-C photos by Tammy Litka

# Two men arrested for stealing liquor,

## SHERIFF'S REI

Two men were arrested Tuesday evening after stealing a fifth of peppermint schnapps from Gorman's Market in the Gardnerville Ranchos.

Steven Leo Antone, 21, of Carson City and Shawn Mitchell Christensen, 23, of Markleeville had 20 cents between them when they entered Gorman's, took a \$12 bottle of schnapps from the liquor aisle and then allegedly drank it while hiding in the store's bathroom, according to reports.

Gorman's employees observed

the suspicious activity, with one clerk following the two men into the bathroom. The employee told deputies the two were both in the same stall and there were sounds of a glass bottle banging against porcelain.

Antone and Christensen were both arrested on burglary and petty larceny charges.

■ A Gardnerville woman was arrested Tuesday afternoon for forging a doctor's prescription in hopes of obtaining an dangerous drug.

Laura Renee Penna attempted to obtain Xanax, a potent antidepressant drug, at three different pharmacies in Gardnerville.

Deputies were notified when a Smith's pharmacist matched Penna's forged prescription with reports of previous violations occurring there.

Deputies searched Penna's vehicle after she was apprehended, locating two forged prescriptions.

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# Teacher brings Olympics to Woodfords

Diamond Valley Elementary School the location for first-ever 'Kinder-Olympics'

by **Andrew Wolverton**  
Sports Editor

There were no security checkpoints, no \$1000 hotel rooms and David Letterman's mother did not send live updates via satellite. None of that mattered to the 14 participants in the Diamond Valley Elementary Kinder-Olympics because of what else was missing: losers.

"It was important to me that there were no winners and losers," said teacher Kelley Welykholowa. "The idea was that everyone is a winner."

Thanks to Accolades Awards and

Recognition in Gardnerville, all 14 kids received handsome trophies on which their names were engraved after competing in the running event, beanbag toss, standing brad jump and basketball hoop shoot. That and a popsicle were all the rewards necessary in the 92-degree heat to make these athletes happy.

"Monique (daughter of Accolades owner Lyane Terzich) and Lyane were so generous to donate the trophies. I can't thank them enough," said Welykholowa. "The kids were so proud of themselves and their awards."

Each of the students represented a dif-

ferent country, and proudly displayed their country's flag and a number on large tags.

"I like to bring the idea of a multi-cultural society into our activities," said Welykholowa, whose students have learned to say good morning in Spanish, French, Italian, German and Swedish.

Principle Sandy Cowen took in some of the action, as did several parents.

"It's a neat idea," said Cowen.

Serving as officials at each event were Sharon Osgood's fourth graders, who measure throws and jumps, timed runs and counted baskets. The students meet

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Pictured above are proud Olympians (front row): Joshua Horse, Tonya Galvez, Lucerina Simmons, Janean Skenadore, Georgie Dressler, Mario Generelli, Jamie Greer; (back row) Sara Watson, Spencer Rogers, Michael Rojas, Trent Rogers, Angelina Lopez, Bobby Pinzon, Lori Cuellar. Behind is teacher Kelley Welykholowa. R-C photo by Andrew Wolverton

# Wildflower tours return to Sorensen's

Back by popular demand, Sierra wildflower tours return to Sorensen's when Hope Valley will be decked out with spectacular wildflower displays.

Tours are scheduled by reservation on the following dates: July 1, 15, 29 and Aug. 12, 26. The cost is \$40 per person for guests lodging

at Sorensen's and \$55 per person/non-guest. Price includes the tour from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and lunch at the resort and trail refreshments.

Botanist Lee Gardner will guide participants on a leisurely hike while teaching how to identify sierra wildflowers, trees and

shrubs. Plant ecology (where plants are found and how they adapt to various environments) and ethnobotany (how Native Americans used plants for food, medicine and implements) will also be covered. For lodging and class enrollment, call 1-800-423-9949.

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# Washoe Tribe offers summer food program

The Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California announces the initiation of the summer food service program. Meals and snacks will be served to all children 18 years and under at no charge.

All of the sites below will provide meals on weekdays from

June 17 through Aug. 9 (no food service on July 4).

■ Carson Community Gym, 2990 S. Curry St., Carson City, lunch, noon-1 p.m.

■ Dresslerville Community Gym, 1584 Watasheamu, Gardnerville, lunch, noon-1 p.m.

■ Stewart Community Center/Head Start Building, 465 Clear Creek, Carson City, lunch, noon-12:30 p.m. and snack, 3-3:20 p.m.

■ Woodfords Community Center, 96 Washoe Blvd., Woodfords, Calif., breakfast, 8-9 a.m. and lunch, noon-1 p.m.

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**50 YEARS AGO**  
**The Record-Courier**  
**Friday, July 5, 1946**

**4-H RAFT STOLEN.** Thieves early Tuesday morning made away with one of the war-surplus life-rafts owned by the Douglas County 4-H Club. Sheriff W.D. Park announced the raft was stolen from the beach near the 4-H Club cabin, where the craft had been tied up for the night. H. Lee Hansen, county extension agent, reported the theft. Park said the raft which was stolen was painted a brilliant yellow and carried the numeral "3" in red on its side. In addition to the raft the thieves made away with three blue metal oars, regular equipment for the raft.

**MERRILL DISCHARGED FROM NAVY.**

Austin H. Merrill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Grant Merrill, of Woodfords Ca., and Gardnerville, has been discharged from the U.S. Navy, it was announced this week. Merrill held the rank of lieutenant, junior grade, at the time of his separation from the service at San Francisco. During the war Merrill served in the Pacific theater aboard a weather patrol and plane guard ship. Merrill's parents own and operate the Woodfords store.

July 3, 1946

# Markleeville Death Ride Saturday not for wimps

## Heat, hills are sure to challenge the strongest of riders

The 15th Annual Death Ride takes place this Saturday, and as if it was not tough enough already (the ride is recognized as one of the top 10 toughest in the United States), the 1996 route has 1,130 additional feet of climbing compared to the old route, making for a total of 16,310 feet of climbing for those brave enough to take on all five passes and 128.6 miles.

Anyone who completes the five-pass tour will receive a special pin and get to sign a commemorative poster. The poster hangs at the Alpine County Chamber of Commerce.

For those not quite up to the challenge, there are one, two, three and four-pass options available. Considering the 90-degree heat expected along with the raised difficulty of this year's event, these

options should be quite popular, (if not at the start then certainly after a pass or two) among the expected 2,750 riders who will leave Turtle Rock Park in Markleeville early Saturday morning. Fewer than 75 spots remain available registration.

Sponsored by the Alpine County Chamber of Commerce and the Alta Alpina Cycling Club, the tour draws participants on a national level as well as from Europe, Asia, Canada and South America.

The Death Ride is one of the best-run, fully supported bike tours in the country as more than 500 volunteers man 12 water, rest and food stops, serving the riders along the route. A selection of fresh fruit and high-carbohydrate foods, as well as Powerbars, Powergel, Clifbars and Zytomax athletic energy foods will be provided along with technical and SAG support.

Four of the five mountain passes will be closed to vehicular traffic during the event, allowing bicyclists and ride organizers exclusive entry onto the course. Highway 89 will be closed at the intersection of Highway 395 over Monitor Pass to Highway 4 from 6 a.m. to noon, and Highway 4 will be closed from the Highway 88 intersection over Ebbett's Pass to Hermit Valley from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Friday evening there is a carbo-load pasta dinner at Turtle Rock Park from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. Cost is \$7 in advance or \$8 at the door. Before Saturday's ride, a breakfast is available, also at Turtle Rock Park, from 4 a.m. to 8 a.m. The breakfast cost \$5 in advance or \$6 at the door. After the tour there is an after-ride meal from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. This meal is included in the entry fee.

California Vehicle Code Section 21201 requires bicyclists riding before sunrise or after sundown to have a white lighted headlight and a red, reflective tail light when riding on public roadways. Riders in violation of this law during the Death Ride may be cited.

For more information on the Death Ride, contact the Alpine County Chamber of Commerce at (916) 694-2475.

# Kids learn the value of technology and the outdoors

BY CORY FISHER

Nevada Appeal News Service

SOUTH LAKE TAHOE — Getting wired at camp.

That could be seen as grounds for getting sent home early, but not so at Kirkwood Ski and Summer Resort's "Outdoor Online."

Due to its unusual approach of offering both cutting-edge computer technology and high-adventure outdoor activities to 10- to 17-year-olds, the summer camp is now receiving national media attention.

"We've got kids here from all over the country," said Mindi Roberts, president of Outdoor Online Inc. "Many of them found out about it on the Internet."

With computers quickly becoming a vital part of education, Roberts and her husband, Chief Executive Officer Chris Roberts, both saw a need for an environment that would create a balance between computer technology and an appreciation for teamwork and the outdoors. Now in its second year, the program has grown five-fold in participant numbers, the couple said.

Campers can choose between 10-day and two-week sessions, and expect to return home knowing how to conduct research and how to communicate by way of

the Internet and other on-line resources. Each participant will also learn how to design his or her own World Wide Web page.

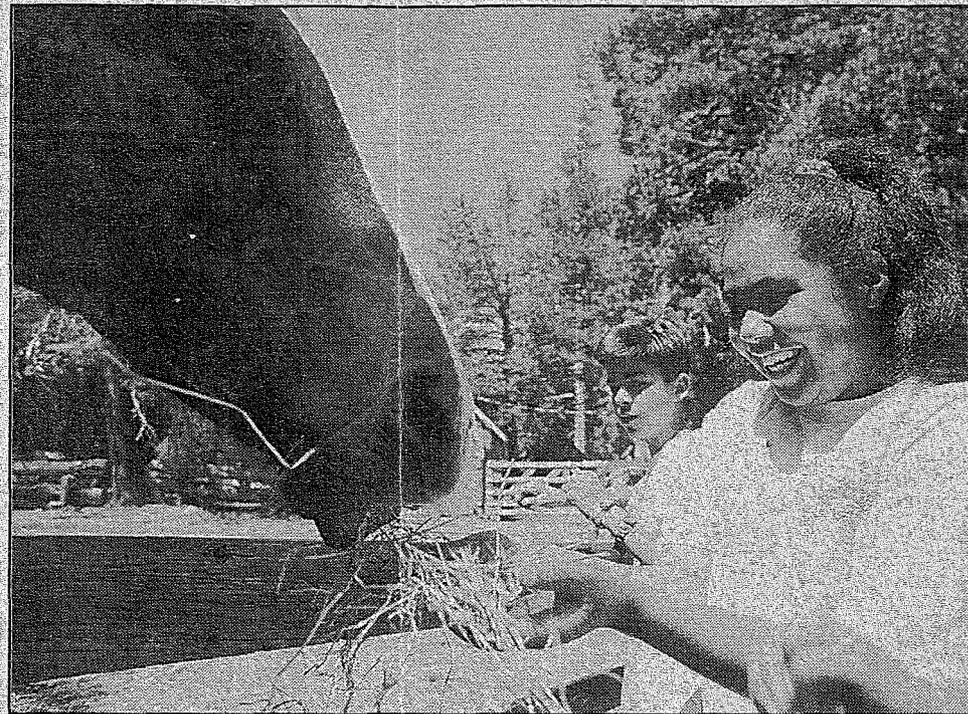
"We're definitely Internet-focused," Mindi Roberts said. "We don't do any programming. And with a camper-staff ratio of three to one, students learn very quickly."

Youngsters spend an hour and 45 minutes each morning exploring the Internet and researching activities of interest. According to Roberts, the computer curriculum is designed to help campers learn to use the 'information superhighway' responsibly as well as demonstrate how it can be used as an important "communication and information tool."

"This is totally different from school," said Americana Aulenbacher, a seventh-grader from Citrus Heights, Calif. "My computer teacher at home doesn't know what she's doing."

Kids from each session also discuss computer crimes with two Roseville police officers and ethics with Rabbi Abraham Cooper, associate dean of the Simon Wiesenthal Center in Los Angeles.

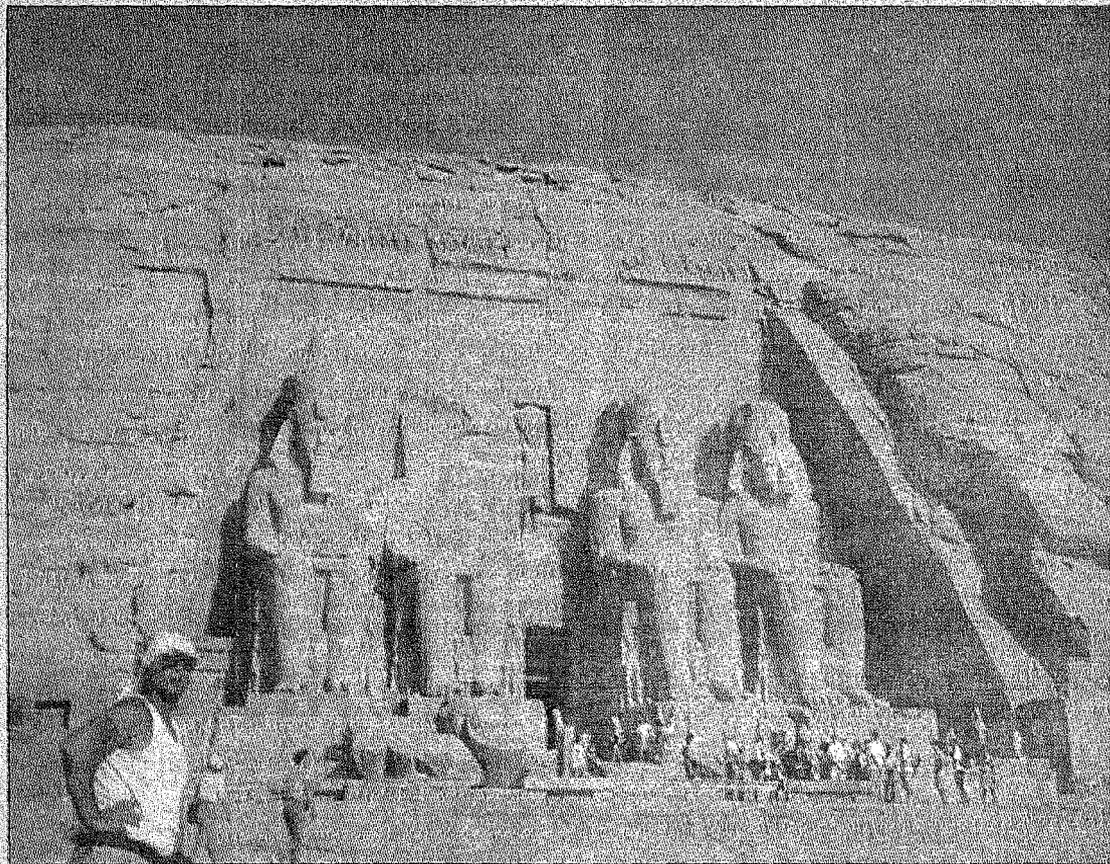
Cooper has encouraged campers in the past to report hate speech they run across on the Internet. The Wiesenthal Center monitors "cyberhate" and has found a way for young people to play a positive role.



JIM GRANT/Nevada Appeal News Service

**Ruth Talamora** feeds 'Bogey' at the Kirkwood Ski and Summer Resort's summer camp last week. Horseback riding, rock climbing and kayaking are just a few of the activities available to campers at the Kirkwood mountain resort. For skiing the kids will have to wait a few months.

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On the road in  
**Egypt and Israel**

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**Alpine County man visits the Middle East**

## by Holly Atchison

Staff writer

Alpine County resident Mike Warren left the U.S. June 17 for a long-awaited adventure to the countries of Israel and Egypt to learn of the culture, religion and political interests of the people in these countries.

"I wanted to go to the holiest city in the world to learn about the culture, the people and their religion as well," Warren said.

His first stop was Tel Aviv where he spent a couple of days. Next he went to the city of Jerusalem where he stayed for five days, walking around the ancient city.

While in Jerusalem, he visited the Damascus Gate and the Arab Quarter, the Wailing Wall, the Holocaust museum, Massada, the tomb of Mary and Joseph, a mosque and many churches.

In Jerusalem, military personnel patrol the streets, in full military dress and armed.

"At first I thought it was scary, but after a while it was pretty normal. I actually felt safer," Warren said.



Mike Warren, left, sports an Arabic robe and headdress he purchased in Egypt during his trip to the Middle East (Joyce Hollister photo). Above, left, he is shown at the temple of Abu Simbel, and at right is the Saggara pyramid near Cairo. Below is Massada, the fortress in Israel where Jewish rebels were besieged by the Romans. The Jews committed mass suicide to avoid capture. Mike Warren photos

item for a minute, it would take 10 months to see everything.

Warren went into the Giza and Saqqara pyramids and the Sphinx.

Luxor was the next stop on Warren's trip. In the 115-degree weather, he saw the Karnak and Luxor Temples, the Valley of the Queens and the Temple of Hatshepsut.

Warren went to Abu Simbel and saw the Temples of Hathor and then went back to Cairo for a few more days before returning home.

On his trip, Warren met many nice people who all loved Americans.

"Everyone wants to be like Americans. They want to look American, act American, and dress American. Both countries love Americans," he said.

Warren's favorite sites include the Pyramids, the Abu Simbel temples, Massada, and the old city of Jerusalem.

"Israel was more like America, as clean as America, whereas Egypt was not," he added.

The political attitudes of the two countries were nothing alike.

"Israel was not as open to talking about things as Egypt was. People in

The marketplace was also a great interest to Warren with the excitement of people yelling back and forth, bargaining and selling things.

After Jerusalem, Warren traveled to the city of Jerico where he visited the Qumram Valley and was able to see the actual Dead Sea Scrolls.

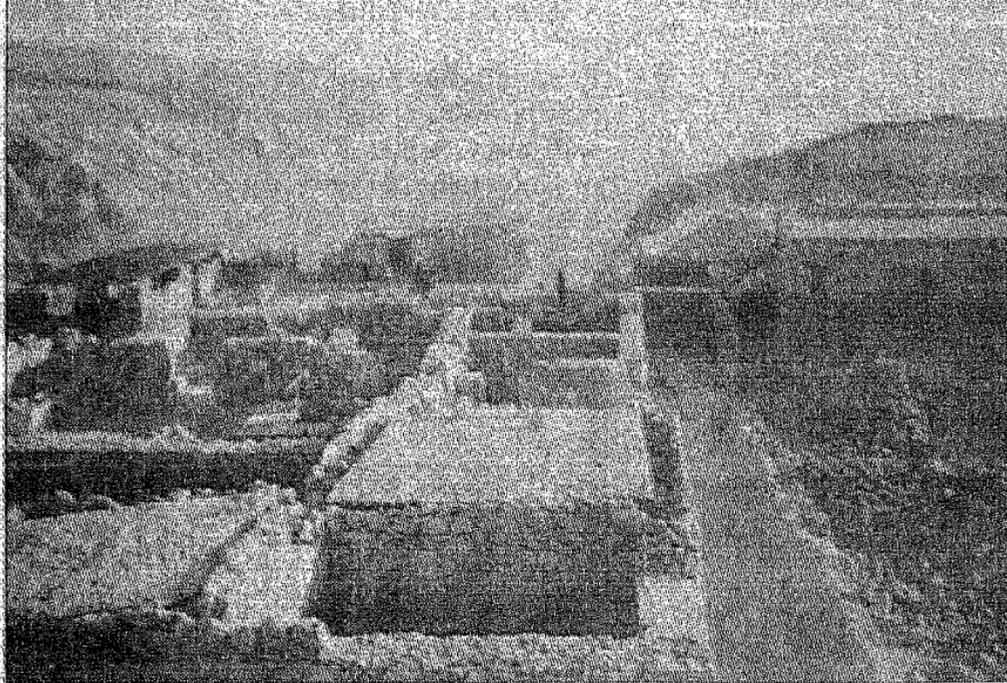
Warren also saw a Palestinian refugee camp, but did not take a tour.

Warren took a dip in the Dead Sea and said there was an abundance of minerals in the water.

Next, Warren took a bus to Elat, on the border of Egypt and Israel. Here, he stayed in a kibbutz, which he describes as "a coalition of people who get together to live in one community and raise their own food and live on their own."

He went from Elat to Nuwieba, Egypt, where he stayed in a hut on the City Beach for \$1.50 a night. Here he swam with a dolphin in the ocean, holding onto its fin.

Nuwieba is home to the Bedouin people. Warren stayed with many of these people and said they were fasci-



nated with Americans and their culture.

Warren then traveled to Cairo, Egypt home to the Pyramids, the Sphinx and 15 million people. The city was smoggy and dusty and dangerous to walk in because of the 9

million cars registered there. Cars have the right of way over people and there are no street signs or traffic lights.

Warren spent four hours in the Egyptian museum, which is so large that if a person would look at each

Egypt thought there was going to be a conflict between Egypt and Israel again because of the new prime minister," he said.

Warren returned to the U.S. July 11 where he realized there is no place like home.

"It gave me a different outlook on the people and their culture. I'll pay attention more and understand better. It also left me with a lot of new friends," he said.

He looked back on his trip and reflected, "It's nice to be back in America. It was fun at times, adventurous at times, intriguing, mysterious at times, and dirty and disgusting at times."

Warren is a retired firefighter from South Lake Tahoe and has lived in the area for 28 years.

He is planning another trip in a year and a half — to Mexico, the Panama Canal and Central America.

If anyone is interested in joining him, write to South America/Warren, 20505 Highway 89, Markleeville, Calif. 96120.

# Art teacher prefers to do it all at once

by Joanna Welch  
Staff Writer

One chance, that's all you get, because even if you return to exactly the same spot, the light, the weather and most likely your mood will have changed. To recreate what you had is an impossibility.

That's how Greg Drinkwine describes Alla Prima painting, which loosely translates to "all at once."

"You don't go back and retouch. I've done that and ruined many a good painting in the process," said Drinkwine.

Dotted around the walls of his studio, located in an upstairs room of the Adaven Hotel in Gardnerville, is a selection of his work. What's remarkable is that it's possible to accomplish so much in one sitting, but that's the principle of Alla Prima.

"There are no lunch breaks with Alla Prima. You eat hearty before you begin," he said.

The outdoors is Drinkwine's preferred studio. It could be anywhere, New York City, Pennsylvania or the surroundings of his current home in Markleeville. The goal is to capture the unique moment, even if it means sitting in Central Park New York during a snowstorm. To walk away means losing the unique light, air and space of that moment, he explains.

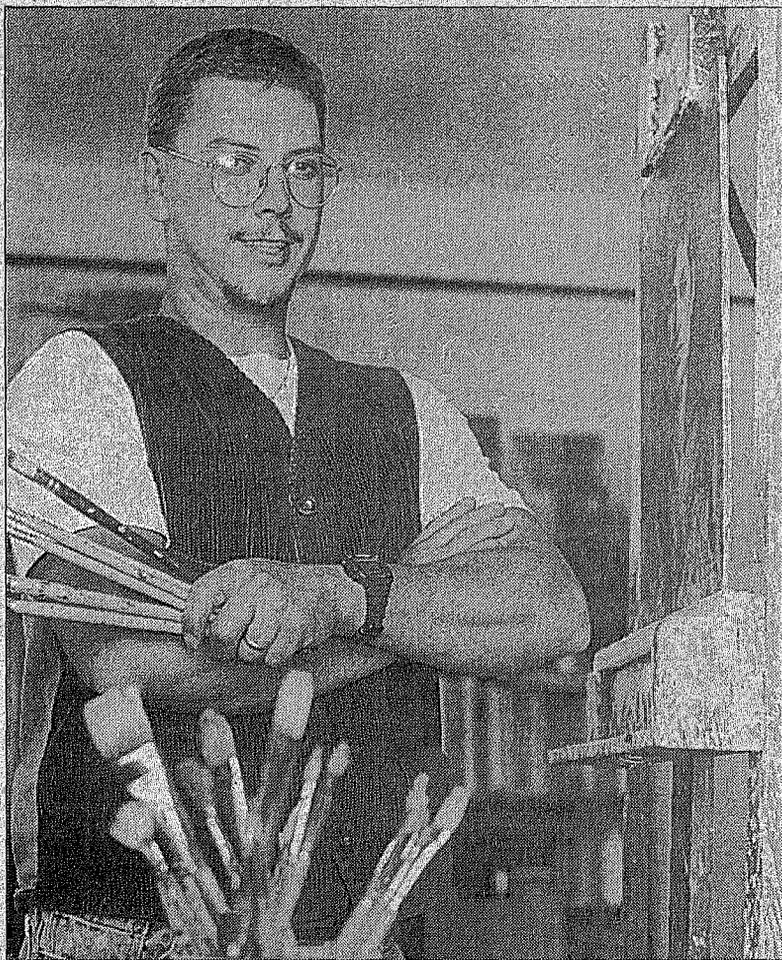
"There are things you capture, a freshness that comes at that moment that you just won't get at a different time."

However, Drinkwine describes not only the Alla Prima style, but painting in general as an acquired art. But like everything, there exist a set of principles, albeit flexible, which he identifies as "values" and which refers to the quality of the light, color, drawing and edges.

Drinkwine attended the Art Students League of New York. The school has an impressive alumni including Georgia O'Keefe, Norman Rockwell and Calvin Klein.

Founded in 1882, the school is open to anyone who aspires to be a painter, he said.

He describes his seven years at the school which included a year in Paris, as a phenomenal learning



Greg Drinkwine. Belinda Rohleder-Grant photo

experience.

"People who teach at the school do so out of their generosity and not for the money."

He left the school with a greater insight into how to view the world from the artist's perspective.

"You learn to get a clear picture of what you want to see by taking a look at nature and making a statement.

Drinkwine and his wife moved to Markleeville in January and while he had not planned to either teach or exhibit his work, he's doing both.

He holds life-drawing classes three times a week and prospective students are invited to join the class free of charge — so far each of the students have opted to stay on.

As part of the three hour class, students are asked to draw 10 one-minute gesture drawings and four five-minute gesture drawings. This is followed by a brief lecture with the remaining two hours spent on a "long drawing" of the model. At this point he moves around the studio, critiquing each of the students on a one-on-one basis.

"I love presenting the principles to the students and watching them grow," he said.

"When I started the class, I couldn't draw a stick, now my

goodness I'm producing small works of art. It's unbelievable. Everyone who signs up never leaves," said student Francois Doucette.

Each of the canvases Drinkwine uses he makes himself by tacking high-grade Belgian linen to a frame, followed by sizing the canvas with rabbit-skin glue.

Once dried, the canvas is primed with white lead. It's a two-week process and he guesses he uses approximately 120 a year, never using the same canvass more than once.

"I'm very much a traditionalist in this respect," he said.

He sold the majority of last years work to galleries in Japan and New York, although he is currently working on a one-man exhibition to be shown in August at the Kristan Lane Gallery in Carson City and has been asked to provide some of his work to the Minden-based Lone Tree Frame and Gallery.

Drinkwine's classes are held on Tuesday and Thursday 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. His exhibits at the Kristan Lane Gallery will be shown from Aug. 17 through Sept. 1.

To join the classes or for personal instruction call (916) 694-0553.

# Sorensen's Resort mixes business with environment

By Heather Gould

Fifteen years ago, newlyweds John and Patty Brissenden combined \$1500 of their own money with a borrowed \$1500 to take over Sorensen's Resort in neighboring Alpine County, virtually sight unseen. The small bunch of buildings were in serious disrepair, junk piles littered the property and a sign over the laundry room read "Last Resort."

Seasonal workers at Kirkwood Ski Area would take lodging at the resort only after they had scoured the area and found nothing else, says John.

The Brissendens realized they had a task ahead of them, not the least of which was raising more than a quarter million dollars to complete the purchase. They solicited investments from friends, neighbors, family and professional associates. The last chunk came from a longtime guest at the resort who wanted to see his favorite vacation spot stay in business.

"We had gotten complacent with our life in Santa Cruz," says John of their decision to buy the resort. Between the two of them, the young couple had already worked as political aides -- John for then-Congressman Leon Panetta, President Clinton's



Photo by Taylor Flynn

**ONCE A DILAPIDATED EYESORE, Sorensen's Resort in Hope Valley has been restored to a top-choice (yet still rustic) destination for nature lovers.**

current chief-of-staff. They had participated in the Volunteers in Service to America program, a forerunner to Americorps, as well as served on the local school board and founded the Santa Cruz Land Trust, a non-profit land conservancy.

"We needed something to jack up the juices, and obviously (the resort) has done that."

The resort has gone from a dilapidated eyesore to a charming cluster of more than 30 buildings just east of the Highway 88/89 junction in Hope Valley.

But Sorensen's is more than just a small-time mom-and-pop

operation. It has turned a profit every year since the Brissendens took over, says John, has a mailing list of about 10,000 people and is host to thousands of guests annually, whether they be those who just stop by for lunch at the resort restaurant or those who stay several days.

"We were able to take what should have been burned to the ground and turn it around," he says.

The rebirth of the 75-year-old resort was attended by 14-hour work days, seven days a week, for many years, says John. "It was immense hours. It took so long. Sometimes I feel beaten to a pulp."

In 1916, Danish immigrant

Martin Ingvardt

Sorensen

purchased the

property on

which the resort

now stands for

\$750 and a

decade later

opened the resort

consisting of

several small

cabins and a gas

station, according

to a history of

Sorensen's

written by

Arthur W.

Ewart. In those

first years, cabins rented for 75

cents a night.

Brissendens are environmentalists

and not shy about it. Activities at

the mountain resort center on the

outdoors -- hiking, fishing,

kayaking, snow shoeing and

cross-county skiing, among

others. Guests and non-guests can

sign up for programs such as a

daytime guided wildflower or

historical tour or a fishing or

kayaking seminar. The

Brissendens try to run the resort in

an environmentally sound

manner. They have even

instituted a recycling program in

each of the guest cabins.

The Brissendens' environmental

activity extends beyond

Sorensen's. They have been

instrumental in the formation of

Friends of Hope Valley and the

acquisition and preservation of

25,000 acres in Alpine County.

They have joined in lawsuits to

stop what they see as the harmful

effects of runaway growth in El

Dorado County and will soon be

the first in Alpine County to hook

into the South Tahoe Public Utility

District sewage line thereby taking

raw sewage out of Hope Valley.

Business and the environment

go hand-in-hand, says John.

"Everyone has a duty if not a

responsibility to see that their

corners of the earth are cared for

and maintained and improved if

possible."



TEENS. Volunteers with Teens With a Future worked during the Markleeville Death Ride. TWF photo

## Teens help out at race

by David Scorsolini  
Staff Writer

They worked 12-hour shifts serving food and water, then had to seek shelter from the rain and hail, but for the kids involved with Teens With A Future, volunteering at the Death Ride cycling event was another rewarding experience.

The small group of 16 volunteered more than 400 hours of service for the July 13 event which featured over 2,700 cyclists touring the California Alps.

The group was stationed at the crest of Ebbetts Pass on Highway 4 in Alpine County.

"The kids were so impressed with the cyclists and how hard they had to ride.

"The kids came home beat tired, but you could tell they came home with a deep sense of satisfaction," said Theresa DuBois, an adult volunteer with the Partnership of Community Resources.

DuBois added that even when the kids were faced with bouts of rain and hail, they managed to keep their spirits up.

In return for their services, the Alpine County Chamber of Commerce gave each teen a free

T-shirt and fed them great meals, said project director Margie Mangiapelo.

The Death Ride was part of a busy summer season for Teens With A Future.

The kids also volunteered their time and services to the Donner Lake Triathlon.

Teens With A Future will also lend a hand to the Make-A-Wish "Hole-n-One" fund-raiser later this month in Reno and the Autumn Hills reseeded project following the June 23 fire.

"The program's objective for the new school year is to become more and more involved in volunteer services throughout the Carson Valley and throughout Douglas County," Mangiapelo said.

The program is open to any teen, 13-18, and transportation is provided to all events.

Those involved in Teens With A Future earn school credit for their services and have the opportunity to gain social and professional skills as well as a sense of camaraderie and kinship within the group.

Kids interested in joining the program are invited to call Mangiapelo at 782-8611 or visit the Teens With A Future office at 1624 Library Lane in Minden.

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**GRADUATES:** Mt. Sierra Christian elementary and junior high schools have graduated the first class of 9th graders. From left to right are Rochelle Malone, Ronda Prause Romero, Josiah Sullivan, and Crystal Fried. All students graduated with honors. The graduation ceremony was held at the Two Guys from Italy banquet room, with Judge David Gamble presenting the graduation address. Others officiating were J. D. Sullivan, Ron Winebarger, and Bryan Malone. Mt. Sierra Christian School photo



hint, so nothing for this week.

■ **New baby.** Congratulations goes to Lori Cox on the birth of her daughter, Sierra Jewel Cox. Sierra was born on July 29 and weighed in at 7 pounds 1/2 ounce.

or my choices, but there are a couple of them you need to hear to believe.

If you get a chance to meet the candidates, do so. It could be very enlightening. Thanks also goes to

Aug. 15 and to Marge Meyer on Aug. 16.

Happy anniversary goes to Marty and Margaret Mooseberg on Aug. 13.

## Booths sought for Woodfords chili challenge

by **Holly Atchison**  
Staff Writer

The first Woodford's Community Fair and Country Chili Challenge will be held Sept. 21 and 22, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the flashing yellow light at the Woodford's, Calif. Junction.

The fair will offer craft and art booths, a car show, Indian tacos, a yard sale, non-profit booths, games, dancing and more. Sponsors of these events are the Alpine County Senior Center, Alpine Children's Center, the Woodford's Fire Department, PAL, DARE, Friends of the Library, Alpine

Kids, Choices for Children, the Chamber of Commerce, and Tobacco Control.

The Carson Valley Cruisers will take their cars for the car show.

Chili cooks will be able to compete in the two categories of professionals, for those who cook in restaurants, and home cooks, for the free lance chefs.

First, second, and third place winners from each categories will be awarded cash prizes on Saturday. The first place winners will compete against each other on Sunday for more money and a revolving trophy which will be

returned and defended next year.

Winners will be selected by the public who wish to taste the batches of chili. This is a fun, unsanctioned chili event says organizer Edie Veatch.

A money award will also be given for the best showmanship or booth.

Prize money will be collected from the \$30 entry fee for each participant.

For more information, or for an entry form for the chili challenge or application for a fair booth, call (916) 694-2930. Deadline for entry is Sept. 1.

## Ravenscroft at the Brewery Arts

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## HISTORY

# Gay colony

## What was the Alpine County Project?

**I**n October 1970, the Los Angeles Times ran a story about a plan by the local Gay Liberation Front (GLF) to establish a gay colony in Alpine County, California. The ensuing brouhaha — which spread to the national media and caused an uproar in the tiny, snow-bound county itself — is a fascinating episode that illustrates the utopianism, the folly, and the media savvy of the early gay liberationists.

The plan originated with underground newspaper reporter Don Jackson, who urged gays to move en masse to California's least populous county, register to vote, and elect an all-gay government which could then use tax dollars to create a gay civil service, community college, museum, hospital, and other public facilities and services.

Jackson's plan was dismissed by many as a quixotic fantasy. But the demographic and legal hurdles to actually setting up a "gay county" were relatively small. The 450-population Alpine County (nestled in the Sierra Nevadas 10 miles south of Lake Tahoe) had only 367 registered voters, and new residents could register to vote after only 90 days. It seemed to some that the plan required only a few hundred gays and lesbians willing to make a three-month experiment.

Meanwhile, many members of the Los Angeles GLF were frustrated by the lack of media attention to their movement. So a group of them decided to use the Alpine County idea as political theater, in hopes of gaining the attention of the Los Angeles Times and other mainstream news outlets. They called a news conference to announce that hundreds of gays and lesbians were already preparing to move to Alpine County. Only the medical reporter from the Times covered the conference,

but his article quickly gained national attention, with stories soon appearing in the Wall Street Journal and Time, as well as on every network news broadcast.

The GLF members continued the hoax, even sending a scouting party up to Alpine County during Thanksgiving 1970 to make "preparations" for the gay colony. Some GLF supporters — men and women — who read about the plan in the papers or

### PAST OUT

saw it on the news took it seriously and even started planning to move. One lesbian couple from Long Beach told The Advocate they were planning to open a "little country store" in Alpine County.

When the long-time residents of Alpine County heard about the plan, however, they were not amused. The chairman of the Alpine County Board of Supervisors noted the cold climate of the region and said that "no fruit is very welcome up in our particular county." The county began to explore the option of merging with the more populous neighboring El Dorado County.

In any event, by February 1971, the plan had lost steam. The GLF issued a statement that they were abandoning Alpine County for a "more temperate county" with better soil and rivers. The media attention had died down, although the GLF had achieved its goal of being taken seriously by the press as a political force, not a medical issue.

— David Bianco

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NAOMI JOHN. R-C photo by Belinda Grant

## Woodfords girl is pageant runner-up

Eight-year-old Naomi John of Woodfords was a runner-up in last weekend's Hawaiian Tropic pageant West Coast finals in Palm Springs, Calif.

Naomi, the daughter of Estelle Conway and Clint John, was a runner-up in the categories of photogenic and most beautiful eyes. She also won trophies in swimsuit and glamour.

She competed in six different categories against 49 girls in the 6 to 8 age group.

This was Naomi's first pageant, says her mother. The Diamond

Valley Elementary School 3rd grader wants to be a model and actress when she grows up.

She is a member of the Washoe-Mechoopda tribe of California.

Conway is seeking sponsors for next year's competition.

"We would like to start an account for Naomi's pageant's as it is costly, but well worth it," she said.

"If anyone is interested in helping Naomi in any way, please write us at 2060 Carson River Road, Markleeville, Calif., 96120."

## Official Alpine Flag to Fly

August 21, 4:00 P.M.

At County Library

by Irving Krauss

Alpine County's Official flag will be unveiled Wednesday, August 21 at 4:00 p.m. outside the county library. Board of Supervisors Chair Don Jardine will dedicate the flag.

"The Arts Commission is honored to host this ceremony," said Interim Arts Director Dianne Lipscomb. "All Alpiners and guests are invited, and refreshments will be served," she added. "Joyce Vetter and her bass player and singer will perform at the ceremony," Lipscomb said.

The winning design by Kevin Jones was selected out of 13 submissions, by judges from the Arts Commission and the Chamber of Commerce. The 4' x 6' flag was hand stitched by a professional flagmaker. It has an outline of the county and within it an eagle soars over snow-covered mountains, blue waters, and green valleys. The flag will be displayed later in the Sacramento Secretary of State/State Archives building with the other 57 county flags.

The design of second place winner Leona Mendenhall will be on display. The one by Barbara Jones which took third place will also be exhibited, as will those of Len Jacques, Rhiana Jones, and Jennifer Vaughn who received honorable mention in the contest to design the county flag.



ART COMMISSION, CHAMBER  
SELECT JONES' DESIGN  
FOR ALPINE COUNTY FLAG

9-21-76

by Wilma Rule

An official county flag design -- drawn by Kevin Jones of Woodfords --- was chosen unanimously and anonymously this month by judges representing Alpine's Arts Commission and Chamber of Commerce. (See photo this page.)

This decision followed the direction of the Board of Supervisors to the Arts Commission to establish a contest for the county flag, to judge the submissions, and to report the results to them.

The contest was advertised in the Enterprise and posted throughout the county. The Arts Commission specified that the designs be three colors on a white background. In addition, the words "Alpine County" will appear on the flag when it is completed and ready to fly.

Thirteen numbered designs were submitted to the judges which consisted of Pam Ledbetter, Chair, Irving Krauss and Paul Washam of the Arts Commission, and DeAnne Jang and Charles Keebaugh of the Chamber of Commerce. None knew who the contestants were.

FIRST THREE WINNERS

Jones, as first prize winner will receive \$200. He studied art at the Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe, New Mexico, and has exhibited his work. Presently he heads a literacy program for the Washoe Tribe.

Second place winner was Leona Mendenhall, who will receive \$100. She has long been interested in design and this year is doing the art work for the Death Ride. She lives in Markleeville

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and is a dispatcher for the South Lake Tahoe police department.

Third place winner, who will receive \$50 was another Jones known to all in the County -- our Alpine County Clerk, Barbara Jones. She lives in the Woodfords area and was surprised to be one of the three winners. Her art work is mainly with crafts, she said.

#### HONORABLE MENTIONS

Two students graduating this year from Diamond Valley School -- Jennifer Vaughn of Markleeville and Rhiana Jones (Kevin's daughter) of Woodfords -- submitted honorably mentioned designs as did Len Jacques of Kirkwood.

Others participating in the the county flag contest were Dena Catelani, Paula Cotter and Susan Flakus (who each submitted two designs), Gina Gigli and Sarah Morgan.

"All the designs were outstanding," said Arts Director Green, "and we thank all the contestants and the judges for their participation."

#### MAKING THE FLAG AND FLYING IT

"We will have a professional flagmaker make the flag which will be displayed in the Sacramento Secretary of State/State Archives building with the other 57 county flags," continued Green.

There is also interest in having the new county flag in the County Administration Building and at the Chamber of Commerce.

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FOLK ARTS. Master Madelina Henry, right, teaches Renee Aguilar how to prepare acorn biscuits for traditional Washoe acorn biscuits. Photo courtesy Nevada State Council on the Arts

## Washoe artists featured in display

A photo exhibit featuring traditional artists from Nevada's Folk Arts Apprenticeship Program from 1993 to 1996 will be on display at the Carson Valley Museum and Cultural Center, 1477 Highway 395 in Gardnerville opening today.

Two of the apprenticeships were in Washoe arts: master basketmaker Amy Barber of Woodfords taught her granddaughter Jody Barber Steele the art of willow basketry, and master cook Madelina Henry taught

Renee Aguilar how to prepare acorn biscuits and unique food of the Washoe people.

The apprenticeship program, sponsored by the Nevada State Council on the Arts, supports master folk artists to pass on their knowledge and skills to an apprentice.

The exhibit features 18 traditional art forms from all over Nevada.

Other artists included in the exhibit are Paiute basketmakers and singers, Shoshone basket-

makers and buckskin tanners, Mexican dancers, rawhide braiders, African dancers and drummers, Ukrainian Easter egg decorators, Argentinean guitarists, Filipino dancers, saddlemakers, Japanese drummers, and Thai dancers.

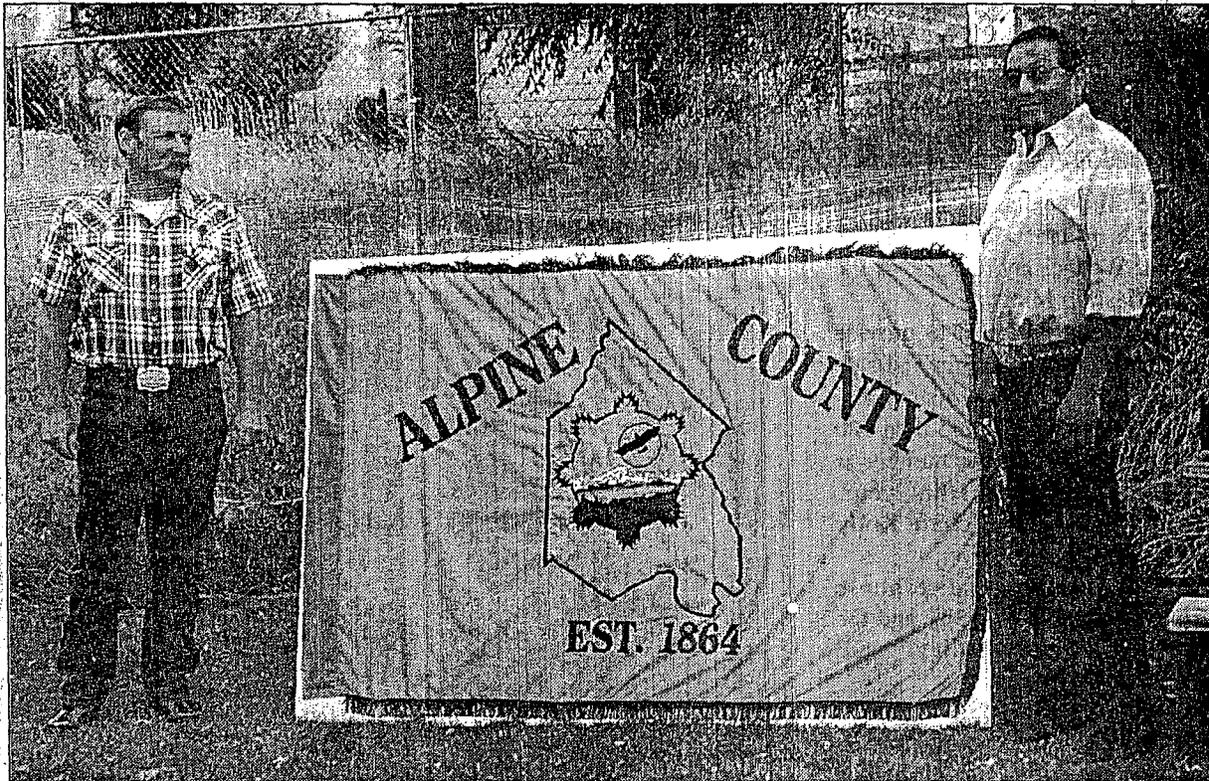
Copies of two illustrated booklets on the apprenticeships will also be available free of charge. The museum is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily; phone 782-2555 for more information.



**EBBETTS PASS:** Valley residents may see the grandeur of the Sierra Nevada by taking a day trip over nearby Ebbetts Pass on Highway 4 to California. Lake Alpine (top) offers a dream view for amateur pas well as professional photographers.

Alpine flowers (right) are plentiful this time of year. As we head into fall, the colors will begin to change on deciduous trees over the pass and make for another breathtaking day in the mountain. R-C photos by Tammy Litka





Don Jardine, left, dedicated the new flag designed by Kevin Jones, right. Photo by Irving Krauss

## Alpine County gets its first flag

Around 40 people were on hand to help celebrate the debut of the first Alpine County flag last month in Markleeville.

The official flag was unveiled to the public Aug. 21, reports Irving Krauss of Markleeville. Chairman of the Alpine County board of Supervisors Don Jardine dedicated the flag, which will soon be displayed in capitol rotunda in Sacramento along with the flags of the 57 other California counties.

What makes the flag unique is that the design was done by Kevin Jones, an Alpine resident, whose design was selected out of 13 entered into a flag design competition.

Judges were from the Alpine Arts Commission and the Alpine County Chamber of Commerce.

The flag measures 4 feet by 6 feet and was hand-stitched by a professional flagmaker. Jones' design features an outline of the county and within it an eagle soaring over snow-covered mountains, blue waters and green valleys.

Jones earned a prize of \$200 for coming in first place in the contest. Second place was won by Leona Mendenhall, who received \$100, and Barbara Jones, third, took home \$50 in prize money.

Other designs to place were those

of Len Jacques, Rhiana Jones and Jennifer Vaughn, who received honorable mentions. Krauss reported

that Diane Lipscomb, interim arts commission director, took the flag to Sacramento.

# 1896: Death by bicycle riding

100 YEARS AGO  
Genoa Weekly Courier  
Friday, Sept. 11, 1896

**D**EATHS RECENTLY. Henry Vallem, son of Peter Vallem, aged 20 years, died last Wednesday night at his home in Diamond Valley, Alpine county, Calif. He had been sick about two weeks. He will be buried at 1 o'clock today at Mottsville.

A cousin of the deceased, William Trimmer, died suddenly in San Francisco last Tuesday night. William Trimmer was a brother of Edward Trimmer of Carson Valley. He leaves a wife and three children

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and a sister, Mrs. H.B. Millard of Carson. He was 35 years old. Death was due to a throat affliction, brought on by excessive bicycle riding.

**NEW CANDIDATE.** In another column, Murvin B. Seaman announces himself as a candidate for Assemblyman from Douglas county. Mr. Seaman says he has always been a Republican, that he is yet a Republican, but that he cannot go the gold standard platform. He is sound on the silver question and expresses himself as deeply interested in the welfare of our county and State.

**CHURCH SERVICES.** J.A. Davis and E. Morgan, ministers of the Reorganized Church of Latter Day Saints, will hold services at the church in Genoa next Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

**REWARD.** The engineer who shot train robber Morgan near Sacramento has been presented by the Southern Pacific Company with a gold watch, suitably engraved, and a check for \$250.

# Magical Moonshine coming to Alpine

Magical Moonshine Theatre will tell folktales through puppets, large masks and music on Wednesday, Sept. 25, at Diamond Valley School, Woodfords. The theatre will offer an assembly, puppet workshop and an evening performance.

Magical Moonshine Theatre presents to the students "Animal Folktales of the Americas," a unique multicultural dramatic series of traditional stories told on the American continents.

The stories range from Native American coyote stories to tales from Southeast Asia and even "The Tales of Br'er Rabbit" with African roots.

Since MMT's founders Michael and Valerie Nelson created "Animal Folktales" in 1980, they have toured extensively in the U.S. to enthusiastic audiences and have

been applauded internationally from India to Hong Kong, London to Mexico.

"The Bear Flag Show," their newest production, dramatizes the Bear Flag Incident of 1846, one of the most colorful adventures in California history, involving some of the most famous historical characters — General Vallejo, John Fremont and Kit Carson.

In 1846 thirty-three frontiersmen from the Sacramento and Napa Valleys stormed into the Mexican town of Sonoma, Calif., and arrested General Mariano Vallejo while proclaiming the "new country" of California. They elected a president, raised their flag with a bear and a star on it and three weeks later the new country fell apart.

The Bear Flag incident took place without violence on either

side. In fact, General Vallejo himself invited the armed Bear Flaggers in for refreshments.

Subsequently when California did become a part of the U.S., Vallejo worked with the new government and helped write the new state's constitution, in which he stood up for the rights of women, and he served on the California State Legislature.

The public performance will be 7 p.m. at the school in Woodfords. Admission is \$5 adults, \$1 children, with tickets sold at the door.

This event is made possible by the Alpine County Arts Commission and is supported in part with funds from the National Endowment for the arts, a federal agency, and the California Arts Council, a state agency.

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# Booth spaces available in Alpine

## Chili Challenge, Faire is set for this weekend

Booth spaces are still available at the Country Chili Challenge and Community Faire in Woodfords this weekend.

Antiques, collectibles, crafts, arts and other specialities will be on sale at the faire, says Lynda Kirby, one of the event organizers.

Alpine County Senior Center will hold a yard sale and a dunk tank will be offered. Along with a car show courtesy of the Valley Cruisers there will be a variety of entertainment including the Highland dancers and Mississippi Mitch.

Indian tacos will be sold but people may also eat chili by acting as spectator judges for the Country Chili Challenge.

The Chili Challenge is not a sanctioned chili cookoff, so beans may be included in the recipe, Kirby said.

Number one on the list of the Chili Challenge rules is "Have fun!" she said. Cooks may not use precooked ingredients except their beans, and they must provide their own stove, table and utensils.

Canned tomatoes, tomato sauce, peppers and spices may be used, and meat may be preground or precut, but not treated in any other way. All preparation must take place during the event.

Chili will be judged by spectators who purchase tasting kits for \$1 — they get a cup, spoon, crackers and napkin, plus a ballot.

On Saturday, judges will



CHILI CHALLENGE. Lynda Kirby holds a flier for the coming Woodfords event this weekend. R-C photo by Joyce Hollister

decide who makes the best chili among two kinds, the home-cooked chili and chili made by professional cooks. First, second and third places will be awarded.

On Sunday, the winner of each category on Saturday will compete for prize money and the revolving trophy.

Cooking begins at 9:30 a.m. and spectator tasting begins at 3:30 p.m. Booths will be decorated and also judged.

There also will be a bake sale,

buttons, hats and sunscreen for sale as well as soda, beer and wine. Other nonprofit organizations to take part are Alpine Kids, Alpine Children's Center, Woodfords Fire Department, Choices for Children, PAL, DARE, Friends of the Library, Chamber of Commerce, Alpine County Tobacco Control and the Alpine Arts Commission.

Booth applications are still being taken. For information, call (916) 694-2930.

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# Washoe Tribe gives \$25,000 to campus

**Donation:** Member says tribe focuses on urging students to go to college

by **Joyce Hollister**  
Staff Writer

The Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California, showing its support for higher education for its youth, donated \$25,000 to the Western Nevada Community College Douglas County campus.

"In our surveys in our community, education is the number one priority," said C. Ann Wade, a member of the council who pushed for increasing the college campus donation from a proposed \$5,000 to \$25,000 at a recent Washoe Tribal Council meeting.

Wade is an Alpine County, Calif. supervisor and a member of the Woodfords Community Council based in Woodfords, Calif.

"I want the tribe to show that education is important. The Washoe people who attend [the new campus] can be proud that they donated to the construction."

Wade has long been interested in developing educational resources for Washoe students, finding money to set up tutoring sites and keeping them going.

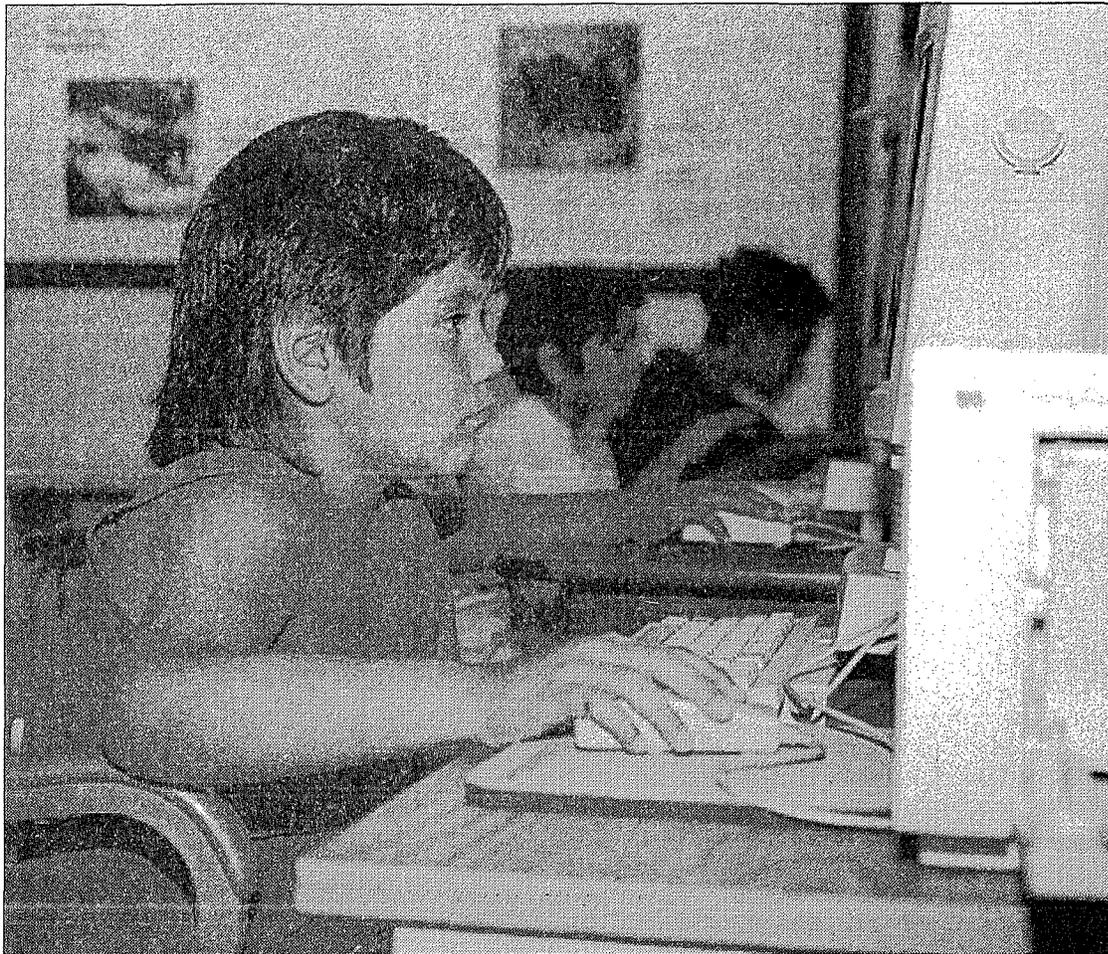
"We really have cut the dropout rate in high school," Wade added. In June, the Washoe senior students attending at Douglas High School from Woodfords all graduated.

"It's a goal that has been on going in our community — to get our kids through high school. Now we want them to go to college. We have been working the past two years to get them into college. Last year, a majority of Washoe high school graduates did go on to college."

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**C. Ann Wade**  
**Tribal Council member**

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**COLLEGE-BOUND.** The Washoe Tribe is encouraging kids to look ahead to college.

Guerrall may well attend college in Douglas County a few years from now. R-C photo by Toni Pete, front, Jordan Jim and Julian Belinda Grant

## Washoe Tribe: Donates to campus

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Having a campus in Carson Valley will greatly help them achieve this goal, according to Wade.

"I think it brings it closer to the people," she said. "For a lot of our people — the Washoe people — it's easier to access. Right now our people who live in Woodfords, they go to [college in] Lake Tahoe or Carson. Sometimes they can't go to Lake Tahoe because of the snow, and Carson is a long way off.

"Gardnerville will be closer to more of them."

Wade said the tribe has more money now for education, and

she felt it was important for the Washoe people to show support for higher education.

"I asked the council to give as much as we could because we have more resources now, and I wanted us to give something back to our community," she said.

"We want to encourage our young people to reach for higher goals."

Wade also said that Washoe students are likely to take classes in the two-year vocational programs as well as the two-year pre-university programs.

The donation brings down the total needed to raise for the WNCC Douglas campus to

\$215,000, according to Helaine Jesse, director of development for the college.

"Washoe youths as well as all of Douglas County will benefit by this donation," Jesse said. "This is a real commitment."

A Douglas County Task Force is working on encouraging other donations to finish the campaign in time for the college opening in the fall of 1997.

A groundbreaking for the new campus was held Sept. 12 at Bently Science Park on land donated by Don Bently to WNCC.

For information, call the WNCC Douglas office at 782-2413.

**10 YEARS AGO**  
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**WOODFORDS WOMAN WINS RACE.**

**W** Linda Mantynen of Woodfords sped away with top honors in the Silver State Classic Half Marathon Sunday at Bowers Mansion. Mantynen emerged as the overall woman's winner as she covered the 13.1-mile distance in a time of 1 hour, 27 minutes and 13 seconds. Kathy Ceragioli, also of Woodfords, was close behind the runner-up position with a 1:28:49 clocking.

Oct 2, 1996

# Alpine restaurant manager takes trophy

On Saturday, Sept. 21 cooks competed in Woodfords to find out who made the most crowd-pleasing chili.

The professional cooks (those who cook for a living) were competing against other professional cooks, and the home cooks (those who cook because) competed against other home cooks.

One hundred and eight votes were cast by some of those attending the first annual Woodfords' Community Faire and Country Chili Challenge. First place for home cooks went to "Right on the Money," a group from Lakeview Mortgage in Gardnerville.

Second place went to Dawn Riddle and third to Gary and Wanda Coyan.

First place for professional cook went to Marci Milich, manager of the Alpine Restaurant, and second place to Bob Desrosier from Sorensen's Resort.

Dawn Riddle won the showmanship trophy for the best decorated booth.

On Sunday, Sept. 22, top professional chili cook Milich and top



Marci Milich, manager Alpine Restaurant, receives the Country Chili Challenge's prize trophy from Edie Veatch, coordinating director, Alpine Kids. Alpine Kids photo

home cook Right on the Money had a showdown to see who would take home the prize trophy.

This time, 98 votes were cast, and Milich won the trophy with her "Laramie Street Chili."

Milich has already challenged every cook she knows in Alpine and Douglas County to try to take it away from her next year. The

date has been set for the second annual Woodfords' Community Faire and Country Chili Challenge.

Dates are Sept. 20 and 21, 1997 and the place is Old Pony Express Road in Woodfords, Calif. Proceeds from the Community Faire go to benefit the Alpine Kids program.

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# OBITUARIES

## "Chuck" Keebaugh

Long-time Woodfords, Calif. resident, Charles "Chuck" Keebaugh died at his residence Oct. 21.

He was 55.

A general building contractor in both the state of California and Nevada, he was known throughout Alpine County and Carson Valley.

Survivors include his wife Karen of Woodfords, Calif.; daughter and son-in-law, Dayla and Gary Limb of Gardnerville; son, daughter-in-law and grandson, Clayton, Carrie and Caylin Keebaugh of Woodfords; stepdaughters Keri and Korrie Callison of Woodfords; sister and brother-in-law, Jeanette and Gordon Bothwell of Aptos, Calif.; a niece and two nephews.

No services are planned. Friends and acquaintances are welcome to visit the family.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Markleeville and Woodfords Volunteer Fire Departments, P.O. Box 45, Markleeville, Calif. 96120.

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## **BIRTHS**

## EDITOR:

Thanks to The Record-Courier for your excellent coverage about the American Land Conservancy and the Quality of Life measure on the November ballot.

Harriet Burgess of the American Land Conservancy played a major part in preserving beautiful Hope Valley in Alpine County. It now belongs to all of us to enjoy, whether for fishing, hiking, or cross-country skiing, or just looking at the lovely fall colors of its aspens. This is something wonderful to leave future generations.

As former residents of Minden who do 95 percent of our shopping in Douglas County, we are more than agreeable to pay one-fourth of a penny tax to preserve the quality of life here. Wall-to-wall building, with its costs in public services and air pollution, is something few would like to see. But preservation of some precious lands in Douglas County for families here, as well as for tourists and shoppers, is something we all can support.

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**Irving Krauss and Wilma Rule**

Woodfords, Oct. 27

# Kirkwood, Sierra-at-Tahoe hope for Thanksgiving week openings

by **Tim Ball**  
Sports Editor

Boreal sold out.

Kirkwood is confident they'll get the same result when they open their gates for another wild season of skiing and snowboarding, sooner or later.

And they're hoping it'll be sooner rather than later.

But, unlike Boreal, Kirkwood relies mainly on Mother Nature, not the Man-made Snow Wizard. So, instead of just hoping for below-freezing temperatures, Kirkwood's employees must hope for precipitation accompanying the low temps.

Kirkwood's snowmaking system will not be operational until the end of the month, making it available for snowmaking into the first part of December.

This is the first season Kirkwood has had such a system, so it's unclear exactly how much it will be relied upon.

Very unclear. Although Kirkwood execs hope that it won't be necessary at all, the snow that's fallen thus far is light and dry. As any skier will point out, that's great for midseason snowfall, but not so good for building a base.

They're hoping for about another foot and a half of snow before opening, and, weather depending, Kirkwood is looking at a possible Thanksgiving Day opening.

Of course, if the snow is there, they'll open sooner, and are anticipating a sell-out the first day, according to public relations officials.

A Thanksgiving opening is also in sight for Sierra-at-Tahoe this year, although they too are hoping more nat-

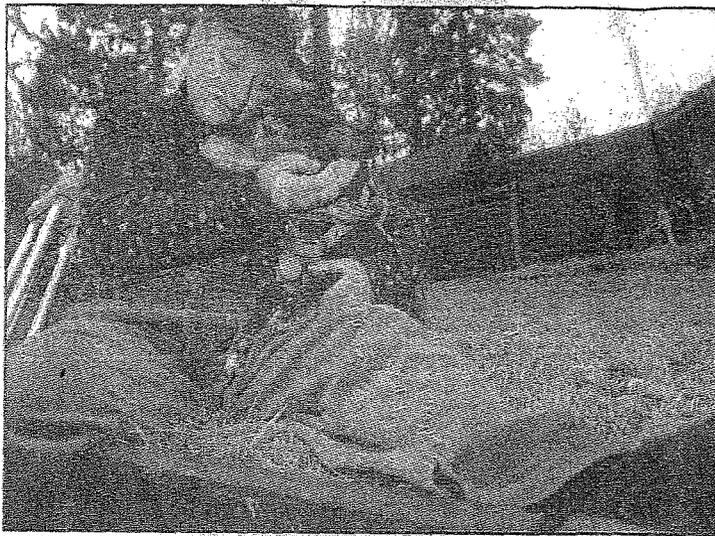
ural snowfall will grace the Sierras before that time, enabling them to use some of their three new express quad chairlifts: the Grand View Express, Easy Rider Express and West Bowl Express.

Those new Doppelmayr chairlifts, according to Sierra, ensure the utmost in lift reliability, enhance efficiency and allow all guests more time on the slopes.

And \$5 lift tickets will be available this season for children ages 6-12 every day.

Complimentary instruction is also available for high intermediate and advanced (level 6 and up) skiers and snowboarders at daily Skill Improvement Clinics. New rental equipment also graces the ski shop at Sierra. One thousand pairs of new Dynastar Big Max super sid-cut skis are the hot new items to hit Sierra's rental shops.

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Dan Thrift/Tahoe Tribune

**Pamela Guzzi and her dog relax recently in South Lake Tahoe. Guzzi was hiking in Alpine County last week when she accidentally stepped on a beaver trap.**

# Beaver traps pose veiled threat to hikers

**By Jenifer Ragland**  
Tribune Staff Writer

A South Lake Tahoe woman is on a mission to prevent her unfortunate experience from happening to anyone else.

Pamela Guzzi said when she was hiking on a popular trail at Woods Lake in Alpine County she accidentally stepped on a beaver trap that was hidden in a shallow portion of the water.

Sustaining injuries that have kept her on crutches and out of work for the past week, Guzzi wants to see current laws changed so that trappers are forced to clearly mark areas where the traps may be hidden.

California Department of Fish and Game Warden Norman Reuther said as of Nov. 1, when the beaver season opened, if people have a license and are using the proper technique in setting traps, it is perfectly legal.

He also said nothing requires trappers to warn people about where the traps are set.

Guzzi said Reuther told her it is more beneficial to

the trappers if they don't post warning signs, because people would most likely spring the traps.

"I think that's wrong ... a child could have been killed," Guzzi said. "I'm willing to take it all the way to the (California state) Legislature if I have to do that to get this changed."

Reuther said this particular case is still under investigation, but he said from what he has seen so far, there was not much illegal activity on the part of the trappers.

"I have not found any gross violations," he said. "As far as I know, they had a license."

According to Fish and Game officials, depredation permits are also issued for beaver removal if the animals are causing property damage.

But within the scope of the season and on public lands, the beavers are fair game for anyone with a trapping license.

Guzzi said the accident happened last weekend when she was hiking on U.S. Forest Service land between

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Caples Lake and Red Lake, about 20 miles from Lake Tahoe off of State Route 88.

She said her dog was playing in the water when the dog got stuck in the wire that holds the trap.

"I went to help her out and my leg slipped into a (beaver) canal," she said. "I felt a sudden bang on my leg, like someone hit it with a baseball bat, and I saw this metal device clamped around my knee."

Guzzi said she was treated for her injuries, which included contusions on her knee and fingers, with possible tendon damage.

While she is concerned with her own situation, Guzzi said her main goal is to warn others about the hazard of the traps.

"My biggest concern is that where they put these traps is right along the path where everyone walks along the lake shore," she

said. "There were footprints out there of small children and tracks from cross-country skiers. That is a very popular area — there's a paved road right up to the lake."

Guzzi said the type of trap she got caught in is held in place by a green-colored wooden stake, about a half inch to an inch in diameter and about 3 feet long.

Anyone who sees something resembling this should stay away from the area, she said.

Fish and Game Senior Wildlife Biologist Ron Bertram said he has never heard of a case where a person was caught in a beaver trap.

"That sounds like a fluke thing," he said. "There are so few people that trap beaver and so few people who would be hiking around in beaver ponds in this cold weather."

Dawn Armstrong, executive director of the Lake Tahoe Humane Society, said it is not uncommon for other wildlife and domestic animals to get caught in beaver traps that are set all around the basin.

# Many new projects in the works for Kirkwood

By Jenifer Ragland

Tribune Staff Writer

The fruits of a master plan 24 years in the making are finally starting to show at Kirkwood Ski Resort.

Tania Magidson, Kirkwood spokeswoman, said all of the redevelopment that will change the face of the mountain over the next decade has been planned since the resort opened in 1972.

But a shortage of funds and, in at least one season, a shortage of snow, caused the projects to be put on hold, she said.

Now, the visions of original shareholder Bud Klein and big investors Telluride Ski and Golf Company are being realized.

This summer marked the beginning of the Kirkwood Mountain Village Center, a 15-year-long development that will eventually include a first-class hotel, outdoor ice skating rink and a retail plaza filled with coffeehouses, shops and restaurants.

"It's the spectacular beauty of Kirkwood and its diverse terrain that make the village really work," said Tim Cohee, Kirkwood chief operating officer. "The ability to develop a world-class ski village is possible in large part because Kirkwood is a world-class ski mountain."

The first step, now under construction, is the Lodge at Kirkwood, a \$10 million, four-story hotel-condominium featuring 19 one-to-four bedroom units and a lobby with fireplace and bar, all at the base of the chair lifts for easy skiing access.

Magidson said the condominiums, which ranged in price from \$250,000 to \$650,000, sold out within the first week they were put on the market.

Once the season begins, construction on the Lodge will stop and continue next spring, with expected completion in December 1997.

Two new developments that will be open to the public this ski season are two centers designed for specific interests, Magidson said.

The Snowboard Center, built in response to increasing demand for the sport, is a \$500,000 facility offering more than 300 snowboards and 500 pairs of boots for rent, 70 percent of which are new.

An assortment of Burton, Morrow, Rossignol and Sims freestyle and freeride boards will be available, in children and adult sizes.

The Children's Center, located at Timber Creek Lodge, is also a million-dollar facility, designed to make it easier for parents to leave their children in the care of Kirkwood's ski school instructors.

The center will include a ski rental shop, lunch room, play room and drop-off area steps away from beginner runs and a new freestyle park designed for first-time skiers, Magidson said.

"Everyone is really excited to see the mountain grow and meet its potential," Magidson said. "It feels like we are on the ground floor of something really special."

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more complicated, Magidson assured that the resort has adequate power to accommodate current development, plus a little more for the future.

She said the limited supply could not power the chair lifts, facilities and snowmaking all at once. But because snowmaking is rarely done during resort operation hours anyway, she does not see it as a problem.

"We just have to be careful about when we operate it (snowmaking)," she said. "We are ex-

ploring other options for the future, and I have no doubt we will find them."

When Kirkwood first developed into a ski resort in 1972, the area was a meadow surrounded by mountains, with no power, water or sewer lines, Magidson said.

In order to make the resort come to life, landowners had to turn Kirkwood into a self-contained community, which resulted in the creation of its own public utility district and power company.

Broadhurst said the least expensive option at the time was to use diesel generators to power ski lifts, a few residential homes and lodges — because of the area's

very small population.

He said Kirkwood now has about 100 permanent residents.

Daven Oswald, communications director for the State Air Quality Control Board, said a good diesel generator is an efficient source of power.

"Actually, California has some of the cleanest burning diesel in the country," Oswald said. "It's a lot cleaner than the diesel you would buy from, say, back East."

Broadhurst said expanding the generator system could end up being more costly than bringing in an outside power line, because of environmental regulation expenses that process may incur.

However, he said adding more generators would not be environmentally impossible.

Radomski said if the power line option is chosen, it would only be a distribution line voltage, and would mostly be upgrading existing Pacific Gas & Electric lines.

With all factors considered, Radomski said the power line "may be a better situation than (Kirkwood residents) find themselves in now."

Long-term plans for the resort include increasing the number of and upgrading existing chair lifts, as well as more housing, commercial space and amenities, Broadhurst said.

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# Kirkwood examining alternative power sources

By Jenifer Ragland  
Tribune Staff Writer

In order to accommodate future growth at Kirkwood Ski Resort, officials are looking at expanding the power source that has served the tiny ski town for more than 20 years.

Joe Broadhurst, vice president of mountain operations, said Kirkwood's facilities are currently run on six diesel generators through Kirkwood Gas & Electric — the area's own power company.

Broadhurst, who is also general manager of KG&E, said with the projected development over the next 10 to 15 years at Kirkwood, some additional source of power

*“ We're looking at all possibilities right now. ”*

— Joe Broadhurst  
Vice president of mountain operations

will be necessary.

“We're looking at all possibilities right now,” he said. “We are investigating having a service line come in vs. possibilities of expanding our existing power generation capabilities.”

Sierra Pacific Power Company is conducting a four-year study, commissioned by Kirkwood, that will determine if a power line into the area is environmentally and finan-

cially feasible, said Bob Radomski, director of wholesale sales at Sierra Pacific.

Radomski said the long and involved process includes obtaining permits from various agencies, holding public hearings and doing impact studies.

“It may impact the environment more to add more diesel generators than put in a power line,” he said.

“But you have to have a certain load in the area, otherwise it isn't worth it.”

Rumors circulated recently have questioned whether Kirkwood will have enough power and water to support a new snowmaking process and millions of dollars in new development that has gone up over the summer.

But Tania Magidson, Kirkwood spokeswoman, said officials have secured water rights and permits for the snowmaking — intake lines, which are being installed now, will pump water from Caples Lake.

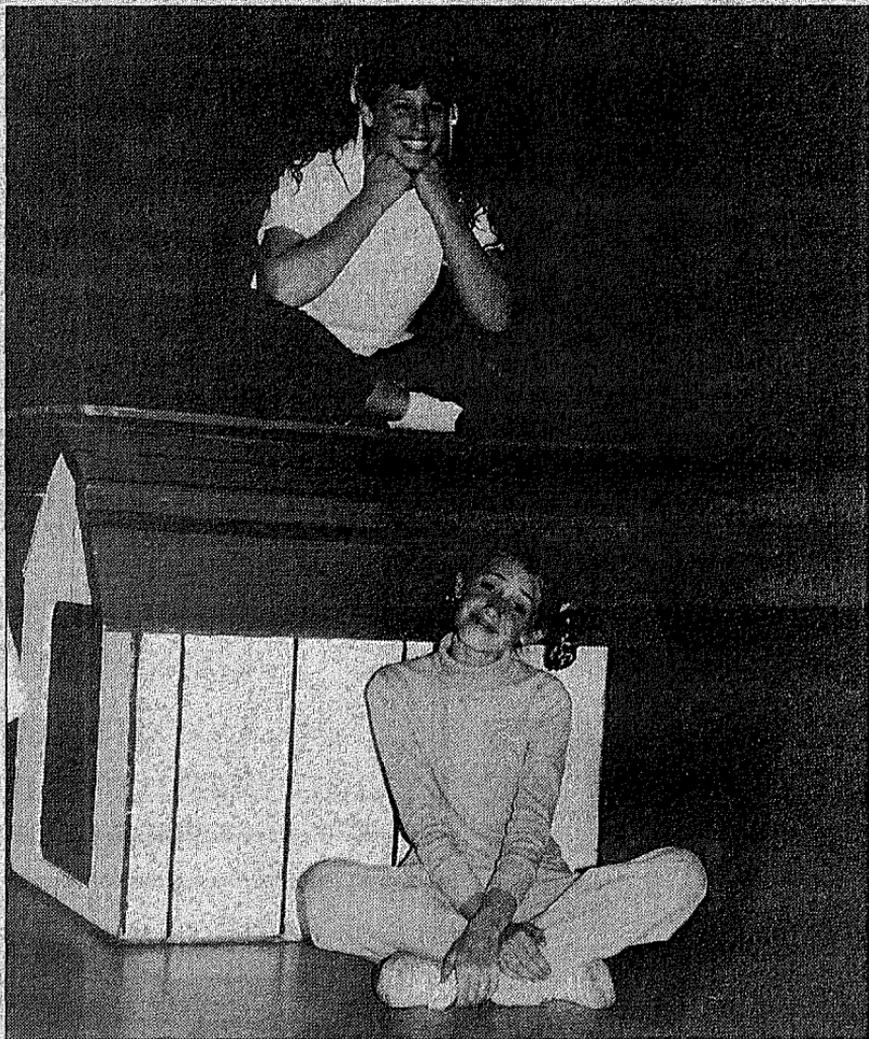
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The Lilliput Players offer "Charlie Brown."

## 'Charlie Brown' set for Diamond Valley

On Dec. 6, the Alpine County Arts Commission will host a performance of the Broadway musical hit "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown."

The Lilliput Players, the popular company of young actors based in Nevada City, bring to life the beloved comic strip characters Lucy, her brother Linus, the Classical music piano-playing Schroeder, the loveable dog Snoopy and his bird friend Woodstock, unfocused Patty, and, of course, Charlie Brown.

Stephanie Riggio of Los Angeles directs the show and David Thome from Broadway's "Sunset Boulevard" choreographed it.

For the last seven years, the Lilliput Players have entertained audiences by bringing live theatre to their peers and families. The group's primary base is Nevada City, but it also works out of Arizona and conducts winter engage-

ments in Mexico.

The young people in the group not only perform drama multilingually, but they also attend school and get good grades.

Following the performance, the cast will meet with the audience to answer questions and discuss aspects of theatre and the performance in particular.

Adults, as well as the younger audience, enjoy the songs with the entire cast singing "Happiness," "Baseball Game," and Snoopy's fabulous "Supper time."

The performance is at 7 p.m. at the Diamond Valley School in Woodfords, one quarter mile from the junction of Highway 88 and 89; turn in at Hawkside Road to the parking lot.

Admission is \$5 for adults and \$1 for children. Tickets are available at the door. For further information, call the Alpine County Arts Commission at (916) 694-2787.

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# Markleeville man arrested for DUI

■ A Markleeville, Calif. man was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol early Monday morning on Highway 395 at Muller Lane.

Mark Kevin Jones, 44, was observed by deputies nearly running the stop sign on Genoa Lane at Highway 395. Deputies also observed that the suspect's vehicle had a headlight out and expired registration tags.

Deputies stopped the vehicle and Jones told them he had no registration or insurance. Deputies allegedly noticed an odor of alcohol coming from Jones who told them he had consumed two beers that evening. Jones allegedly failed sobriety tests and was transported to jail where he was shown to have a .21 blood alcohol level through a breath test.

## SHERIFF'S REPORT

## Gladys Loganbill

Gladys E. Loganbill, 89, long-time resident of Alpine County, died Oct. 27, in Reno.

A private graveside service, conducted by the Rev. Pete Nelson of Carson Valley United Methodist Church, was held at Fredericksburg Cemetery on Nov. 2.

Mrs. Loganbill was born on Dec. 22, 1906 in Defender, Calif. to George W. and Mary McKenzie Sheppard. She attended high school in Placerville, received her elementary teaching credential from San Jose State College in 1927, and earned her master's degree in education from the University of California in Berkeley.

She began her teaching career at the Fredericksburg School in Alpine County, where she boarded with the Fred Bruns family. She and Elmer F. Bruns were married on June 4, 1932. Mr. Bruns died in December, 1937.

On Dec. 18, 1941, she was married to Roy E. Loganbill, who preceded her in death on Feb. 9, 1969. They lived in Fredericksburg and had two children, Beverly DeBusk of Denver, Colo. and Wayne Loganbill of Reno.

A dedicated educator, Mrs. Loganbill served as Alpine County superintendent of schools for eight years. She was a charter member of the Alpine County Mothers' Club, belonged to the Order of Eastern Star, Carson Valley Homemakers and the Carson Valley United Methodist Church.

In fragile health, she had lived primarily at the home of her son in Reno for the past 10 years. Other family members preceding her in death were her parents; sister Lucille Delp; and brothers George and Walter Sheppard. Surviving in addition to her children are sisters Elva Busher of San Francisco, Calif. and Merle Bruns of Fredericksburg; brother Mervin Sheppard of Sutter Creek, Calif.; grandsons Gregory DeBusk of Fort Irwin, Calif., Jeffrey DeBusk who is currently stationed with the U. S. Army in Germany; and many nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Carson Valley United Methodist Church Building Fund, P.O. Box 278, Gardnerville 89410.

Walton's Chapel of the Valley in Carson City was in charge of the services.

Record Courier Dec 4, 1996

# Kirkwood offers ski teams

## Also a Jr. Team Series, Snowboard team

The Kirkwood Ski Education Foundation (KSEF) is pleased to announce a new program for youth skiers who would like to be introduced to a professional ski program.

"We see a need for a part-time program for kids who may only come up to Kirkwood for one day on the weekend," KSEF Program Director Darryl Whitaker commented.

Because of this need, the Kirkwood Flyers are now forming.

Two six-week sessions will be available to skiers ages 8 to 14. Session No. 1 begins Jan. 4 when the Flyers will meet their professional coaches/instructors for the next five consecutive Saturdays.

Session No. 2 will begin Feb. 15 and end March 22. "We hope to get those kids and their families, who love skiing Kirkwood, an opportunity to come up here and be a part of a successful program with the feel of a team," added Whitaker.

Skiers should be at least a high intermediate ability. The cost for each six-week session is \$170 and will include a lift ticket for that day. If the skier has a season pass, the cost is \$140 for the session.

The focus of these six-week programs will be to teach the ath-

letes the skills needed for moguls, powder, racing and overall mountain awareness that is needed at Kirkwood.

For more information, or to sign up for the "Kirkwood Flyers" please call the Kirkwood Flyer hotline at: (209) 258-8370 or KSEF at: (209) 258-5733.

**Tobacco-Free Kirkwood Jr. Team Series:** The very popular "Tobacco-Free" Jr. Team Series will again kick off this season at the Kirkwood Resort.

This free race series allows kids of all abilities to participate in a fun ski race and be an important contribution to the team.

Similar to Little League, kids will tryout on Saturday, Jan. 18 and Sunday, Jan. 19.

"The coaches will select teams who are sponsored by different businesses in the community," Whitaker says.

The races will take place once a month on Sundays starting Jan. 26 and ending April 20.

"In its first year, we had 70 kids sign up for six teams. This year we hope to have over 100 athletes participating, learning and having fun," Whitaker commented.

For more information and sign-up forms, call KSEF at: (209) 258-

5733.

**Kirkwood Snowboard Team:** The Kirkwood Ski Education Foundation has a snowboard team of riders who meet every weekend at Kirkwood.

In its third year, the team is growing and with the great riding terrain at Kirkwood, the potential for these riders to improve their skills in all aspects of riding is exciting.

This group of riders is coached by Greg Roble, a professional instructor and coach who sees the team growing.

"This group of kids are having a blast working on their carving, jumping and free-riding skills and pushing each other in a fun and exciting manner," Roble said.

"We hope to videotape the athletes in all types of riding, learn how to take care of our equipment and possibly compete in all disciplines of snowboarding."

The Winter Olympics in Nagano, Japan will introduce snowboard competition in 1998 with half-pipe and racing competitions. "It would be great to see an athlete coming from Kirkwood representing the United States in the Olympics in the sport of snowboarding," Roble said.

For more information, call KSEF at: (209) 258-5733.

# Alpine ordered to allow gravel pit

by Nancy C. Thornburg  
Special to the R-C

On Nov. 25, a decision and order were entered in Alpine County Superior Court in the case involving Hubert Bruns vs. Alpine County. Some issues in the case had been addressed in a partial decision and order filed previously; this decision and order addressed the remaining issues. Intervenors in the case were Dorothy Heise adjoining property owner, attorney Timothy Pemberton of Woodfords.

In this decision, Superior Court Judge N. Edward Denton granted the writ of mandate ordering the county to set aside its action revoking the special use permit held by Bruns for the gravel pit operation. Denton also denied Bruns' request for damages and directed that all parties shall bear their own attorney fees.

The matter involves a gravel pit located on the Bruns property in Fredericksburg, north of the Mesa Vista area and west of Foothill Road. The court found that "There is no question here that petitioner [Bruns] applied for and obtained a valid use permit. Nor can any reasonable argument be raised on the basis of the record before this court that there is or was a compelling public necessity warranting the revocation of the permit ... And finally, it cannot be argued that petitioner did nothing after he obtained the permit; as discussed below, the property was in fact operated pursuant to the permit."

The special use permit was applied for by and granted in 1973. The permit was reviewed by Alpine County in 1975 at the insistence of a neighboring landowner who wanted to subdivide. No action was taken at that time to revoke the permit.

The court found that Bruns had acquired a vested right in the mining operation. The county and the intervenors argued that Bruns' failure to conduct mining operations on the property since 1989 defeated the vested right, but the court pointed out that "... it was the county which

demanding a cessation of mining until a reclamation plan [was] approved by the county. It was petitioner's attempt to obtain such a permit which evolved into the permit revocation proceeding which in turn precipitated this lawsuit. It would be unjust in the extreme to punish petitioner by taking away a vested right on the basis of a delay caused by the county's demands and petitioner's attempts to comply with them."

The gravel pit was in operation from 1973 until 1986 when Bruns became involved in legal proceedings with a lessee. Since 1989 operations have been curtailed by the reclamation planning process and then revocation of the permit. Later in 1991 Bruns filed suit in Alpine County Superior Court against Alpine County contending that the supervisors acted improperly. In 1992 Heise and Pemberton who set in motion the use permit revocation, filed a request to become formal parties in the suit and to align with the county. The case has languished in the courts since that time.

The court stated that "The remaining issue here is whether during this protracted period of operations, litigation and delay, petitioner has reasonably complied with the terms and conditions of the permit. The permit had 15 conditions. There are allegations that petitioner failed to comply with 10 of those conditions."

The 10 conditions involved tree planting, access road, traffic, air permit, reclamation, operation hours, containment ponds, water quality, performance bond, and road agreement.

The court found that "There is substantial evidence in the record of compliance with the condition of the permit." In other words, Bruns had complied with all 10 conditions. The court added, "Although it is not a basis for the decisions and orders

herein, the court notes that this case is an example of planning problems in rural and growing areas, and of the need for comprehensive, long-range planning.

The gravel operation, which added to the county's economic base, was apparently not a problem to the citizenry at the outset because of its comparatively remote location. The problem arose in subsequent years as obviously incompatible uses of the rural family variety were permitted. This proceeding then became practically inevitable. The court understands the concerns of those affected, but the record simply does not support interference with a long vested property right."

One other issue addressed by the court was whether John Brissenden, who was a county supervisor at the time, had a conflict in voting for the revocation of the use permit. The alleged conflict of interest had to do with whether gravel trucks going by Brissenden's business, Sorensen's Resort near Hope Valley, would be a financial detriment to his business. "Based on the evidence in the record, or in this case the lack thereof," the court found that Brissenden did not have a conflict of interest "because his vote and participation in the administrative proceedings did not have any reasonably foreseeable material financial effects."

Bruns said that he has indicated throughout the process that he was willing to compromise, to accept reasonable new restrictions, if he could get the permit back. Bruns indicated that he is very pleased that he will finally be able to resume operation of the gravel pit. "The income from this operation will," he said, "enable my family to stay in the ranching business. Profits from the cattle business have been down. We think we can operate a modern gravel pit without people even knowing we're here."

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**CHASE ENDS IN MARKLEEVILLE.** Two men in a stolen taxi led police in a high speed chase through three counties Monday, ending in Alpine County when a sheriff's patrol car was slammed into the cab. David Dobbs and Charles Samson were arrested after the cab veered off a 15-20 foot embankment on Highway 88 and came to rest against a tree. The cab caught on fire but both men escaped injury. Samson, the passenger, was taken into custody immediately. Dobbs took off on foot but later turned himself in when deputies announced over a PA system they were going to release an Alpine County Search and Rescue attack-trained dog.

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# Deserves more

EDITOR

I would like to say I am pleased that the Bruns gravel pit case has finally been resolved and, on the whole, that I believe that justice was done. (R-C Dec. 18). The fact that some people who live in the general area decided that they didn't want a gravel pit there is what some call "The airport syndrome;" buy or build a house next to an airport and then decide you don't like the noise and insist that the airport be moved. The other main argument, backed primarily, I believe, by the Friends of Hope Valley, was that the gravel trucks going up Woodfords canyon obstruct traffic and, therefore, the gravel pit of operation should be shut down. But that argument is ludicrous because trucks will keep going up the canyon as long as there's material in the valley and construction in the Tahoe Basin and points west. All that argument does is penalize a local landowner and taxpayer for no valid reason.

Hubert Bruns says that income from the gravel pit operation will enable his family to stay in the ranching business. Kind of reminds me of the three guys who were talking about what they'd do if they won the lottery. The first fellow, owner of a small mom-and-pop grocery store, said he'd like to buy some new cases and equipment and renovate the store and

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maybe put in a little lunch counter service. The second fellow, who was retired, said he'd like to take his wife on a round-the-world cruise and buy a vacation condo in Hawaii. The third fellow, who was a rancher, said he guessed he'd just keep ranching 'til it was all gone.

I am sorry, however, that the judge denied Bruns' request to be reimbursed for attorney fees. Bruns was on the Alpine County Board of Supervisors for 30-plus years and has served Alpine County as a volunteer in many, many capacities. His family has lived and ranched here for well over a hundred years. The last thing he wants to do is hurt the county. But this was a case of pure, out and out harassment by the county, spearheaded, in my opinion, by a few people with a personal agenda. And it cost Bruns dearly both in significant lost income from the gravel pit operation during the long period when the county wouldn't let him operate the pit and in out-of-pocket costs. I think he deserved better.

**Nancy C. Thornburg**  
Markleeville  
Dec. 16

Cross country skiers Tony Haskins, Lori Haskins, Becky Sarmiento-Calvet and Tom Calvet took advantage of the weather for a trip through Mills Park

during the brunt of the storm Saturday afternoon. Seventeen inches of snow fell in Carson City on Saturday. R-C News Service photo by K.M. Cannon

# Kirkwood's bases up to 14 feet at 9,800'

**by Tim Ball**  
Sports Editor

Snow more than blanketed the valley floor.

Snow slammed into trees, snow downed power lines and snow just down right caused problems.

So, if it was that bad here, imagine what it was like atop Kirkwood's mountain at 9,800 feet.

Bad wouldn't be the word chosen to describe this or any storm at a ski area. Challenging, maybe. Maybe even an inconvenience.

But anytime a ski resort picks up over eight feet of snow in a 48-hour period, they're certainly not going to describe the incident as bad.

That's exactly what happened at Kirkwood Saturday and Sunday. Over eight feet of new snow fell over the

weekend at Kirkwood.

The only bad part would be that very few skiers got to see it in person. Scenic Highway 88 leading in and out of Kirkwood was closed in both directions, if not for snow on the road one second, for zero visibility and whiteout conditions the next.

Frustration began to take over the normally-cheery snow phone message when, at 2 p.m., officials decided to

shut down for the day, since they weren't making a whole lot of money with five lifts open and no one on them.

Bases at the resort now top the 14-foot mark, an incredible statistic, especially for this early in the season.

And (big storm day) Saturday was the first day of winter. What a way for Old Man Winte to make his presence known.

Kirkwood's snow phone number is: (209) 258-3000.

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# Kirkwood Resort receives notice of environmental violation

## District concerned about pollution

By Jenifer Ragland  
Tribune Staff Writer

A diesel-engine plant that has powered Kirkwood Ski Resort for the past 20 years may be in violation of both state and federal environmental regulations.

The Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District issued Kirkwood Gas & Electric — the resort's own power company — notices of violation for operating the generator plant without a permit and for possibly breaking state air quality standards for nitrogen dioxide, said Duane Ono, deputy air pollution officer.

The district, which governs Alpine, Mono and Inyo counties, is concerned that the gas is being converted to nitrates as it comes into the Lake Tahoe Basin, which could potentially add to the acidity of the lake and to the degradation of the water's clarity, Ono said.

Kara Christenson, staff attorney for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, said the EPA charges that construction of the power plant without a permit is an infraction of a "prevention of significant deterioration" provision in the Clean Air Act. She said she does not see the power plant as a critical health problem in any way, however.

"It probably would have been legal if they had gotten the permit way back when," she said.

Tim Cohee, president of Kirkwood Re-

sort Co., denied the allegations, saying that KG&E never needed a permit from either agency because the power plant runs on a fraction of its capacity on an annual basis.

However, he said Kirkwood has agreed to a voluntary settlement to end the dispute.

"Our position is that we are not in violation of the codes, but in the spirit of being responsible to the environment, we are going to move on, do the right thing and run a cleaner plant," Cohee said. "The settlement has nothing to do with our guilt or innocence."

He said the agreement will most likely result in controls being put on the engines so as to dramatically reduce pollution — a \$1 million upgrade.

"This has nothing to do with today's

operation (of the ski resort) or tomorrow's operation," Cohee said. "Moving ahead with our development plan, it makes sense to do it now rather than later."

Ono said while the three parties are getting close to an agreement, the matter is ultimately up to the seven-member board that governs the district. The board is expected to make a decision at a public hearing in the next couple of months.

"The hearing is to take the issue to the board and have them approve an agreement as to how Kirkwood can come to compliance with the regulations," Ono said. "But the board could change its mind."

Ono said the district only became

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aware of the six-diesel-engine power plant four years ago, even though it has existed since 1978.

"Because of the size, we thought it probably needed to be looked at," he said.

But Cohee said the size of the plant is irrelevant because seven or eight months out of the year, only one generator is running.

"I can't dispute that enough — the plant has never run at full capacity," he said. "We almost never run more than three."

Ono said the original violation notice was issued more than a year ago, and most of the time it has been a matter of trying to work with Kirkwood.

"At one point, it didn't look like they were ever going to get there," he said.

The air pollution control officer for district then submitted to the board a petition for an abatement order for KG&E, as an "incentive to comply," Ono said.

Ono said he hopes to have an

agreement in place before taking it to the board, so the matter can be settled and will not have to go to court.

In the 1970s Kirkwood founders decided to run the resort on generators because at the time, the need for power was so small that it was not worth bringing in an outside power line.

Now, officials are considering other alternatives, including installing a line with Sierra Pacific Power Company.

The company was recently hired by Kirkwood to do a four-year impact study on the possibility.

Officials previously said the reason for the study was to help accommodate the resort's 10-year master plan, which projects considerable growth for the tiny ski town.

The Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District Board will hold a hearing at 10 a.m. Feb. 5, at the Alpine County Administrative Center in Markleeville.

The public is invited to attend and may submit written statements on the matter at least five days before the date of the hearing.

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# Alpine to decide on levee rocks

By Tim Anderson  
RENO GAZETTE-JOURNAL

Bureaucratic red tape continues to snag plans for emergency repairs to a key Carson River levee washed away by floodwaters earlier this year.

The critical project along the fifth green of Carson Valley Golf Course has been delayed to at least the middle of next week as Alpine County officials decide whether to provide a tentative permit to a Fredricksburg quarry operator.

But even as that evolves, federal and Douglas County officials are looking at the possibility of using rock from a nearby quarry on Forest Service land.

A spokesman for Sen. Richard Bryan, D-Nev., said Friday he's hopeful the issue will be resolved over the next few days.

"For now, the project is back on hold again. We're doing what we can to get this moving, but it's been very frustrating," said Tom Baker, Bryan's Carson City-based rural Nevada director.

He said he was informed Friday morning that whether quarry owner Hubert Bruns can begin providing rock for the levee hinges on approval by the Alpine County Commission. The commissioners are scheduled to meet Tuesday.

After several days of prodding from federal and Douglas County officials, Baker said Alpine County decided Thursday to allow the quarry to operate while a mandatory state reclamation plan was being reviewed. Part of the plan has been submitted and the remainder is expected to be completed by Monday.

"Alpine County is being very cautious," Baker said. "In view of that, we're going to take a close look at how the Forest Service might be able to help."

He said agency officials were planning to meet Friday with representatives of Steelhead Construction, the contractor for the \$86,000 project, with an eye toward using rock from a Forest Service quarry for at least part of the riprap work.

Levee repairs are also planned soon for Washoe tribal land along the river directly upstream from the golf course.

January's flooding caused widespread damage to the residential area surrounding River-view Drive in Gardnerville Ranchos. Concern among residents about the possibility of high water from spring runoff has prompted Douglas County officials to try to get the work done quickly.

But Alpine County officials said their hands are tied because of state mine regulations. Also, the county has been threatened with legal action from a property owner adjacent to the Bruns quarry if regulations aren't followed.

# Mono: 395 to reopen

**County officials:** The bad news is no one knows when

by **Lorna McDaniel**  
Staff Writer

Flood damage will keep Highway 395 closed 16 miles south of the California state line, north of Coleville for several months, according to Caltrans officials.

However, a Caltrans official said the road department could not estimate how long the highway will remain closed.

The 12-mile washout has cut off users from Coleville and Walker to Bridgeport, Calif.

Travelers heading south on Highway 395 to Bridgeport can use the alternate route at Holbrook Junction. The detour reconnects with Highway 395 about 50 miles to the south at Bridgeport.

The Holbrook Junction detour utilizes Nevada State Routes 208, 829, 338 and California State Route 82.

Martin Strelneck, Mono County office of emergency services public information officer, said the detour through Sweetwater is only six miles longer than the route through Walker Canyon. He said the detour took about 15 minutes longer than taking Highway 395.

Excluding damages to Highway 395, Walker, Coleville and Topaz sustained \$31 million damages on initial assessment, Strelneck said.

Thirty-four homes were destroyed and

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## Mono: No one knows when 395 will open

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55 others had major damage, he said.

"They had quite a flood down there," he added.

He said displaced residents were relocated with friends and in motels.

Three county bridges were also wiped out by the flood. They have been repaired except for the Eastside Lane Bridge.

Strelneck said the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Office of Emergency Services is in the final phase of damage assessment.

The residents have started to clean but not rebuild, he added.

Officials from Mono County said Monday in a press release that

"public response regarding relief supplies for victims of the Walker flood has been overwhelming."

The emergency services said an adequate supply of food, clothing and cleaning supplies were available to flood victims but more firewood was needed.

Contributions to the Walker Flood Relief Fund, should be made to fund administrators at the Bank of America in Bridgeport or to the American Red Cross, Inyo-Mono Disaster Fund, P.O. Box 573, Bishop, Calif. 93517.

Mono County Sheriff Dan Paranick, also emergency services director, thanked volunteers for their help.

"We've seen contributions of labor and equipment from scores

of private organizations and businesses, all the efforts are coming together."

Paranick also thanked the news media.

"They deserve a lion's share of the credit for the outstanding outpouring of relief supplies made available to the people in the disaster area. The concern shown by private citizens, service clubs, churches and numerous other groups throughout the Eastern Sierra has been overwhelming."

Paranick said information from the federal water master placed the peak flow the evening of Jan. 2 at approximately 14,000 cubic feet per second. Since then, the river flow has been steadily declining with flows last week at 400 cfs.

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## Well-known Alpine educator dies at age 94

Mabel C. Love, 94, well known former teacher in Alpine County, Calif. died Jan. 3 in Citrus Heights, Calif.

A native of Nobles County, Minn., she moved to a farm in Modesto, Calif. with her family when she was a young child.

She graduated from Modesto High School in 1920 and earned a diploma from the State Teachers College in San Jose, Calif. She taught in Santa Cruz County, Stanislaus County and San Jose.

In 1929, she met her husband, Lewis Love, on a vacation trip to Alaska. They were married in 1930 and lived in Burbank, Calif., for four years. While in Burbank, she was active in the women's club, PEO Sisterhood, Red Cross and Young Men's Christian Association.

The couple moved to Modesto and then in 1947, made their home in Alpine County. Mrs. Love taught all eight grades in Alpine County school and was made principal of the school. After 10 years of teaching, she was made superintendent of schools, a position she held for four years.

Mrs. Love served a term on the Alpine County Board of Supervisors, and when the school building became vacant, her volunteer time was spent at the library upstairs and the museum downstairs.

The museum and formation of the Alpine County Historical Society was one of her great interests and she helped publish the book, "Alpine Heritage" to raise funds for the society. She also served on the Alpine County Library Commission.

In May 1996, she moved to Citrus Heights to be near family.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Judge Lewis Love, and four brothers and four sisters.

Survivors include her nephew Jerry Sather and his wife Muriel of Rancho Murietta, Calif. and niece Janice Tow of Somers, Mont.; two cousins; several great-nieces and -nephews; and great-great-nieces and -nephews.

Graveside services were held Jan. 10 at Merrill Cemetery in Alpine County. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alpine



**Mabel Love**

Historical Society or the Alpine County Library.

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# Water war may be shaping up as feds eye Carson River

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**Paiute Tribe:** Challenges Alpine decree which manages distribution of irrigation water to Carson Valley ranchers

by **Shella Gardner**  
Staff Writer

If the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe suc-

ceeds in an effort to appropriate water from the upper Carson Basin, area ranchers and farmers fear they'll be on the endangered species list between the

Lahontan cutthroat trout and the cui-ui fish.

"I was always afraid this day was coming," said Jacques Etchegoyhen, Mack Land and Cattle Co. ranch manager and county commissioner. "I was just hoping it was 10 or 15 years away. All eyes are

looking to the upper Carson River Basin to squeeze more water out."

Members of the Carson Valley Water Authority met Wednesday with representatives of the Indian Hills General Improvement District, Minden Town Board, Gardnerville Town Water Co.,

Douglas County, the Carson Water Sub-conservancy District and ranchers to discuss a letter mailed late last year to federal officials in Washington claiming that the Alpine water rights decree is not being enforced, causing detriment to the Pyra-

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## Water: Feds eye Carson

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mid Lake Paiute Tribe.

Attorney Robert S. Pelcyger of Boulder, Colo., representing the Pyramid Lake Paiutes, claims in a 19-page letter to officials at the federal departments of Justice and Interior that large quantities of Carson River water are being wasted, diversions and deliveries are not controlled and the constraints imposed by the applicable decrees are being disregarded.

Pelcyger already has met with officials in Washington.

Water engineer Jim Vasey told the water authority Wednesday he is concerned the federal government is coming upstream on the Carson River to take action to offset established water users' rights.

The so-called Alpine decree, which spent 55 years in the courts, places the Carson River water on a priority system based on how long users have owned their properties. The older the water rights, the better.

For instance, a rancher with an 1859 priority gets to use the river water before someone with an 1871 right. The water rights become very valuable in property sales, based on the Alpine decree.

Vasey said the state engineer's principal defense to the Pyramid Tribe claim has been that the federal government has no jurisdiction over groundwater in the state of Nevada.

"I don't believe that response will totally cause the issue raised to go away," Vasey said Wednesday. "We need to coordinate the effort required to avoid losing a portion of our surface water or all of the groundwater. The agriculture water users, the municipal purveyors, the Washoe Tribe, all could be adversely affected."

"What this all boils down to is that any groundwater wells that were established after 1902 would not be allowed to pump unless the Lahontan Reservoir is full or likely to be full," said Etchegoyhen.

The Lahontan Reservoir is just outside Fallon, about 50 miles away from Carson Valley.

"I'd say half the time, it's not going to be full," he said. "That means every other year, we can't pump groundwater."

Etchegoyhen said if the Carson Valley's water purveyors — the towns and the general improvement districts — can't use groundwater, the only alternative would be to convert to treating river water, now used by ranchers and farmers.

He described that process as slow and expensive.

"You might as well grab your wallet and hang on," Etchegoyhen said. "If you have to treat surface water, that costs three to four to five times as much. It makes water extremely expensive."

The Pyramid Tribe's goal is more water in Pyramid Lake. One method would be to have less water diverted from the Truckee River through Derby Dam to the Lahontan Reservoir. Claiming additional rights on the Carson River would provide the water for the Lahontan Reservoir.

"The main purpose of this is to close the Derby canal which brings water from the Truckee to the Fallon farmers," Etchegoyhen said. "They want to close the canal off for the fish, for the cui-ui sucker."

The cui-ui is native to Pyramid Lake and listed as an endangered species. But Etchegoyhen argues that Carson Valley has its own high quality of wildlife and is home to the Lahontan Fish Hatchery dedicated to the cutthroat trout, also on the endangered list. The hatchery relies on the Valley's groundwater supply for the trout.

"I was out fixing fences from the flood yesterday and I found a 24-1/2-inch cutthroat," Etchegoyhen said. "I took it up to the river and let him go."

Arnold Settlemeyer talked Wednesday at the water authority

## Area affected by water dispute.

meeting of seeing four bald eagles on the wetlands fed by the Carson River where it intersects his property.

"We have the greenest, prettiest Valley in Nevada," Etchegoyhen said. "This has the potential of erasing all that. It puts a dagger in the heart of Carson Valley and makes everybody's property values go down.

"I can almost guarantee that there will be no endangered species left because we will have paved it all. You'll find yourself 20 years from now waking up and we've become Reno.

"If we make the federal government aware of it, maybe they'll say, 'Hmm, the result is not what we want.' It would make ranching which is not economic today just untenable tomorrow," he said.

Etchegoyhen also predicted that if the effort by the Paiute Tribe is successful, "it puts the great wall of China" around growth in the Carson Valley.

"For instance, the town of Minden is sitting on 12,000 acre feet of water. It's safe to say that's worth \$2,000 per acre foot, but this would make that water not worth 10 cents. Future water rights would be erased. The water would flow into the Carson River and go to Lahontan."

If the Valley loses its groundwater and ranchers sell off surface water to meet the community's needs, Etchegoyhen predicts "brown ag lands to service the towns."

Etchegoyhen discounted Pelcyger's allegation that Carson Valley ranchers waste their water.

"What Pelcyger doesn't realize is that even if the flow is inefficient, it goes to the next guy. We consume very little water for an ag area. It goes over the ground and gets used again and again. Net consumption is very low," he said. "An untrained eye wouldn't realize that the system works extremely efficiently as a whole. Pelcyger just isn't familiar with our system here, yet he's going to argue his side. Those ideas he's representing are not factual. We're very efficient — I think as efficient or more so than any other valley in the West."

The water authority scheduled another meeting for Feb. 18 at 5 p.m. to discuss the response to Pelcyger's challenge as well as the best way to pay for a defense which all agree will be lengthy and costly.

"We've supported two to three generations of lawyers on the Alpine decree, now we've just begun to fight," said Settelmever.



## HIGHWAY 395 SOUTH

# Students must commute 65 miles to CHS

by Lorna McDaniel  
Staff Writer

The Highway 395 closure to the south has caused long commutes and lifestyle changes for Antelope Valley area residents.

The highway, which is the main route from Bridgeport to Coleville, was washed out during the New Year's flood.

Caltrans officials said the highway will be closed for several months and the opening date has not been estimated.

■ **Students commute.** The designated detour, using California Route 182 and Nevada routes 338, 829 and 208, has been taking up to two hours depending on road conditions, said Robert Fore, superintendent of the Eastern Sierra Unified School District. The commute normally takes about 45 minutes.

Since the flood, 29 high school students in grades 9-12 from Bridgeport have been bused on a 65-mile detour to get to school in Coleville. The students'

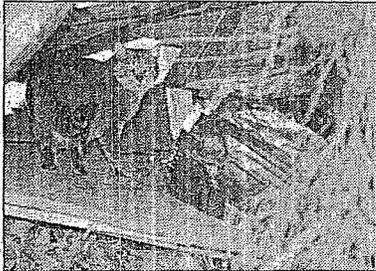
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Highway 395 in front of the Mountain Gate Lodge is torn away. The lodge itself was heavily dam-

aged. At right is the Walker Canyon with a wrecked Highway 395. R-C photos by Belinda Grant

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A cat fares for himself following the floods.

## Highway 395: Long commutes

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normal commute through Walker Canyon is 35 miles, Fore said.

He added, "The school has been an asset to the community by continuing to provide education immediately after the flood."

The school district compensated for the longer commute for students living in Bridgeport by shortening the school day to five hours for all 125 students, grades 7-12, attending Coleville High, Fore said.

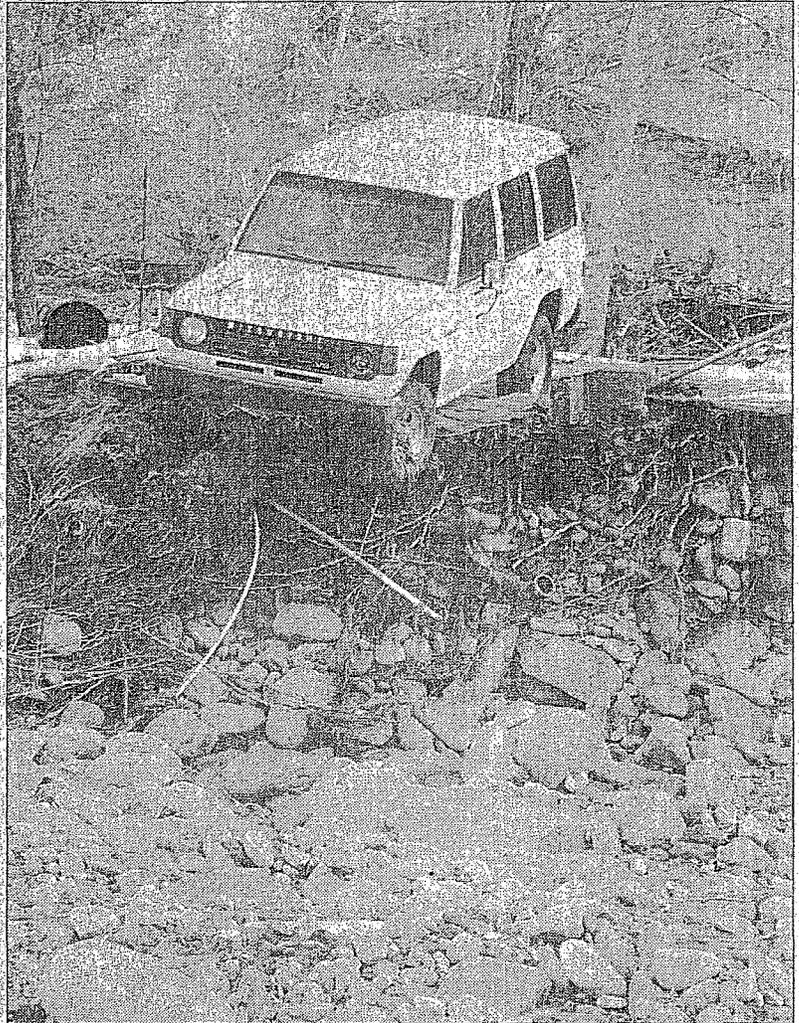
Buses from Bridgeport start running at 6:45 a.m.

The school day was extended to 5-1/2 hours the following week, he said.

During a community meeting Tuesday at Bridgeport Elementary, Fore announced that the high school students will be back to the normal seven-hour day by Tuesday with one change: Bridgeport students will arrive 20 minutes late while the rest of the students have study hall.

The school plans to continue this schedule until the highway opens.

Mark Spencer, principal of Coleville High, said the schedule



changes have had minimal impact on the students and added that athletic practices have been held as usual.

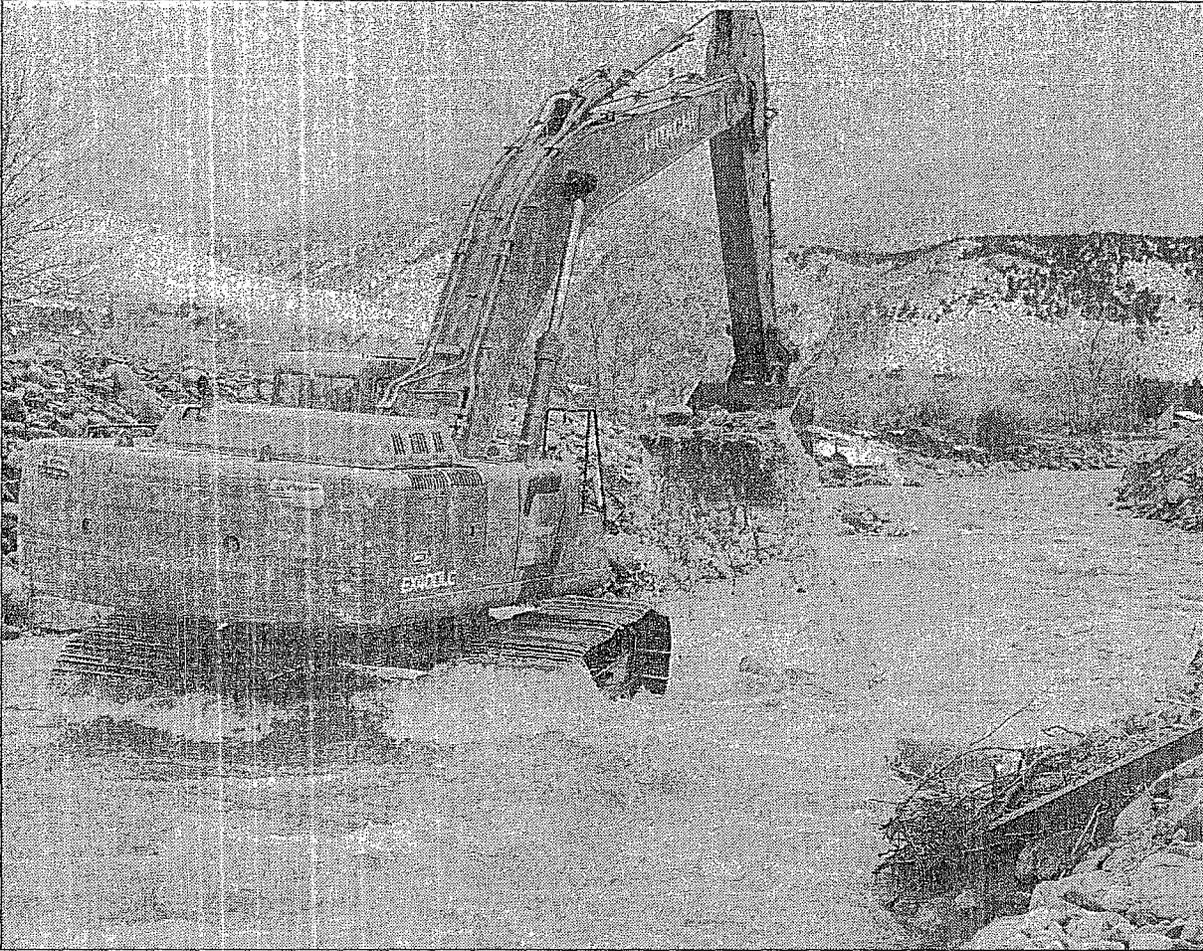
Fore said that alternate plans have been made for the Bridgeport students if further road closures short students of more than one day. He said an evening tutorial with a teacher and parent volunteers will be put into place.

The students are already given assignments in advance, and the principal is looking for extra books for the students to use at

home, he added.

"Our goal to make sure these students continue their education," Fore said. He added that the students won't have to make up the missed hours of classroom time because ESUSD has extra minutes built into the system.

■ **Military busing** After the highway washout, Pickel Meadows Commanding officer Col. P.W. O'Poole implemented a busing system to provide for the safety of the 100 military and civilian personnel who commute



U.S. Army Corps of Engineers pick rocks out of the Walker River, above. At left, A truck hangs precariously on the edge of a bank at Mountain Gate Lodge area. R-C photos by Belinda Grant

to the Marine Corps base, Maj. Tim Sawicki said.

Sawicki, operations officer, said many of the personnel who work at the base live in federal family housing, duplexes or apartments located in Coleville. These workers have been cut off from their normal 22-mile route to the base, located on California Route 108, four miles to the west of Highway 395.

The workers now must use the detour which has increased their commute to 83 miles.

Sawicki said the colonel offered the busing in compensation for the extended commute and as a safety measure for weary commuters.

As many as 45 people a day, depending on the weather, have taken advantage of the free Marine bus rides Sawicki said.

Use of the buses is not manda-

tory but "we strongly press it," Sawicki said.

The buses will be provided for base workers only until the highway is opened, he added.

Despite the inconvenience of obtaining supplies from Reno, "we're coping pretty good out here," Sawicki said.

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## Kirkwood ski teams compete on California slopes

A group of Kirkwood Ski racers was at Alpine Meadows Jan. 11-12 for the Far West USSA North Series opener.

Two giant slalom races were held with many Kirkwood racers placing well. Matt Savage of Reno placed second overall both days.

Receiving a 10th place medal both days was Katie Sawaya in the J-5 age group. Another medal winner was Carson City's Brett Anderson, who was 8th in the J-5 boys Saturday.

Moving up from 31st to 13th overall Saturday was George "Little Weasel" Boe. Leslie Turner placed 11th Sunday.

"I was extremely pleased with the way everyone competed," coach Darryl Whitaker said. "They have worked real hard on improving their skiing skills and after the race they couldn't wait to get back to Kirkwood and train more. It is what a coach in any sport always hopes to see in the kids after a competition."

Last weekend the J-3 age group (13-14) was at Dodge Ridge for the first of four Western Region J-3 Jr. Olympic qualifying races.

Russell Mitchell of Oakhurst, Calif., was third Sunday.

Other boys improving their results from Saturday were Pat Sargent, Jess Williams, Chris Turner, and Josiah Renfree. In the girls division, Ashly Boe was 22nd and 23rd overall.

Gaining experience at their first USSA J-3 race and representing Kirkwood were Alexis Rudd, Jen-

nifer Champ, Arielle Finch, Kelsey Newell, and Tina Schlander, top 50 finishers both days.

# Proposed

by **Christy Chalmers**

R-C News Service

**A** plan to teach Native American languages using native speakers got a warm reception Friday from the state Board of Education, and it's now up to backers to work out the final details.

The Native Language Task Force, a group of officials from various Nevada tribes, presented more testimony on the plan. Board members responded with an informal recommendation that the group bring back details on how it will implement the plan, said Laura Smith-Filmore, one of its backers.

"They are so enthusiastic, it's amazing," Smith-Filmore said after the meeting. "They want to keep it before the board. It was a very supportive atmosphere."

The task force plans to meet in February to work on details for implementing the proposal, which was first addressed in 1994.

The goal of the plan is to save Nevada's four Native American languages: northern and southern Paiute, Shoshone and Washoe.

In March 1994, work began on an accreditation program that would let Washoe and other Native American language speakers teach those languages.

The plan is allowed under the Native American Languages Act, approved in 1990, but approval of details like curriculum and implementing it hasn't been granted.

As planned, native language units would be incorporated into elementary school curriculum so Native American children would learn those languages, in addition to English.

Native language courses would be offered in high schools, with students receiving partial foreign language credit.

"It's absolutely ridiculous for an all-Paiute high school to have its students learning Spanish or French," said Smith-Filmore. "They don't know their own native language. Why not teach them that?"

"It wouldn't be forced on them," said Lois Kane, language

# Washoe language plan gets warm



Adele James teaches Washoe to elders and young people. R-C News Service photo by Rick Gunn

**‘Linguistically, Washoe is really isolated. It doesn’t share a lot of words with other languages.’**

**Laura Smith-Fillmore**  
**Task Force member**

...ordinator for the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, which includes members of the Northern Paiute, Washoe and Shoshone tribes.

“If they wanted to learn their own language, there would be a course available to them.

“It’s not to devalue the English language. Really, the goal is to have the children become competent in both of the languages.”

Washoe is currently taught at the Dresslerville and Woodfords Head Start programs by Adele

James, who started teaching it in 1993 to a group of elders and young people.

Smith-Fillmore, who is not a blood member of the tribe, was taught Washoe by her husband’s great-uncle, Herman Holbrook. In addition, she is studying it at the University of Nevada, Reno.

The existing Washoe Master-Apprentice program calls for total immersion, with a fluent Washoe speaker mentoring a student strictly in Washoe. A similar immersion school for Washoe children has also been discussed.

Kane noted the schools are an important vehicle for teaching the languages.

“People don’t see the need to learn the language,” she said. “That’s why it’s really important that we start talking to the educators. We’re going to do what we can in our own communities, but the majority of our children are in the public school system. If we can have their help to introduce

the language to the students, that’s going to show the kids that’s valuable.”

The native languages take about a year to learn, and they don’t lend themselves to book studies. All evolved as spoken, not written or read languages, which is why native speakers are ideal teachers.

“We had to figure out a way to write the things that don’t occur in English,” said Smith-Fillmore of the Washoe language.

“The idea here is that native speakers are in a different position because they know the words and not just what is on paper. Linguistically, Washoe is really isolated. It doesn’t share a lot of words with other languages.”

“You have to be really dedicated to want to learn,” said Kane, referring to the Shoshone and Paiute languages. “You would have to be speaking it all the time.”

Funding for native language

# reception from state

instruction has not yet been addressed. Smith-Filmore said the task force will likely ask the state for money once decisions on how to implement the program have been made. Currently, a one-time

federal grant pays for the work done so far.

But, "Funding or no funding," said Smith-Filmore, "there's a core of people that are going to make sure this continues."

## Tribal officials worry that native speech will be lost

Saving the language means saving the culture, too

**W**ah-Shue-it-lu-Gaw-gay-ay. Maybe 60 people know that means "speak Washoe." Laura Smith-Filmore and Adele James have been trying to get that number higher, as are Native American leaders in other areas.

James, a native Washoe language speaker, began teaching it in 1993 to a group of elders and teenagers. She and others now teach the language to students in the Dresslerville, Woodfords and Stewart Head Start programs.

Washoe is one of four Native American languages specific to Nevada. The others are Shoshone, northern and southern Paiute.

Tribal officials are concerned the languages will die with the few remaining speakers if younger generations don't learn them. A proposal that would allow Native American language speakers to teach their languages is now wending its way through state education channels.

The effort is starting to take on urgency.

"Every time we get a person who can speak it fluently, we've returned several others to the earth," said Smith-Filmore. She is not a blood member of the Washoe tribe, but gained permission to learn the language and was taught by her husband's great-uncle, Herman Holbrook.

At the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, home to members of the Paiute, Washoe, Shoshone and Paiute tribes, only 17 speak those languages, said language coordinator Lois Kane.

"A lot of people assumed



**Herman Holbrook**

families were taking care of it in their homes," said Kane. "That isn't happening, so we've been a long time without the languages."

A 1996 study showed that none of the 330 children in the colony knew the native languages.

"That puts our languages in real jeopardy, and it's not just here at the colony. It's all over the state. It's all over the country," said Kane. "We need to speak our own language. It's going to be a tough job. We're in a battle to save our languages."

Saving languages also means saving culture.

"It's important for them to know who they are and where they come from," said Kane.

"We have to keep our culture," said James, the Washoe teacher. "We're not going to change. If we speak Spanish, we're not going to turn into Spanish people. Indian is still going to be our culture."

"Our language is about all we have left. Our basketry and everything is gone. This is how much we have to lose. This is how important our culture is."

# Elders enjoy traditional foods and reminisce in their native tongue

by Carnegie Smokey Jr.  
Special to the R-C

Super bowl mania seemed to be blaring constantly from all quarters — except in the pine-paneled living room of the Woodford's Retreat in Woodfords, California.

There, a quiet, dignified gathering of Washoe elders reminisced in their native tongue, recalling bedtime stories, legends and everyday experiences. Small grants from the Nevada Humanities Committee, the Sven and Astrid Liljeblad Endowment Fund were utilized to ensure this gathering was a success with CIRCLE Productions recording the event with equipment furnished by Sierra Nevada Cable Access Community Access Television; SNCAT, Reno, and the Washoe Language Circle.

Through the gracious hospitality of Linda Merrill, her uncle's old house — to be opened in February as a bed and breakfast inn — was made available for this event. The Merrills are long-time residents of Alpine County and are contemporaries of several of the elders in attendance.

The elders renewed old friendships and remembered their shared past. Some memories were painful but other stories were told with

nostalgia and laughter. Contrary to popular belief, the Washoe are a fun-loving people whose use of humor to smooth over sometimes awkward situations makes difficult truths more palatable to accept. The topics spanned the years from today's technological marvels to horse and buggy days when they were children — among the last of the truly free peoples of this continent.

Aladdin's Flowers donated a floral arrangement that added a bright splash of color to the room, and all day long the elders enjoyed coffee donated by Cathren's Coffeehouse. Ruggero, of Cafe Gigh in Markleeville, Calif., donated lunch which was prepared and served by Norma Smokey and her mother, Flora, herself an elder and originally from Alpine County.

Dinner was a traditional venison stew and roast (deer meat donated by Benny Fillmore and Herman Holbrook); served with fresh biscuits, prepared with ingredients supplied by local Smith's, Raley's, and Scolari's supermarkets, and was topped off by the piece de resistance — acorn soup — a staple of the old Washoe diet. Special thanks are extended to Norma Smokey and Walt and Thelma Tripp for preparing this time-consuming and deeply appreciated



Norma Smokey was one of the cooks for the recent elders' dinner. Photos by Laura Smith-Fillmore

dish. The preservation of the Washoe Language is the short-term goal of these forums while the long-term goal is the eventual establishment of an immersion-type school where all subjects will be taught in the Washoe language.

The perpetuation of the Washoe language is the ultimate goal-preserving an ages-old language which, within the linguistics com-

munity, stands alone with little, if any similarities to any other indigenous language on this continent.

The rigid federal policy of assimilation has worked well on the Washoe in that very few younger Washoes feel the need to learn their native tongue, opting instead for the language of the larger society within which we live. This "immersion" in English



Marvin Dressler, left, chats with Daniel McDonald Sr., Amy Barber and Sylvia Andrews.

illustrates the validity of this type of teaching and the results are self-evident. Immersion is also the way Washoes and the other 500 Indian nations who once inhabited this land have always learned and perpetuated their languages.

For a language to survive, younger people must become involved in language renewal who will then teach others to speak. For a substantial and long-term renew-

al of the Washoe language to be truly successful the process must again become a natural part of everyday life in our communities. Only this will ensure the process will once again be self-sustaining.

Editor's note: Carnegie Smokey Jr. has written a number of letters to the editor and articles for The Record-Courier over the past few years.

# Settlement to cost Kirkwood a million

By **Jenifer Ragland**

Tribune Staff Writer

A diesel-engine power plant at Kirkwood Ski Resort that has been under fire by a local environmental agency will be allowed to continue operating, the agency's regulatory board voted Wednesday.

But conditions of the agreement will eventually cost the resort's power company, Kirkwood Gas & Electric, more than \$1 million to settle.

Kirkwood officials maintain that the power plant is not violating any environmental regulations, but felt it would be best to settle the dispute rather than fight the allegations.

"We did not see that a lengthy and costly lawsuit made sense at this time," said Tim Cohee, president and chief operating officer. "The agreement has nothing to do with our guilt or innocence, but we settled it in the interest of moving forward with our long-range plans."

Duane Ono, deputy air pollution officer for the Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District, said KG&E must comply with several conditions before Nov. 1 of this year, including:

- Install air pollution control equipment on the six diesel generators to reduce emissions of nitrogen dioxide by 90 percent.
- Pay the district \$25,000 to settle

the alleged violations without admitting guilt.

- Build a fence around the power plant to exclude the public from the area.

- Obtain the proper permits from the control district for operating the diesel-engine plant.

Cohee said the air pollution control stipulation alone is a \$1 million investment.

"That is a huge amount of money for KG&E — a utility company that has never had cash flows more than 200,000 a year," he said. "It's going to result in increased electricity costs to people who are already

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## Kirkwood

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paying one of the highest rates in country."

Bob Goodman, attorney for KG&E, said the settlement was a compromise on both sides of the dispute.

"It's our view that KG&E was and is in full compliance with district regulations, and has been and is committed to the protection of the environment," he said.

Ono said the district is happy with the outcome of the settlement.

"We are pleased we were able to come to agreement with KG&E to resolve this issue and get it on the road to cleaner air," he said.

But Cohee said data collected by KG&E proves that the power plant is far above the state standard for air quality.

"We had been monitoring the emissions out of that plant over the last 45 days, and they have averaged 10 percent of the state one-hour standard," he said. "If there's a question that Kirkwood is polluting the air or posing health and safety hazards, we have proof that we are substantially below the standard."

# YOU SAID IT!

Question: **What does Valentine's Day mean to you?**

Asked in Jill Harper's 3rd grade classroom at Gardnerville Elementary School.



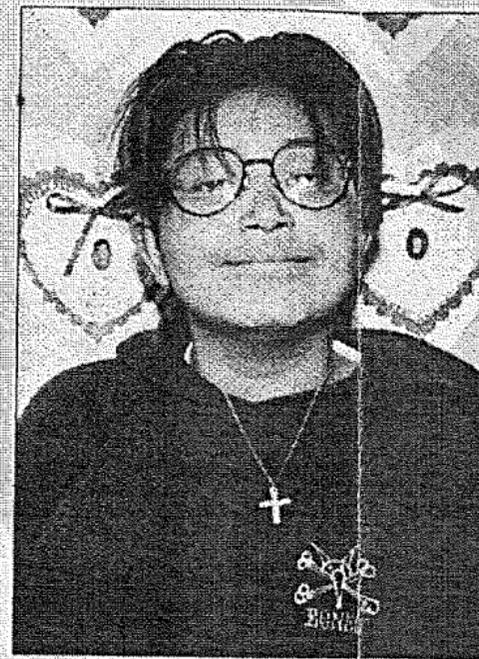
**Max Pearl  
Bodie Flats**

It means being together with your family.



**Ashley Mehrer  
Minden**

Happiness, joy and giving cards.



**Hector Caldera  
Markleeville**

Love and giving love and Valentine's cards to your Valentines.



**Tabatha Shadle  
Gardnerville Ranchos**

Love and candy.



**Stephanie Chavez  
Markleeville**

It means that you are celebrating that God loves you.

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**STORYTIME:** Dianne Rogers, right, reads to children at Storytime at Calico Books in the Scolari's shopping center in Gardnerville, a regu-

lar feature at the bookstore. At left are Rochelle Frogget, 7, Blaine Frogget, 5, and Reena Spansail, 3. R-C photo by Bonnie Larkin

*Rochelle Spansail 2/12/97*

## PREP SKIING



UP AT KIRKWOOD, Tamara Turnbaugh (left) and Erik Newell, both four-year veterans of Douglas High's alpine ski program, are shown here during the Tigers' Tahoe Basin Ski League slalom Feb. 5 at Kirkwood. Turnbaugh captured first-place in the girls race with an 81.96 clocking that was 1.37 seconds faster than her nearest competition. Newell finished 20th in the boys race. Wednesday night at Heavenly, Turnbaugh was fifth in the girls race, while Brett Maranco and Newell finished 22nd and 24th respectively to lead Douglas. The next league race is Feb. 26 at Incline. Photos courtesy of Jay Aldrich

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VELCRO WALL. From left are Marcus McElroy, Cori Niemann and Dina Catealani, playing on the velcro-wall at the recent Alpine County tobacco-free dance. Nancy Kerley photo

## Alpine kids have fun at dance party

A large number of teens and adults turned out for a tobacco-free dance held in at Turtle Rock Park Feb. 15.

Mr. D.J. provided the music at the dance and Indian tacos were

provided through the leadership of Lana Hicks and Kathy Vann.

Teens played the velcro-wall game and youths from the anti-tobacco program from Diamond Valley School helped set up.

The Diamond Valley School youths also made and placed decorations for the dance.

The event was sponsored by the tobacco-free program in Alpine County.

■ **Alpine program.** "An introduction to the Indigenous Crafts of Guatemala" will be presented by Marie Bravo this evening at 7 p.m. at the Alpine County Library in Markleeville. Bravo travels frequently to Guatemala and will show slides, display crafts, and talk briefly about the history, lifestyle and politics of the country. Refreshments will be provided.

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# Cave Rock: Washoes concerned about spiritual birthplace

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The primary reason for opposition to climbing on Cave Rock is that the equipment driven into the face of the rock is adding to the collective destruction of the site.

Rock climbing enthusiasts have criticized the decision, citing several reasons why they should be allowed to use Cave Rock, including the belief that they improved and beautified the area after adopting it as a favorite climbing spot.

Mitch Underhill, a Meyers resident, said it's too late to preserve Cave Rock because a major roadway — U.S. Highway 50 — runs through it in two locations.

"It has already been disturbed,"

have been expressing their displeasure to the activity, but only recently have we been allowed to be heard."

According to Washoe history, Cave Rock was a place so sacred that it was worthy only of the presence of the tribe's highest religious leaders.

Warren L. D'Azevedo, a professor of anthropology at University of Nevada, Reno and a specialist in Washoe culture, has written a book on the tribe's history as well as a special note about Cave Rock and its significance in Washoe heritage.

"Elderly Washoe remember the shock they felt when the highway

**'T**here is a spiritual essence that has to be protected. You wouldn't desecrate a cathedral by climbing on it, would you?"

**Catherine Fowler**  
**UNR anthropologist**

wrote.

Regardless of what happens with the long-term management plans for Cave Rock, Wallace said he and the tribe will remain committed to projecting their feeling of reverence for the site and the entire basin.

"Cave Rock and its power represents all that shouldn't happen," Wallace said. "It can serve as an icon of a history that does not need to be repeated — something we can't let happen throughout the Lake."

He said the damage done to the rock is irreversible, but the Washoe people want to make sure no more desecration occurs.

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Underhill said.  
But Wallace said it is the intent of the tribe to preserve what is left of the sacred site, and pointed out that it was not the Washoe who constructed the highway.

"(The ban) is not taken well with some people who find our ways and our rights contemptible," he said. "We have gone from inhabiting 4,000 square miles to a 2-acre area surrounded by rubble. ... People born on the shores of Lake Tahoe are being treated as trespassers."

Wallace made clear that while Washoe Tribe leaders have only been working to preserve Cave Rock since 1990, the site has always been a part of their lives and their culture.

The Washoe people lived in the basin for more than 10,000 years, but were driven out by white settlers within the last century. However, Wallace said every Washoe person knows Lake Tahoe was part of their ancient territory and that their ancestors had named every mountain, rock, stream and cove around it.

"To assert that the Washoe recently took interest in Cave Rock is something that I don't agree with," he said. "The Washoe

was blasted through Cave Rock in 1931, and then again in the 1950s," he wrote. "They feared that the spirits of the place would be angered and would send a deluge of water from Lake Tahoe through the ancient tunnel under the mountains to flood Carson Valley and destroy all the people who had allowed such a desecration to occur."

Now, the elders of the tribe still use the caves as a quiet place and do not want to be surrounded by climbers and other visitors, Wallace said.

He said when the ground inside the largest cave was paved over by rock climbers who thought they were improving the area, a portion of the aboriginal history was lost.

"To say that it has been

improved from its natural state is condescending," Wallace said. "Improving with cement is not what I would call improvement."

Catherine Fowler, UNR anthropology professor, explained that sacred sites are highly significant places for Native Americans.

"There is a spiritual essence that has to be protected," she said. "You wouldn't desecrate a cathedral by climbing on it, would you?"

Wallace expressed a similar opinion in a formal response to some of the negative response the closure order has generated.

"If sports and recreation is to prevail here over religion, heritage and culture, we might expect to see handball off the 'wailing wall' and volleyball at the Vatican," he

"It isn't mythology or something we pretend to believe in, it is something we do believe in."

But is the tribe willing to at least compromise with the rock climbing community?

"If you asked the elders that, they would assert that they have been compromising for the last 150 years," Wallace said.

## Washoes regard site as spiritual

**Wallace:** Holding on to Cave Rock is attempt to preserve tribe's birthplace

by Jenifer Bagland  
R-C News Service

After being criticized for advocating the ban of climbers from Cave Rock, a Washoe Tribe spokesman Tuesday said preservation of the spiritual site is a last attempt to hold on to what the tribe regards as the birthplace of its people.

"Lake Tahoe is the genesis for the Washoe people; it is a very great place to us, and our ancestors and relatives are buried here," said Brian Wallace, chairman of the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California. "Cave Rock is a fundamental and significant piece of that religious history."

U.S. Forest Service Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit officials closed the popular area to rock climbers last week until Dec. 31, when the agency is expected to have a long-term management plan for the site in place.

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# Markleeville man held for driving under the influence

■ A Markleeville, Calif. man was arrested Sunday night in the Gardnerville Ranchos for his second driving under the influence of alcohol charge.

Kenneth Allan Ornellas, 34, was observed by deputies swerving in his vehicle on Long Valley Road. Deputies said the suspect failed to stop at two stop signs and was paced at 50 mph in a 25 mph zone.

After stopping the suspect, Ornellas allegedly told deputies that he had consumed four or five beers earlier that evening.

He was administered sobriety tests and taken to jail where he allegedly was shown to have a .19 percent blood alcohol level by breath test.

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# Kirkwood ski team shows well in races

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Race of Downhill

Special to the R-C

The Kirkwood Ski Team enjoyed a number of highlights at the recent qualifying downhill and super G races held at Mammoth Mountain.

Seven athletes from Kirkwood will represent the Far West Division in their respective age class Junior Olympics. Along with these athletes, two coaches from the Kirkwood Ski Education Foundation were also selected to help coach the team for the Far West Division.

In the J-3 age group (13- and 14-year-olds) Ashley Boe and Russell Mitchell along with their coach Laurel Stanford will attend the Junior Olympics at Bridger Bowl, Mont., March 12-15.

Kirkwood will also send Taylor Hawthorne to the J-2 (15- and 16-year-olds) Junior Olympics in Alaska.

And the team will be represented in Montana for the J-1 Junior Olympics (17- and 18-year-olds), including Chris Mitchell, Geoff Fargo, Erik Newell and last year's J-2 Junior Olympic slalom Champ Tamara Turnbeaugh. Coach Todd Travis from Kirkwood has also been selected to help with the Far West Team.

## SPEED RACES

The J-1 and J-2 ski team from Kirkwood traveled to Mammoth Mountain for

a series of speed races consisting of two Super G's and two Downhill's. These races were also qualifiers for selections for this age groups Junior Olympics.

Turnbeaugh placed fourth and sixth overall in the two Super G's and 2nd and 3rd in the Downhills.

## MORE SPEED...

After 5 days of speed racing on the back of Mammoth Mountain, Kirkwood's Russell Mitchell had a goal for a top five finish against the Far West Division's best 13- and 14-year-olds.

Russell is the top ranked J-3 in the slalom discipline in the state but the race last Saturday was a Super-G. Reaching speeds of close to 60 mph Russell captured first-place with a time of 64.16 seconds. Second place went to John Parker of Squaw Valley (64.40), and third to Daniel Zeffaro of Dodge Ridge (64.49).

In his first-ever speed event, Jess Williams of the Kirkwood Ski Team, finished 54th followed in 55th by Chris Turner in a boys field of near 100 competitors. Finishing 63rd from Kirkwood was Patrick Sargent.

In the girls meet, Ashley Boe finished 26th in both races. Also cracking the top 50 both days were Kelsey Newell, Arielle Finch, Alexis Rudd, Tina Schlander, and Jenifer Champ.

# Honor roll told

## Diamond Valley School Second Quarter Fourth Grade

Anthony Caldera 3.5, Ramsey Horse 3.6, Brittany Myers 4.0, Jocelyn Myers 3.3.

## Fifth Grade

David Bennett 3.38, Luis Gabriel 3.7, Becky Mortimer 3.67, Jeremy Scherer 3.67, John Vann 3.71.

## Sixth Grade

Ray Gabriel 3.3, Alyson Graham 3.9.

## Seventh Grade

Nathan Bennett 3.6, Beth Brissenden 3.4, Dena Catelani 3.8, Chelsea Countryman 3.3, Bridget Wood 3.6.

## Eighth Grade

Mara Milich 3.6, Marcus McElroy 3.5, Bobbie Mortimer 3.3, Dylan Rogers 3.4.

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## Actress will portray famous women March 10

The Alpine County Arts Commission invites area residents to "Biologues," biographical monologues of famous women from history by actress Melissa Stevenson.

Stevenson entertains and informs with her first-person accounts of famous women to portray the courage, creativity, and individuality of women who faced various hardships and upset society's accepted definition of women's roles.

Stevenson researched the characters, wrote the scripts, and devised historical costumes for the women she impersonates. Her repertoire includes 16 specific women, four of whom comprise this program: Amelia Earhart, Dian Fossey, Virginia Reed Murphy and Sarah Winnemucca.

Amelia Earhart (1898-1937), a famous female pilot, earned the Flying Cross Award. She attempted to fly around the world but was declared lost at sea. Some contend she was on a secret mission for the U.S. government.

Dian Fossey (1932-1985) championed the cause for the preservation of gorillas in the mountains of Africa. Her book *Gorillas in the Mist*, an account of her experiences with the gorillas, became a popular movie.

Virginia Reed Murphy, one of the Donner Party, tells her story of adventure and ultimately starvation when a cruel, early winter hit the Sierra Nevada.



**Melissa Stevenson**

Sarah Winnemucca (1844-1891), a Paiute woman became an educated spokeswoman who advocated Indian rights in the U.S.

These characters come to life at the Alpine County Library in Markleeville, Calif. on Monday, March 10 at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$4 for adults and \$2 for children. To reserve tickets or for more information, call (916) 694-2787. Tickets are available at the door.

This program is funded in part by the California Arts Council, a State Agency.

# Kirkwood junior series continues

Special to the R-C

Kirkwood Ski Resort held the third race of its four-race "Tobacco Free Junior Team Series" last Sunday.

Racers welcomed beautiful warm skies and still very wintry snow along with a 23-gate dual course set on Kirkwood's "Race Course" run.

The third race was dubbed "The Race Department Rumble" and featured the thunderous rumbling of fast skiing of the racers on the Dale Rise Trucking "Bombers," who set the pace with a team time of 771.96 seconds to take first-place points.

Holding on to a slim lead in the overall standings after two races and finishing with a team time of 777.46 was the M. Day Construction "Loggers."

The Loggers received second-place points, but due to most of the team attending the race and completing the courses correctly the Loggers matched the point total of the Bombers for the day.

"We have the speed on our team but we missed four of our

racers, who would have put us on top for the day and in the overall season totals for the three races." said Bombers coach Suzie Dale.

Also being hurt by not having a full team including the fastest teammates were the Nevada Sport Company "Rippers," and the Jensen Construction "Jammers."

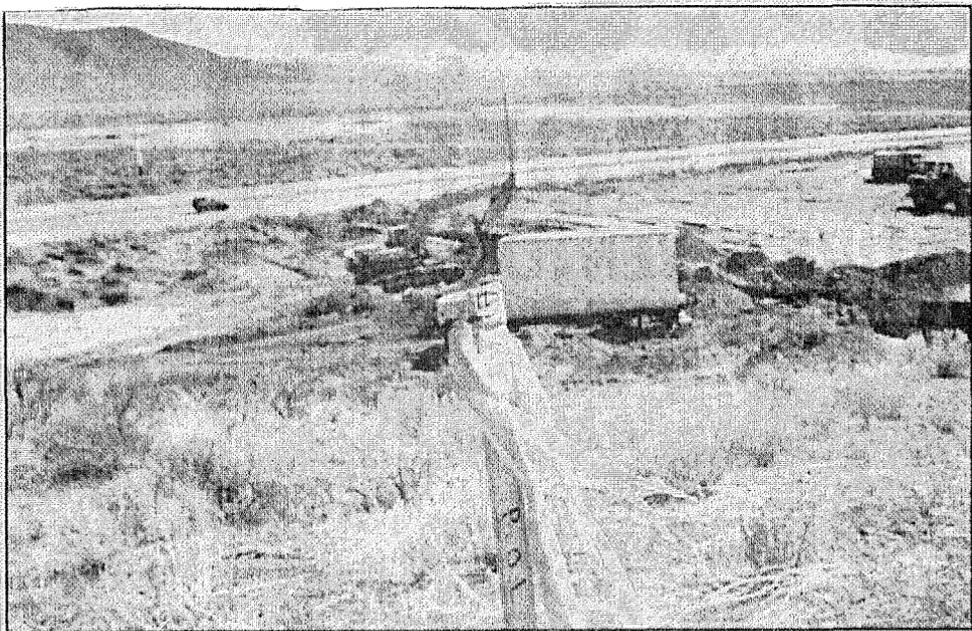
Sitting in first-place after the "Race Department Rumble" were the "Vipers" from Play It Again Sam Sports in Jackson, Calif. The "Vipers" were also missing some key racers and dropped to third for the season.

"Luckily we recruited Janel Timmons for our team to replace a injured boy," said coach Chuck Hatcher. "She raced in the boys division for our team and really helped us out and at least kept us in the hunt for the overall title."

The Tobacco Free Junior Team Series is in its second season with more than 90 kids ages 7 to 15 competing for five different teams throughout the ski season. The final race will be April 20th at 1 p.m. at the Kirkwood Ski Resort.

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This plot of land to be developed is on the southern tip of Indian Hills between Plymouth Drive and 395 South.

## Washoe Tribe to develop land south of Indian Hills for storage units

**BY CHRISTY CHALMERS**

Appeal Staff Writer

The strip of land between Highway 395 and Plymouth Drive at the edge of Indian Hills will soon store personal property instead of sagebrush.

The Washoe Tribe, which owns the 14 acres, is leasing the land to Mark Michelson and Jim Fondren, who are building a 100,000 square-foot self-storage unit complex. The project will also include a residence for the storage unit managers.

The work started recently and the first phase, which will include 30,000 to 40,000 square feet of storage, is expected to be done at the end of April or early May.

According to the Washoe Planning Department's land use review of the project, Michelson and Fondren own five other storage complexes in northern Nevada and wanted an Indian Hills site with good visibility from Highway 395 to serve resi-

dents of south Carson City and Indian Hills. Douglas County planners rejected similar plans on adjacent land after deciding it wasn't the best use for the property.

Washoe Tribe planner Dennis Gebhardt said the project is designed to fit in with the surrounding area. Its colors will be cream and green. "It will blend in," said Gebhardt. "You've got enough visibility there without making it garish. It should be something people get a lot of benefit out of."

Gebhardt and other tribal planners noted the land can't be used for much else because of its narrow shape.

"It's an odd little piece," he said.

The project's water and sewer systems may be connected to the Indian Hills General Improvement District's systems. Acting GID manager Ron Kruse said the GID board is to consider the issue on March 20.

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# Mt. Sierra school to expand

Mt. Sierra Christian School established in 1995, is adding four new classrooms to its campus and will accept 50 new students for fall 1997. The school, which teaches grades kindergarten-10th, is located south of the Nevada-California border in the Carson Valley just off State Route 88. The school offers a traditional secular curriculum with a christian emphasis.

All teachers possess valid teaching credentials. Grade-level testing takes place at the end of each school year. The school currently offers bus service from the Minden-Gardnerville area and will be expanding as quickly as possible to meet the increased student enrollment this fall. The students wear school uniforms.

Interested parents may call the school at (916) 694-2391 for enrollment application, for more information or for appointments to visit. During after-school hours, you may call the school secretary, L.D. Harrison, at 265-2666 for the same information.

# Cave Rock subject of public lecture

On Thursday, March 20, the staff of the Nevada Historical Society will be hosting a public lecture on "The Cultural Legacy of Cave Rock" by Dr. Warren d'Azevedo, professor emeritus of anthropology, University of Nevada, Reno. This program is being staged in conjunction with the current exhibition in the Changing Gallery of the Society's Museum, 1650 North Virginia St. Reno, "The People: A History of the Native Americans of Nevada Through Photography." The lecture begins at 7 p.m. and is free to the public. For further information, call the Nevada Historical Society at (702) 688-1191.

The cultural legacy of Cave Rock, a scenic feature located on the east shore of Lake Tahoe, is a current issue since officials of the U.S. Forest Service closed the formation to rock climbing a few weeks ago in deference to the cultural and religious sensibilities of the Washoe Tribe, for whom this pyramid-shaped outcrop is a sacred site. Rock climbers, organized through The Access Fund, believe they have the right to make recreational use of Cave Rock since it is public property and are planning legal action.

Known in Washoe as "Wada-push De'ek" (Standing Rock), Cave Rock was one of the first

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## This Was Nevada

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by PHILIP EARL  
Nevada Historical Society

features noted by Euro-American explorers in the 1840s. From the Washoes, according to Euro-American folklore, they learned of the ancient enemies of lake basin peoples once imprisoned in a cave there who died in a rising flood. Cave Rock, in Washoe mythology, is also believed to be inhabited by the Metsunge, "waterbabies," the guardians of all the streams, rivers and lakes of western Nevada whose wrath could bring on disease, death and natural disasters. Persons of special powers adopted the Metsunge as their guardian spirits, however, and visited the site from time to time to commune with them. Euro-Americans, never particularly respectful of native traditions, have always found Cave Rock to be something of a communications and transportation impediment. In December 1862, the Nevada Territorial Legislature authorized the construction of the Lake Bigler Toll Road which involved a 100-foot trestle bridge set upon hand-hewn granite buttresses taking wagon traffic

around the western edge of Cave Rock.

Shortly after the turn of the century, automobilists began to use this route between California and Nevada and plans were formulated for the first tunnel, a bore 26 feet wide, 18 feet, 6 inches high and 164 feet in length. Nevada Construction Company of Fallon got the contract and the first auto traffic passed through on Sept. 19, 1931. Twenty-five years later, July 1956, work on a second tunnel began. The new thoroughfare opened on Oct. 16, 1957.

Members of the Washoe Tribe had serious misgivings about this desecration of Cave Rock, but were powerless to oppose the construction of the tunnels. Today, in an era of greater sensitivity to minority concerns, the Washoes hope to permanently protect this sacred symbol of their cultural heritage from further harm and misuse.

If the fate of Cave Rock is an issue which interests you, join us on Thursday.



JIM GRANT/Nevada Appeal News Service

**Rescue workers** tend to an injured occupant of an Isuzu pickup which rolled in Alpine County after a high-speed chase from the Gardnerville Ranchos.

## Alpine wreck hurts 2

Staff reports

**GARDNERVILLE** — Two people were airlifted to Washoe Medical Center Tuesday afternoon after the vehicle they were driving overturned during a high-speed chase.

The identities of the people and the extent of their injuries were not known. According to the Douglas County Sheriff's Office, the two were riding in a white Isuzu pickup truck that ran a stop sign at Tillman Lane and Kimmerling Road in the Gardnerville Ranchos at approximately 70 miles an hour.

An off-duty officer who witnessed it began following the vehicle west on Kimmerling Road. The officer called dispatchers to

report the vehicle, believed to have been stolen Friday from a residence on Mitch Drive in the Ranchos.

The truck went south on Highway 88 and entered Alpine County, where it turned onto Diamond Valley Road. California Highway Patrol troopers then joined the chase.

Minutes later, the truck crashed and rolled over. Paramedics brought the passengers to the Silver City RV Park south of Indian Hills, where a CareFlight helicopter picked them up and ferried them to Washoe Medical Center in Reno.

The accident was still under investigation Tuesday evening. Officials could not confirm if the truck was stolen.

# People

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## 1897: Judge's mother injured

100 YEARS AGO  
Genoa Weekly Courier  
Friday, March 19, 1897

### JUDGE ARNOT'S MOTHER INJURED.

Judge Arnot, of Alpine County, recently learned that his aged mother, who resides in the State of New Hampshire, had met with a most distressing accident by slipping and falling upon the ice, spraining her wrist and severely injuring her spine. For a time it was feared that her injuries would prove fatal, and the Judge was making arrangements to go East to her bedside, when he received a dispatch conveying the joyful intelligence that his mother was rapidly

## Remember when?

By Kate Gardner

improving and would no doubt soon recover from the effects of the accident.

Mrs. Arnot is 76 years of age and it is quite fortunate that her accident did not prove more disastrous.

**PLAY WELL APPRECIATED.** Nearly everybody in town went to Raycraft's hall Friday evening to witness the show given by the Gardnerville Dramatics club. The members of the club expressed themselves as well pleased with the reception they received here and the people were delighted with the show. After the performance there was a social dance and a 12 o'clock a fine supper at Raycraft's Exchange. The club is talking of giving a show at Woodford's soon.

**BODY FOUND.** Fred Hegler, son of J. H. Hegler, formerly interested in the California-Nevada Creamery of Carson Valley, was drowned a month ago in a small stream near Crescent City, while driving cattle for his father. His horse was a wild one, and in trying to climb the bank after crossing the stream, the animal reared up and fell back into the water.

50 YEARS AGO  
The Record-Courier  
Friday, March 14, 1947

### RESIDENTS INTRODUCED TO SENATE.

Bert Selkirk of Gardnerville, dean of Nevada newspapermen, and James Wallace of Minden were introduced to the Nevada state senate Monday afternoon and escorted to the rostrum to sit with Lt. Gov. Cliff Jones during sessions of the upper house.

**ALPINE TOPS RED CROSS DRIVE.** Alpine County chapter of the American Red Cross went over the top of its 1947 fund raising campaign March 19, in a little more than two weeks of the allotted month's time, it was announced yesterday.

Alpine county's quota in the campaign was \$468, of which 72 percent remains in the county for local use.

Although the goal has been reached, solicitors will continue their activities until every person in the county has been contacted for a donation, it was said.

# Richard Lindsay Jones

Graveside services will be held for Richard Lindsay Jones, 51, who died Thursday, March 20, at his residence in Woodfords, Calif.

Mr. Jones was born May 22, 1945, in Schurz, son of Belma Barber and Ellsworth Jones, but lived in Woodfords all his life.

He was a brick mason and worked in the construction business.

During the Vietnam War, he served in the U.S. Army; he was a member of the Washoe Tribe Veterans.

His interests included skiing,

cooking and running.

Survivors include his son, Lindsay Allen Jones of Reno; daughters, Angela Ingrid Jones and Robin Timothy Jones, both of Woodfords; brothers, Elton Jones of Chicago, Bruce Jones and Kevin Jones, both of Woodfords; sisters, Dianna Jones of Woodfords and Deirdre Flood of Aurora, Colo.

Visitation will be Monday, March 24, 5-7 p.m., at FitzHenry Chapel of Faith.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. at Woodfords Cemetery.

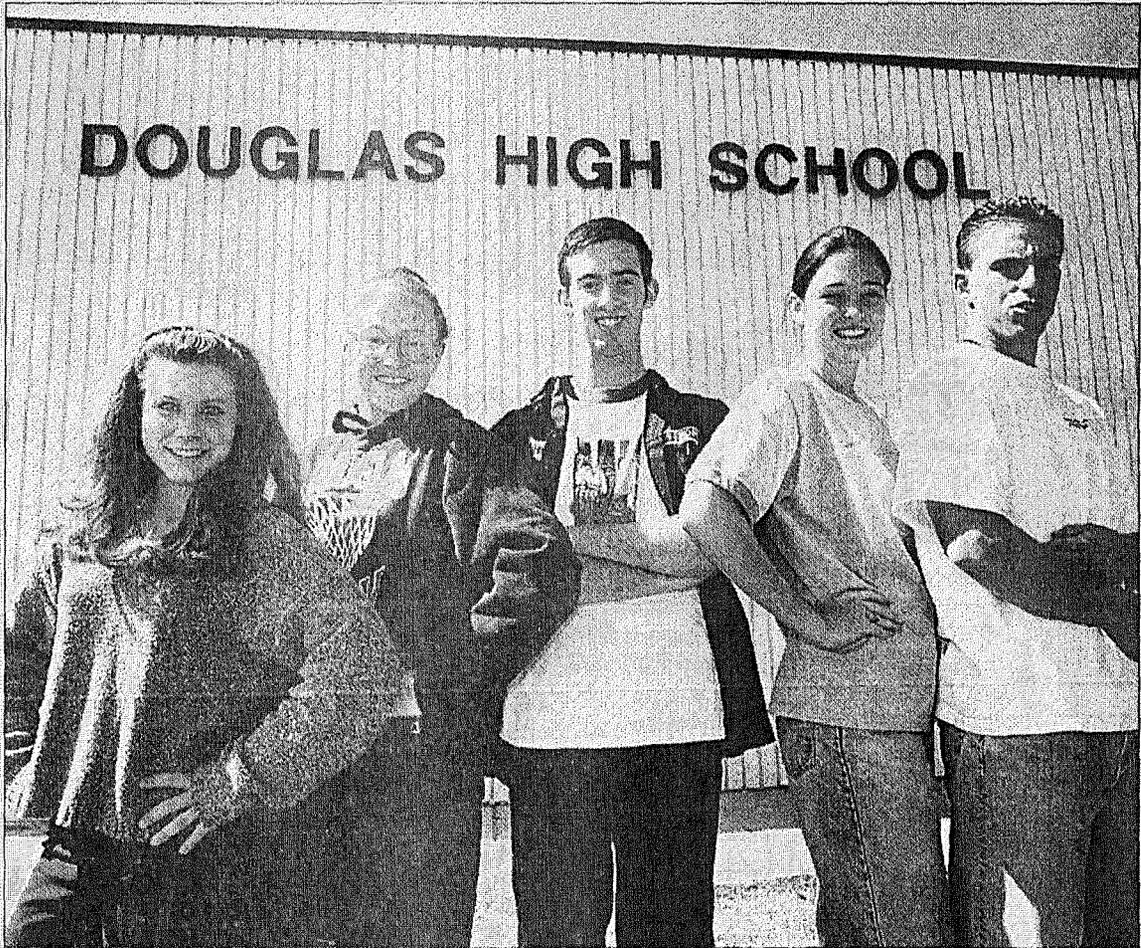
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# Alpine Friends plan Chef Night

The Friends of the Alpine County Library's Guest Chef Night is set for April 8, 5-9 p.m., at the Alpine Hotel in Markleeville.

On the menu will be cheese or chicken enchiladas, salad, beans, dessert and beverage for \$6.95, with proceeds going to benefit the Alpine County Library.

3/24/97 Board Contact



**DHS OFFICERS:** New student body officers were recently elected at Douglas High School for the 1997-98 school year. From left are Representative Jeanne Corbit, Vice President

Molly Greenberg, President Casey Condon, Secretary Brie Cross and Treasurer Brady Ovard. R-C photo by Belinda Grant