

DATE	NEWSPAPER	HEADLINE	CATEGORY	PEOPLE
1/1/2004	Record Courier	Is a meadow part of the past or the future?	Development/Opinion	Dick Edwards
1/13/2004	Calaveras Enterprise	Snowboarder dies of exposure	Search and Rescue/Bear Valley	
1/20/2004	Record Courier	Wilma L. Rule	Obituary/Biography	Wilma Rule, Irving Krauss
1/28/2004	Record Courier	Successful opening day in Hope Valley	Hope Valley/Fishing	
2/22/2004	Range Magazine	Sierra Club's version of the Truth	Environment/Opinion	Nancy Thornburg
3/5/2004	Record Courier	A pirate's life brings shipload of history	Library/Event	
3/5/2004	Record Courier	Group approves community projects	Community /projects	
3/5/2004	Record Courier	Super Tuesday results	Election	Skip Veatch, Lynn Doyal, Phillip Bennett, Katherine Rakow Clint Celio, Gunter Kaiser
3/5/2004	Record Courier	Alpine County, we have landed in the news	Communication	Al Pettit, Judy Molnar, Theresa Burkhauser, Bill Morgan
3/12/2004	Record Courier	Alpine County chamber news	Business	Dave Johnston, Jan Reed, Theresa Burkhauser, Tom Abdoo, Bill Caldwell, Kathy Caldwell, Sandy Baenen, Peter Chope, Judy Molnar
3/12/2004	Record Courier	Kirkwood ready to party	Bear Valley	
3/12/2004	Record Courier	Math Whizzes	Schools/Awards	Kristin Lovell, Hunter Riddle, Minneah Holdridge, Amber Neaves, Teddy Williams
3/12/2004	Record Courier	New building proposed	Building/Development	Tom Abdoo, Brian Peters
3/12/2004	Record Courier	Comment on water projects	Watershed group	

3/12/2004	Record Courier	Leslie on California's economy	Government/Economy	
3/19/2004	Record Courier	Leslie: Urge reform	Government/Economy	
3/19/2004	Record Courier	Students take 2nd, 4th for science	Schools/Awards	John Vann, Anthony Caldera, Lorina Dressler, Ramsey Horse, Benjamin Gonzales, Anthony Smokey, Dave Roberts, Nicole Bennett, William Cuellar, Samuel Simmons, Anthony Wedlock, Emmy Frank, Jacki Bennett, Jason Bryan
3/19/2004	Record Courier	Fire plan needed for Tahoe, Sierra	Fire/Government	
3/19/2004	Record Courier	Sheriff's log	Crime	
3/19/2004	Record Courier	Water project meeting Thursday	Watershed Group	
3/19/2004	Record Courier	Little listeners	Schools/Event	Laura Parsons, Anna Guerro, Chelsea Guerro, Kendall Ornellas, Stephanie Tyon, Lauren James, Paige Athens, Jada Truax, Leona Mortimer, Julia Gomez, Beverly Caldera, Kate McCartney, Jason Bryan, Melissa Lewis
3/19/2004	Record Courier	Meeting today on Abdoo deal	Development	Tom Abdoo, Brian Peters
3/26/2004	Record Courier	Supervisors meet on Tuesday	Government	
3/26/2004	Record Courier	Bear Valley appreciates skiers	Bear Valley	
3/26/2004	Record Courier	Woodfords mourns the loss of Washoe tribal member	Obituary/Biography	Manuel Dick, Elmer Dick, Ramona Dick, Marilyn Payne, Cheryl Dutchy, Holy Dressler, Stan Dressler, Karen Lunday, Jerod Frank, Beverly Caldera, Taryn Frank, Althea Dick, Clint Dick
3/26/2004	Record Courier	Alpine Community News	Community/Events	Eileen Merrill, Stuart Merrill, Ernestine Fogarty, Nancy Specchio, Hazel Payne, Dolores Clark, Jim Clark, Irving Krauss

3/26/2004	Record Courier	Burns continue today	Fire/Safety	
3/26/2004	Record Courier	Jackson in hospital	Community	Robert Jackson
4/2/2004	Record Courier	Getting fire safe	Fire/Safety	
4/2/2004	Record Courier	OHV use meeting tonight	Roads/Land Use	
4/2/2004	Record Courier	Long expresses concern for project	Development/O pinion	Bob Long
4/2/2004	Record Courier	Enjoying signs of spring	Wildlife	Al Pettit
4/2/2004	Record Courier	Housing element OK'd Tuesday	Development	Barbara Howard, Chris Gansberg
4/2/2004	Record Courier	Protecting privacy, scenery on agenda	Roads/Develop ment/Governme nt	Barbara Howard, Lynette Bennett
4/2/2004	Record Courier	Sheriff's log	Crime	
4/2/2004	Record Courier	New retail center passes review	Development	Wanda Coyan, Tom Abdo, Nancy Thornburg, Ruggero Gigli
4/9/2004	Record Courier	Smoke free passes	Fire/Safety/Heal th	Jennifer Celio, Clint Celio, Elizabeth Coyan, John Crawford, Dennis Crabb, Will Richmond, David Peets, Rebecca Wheeler
4/9/2004	Record Courier	Sheriff's log	Crime	
4/9/2004	Record Courier	Privacy, scenery protection OK'd	Roads/Governm ent	Judy Molnar, Lynette James, Norene Hagy
4/9/2004	Record Courier	Nagel gets honored for witness program	Awards	Tom Nagel, Will Richmond, Margaret Purdy, Dave Peets, Judge Dave DeVore
4/9/2004	Record Courier	Alpine in Brief	Community/Eve nts	Jim Clark
4/9/2004	Record Courier	Fishing opens soon	Fishing	
4/10/2004	Reno Gazette Journal	Residents mixed on Markleeville development	Development	Nancy Thornburg, Kathleen Andrews, Tom Abdo, Ed Moss, Brian Peters
4/11/2004	Reno Gazette Journal	Development divides Sierra town	Development	Nancy Thornburg, Kathleen Andrews, Tom Abdo, Ed Moss
4/11/2001	Record Courier	Washoe Tribe could get Lake Tahoe land under bill	Washoe/Land Use	

4/14/2004	Record Courier	Highway 88 scenic designation to be discussed	Roads/Laws	
4/16/2004	Record Courier	Residents to appeal Abdoos projects	Development	Tom Abdoos, Diedre Wallace,
4/16/2004	Record Courier	Supervisors will consider CWSD request	Water/Government	Christopher Boyle
4/16/2004	Record Courier	Water fun starts	Rivers/Sports	
4/16/2004	Record Courier	Eggs fall, some survive	Schools/Events	Anna Coletti, Yvette Bryan
4/16/2004	Record Courier	Open house Thursday	Schools/Event	Lynne Randolph, Judith Martin
4/16/2004	Record Courier	Vet names needed	Armed Services	Nancy Thornburg
4/16/2004	Record Courier	Alpine seniors know their needs	Social Services/Seniors	Jim Clark
4/23/2004	Record Courier	Alpine in Brief	Government/Museum/Fire	Nancy Thornburg
4/23/2004	Record Courier	Planning hearing Se on Abdoos project	Development	Tom Abdoos
4/23/2004	Record Courier	Selling recipes	Kirkwood	
4/23/2004	Record Courier	Clean Up	Fire/Safety	
4/23/2004	Record Courier	Medicinal plant workshop at Sorensen's	Business/Event	Kinball Chatfield
4/23/2004	Record Courier	Leslie: Some news is good	Government	
4/23/2004	Record Courier	Campground is ready to open	Recreation	
4/27/2004	Flyer	Wine and hours d'oeuvres	Development	
4/30/2004	Record Courier	Clean up for spring	Trash	
4/30/2004	Record Courier	Abdoos project backed by chamber board	Development	Bradley Davis
4/30/2004	Record Courier	Open House	Kids	Crystal Cruz, Aligha Cruz, Emily Johnson
4/30/2004	Record Courier	Expect road delays	Roads	Leonard Turnbeaugh
4/30/2004	Record Courier	BOS meets Tuesday	Government	
4/30/2004	Record Courier	Sheriff's log	Crime	
4/30/2004	Record Courier	Villa Gigli re-opens with booning	Business	Ruggero Gigli, Gina Gigli
5/7/2004	Record Courier	Washoe Tribe members presented home titles	Washoe	Willard Bennett

5/7/2004	Record Courier	Update on fishing	Fishing	Dave Zellmer, Dave Kirby
5/7/2004	Record Courier	Ready for Death Ride	Bicycles	Teresa Burkhauser
5/7/2004	Record Courier	Fire Safe open house tomorrow	Fire/Safety	Nancy Thornburg
5/7/2004	Record Courier	Write to local soldier	Armed Services	Marilyn Payne. Ray Payne
5/7/2004	Record Courier	Leslie talks reform	Government	
5/7/2004	Record Courier	Planning commission upholds the Abdoos project decision	Development	Tom Abdoos, Diedre Wallace, Dawn Riddle, Nancy Thornburg, Bill Morgan, Brian Peters
5/7/2004	Record Courier	Supervisors OK budgets for 2003, 2004-05	Government	Ernestine Foggerty, Stuart Merrill
5/7/2004	Record Courier	Mark Twain' appearing	Museum/History	
5/14/2004	Record Courier	Newly-announced fish plants	Fishing	
5/14/2004	Record Courier	Hanepen, guitarist, performs Sunday	Arts/Business	
5/14/2004	Record Courier	Low-cost licensing clinic offered	Community/Regulations	
5/14/2004	Record Courier	Austin Healy club visits Markleeville	Community/Events	
5/14/2004	Record Courier	Pony Express due in Woodfords June 2	History/Mail	
5/14/2004	Record Courier	Supervisor board meet Tuesday	Government	
5/14/2004	Record Courier	Layne as 'Mark Twain' visits May 20	Museum/Event	
5/14/2004	Record Courier	Seniors stay busy	Seniors	Jim Clark, Stuart Merrill, Don Jardine, Terry Woodrow, Skip Veatch, Rebecca Wheeler, Maurena Dressler
5/14/2004	Record Courier	Leslie: W hold his breath	Government	
5/14/2004	Record Courier	Clean-up May 29	Hope Valley	
5/14/2004	Record Courier	Sheriff's log	Crime	
5/14/2004	Record Courier	Concern about fire	Fire/Safety	
5/21/2004	Record Courier	Leslie: Small business in trouble	Government	
5/21/2004	Record Courier	Awarded	Awards	Dave Kirby

5/21/2004	Record Courier	Low-cost shots offered June 17	Community/Regulations	
5/21/2004	Record Courier	See 100s of vintage British sports cars	Community/Events	
5/21/2004	Record Courier	Pony Express riding through Markleeville	History/Mail	
5/21/2004	Record Courier	Sheriff's log	Crime	
5/28/2004	Record Courier	Layne as 'Mark Twain' a hit at show	Museum/Event	
5/28/2004	Record Courier	Newly approved legislation outlined	Government	
5/28/2004	Record Courier	Alpine Trio performs at M's on Saturday	Arts/Business	
5/28/2004	Record Courier	Bagels, barbecue starts at coffee house	Business	
5/28/2004	Record Courier	Plenty'o fish at various hot spots	Fishing	
5/28/2004	Record Courier	Summer hours open at Grover's Hot Springs	Hot Springs	
5/28/2004	Record Courier	Music, art May 30	Arts/Business	Forrest Robinson, Karen Robinson, Gina Gigli, Mark Robinson, Carla Robinson, Sara Robinson, Renee Robinson
5/28/2004	Record Courier	School distinguished with award	Schools/Awards	Ashley Smith
5/28/2004	Record Courier	Museum re-opens for summer season	Museum	Ellen Martin, Dick Edwards, Bernice Dangberg, Walt Monroe
6/4/2004	Record Courier	Fly-in resort/spa at airport on horizon	Development	
6/4/2004	Record Courier	Volunteers needed	Government	
6/4/2004	Record Courier	Sheriff's log	Crime	
6/4/2004	Record Courier	The family of Bob Jackson	Thank you	Jeanne Turnbeaugh, Judy Currence, John Jackson, Kim Jackson
6/4/2004	Record Courier	Planners agree to ordinance review	Development	Brian Peters
6/4/2004	Record Courier	Jazz guitarist at Gigli	Arts/Business	
6/4/2004	Record Courier	Winners	Schools/Awards	
6/4/2004	Record Courier	Leslie comments on nation's economy	Government	

6/11/2004	Record Courier	Three win contest	Contest	Stephanie Tyon, Robert Jim, Tashina Lundy
6/11/2004	Record Courier	RAC members sought	Government	
6/11/2004	Record Courier	English cars shown in Markleeville	Community/Events	
6/11/2004	Record Courier	Bills hurt business	Government	
6/11/2004	Record Courier	Clarification	Development	
6/11/2004	Record Courier	Seniors meet on the 24th in Woodfords	Seniors	David Griffith, Nancy Thornburg
6/11/2004	Record Courier	Back 40 Band play Sorenson's	Arts/Business	
6/11/2004	Record Courier	Hanepen performs at Villa Gigli	Arts/Business	
6/11/2004	Record Courier	Animal licensing clinic June 17	Community/Regulations	
6/11/2004	Record Courier	Grover's hosts program Saturday	Hot Springs	Bob Pinto
6/11/2004	Record Courier	Resorts ready for summer	Recreation	
6/11/2004	Record Courier	Merrill is senior of the year	Seniors	Stuart Merrill, Terry Woodrow, Eileen Merrill, Wanda Coyan
6/18/2004	Record Courier	Businesses take more hits in law	Government	
6/18/2004	Record Courier	State Dems punt on chance to save money	Government	
6/18/2004	Record Courier	Sheriff's log	Crime	
6/18/2004	Record Courier	Bear Valley gets grant	Arts	
6/18/2004	Record Courier	Hanepen plays Villa Gigli Father's Day	Arts/Business	
6/18/2004	Record Courier	Seniors meet for monthly lunch	Seniors	David Griffith
6/18/2004	Record Courier	State Fair entry needs volunteers	Community	Kathy Caldwell, Ruth Ann Edwards
6/18/2004	Record Courier	Mask painting topic of June 23 meeting	Community/Arts	
6/18/2004	Record Courier	Grover Hot Springs hosts event	Hot Springs	
6/18/2004	Record Courier	Road closures foreath Ride 2004	Bicycles/Roads	
6/18/2004	Record Courier	Story time June 26	Library	Gina Gigli, Skip Veatch

6/18/2004	Record Courier	Road problems reviewed	Roads	Terry Woodrow, Randy Morrison, Gunter Kaise, Chris Gansberg, Fritz Thornburg, Herman Zellmer, Don Jardine
6/18/2004	Record Courier	Free Fishing Day attracts crowd	Fishing	
6/18/2004	Record Courier	Nominate special women	Awards	
6/25/2004	Record Courier	Cowboys circle around campfire	Business/Event	Ruggero Gigli
6/25/2004	Record Courier	Have good time at California State Fair	Community /projects	Kathy Caldwell, Bill Caldwell, Ruth Ann Edwawrds
6/25/2004	Record Courier	Rite Aid offers health screenings	Health	
6/25/2004	Record Courier	Bear Valley brings beat to bluffs	Bear Valley/Arts	
6/25/2004	Record Courier	Death Ride in two weeks	Bicycles	
6/25/2004	Record Courier	Lodge opens for summer	Business	
7/2/2004	Record Courier	Western music at coffee shop Sunday	Arts/Business	
7/2/2004	Record Courier	Fish plants in several prime spots	Fishing	
7/2/2004	Record Courier	Coldwell Banker new to Markleeville	Business	
7/2/2004	Record Courier	Sorenson's offers July 3 program	Business/Event	
7/2/2004	Record Courier	Fogarty named Alpine senior woman of year	Seniors/Award	Ernestine Fogarty, Ed Fogarty, Herman Zellmer, David Griffith, John Crawford, Sherri Dennis
7/2/2004	Record Courier	Alpine County Storytime brings many to park	Library/Event	Skip Veatch
7/2/2004	Sacramento Bee	The other view: The real picture of Sierra Nevada forests	Environment	
7/5/2004	The Union Democrat	Grand Jury sticks to its story	Courts	
7/7/2004	Record Courier	Is a meadow part of the past or the future?	Development/Opinion	Dick Edwards
7/9/2004	Record Courier	66-year-old ready for Death Ride	Bicycles	
7/9/2004	Record Courier	Watershed coordinator sought	Watershed Group	Dan Kaffer

7/9/2004	Record Courier	Nominations being taken to celebrate women	Community/Awards	
7/9/2004	Record Courier	Plenty to do at Alpine Museum	Museum	
7/9/2004	Record Courier	Death Ride Saturday	Bicycles	Sandy Baenen
7/9/2004	Record Courier	Sheriff's log	Crime	
7/23/2004	Record Courier	Kirkwood condos set for approval	Kirkwood	Richard Harvey, Barbara Jones, Brian Peters, Jeff Bennett, Frank Jacobelli
7/23/2004	Record Courier	Music, wine art Sunday	Arts/Business	Ruggero Gigli
7/23/2004	Record Courier	Alpine school board filing deadline Aug. 6	Elections	Earl O'Neal, Mary Wood, Barbara Jones, Herman Zellmer, Skip Veatch, Phillip Bennett, Chris Gansberg, Jr., Gunther Kaiser
7/23/2004	Record Courier	Alpine Dems meet fourth Wednesday's	Elections	
7/23/2004	Record Courier	Women's group meets monthly	Social Services	
7/23/2004	Record Courier	Grassfest music fest next month	Kirkwood/Arts	
7/23/2004	Record Courier	Bear Valley festival is July 31-Aug. 15	Bear Valley/Arts	
7/23/2004	Record Courier	Advisory committee seeks members	Social Services	
7/23/2004	Record Courier	Gov. Schwarzenegger appoints Richard Specchio Alpine County Superior Court Judge	Courts	Richard Specchio
7/30/2004	Record Courier	Sheriff's log	Crime	
7/30/2004	Record Courier	Celebrate county women on Saturday	Community/Awards	
7/30/2004	Record Courier	Historical society celebrates 40 years	Museum/Event	
7/30/2004	Record Courier	Alpine Dems meet fourth Wednesday's	Election	
7/30/2004	Record Courier	Women's support group meets monthly	Social Services	
7/30/2004	Record Courier	Grassfest music fest next month	Kirkwood/Arts	

7/30/2004	Record Courier	Bear Valley festival is July 31-Aug.15	Bear Valley/Arts	
7/30/2004	Record Courier	Advisory committee seeks members	Social Services	
7/30/2004	Record Courier	Register before Aug. 6 for school board seat	Elections	Earl O'Neal, Mary Wood, Barbara Jones, Herman Zellmer, Skip Veatch, Phillip Bennett, Chris Gansberg, Jr., Gunther Kaiser
7/30/2004	Record Courier	Supervisors meet Tuesday	Government	Lynn Doyal, Thomas Minder, Robert Levy
7/30/2004	Record Courier	Hazard Impact input sought	Safety	
7/30/2004	Record Courier	New organic form discussed	Agriculture	Robin Lynn Butler, David Den Berg, Jean Den Berg
7/30/2004	Record Courier	Luncheon on aging Thursday	Seniors	Jim Clark
7/30/2004	Record Courier	New district ranger in Amador	Forest Service	
9/17/2004	Record Courier	Markleeville business appeals design ruling	Development	
8/20/2004	Record Courier	Planners should deny Alpine development	Development/Opinion	Dick Edwards
8/27/2004	Record Courier	George Asay	Obituary	George Asay
8/22/2004	Record Courier	Vernita Bruns Springmeyer Smith	Obituary	Vernita Bruns Spriner Smith, Fred Bruns, Eugenia Bruns, Lloyd Springmeyer, Hubert Bruns, Shirley Bruns, Linda Bruns, Bruce Bruns, Ida Glazier
8/27/2004	Record Courier	Kirkwood landmark celebrates 140 years	Kirkwood/History	June wood Somerville, Zachary Kirkwood
8/27/2004	Record Courier	Plan seeks to unite Alpine firefighters	Fire	
8/27/2004	Record Courier	Sheriff's log	Crime	
8/29/2004	Sacramento Bee	California getaway: Markleeville's lures include hot springs	Travelogue	Jacob Marklee, Tom Abdoo, Teresa Burkhauser, Nancy Thornburg, Dick Edwards
9/1/2004	Record Courier	Diamond Valley School observes Patriots' Day	Schools/Event	Kansas Clark

9/1/2004	Record Courier	Diamond Valley School student named Little Miss Washoe	Washoe/Awards	KaLynn Payne, Marilayne, Raymond Payne, Caroline Gutierrez, Hazel Payne, Judge Frank Payne
9/10/2004	Record Courier	Woman's center offers help, sexual assault intervention	Social Services	
9/10/2004	Record Courier	Artists gather in Markleeville	Arts/Event	
9/10/2004	Record Courier	Sheriff's log	Crime	
9/12/2004	Ventura County Star	A tiny county plans for terrorism	Safety	Cindy Hannah, Rob Levy, Sherry Rheel, Bessie Platten
9/17/2004	Record Courier	Alpine County wins gold at California state fair	Community/Awards	Bill Caldwell, Kathy Caldwell, Jeana Snyder, Teresa Burkhauser, Jeff Brees, Ruth Ann Edwards, Shermen Glettig, Josh Kelly, Rich Weigel, Pat Weigel
9/17/2004	Record Courier	Alpine creek fish poisoning delayed	Fishing/Environment	
9/24/2004	Record Courier	Alpine County wins a rare victory in fish poisoning	Fishing/Environment/Opinion	Nancy Thornburg
9/24/2004	Record Courier	New Doctor arrives in Alpine	Health	Richard Harvey, Kate Harvey
9/24/2004	Record Courier	Elders Day	Schools/Event	Sarah Gonzales, Clara Ellis
9/24/2004	Record Courier	Planners to visit project site	Development	Tom Abdo
9/24/2004	Record Courier	Addition	Community/Awards	Margaret Daniels, Dennis Daniels
10/29/2004	Record Courier	Supervisors meet on Tuesday	Government	
10/29/2004	Record Courier	Boxer addresses Alpiners	Government	Mary Walker
10/29/2004	Record Courier	Husband and wife retire from county	Biography	Tom Nagel, Judi Nagel, Mark Nagel, Keith Nagel, John Crawford, Leonard Turnbeaugh, April Livesay,
10/29/2004	Record Courier	Kirkwood does October	Kirkwood	Tim Cohee
10/31/2004	Record Courier	Impact: Alpine	Development	Nancy Thornburg, Dick Edwards, Tom Abdo, Brian Peters
11/3/2004	Record Courier	Supervisors say no brick in project	Development/Government	Chris Gansburg, Herman Zellmer, Tom Abdo, Terry Woodrow, Donald Jardine

11/5/2004	Record Courier	Markleeville developer faces hurdles	Development	Terry Woodrow, Nancy Thornburg, Tom Abdo, Herman Zellmer, Chris Gansberg
11/5/2004	Record Courier	Leslie thanks for their support	Elections	
11/5/2004	Record Courier	Basketry topic at society meeting	Museum/Event	
11/5/2004	Record Courier	County artists sought	Arts	
11/5/2004	Record Courier	Alpine County, we have landed in the news	Communication	Al Petit, David Griffith, Judy Molnar, Theresa Burkhauser, Bill Morgan
11/8/2004	Tahoe Daily Tribune	Fire closes Kirkwood	Kirkwood/Fire	Tim Cohee
11/10/2004	Tahoe Daily Tribune	Blaze at Kirkwood resort caused by engine exhaust	Kirkwood/Fire	Tim Cohee
11/11/2004	Sacramento Bee	Ski time - ready or not	Kirkwood	Tim Cohee
11/12/2004	Record Courier	Hearing date to be set for project	Development	Brian Peters, Tom Abdo
11/12/2004	Record Courier	Exhaust caused Kirkwood fire	Kirkwood/Fire	Tim Cohee
11/12/2004	Record Courier	Author asks 'What's your comfort food?'	Arts	Gina Gigli, Ruggero Gigli
11/12/2004	Record Courier	Turkey bingo held in Turtle Rock	Community/Events	
11/12/2004	Record Courier	State capital kiosk ideas needed	Community/Arts	
11/13/2004	Sacramento Bee	Folks in high country take pride in highest voter turnout	Elections	Dave Kirby, Skip Veatch, Lou Roper, Barbara Jones, Dave Zellmer, Dave Brees, Linda Merrill
11/14/2004	Nevada Appeal	Tiny Alpine County leads California in voter turnout	Elections	Dave Brees, Dave Kirby, Dave Zellmer
11/19/2004	Record Courier	Alpine County leads California in turnout	Elections	Dave Brees, Dave Kirby, Dave Zellmer
11/19/2004	Record Courier	Kirkwood hosts telemark fair Dec. 11,12	Kirkwood	
11/19/2004	Record Courier	Kirkwood improves slopes	Kirkwood	
11/19/2004	Record Courier	Sheriff's log	Crime	

11/20/2004	Sacramento Bee	When rural fire alarms sound, fewer spry enough to answer	Fire	Clint Celio, Skip Veatch, Dave Zellmer, Dave Kirby
11/26/2004	Record Courier	Alpine hosts artists, authors and antiques	Arts	Dale Bennett, Ellen Martin, Nicole Bennett, Greg Bennett, David Bennett, Dave Kirby, Lynda Kirby
11/26/2004	Record Courier	How to find a Christmas Tree	Forest Service	
11/30/2004	Tahoe Daily Tribune	Red ink locks up Alpine jail expansion	Sheriff	John Crawford, Robert Levy, Barbara Howard
12/3/2004	Record Courier	Triple meetings in Markleeville	Development	Tom Abdo, Brian Peters
12/3/2004	Record Courier	Workshop a success	Fire/Safety	Clint Celio
12/3/2004	Record Courier	Child care food program offered	Kids	
12/6/2004	Tahoe Daily Tribune	In search of the perfect tree	Forest Service	Ann Molinari
12/8/2004	Record Courier	Workshop a success	Fire/Safety	Clint Celio
12/10/2004	Record Courier	Markleeville project reduced	Development	Herman Zellmer, Nancy Thornburg, Tom Abdo, Brian Peters, Terry Woodrow
12/10/2004	Record Courier	Sheriff's report	Crime	
12/10/2004	Record Courier	Ready for snowmobiling at Lake Alpine	Recreation	
12/10/2004	Record Courier	Roughing it in winter: Breakup sends Tahoe man into isolation	Recreation	Dave Kirby, Shad Lafontise
12/15/2004	Record Courier	Alpine children's center to close	Kids	Jef Newby, Dion Mortimer, Marijah Snyder, Janis Doyal, Deanna Doyal, Teddy Doyal, Shania Doyal, Galit Greenwood, Jo Dougherty
12/17/2004	Record Courier	Competition, budget restraints blamed for center's end	Kids	Jo Dougherty, Rian Snyder
12/17/2004	Record Courier	Markleeville project goes back to drawing board	Development	Tom Abdo, Gunter Kaiser, Bill Morgan, Leonard Turnbeaugh

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12/24/2004	Record Courier	Markleeville group met sue Alpine	Development	
12/24/2004	Record Courier	Winter hours at visitor's center	Business	
12/24/2004	Record Courier	Alpine Chamber directors elected	Election	Amy Broadhurst, David Cooper, David Johnston, Brad Davis, Debbi Waldear
12/24/2004	Record Courier	Commission to discuss Markleeville development	Development	
12/31/2004	Record Courier	Zoning changes recommended	Development	Nancy Thornburg, Brian Peters, Amy Skewes-Cox, Robert Twiss
12/31/2004	Record Courier	Getting in the spirit	Community/Events	Leonard Turnbeaugh, Russell Simonov, Douglas Metz
12/31/2004	Record Courier	Kirkwood, Indian casino work together	Kirkwood	Holly Collins
1/1/2005	L.A. Times	Divided by a white curtain	Bear Valley/weather	Rick Stephens
1/7/2005	Record Courier	Public hearing date set	Development	
1/7/2005	Record Courier	Tribes represented on board of supervisors	Washoe/Government	Phillip Bennett, Judge David DeVore, Skip Veatch, Gunter Kaiser, Judge Richard Specchio, William Richmond, Jermaine Jim, Tatyanna Jim
1/7/2005	Record Courier	Gunter Kaiser is new District 5 supervisor	Elections/Biography	Gunter Kaiser, Lois Kaiser
1/7/2005	Record Courier	Veatch takes District 2 seat	Elections	Skip Veatch, Edie Veatch
1/7/2005	Record Courier	Public hearing date set	Development	
1/14/2005	Record Courier	Snow keeps skiers out, in at Kirkwood	Kirkwood	
1/14/2005	Record Courier	Sheriff's log	Crime	
1/21/2005	Record Courier	Megan's law info on Internet	Crime	
1/21/2005	Record Courier	Resource issues to be discussed	Forest Service	
1/28/2005	Record Courier	Seniors climb aboard for mid-week bus trip	Seniors	Hubert Bruns, Elwood Davis, Sherri Dennis, Gail Day

1/28/2005	Record Courier	Markleeville project addressed at two meetings	Development	
1/28/2005	Record Courier	Alcoholics Anonymous to meet	Bear Valley	
1/28/2005	Record Courier	Food for families	Social Services	
1/28/2005	Record Courier	Family support council to meet	Social Services	
1/28/2005	Record Courier	Al-Anon meeting	Bear Valley	
1/28/2005	Record Courier	Art and antiques sale	Arts	
2/4/2005	Record Courier	Sheriff's log	Crime	
2/4/2005	Record Courier	Grover Hot Springs has winter hours	Hot Springs	
2/4/2005	Record Courier	Friends of the Library to meet on Saturday	Library	
2/4/2005	Record Courier	Admendments approved despite lawsuit threat	Development	Dennis Crabb, Terry Woodrow, Tom Abdoo, Gunter Kaiser, Forrest Robinson, Joely Abdoo, Tim Pemberton
2/8/2005	Los Angeles Times	A line in the snow	Hope Valley/Land Use	Debbi Waldear, Patty Brissenden, Rob Levi, Jim Donald
2/9/2005	Record Courier	Friends of Markleeville seeks full project review	Development	Nancy Thornburg
2/11/2005	Record Courier	Forest Service wants ideas	Forest Service	Clint Celio
2/14/2005	Los Angeles Times	Divided by a White Curtain	Roads/Governm ent	<i>Rick Stephens, Randy Gibson, Nancy Thornburg, Paul Peterson, Jeff Stanford, John Crawford, Eric Jung, Bruce Orvis, Leonard Turnbeaugh, Luke Stephens</i>
2/18/2005	Record Courier	Supervisors stall on zoning	Development	Gunter Kaiser, Stephen Hobbs, Tom Abdoo, Brian Peters
2/18/2005	Record Courier	Happy Birthday	Celebration	Hubert Bruns, Elwood Davis
2/18/2005	Record Courier	Volunteers sought for public service	Community	Sherrri Dennis, Edie Vetch, J Daugherty
2/18/2005	Tahoe Daily Tribune	Peace and crime in state's tiniest county	Crime	Will Richmond, Karen Dustman, Judge Richard Specchio, Judge David Devore, Colleen Hemingway

2/20/2005	Nevada Appeal	Law in a land of streams, meadows, mountains and skiing	Crime	Will Richmond, Judge Richard Specchio
2/25/2005	Merced Sun-Star	High Sierra county cut in half in winter	Community	Rick Stephens, Randy Gibson, Nancy Thornburg, Eric Jung, Jema Kimmel, John Crawford, Bruce Orvis, Paul Petersen, Phil Davis, Leonard Turnbeaugh, Luke Stephens
2/25/2005	Record Courier	Strike	Seniors	DoloresClark, Sherri Dennis
2/25/2005	Record Courier	Diamond Valley students hit the slopes	Schools/Sports	Phoebe Hamilton, Taylor Embry, Andy Lovell, Teddy Williams
2/25/2005	Record Courier	St. Parick's Day party	Community/Events	
2/28/2005	Tahoe Daily Tribune	Letter to the Editor	Opinion	Nancy Thrnburg, Will Richmond. Judge Specchio
3/2/2005	Record Courier	Letters to the editor	Opinion	Nancy Thornburg, John Brissenden, Patty Brissenden
3/3/2005	Tahoe Daily Tribune	Ski resorts recover from brutal holiday storms	Weather	Tim Cohee
3/4/2005	Record Courier	County sued over timeshare project	Development	Dennis Crabb, Tom Abdo, Tim Pemberton, Steve Hobbs, Nancy Thornburg
3/4/2005	Record Courier	Layoffs threaten Diamond Valley School	Schools	Joe Voss, Jim Parsons, Katy Hadley, Robin McCully, Rita Lovell, Deirdre Wallace, Stephanie Bowen, Chris Branscombe, Ginger Craik
3/4/2005	Record Courier	Termination notices not justified	Opinion	Ginger Craik, Jim Parsons
3/6/2005	Nevada Appeal	Sierra Split		Rick Stephens, Randy Gibson, Nancy Thornburg, Luke Stephens, Jeff Stanford, John Crawford
3/9/2005	Record Courier	Another view on Alpine's teachers	Opinion	Ginger Craik, James Parsons
3/9/2005	Record Courier	Opinion is writer's, not group's	oment	Nancy Thornburg

3/9/2005	Record Courier	Picture of Alpine lawsuit incomplete	pment	
3/11/2005	Record Courier	Plaintiffs object to developer's comments	Development	Dick Edwards, Tom Abdoo, Nancy Thornburg, Gina Gigi,
3/11/2005	Record Courier	Briefs	Events	
3/11/2005	Record Courier	Staff feel left in the dark by administration	Schools	Rita Lovell, Katy Hadley, Joe Voss, Jim Parsons, Robin McCully
3/18/2005	Record Courier	Diamond Valley School students awarded	Schools/Awards	Justin Peet's, Jim Parsons, Katy Branscombe, Logan Cambridge, Deanna Doyal, Alfred Duran, Chelsea Guerrero, Phoebe Hamilton, Cody Vann, Tessa Williams, Matthew Aaron's, Riley Curry, George Dick, Taylor Embry, Brittainny Colon, Gabe Merrill, William Rubinho, Brandon Crawford, Meghan Hadley, Rena Spansail, Katy Branscombe, Jessica Burt, Kristin Slavic, Salinthea Guerrero, Minneah Holdridge, Macy Matlock, Lucerina Rivera, Teddy Williams
3/18/2005	Record Courier	Environmental impact report vs.mitigated negative declaration	Environment	
3/18/2005	Record Courier	Sheriff's Log	Crime	
3/18/2005	Record Courier	Developers get zoning changes	Development	Don Jardine, Gunter Kaiser, Skip Veatch, Nancy Thornburg, Brian Peters
3/20/2005	Record Courier	Afraid Markleeville will go the way of other towns	Opinion/Development	Dick Edwards
3/25/2005	Record Courier	Law enforcement nothing new for Alpine's Crawford	Biography	John Crawford
3/25/2005	Record Courier	Law in a land of streams, ski slopes	Crime	Will Richmond, Judge Richard Specchio
3/25/2005	Record Courier	Learning to read can be a lot of fun	Schools/Event	Salina Guerrero

3/25/2005	Record Courier	Hung-A-Lel-Ti Native American Science Bowl 2005 a success	Washoe	Nicole Bennett, Anthony Caldera, Ramsey Horse, Jessica Bennett, Emmy Frank, Jermaine Jim, Anthony Wedlock, Ben Gonzalez, Rosie Gabriel, Mike Rojas, David Roberts Jr., Jason Bryan
3/30/2005	Sacramento Bee	Collision Course	Recreation	Debbi Waldear, Rob Levy
4/8/2005	Record Courier	Beat winter blues at Grover Hot Springs	Hot Springs	
4/8/2005	Record Courier	Alpine County library celebrates National Library Week	Library	Jim Dunn, Steve Hobbs
4/8/2005	Record Courier	Show support for child abuse prevention, sexual assault awareness	Social Services	Susan Lippmann
4/8/2005	Record Courier	Burn pile set for this weekend	Fire	
4/15/2005	Record Courier	Library kicks up its heels	Library	Bessie Platten, Lynn Doyal, Richard Harvey
4/15/2005	Record Courier	Deputies are honored	Public Safety	Don Skinner, Will Richmond, Ron Michitarian
4/16/2005	Record Courier	Leslie reports on lawmakers	Government	
4/16/2005	Record Courier	Breast Cancer fund gets \$27,000	Kirkwood	Susan Conner, Phyllis Jones, Lisa Clarey-Lawler, Trisha Mount, Jeanne Reuter, Jan Reed, Cheryl Stern, Kathy Walters
4/16/2005	Record Courier	Children enjoy egg hunt	Community/Events	Leonard Turnbeaugh, Judy Molnar, Charlie Dobson, Barbara Howard, Jennie Lear
4/16/2005	Record Courier	Teddy Bear Parade on April 24	Community/Events	
4/17/2005	Nevada Appeal	Alpine County stream poisoning planned to aid cutthroat trout	Fishing/Environment	Gunter Kaiser, Dave Zellmer
4/21/2005	Sacramento Bee	Catch the cold	Recreation/Environment	
4/22/2005	Record Courier	Supporting children	Social Services	Monte Rice, Cora Rice
4/22/2005	Record Courier	Firefighter presents awards	Fire/Awards	Clint Celia, Jason Lyons

4/22/2005	Record Courier	Briefs	Government/Events	Amber Neaves, Rutgers Gigli, Gina Gigli
4/22/2005	Record Courier	In the line of fire	Fire/Biography	Clint Celia, David Gard, Mike Gard, Rob Levy, Jim Haven, Buck McClelland
4/22/2005	Record Courier	Alpine, employees at odds over insurance	Government	Judy Molnar
4/25/2005	Chamber of Commerce	To Alpine County Residents:	Letter/Development	Tom Abdo
4/27/2005	Record Courier	Taste of old Italy in Alpine	Business	Ruggero Gigli, Gina Gigli
4/29/2005	Record Courier	Markleeville says 'Pizza,pizza'	Business/Biography	Ruggero Gigli, Gina Gigli
4/29/2005	Record Courier	Sheriff's log	Crime	
4/29/2005	Record Courier	Down to earth	Community/Events	Patrick Voss, Sarah Voss
4/29/2005	Record Courier	Earth Day is a success	Community/Events	Don Jardine, Leo Coyan, Dave Neaves, Amber Neaves, Laura Leuders
5/4/2005	Record Courier	Fish fry	Fishing/Environment	
5/6/2005	Record Courier	Ad campaign misleading	Opinion/Development	Phil Bellman, Betsy Yost, Tom Abdo
5/6/2005	Record Courier	Sunday is Mother's Day	Business	
5/6/2005	Record Courier	Sorensen's offer star-gazing	Business/Event	
5/6/2005	Record Courier	Small high school seeks accreditation	Schools	Jim Parsons, Vito Neaves, Joe Voss, Satori Ivy, Joe Tabor, Josh Horse, Carey Galvez, Caleb Knapp
5/13/2005	Record Courier	Advisory committee spotlights 9 projects	Fire/Safety	
5/13/2005	Record Courier	Briefs	Government/Events	

5/13/2005	Record Courier	Students receive awards	Schools/Awards	JohnCrawford, Minneah Holdridge, Katy Branscombe, Mikie Skenandore, Riley Curry, Hunter Celia, Vashley McCully, Andi-Jo Embry, Karin Jones, Chelsea Guerrero, Phoebe Hamilton, Deanna Doyal, Jenna Fairman
5/13/2005	Record Courier	Alpine fish kill annoys anglers	Fishing/Environment	
5/18/2005	Record Courier	Alpine school board meeting heats up	Schools	Rich Williams, Jim Parsons, Andy Lovell, Rita Lovell, Katy Hadley, Laura Parsons, Earl O'Neal, Robin McCully, Deirdre Wallace, Cheryl Vanos-Embry, Joe Voss
5/20/2005	Record Courier	Borer battle zeroes in on beetle's home	Environment/Washoe	Darrel Cruz
5/20/2005	Record Courier	Board of supervisors approves fish poisoning	Fishing/Environment	Don Jardine, Terry Woodrow, Skip Veatch, Gunter Kaiser
5/20/2005	Record Courier	Tending to business	Fire/Safety	
5/20/2005	Record Courier	Alcatraz film shown at library	Library	Kevin Jones, Bruce Jones, Maureena Dressler
5/20/2005	Record Courier	Hope Valley watershed work day	Watershed Group	Laura Lueders
5/20/2005	Record Courier	Sheriff's log	Crime	
5/25/2005	Record Courier	BLM burning near Turtle Rock Park	Fire/Safety	
5/27/2005	Record Courier	Rock is extinct, but park lives on	Community	Leonard Turnbeaugh, Nancy Thornburg
5/27/2005	Record Courier	Highway 4 could reopen	Roads	
5/27/2005	Record Courier	Last weekend for burn	Fire/Safety	
5/27/2005	Record Courier	Campgrounds, reception hall available	Community	Leonard Turnbeaugh
6/1/2005	Record Courier	Save Diamond Valley School	Opinion/Schools	Jackie Blaha
6/1/2005	Record Courier	Fund-raiser ties to save school jobs	Schools	Jim Parsons, Robin Butler, Katy Hadley, Floyd Hampton,

6/3/2005	Record Courier	Pre-kindergarteners visit Diamond Valley School	Schools	Bernie Combs, Robin McCully, Ethan Craik, Mackenzie Craik, Jon Paul Embry, Andrew Voss, Katie Plexio
6/3/2005	Record Courier	Kicking up their heels	Schools	Justin Dick, Madison Braz, Tori's Francis
6/3/2005	Record Courier	Grovers Hot Springs starts summer hours	Hot Springs	
6/3/2005	Record Courier	Kids Fishing Day	Fishing	
6/4/2005	Record Courier	July 4 weekend activity slated	Community/Events	Robin Butler
6/4/2005	Record Courier	Alpine seniors attend Farmers Market	Seniors	
6/4/2005	Record Courier	Bluegrass band plays at Sorensen's	Business/Event	
6/10/2005	Record Courier	Children's center community update	Kids	Edie Veatch
6/10/2005	Record Courier	Senator Cox to speak	Government/Event	
6/10/2005	Record Courier	Kids Fishing Day	Fishing	
6/10/2005	Record Courier	Seniors go to Tahoe	Seniors	
6/10/2005	Record Courier	Seniors go to Bodie	Seniors	
6/10/2005	Record Courier	Speed Demon	Schools/Event	Jack Doyal
6/10/2005	Record Courier	Fund-raiser to aid saving school principal, librarian positions	Schools/Events	Jim Parsons, Robin Butler, Katie Hadley, Rita Lovell
6/15/2005	Record Courier	Pilot dies in Alpine County plane crash	Accident	
6/15/2005	Record Courier	Pilot flew out of Minden-Tahoe Airport	Accident	John Crawford
6/15/2005	Tahoe Daily Tribune	Fatal airplane accident	Accident	John Crawford
6/15/2005	Record Courier	Help save Diamond Valley School	Opinion/Schools	Robin Butler, Rita Lovell
6/17/2005	Record Courier	Pilot in Alpine crash from Carson	Accident	
6/17/2005	Record Courier	Fund-raiser tries to save key positions at school	Schools/Events	Katy Hadley, Rita Lovell
6/17/2005	Record Courier	Annual bike-a-then proves successful	Schools/Events	Rebecca Wheeler

6/17/2005	Record Courier	Dispute continues over health insurance increase	Government	Nancy Thornburg, Judy Molnar, Donald Jardine, Leonard Turnbeaugh
6/22/2005	Record Courier	Alpine workers just want fair shake	Opinion/Government	Nancy Thornburg, Leonard Turnbeaugh, Skip Veatch, Gunter Kaiser
6/23/2005	Record Courier	Markleeville Village report goes to planners	Development	Gunter Kaiser, Don Jardine, Phillip Bennett,
6/24/2005	Record Courier	Two more fund raisers planned for school	Schools/Events	Lauren Ellis, Robin Butler, Jim Parsons, Rita Lovell
6/24/2005	Record Courier	Alpine worker costs very different	Opinion/Government	Leonard Turnbeaugh, Janine Cuddy
6/24/2005	Record Courier	\$7 million for Leviathan Mine	Environment/Mining	
6/26/2005	Record Courier	Man killed in Rancho brawl	Crime	Jeffrey John
6/29/2005	Record Courier	Two held in Ranchos killing	Crime	Jeffrey John, Dinah Pete
7/8/2005	Record Courier	Homicide hearing delayed	Crime	Jeffrey John
7/8/2005	Record Courier	Authorities ask for help to find missing person	Search and Rescue	William McKinnon
7/8/2005	Record Courier	Jeffrey C. John	Obituary	Jeffrey John, Clayton John, Cynthia Lundy John, Jeffrey Red Bear John, Jesstyna Dressler, Tristen Dressler, Magdalena John, Clayton John Jr., Niquoia John, Karen Lundy, Danean McDarment, Dinalyn Skenandore
7/8/2005	Record Courier	John Henry Generelli	Obituary	John Generelli, Mario Generelli, Marilyn Generelli, Kim Hunt
7/8/2005	Tahoe Daily Tribune	Death Ride turns 25	Bicycles	Joe Marzocco
7/8/2005	Nevada Appeal	Event has different meanings to participating riders	Bicycles	Margaret Daniels, Joe Marzocco
7/10/2005	Nevada Appeal	Fire burns Alpine scenic corridor	Fire	

7/10/2005	Record Courier	Family: Healing begins with justice	Crime	Jeffrey John, Karen Lundy, Jeffrey Red Bear John, Tristen Dressler, Jesstyna Dressler, Tyeesa Jim, Mike John
7/10/2005	Record Courier	Missing person found dead in Alpine County	Search and Rescue	William McKinnon
7/11/2005	Tahoe Daily Tribune	Death Rde: If it's not a race, why do cyclists participate?	Bicycles	Joe Marzocco, Margaret Daniels
7/11/2005	Tahoe Daily Tribune	Fire near state line is nearly contained	Fire	
7/13/2005	Record Courier	Mud Lake fire down to embers	Fire	
7/15/2005	Record Courier	Witnesses describe fatal paty	Crime	Jeffrey John, Laura Christensen
7/15/2005	Record Courier	Ranchos Fire Station 7 battles Mud Lake fire	Fire	
7/15/2005	Record Courier	Bed and breakfast offers Saturday night barbecue	Business	Marsha Bennett, Linda Merrill, Judy Farnsworth
7/15/2005	Record Courier	Schools closure is on agenda	Schools	
7/15/2005	Record Courier	Presentation on estate planning today	Seniors	
7/15/2005	Record Courier	Senior bus trips available	Senior	
7/15/2005	Record Courier	Indian taco lunch benefits museum	Museum	
7/20/2005	Record Courier	Markleeville man may have ended own life	Search and Rescue	William McKinnon
7/22/2005	Record Courier	Alpine County builings on National Register first time	Buildings/Histor y	Dick Edwards
7/22/2005	Record Courier	Sold: Bear Valley resort officially changing hands	Bear Valley	Tim Bottomley, Jim Bottomley
7/22/2005	Record Courier	County searches for new public defender, public works director	Government	Leonard Turnbeaugh, Judy Molnar
7/22/2005	Record Courier	Benefit dinner today	Kids	
7/22/2005	Record Courier	Museum fund raiser	Museum/Event	
7/23/2005	Stockton Record	New Bear Valley owners plan changes	Bear Valley	David Johnston, Chuck Toeniskoetter

7/25/2005	UC Berkeley Press Release	Seismologist and earthquake hazard expert Bruce Bolt dies at 75	Obituary/Biography	Bruce Bolt
7/26/2000	Union Democrat	Earthquake expert Bruce Bolt dies	Obituary/Biography	Bruce Bolt
7/26/2005	Contra Costa Times	Earthquake expert Bruce Bolt dies at 75	Obituary/Biography	Bruce Bolt
7/27/2005	Record Courier	Service is Thursday for teen killed on Kingsbury	Accident/Obituary	Cory Jackson
7/27/2005	Record Courier	Man accused in Gardnerville Ranchos slaying denies charge	Crime	
7/29/2005	Record Courier	County moves report forward	Development	
7/29/2005	Record Courier	Fifty Plus Club offers senior activities	Senior	
7/29/2005	Record Courier	A gift of snowmobiles	Sheriff	John Crawford
7/29/2005	Record Courier	Don Jardine: Recalling days with Dad	Biography	Don Jardine, David Jardine, Heather Maule, Elizabeth Hawkins, Donald Jardine
8/5/2005	Record Courier	Preparations made for environmental study on resort	Development/Government	Dennis Crabb, Brian Peters, Skip Veatch
8/5/2005	Record Courier	Meeting on off-road vehicle closures	Roads	
8/5/2005	Record Courier	Markleeville Creek Day on Aug. 13	Watershed Group	
8/5/2005	Record Courier	Book coming soon	Museum	
8/5/2005	Record Courier	Commission awarded	Schools	
8/8/2005	Time Magazine	Died, Bruce Bolt	Obituary	Bruce Bolt
8/12/2005	Record Courier	Fifty Plus Club offers activities for seniors	Seniors	
8/12/2005	Record Courier	Rummage sale earns money for school	Schools/Event	Robin Butler, Katie Hadley
8/12/2005	Record Courier	Lodge on agenda Tuesday	Development/Government	
8/12/2005	Record Courier	Markleeville Creek Day on Saturday	Watershed Group	

8/12/2005	Record Courier	Workshop addresses Forest Service issues	Forest Service	
8/12/2005	Record Courier	Ssubconservancy meeting Wednesday	Government/Water	
8/12/2005	Record Courier	The annual Death Ride was a success	Bicycles	
8/12/2005	Record Courier	Music Festival final days this weekend	Bear Valley	
8/14/2005	San Francisco Chronicle	Skiing Bear to have a whole new look	Bear Valley	
8/18/2005	Sacramento Bee	Trout kill not necessary, lawsuit claims	Fishing/Environment	Barbara Jones
8/19/2005	Record Courier	Helping the environment	Watershed Group	Laura Leuders
8/19/2005	Record Courier	Changes ahead for animal control	Government/Regulations	John Crawford, Terry Woodrow, Dennis Crabb, Jackie Sodaro, Nancy Thornburg, Judy Molnar
8/19/2005	Record Courier	County agrees to environmental study	Development	Dennis Crabb
8/19/2005	Tahoe Daily Tribune	Silver State Marathon, Silver Run this weekend	Sports	
8/23/2005	Tahoe Daily Tribune	Judge gives OK for waterway poisoning	Fishing/Environment	
8/23/2005	Tahoe Daily Tribune	Luther Pass paved but cyclists left in the rough	Bicycles/Roads	Joe Marzocco
8/24/2005	Record Courier	Fish poisoning begins in Alpine	Fishing/Environment	
8/26/2005	Record Courier	Markleeville woman fights for cure for glaucoma	Health	Melissa Baker
8/26/2005	Record Courier	Gas powered engines on display Saturday	Museum	
8/26/2005	Record Courier	Alpine fish kill hits federal legal snag	Fishing/Environment	

8/31/2005	Sacramento Bee	Proposal to poison stream on hold	Fishing/Environment	
8/31/2005	Record Courier	Piute, Paiute, let's just call it all off	Opinion/Fishing/Environment	Nancy Thornburg
9/2/2005	Record Courier	Time to fish or cut bait	Opinion/Fishing/Environment	
9/2/2005	Record Courier	Thornburgs: 130 years in Markleeville	Biography	Nancy Thornburg, Fritz Thornburg, Gary Cohan, Becky Thornburg, Jenny Thornburg, Nani Thornburg, Ben Thornburg, Lillian Thornburg, William Thornburg, Mary Small, J.E. Mayo, Ivan Thornburg
9/2/2005	Record Courier	Alpine seniors visit California capital	Seniors	
9/9/2005	Record Courier	Artists' works on display during tour	Arts	Jeff Brees, Charles Muench, Gina Gigli, Mark Vaughn, Jennifer Vaughn, Carolyn Vaughn, Sandra Baenen, Ellen Martin, Kay Jobst, Peter Chope, Todd Branscombe
9/9/2005	Record Courier	Grand Jury accepting recommendations	Courts	
9/9/2005	Record Courier	Bear Valley trial	Sports	
9/9/2005	Record Courier	Hot springs to close	Hot Springs	
9/9/2005	Record Courier	Fifty plus club trips	Seniors	
9/9/2005	Record Courier	Community faire	Community/Events	
9/9/2005	Record Courier	Band to play	Kirkwood/Arts	
9/16/2005	Record Courier	Woodfords' Community Faire booth to benefit Hurricane Katrina victims	Community/Events	
9/16/2005	Record Courier	Woodfords Antiques and Gifts to close doors final time	Business	Ruth Ann Edwards, Dick Edwards
9/16/2005	Record Courier	Seniors Rock	Seniors	
9/21/2005	Record Courier	Artist gets ready for open studio show	Arts	Gina Gigli, Ruggero Gigli
9/23/2005	Record Courier	Summer Concert Series wraps up Saturday	Kirkwood/Arts	

9/23/2005	Record Courier	Kirkwood raising money for hurricane	Kirkwood/Event	
9/23/2005	Record Courier	Alpine boasts double-digit growth in home prices	Economy	
9/23/2005	Record Courier	A chili weekend	Community/Events	Cheyenne Aaron's
9/28/2005	Record Courier	Markleeville artist featured Friday	Arts	Charles Muench
9/28/2005	Record Courier	Markleeville artist's watercolor images on display at tour	Arts	Peter Chope, Sandra Baenan, Ruggero Gigli, Gina Gigli, Jeff Brees, Kay Jobst, Ellen Martin, Todd Branscombe, Kathy Caldwell, Susan Flakus, Charles Muench, Carolyn Vaughn, Mark Vaughn, Jennifer Vaughn
9/30/2005	Record Courier	Airport future takes off	Development	Leonard Turnbeaugh
9/30/2005	Record Courier	Alpine Democrats elect new officers	Community	Mary Walker, Ernestine Fogarty, Jim Donald, Abbie Peters, Irving Krause
9/30/2005	Record Courier	Fifty Plus Club taking bus trips	Seniors	
9/30/2005	Record Courier	Artist creates designs of metal	Arts	Peter Chope, Sandra Baenan, Ruggero Gigli, Gina Gigli, Jeff Brees, Kay Jobst, Ellen Martin, Todd Branscombe, Kathy Caldwell, Susan Flakus, Charles Muench, Carolyn Vaughn, Mark Vaughn, Jennifer Vaughn, Jan Brees
9/28/2005	Record Courier	50 Years Ago: heavy rains accompanied by lightning	History/Weather	
10/5/2005	Record Courier	100 Years Ago: While on their way to church last Sunday morning	History/Accident	Mr. And Mrs. Ginsberg, Henry Heitman, William Dangberg
10/7/2005	Record Courier	Ebbetts Pass scenic route gets national recognition	Roads	
10/7/2005	Record Courier	Six arrested in Bear Valley drug probe	Crime	
10/7/2005	Record Courier	Caring for children class Saturday	Social Services	
10/7/2005	Record Courier	Artists' open studio tour this weekend	Arts/Event	

10/7/2005	Record Courier	Fifty Plus Club to Carson City	Seniors	
10/7/2005	Record Courier	Health insurance advocate to speak	Seniors	
10/7/2005	Record Courier	Alpine County wins state faire ribbons	Government/Arts	Lane Branscombe, Teresa Burkhauser, Russ Champion, Kaye Jobst, Laura Lueders
10/7/2005	Record Courier	San Diego Zoo and Pier 39 topiary artist shows creations in Markleeville art tour this weekend	Arts/Event	Peter Chope, Sandra Baenan, Ruggero Gigli, Gina Gigli, Jeff Brees, Kay Jobst, Ellen Martin, Todd Branscombe, Kathy Caldwell, Susan Flakus, Charles Muench, Carolyn Vaughn, Mark Vaughn, Jennifer Vaugh, Jan Brees
10/7/2005	Record Courier	Alpine County artists open their studios for tour thisweekend	Arts/Event	Peter Chope, Sandra Baenan, Ruggero Gigli, Gina Gigli, Jeff Brees, Kay Jobst, Ellen Martin, Todd Branscombe, Kathy Caldwell, Susan Flakus, Charles Muench, Carolyn Vaughn, Mark Vaughn, Jennifer Vaugh, Jan Brees
10/14/2005	Record Courier	Fire department get new member	Fire/Safety	Eamonn Embree
10/14/2005	Record Courier	Forest Service guard station relocation planned	Forest Service	Laura Leuders
10/28/2005	Record Courier	Move 'me out	Agriculture/Biography	Russell Scossa, Jeremy Scossa
10/28/2005	Record Courier	Alpine County topic of new history book	Arts/Museum	Dick Edwards, Mike Makley, Karen Dustman
11/4/2005	Record Courier	Markleeville Book Club takes on Martell	Library	Linda Frost. Eileen Merrill, Stuart Merrill, Bessie Platten, Barbara Jones, Irving Krause, Joyce Devore
11/4/2005	Record Courier	Kirkwood predicts Nov. 19 opening	Kirkwood	
11/4/2005	Record Courier	Doll Maker	Washoe/Arts	Madeline John, Stella John
11/4/2005	Record Courier	Grant will aid in detection of Alpine mothers at risk	Health	Cindy Hannah

11/4/2005	Record Courier	Alpine Fall Health Festival takes place Saturday	Health	Cindy Schemenauer
11/4/2005	Record Courier	California closes 2005 fishing season	Fishing	
11/8/2005	Record Courier	Alpine roads will all be plowed	Roads	Dale Robinson
11/8/2005	Record Courier	Alpine turkey bingo is Saturday	Kids	
11/8/2005	Record Courier	Grover goes on holiday hours	Hot Springs	
11/8/2005	Record Courier	Kit Carson Lodge Mid-week specials	Business	
11/8/2005	Record Courier	Sitting on a bench and observing Markleeville	Travelogue	Gina Gigli
11/12/2005	Record Courier	A great day for art in Markleeville	Arts	Peter Chope, Sandra Baenan, Ruggero Gigli, Gina Gigli, Jeff Brees, Kay Jobst, Ellen Martin, Todd Branscombe, Kathy Caldwell, Susan Flakus, Charles Muench, Carolyn Vaughn, Mark Vaughn, Jennifer Vaugh, Jan Brees
11/16/2005	Record Courier	Alpine County writer publishes first novel	Arts	Adam Coyan, Wand Coyan, Gary Coyan, Rob Coyan, Josh Coyan
11/16/2005	Record Courier	Health Fair	Health	Jennifer Crawford, Nick Agnason, Doug Rublaitos, Marcus Rice
11/16/2005	Record Courier	Snow removal rules explained	Roads	
11/25/2005	Record Courier	Young glaucoma sufferer advocating research	Health	Melissa Baker
11/25/2005	Record Courier	Betty James Cruz	Obituary/Biography	Betty James Cruz, Roy Dick, Maize Dick James, Kenneth Cruz Sr., Delbert James, Marvin James, Russell James, Eleanor James, Terrence Cruz, Gregory Cruz, Kenneth Crus, Darrell Cruz, Stephen Cruz, David Cruz, Vanessa Cruz, Flora James, Leona James, Edward James
11/30/2005	Tahoe Daily Tribune	Red ink locks up Alpine jail expansion	Sheriff	John Crawford, Leonard Turnbeaugh

12/2/2005	Record Courier	New book was a community effort	Museum	Gina Gigli, Mike Makley, Ilene Price Long, Mabel Love, Angie Merrill, Dick Edwards, Bessie Platten, Karen Dustman, Rick Dustman, Irving Krause, Ellen Martin, Lois Kaiser, Fritz Thornburg, Nancy Thornburg, Gary Coyan
12/2/2005	Record Courier	Fritz Thornburg and Alpine County Supervisor Don Jardine	Awards	Fritz Thornburg, Don Jardine
12/2/2005	Record Courier	Kirkwood opens for operation as snow falls	Kirkwood	
12/9/2005	Record Courier	Correction	Awards	Fritz Thornburg, Don Jardine
12/9/2005	Record Courier	Fund drive begins for Alpine Family Support	Social Services	Bruce Gianola, Amy Broadhurst
12/9/2005	Record Courier	Grover Hot Springs holiday hours	Hot Springs	
12/9/2005	Record Courier	Sno Park permits available	Roads	
12/9/2005	Record Courier	Alpine County Visitor Center update	Business	
12/9/2005	Record Courier	Christmas tree cutting permits	Wood	
12/9/2005	Record Courier	Time to cut a Christmas tree	Wood/History	Gina Gigli, Ann Robinson Molinari, Dino Molinari, Forest Molinari, Foxx Molinari, Karen Robinson, Jim Long, Don Miller, Bill Long, Al Miller
12/9/2005	Record Courier	Kirkwood residents hold Thanksgiving	Kirkwood/Event	Matt Petri, Amy Broadhurst, Kevin Cooper, Carolyn Cooper
12/16/2005	Record Courier	Alpine Book Fair nets \$1,832.62	Schools/Events	Tessa Williams, Rita Lovell
12/16/2005	Record Courier	Santa's helpers arrive in Alpine County seat	Community/Events	Gina Gigli, Teresa Burkhauser, Barbara Howard, Gary Howard, Ron Andrews, Beth Andrews
12/16/2005	Tahoe Daily Tribune	Boomer generation going downhill and loving it more	Kirkwood	

12/23/2005	Record Courier	Little white church stands firmly below massive cliffs	Community	Gina Gigli, ick Martin, Jean Martin, Paul Smith, Virginia Smith, Eberhard Wiedenmeyer, Ernestine Fogarty, Cami Chavez, Marianne Rhoda's, Jeri Bennett, Darlene Bennett, Dick Lyons, Al Moak, Gene Holman, , Ron Rhoads, George Chavez, Bob Stephens, Margie Stephens, Nick Hartzell, Benny Fillmore, Craik's, Gansbergs, Chacons
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Is a meadow part of the past or the future?

Early in the morning, when all of Markleeville is just beginning to stir, Buddy, my Golden Retriever, has already come to my bedside and nudged me with his cold wet nose to let me know that it is walk time. He is bright-eyed and bushy-tailed, but his master still has to brush the cobwebs of a long night's sleep from his eyes. This is a ritual that is repeated every morning, sunshine or snow, warm or cold. But once out into the early morning air, I, too, begin to show signs that my old bones and joints still work, and I look forward to our morning walk.

The walk begins at our gate and winds up School House Road to the Museum parking lot, passing the Old Webster School, the Museum and Jail and on to the meadow. Before I step into the meadow I search for any late night visitors that might still be in the meadow grass — a coyote, deer or wild turkey. Most days the meadow is empty, but occasionally some furry or feathery friend could be still searching for a last bit of sustenance before climbing up the hill above the meadow to rest until the next

Guest opinion

night's hunt or foraging begins. The owls, great horned, barn or screech, have already left for their roost in one of the Jeffery pines and now the cottontails, field mice, gophers, and moles have a brief time to look about and search for a last bit of greenery or seed to fill their stomachs. This is all before the hawks, red tails and coopers or an occasional golden eagle, begin their daily circles in the sky looking for an errant rodent that has spent too much time looking for grain and not enough time watching for raptors.

As Buddy and I step across the fence rail the meadow will become quiet as humans and dogs do not figure into the natural scheme of the meadow. I look and see nothing, but Buddy's wonderful nose is already at work checking the ground and bushes to see just who was here last night and where they went. His

degree of excitement lets me know if the meadow was especially alive with creatures the night before or just another night of the usual suspects roaming over the grass and through the bushes. As we walk towards the town ditch at the back of the meadow, the dramas of last night now become the stage for today's daylight play which will last until darkness overtakes the meadow.

A meadow is a wonderful place, formed by a random set of circumstances that bring a level area in contact with a sustainable amount of water, grasses, and other members of the plant kingdom that need constant bathing in H2O. Some meadows are formed by the last gasp of a stream or river that once ran into a lake or pond, becoming a narrow stream of its former self. Other meadows are what's left of a lake or beaver pond that over the centuries has filled in with the soil brought down from the mountains and become a nursery for meadow grass and other water tolerant plant materials and animal life.

Our meadow seems to be one

dependent on the production of natural springs flowing from the hills behind it. In a land accustomed to moving and shifting of the substrata this type of meadow is always in jeopardy from the movement of an earthquake or the thoughtless manipulation of the landscape, sending its life-giving water in another direction and turning the meadow into just another dry field. California is pockmarked with the former as can be seen in the lower San Joaquin Valley that once was a verdant lush aquatic paradise with wild fowl and antelope roaming freely over marshland that ebbed and flowed with the seasons. Some individuals saw this as a waste of land and dried up the once great lakes and meadows to till the soil and plant crops and create towns such as Bakersfield and Fresno.

The era that spawned the drying up of the great valleys to the west ended when no more wetlands could be found. The need of levees and dikes to divert the precious water into channels and free the rich

Meadow: A walk in the past

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lake bottoms and meadow soils to grow the crops that feed the nation no longer exist. It's called progress and I suppose it is, but I would have given anything to have just once looked upon those vast wetlands and the animal and plant species that they supported.

Buddy and I stand upon the damp soil of Markleeville's wetland here next to the Museum grounds and look towards the west at the hills that supply the meadow with its sustenance the life giving water.

I wonder will it always provide a damp environment that supports so many different life forms, including a man and his dog.

I know from the history of Markleeville that this meadow and tree covered hills to the west were once a part of a darker facet of the mining booms of the mid-1800s.

That facet is the clear cutting of the first growth pines and other conifers to provide lumber for the mines of Silver Mountain, Monitor and far away to Virginia City.

It is not clear what the effect on the meadow area was due to this removal of the forest, but I am sure that early residents must have missed the pine-covered view we see every day.

A meadow and the environment that feeds it are fragile entities: remove one item from the mix and you can spell disaster for the whole system. Our meadow is dependent upon the forested hills to the west.

The area with its pine duff covering the ground provides the meadow with protection from the runoff of snow and rainstorms. Disrupt the hillside and you affect the whole downhill environment. What we see today is the result of more than 130 years of regrowth on this hillside, much of which was certainly an eyesore to the early residents of Markleeville.

I am sure that those whose who had a financial interest in seeing the logs going to the mines of California and Nevada had no idea how their quest for riches would affect the

health and visual wealth of the area and the community. Hind-sight is something that we all can learn from, if we will take the time to do so.

Buddy and I look to the west and see a rich meadow and pine-covered environment that provides home to so many plants and animals. It also provides an intrinsic value to those who look upon it as a reminder of what it looked like 130 years ago and why it is so important to the community of Markleeville that it looks the same to those who view it 130 years from now.

A great debate now rages in the community, as to whether this area should be left as it is today or changed into a subdivision and recreational spa so that vacationers can experience the quiet elegance of Markleeville. The problem is once the area is changed through the removal of over 50 percent of its natural environment, the haven of peace and quiet that they seek will be gone. Where cabins spring up once the Jeffery and Piñon pine grew, where pine duff covered the land, asphalt will replace it, plus the large population of individuals dwelling in the cabins, hotel and spa will trample the meadow, and the environment that they seek will no longer exist. The really sad thing is the environment that all of Markleeville treasures will be gone.

Now, Buddy and I know that many hope for an upsurge of commercial interest in the community of Markleeville.

The hope to see many more people roaming the streets, new shops dotting the community landscape, and they long for the hustle and bustle of larger communities, and what they long for may just come about.

Buddy and I are just an old man and his dog. We have reached an age that has seen change in many areas that remove what people first loved about the area.

We also are realists and know that development is a powerful drug when given in

doses of revenue and taxation that will be a siren call for change. It matters deeply to Buddy and me as we walk among the meadow grasses, see the Blue Dicks and Bachelor Buttons in bloom and listen to the call of the wild turkey and quail as they forage for seeds.

We will miss the sight of an occasional brown bear and coyote and in the winter following the tracks of the cottontails as they bound through the fresh snow, sometimes followed by a coyote or bobcat.

These sights will all vanish once the hillside and meadow become the home and playground of the large population expected to dwell in the cabins hotel and spa.

But then, Buddy and I will have our memories and we will be somewhere else where the meadows and forest are still pristine, walking and looking for the coyote, cottontail, field mouse, meadow grass, and wildflowers. The meadow that we walk today will no longer exist except in memory, and maybe that is as it should be.

They say change is good and they may be right. But, I wonder if that is just a statement of someone who has never walked in a meadow or someone who has never sat in the shade of a Jeffery pine or felt the cushioned softness of pine duff under their feet and listened to the call of a quail or the wind through the pines.

I wonder and Buddy wonders with me, although he sees only what is before him and maybe that is the best sight of all.

■ Dick Edwards is a Markleeville resident, who likes to go out for an occasional morning walk.

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Snowboarder dies of exposure

Ryan Rush was missing seven days

By Craig Koscho

Snowboarder Ryan Rush is remembered by his mother Rita as an adventurer and thrill-seeker who loved music and soccer.

The body of the Rancho Calaveras resident was recovered Sunday about two miles west of Bear Valley where he had apparently gone snowboarding in an out-of-bounds area.

Ryan had con-



Ryan Rush

structed some type of shelter from the elements, according to authorities.

Exposure is listed as the tentative cause of death, according to Calaveras County Coroner Kevin Raggio.

"Ryan lived life to the fullest," Rita Rush said of her 18-year-old son.

Ryan was last seen Jan. 5, when he tried to go snowboarding without a pass at Bear Valley resort and was

asked to leave.

"That never stopped him before," said Rita, who also lives in Rancho Calaveras.

Ryan was not about to wait around three hours for a friend to finish 'boarding, Rita said, so he somehow found his way onto another lift and from there off the main paths, some-

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'It was his choice to continue snowboarding alone in the out-of-bounds area'

— Rita Rush

Ryan's mother

Classes resume in Jenny Lind

Arrested teacher won't be back

By Mike Taylor

The principal at Jenny Lind Elementary School said the overall mood on campus Monday



Three teens face charges in robbery

Trio picked up in San Andreas

getaway driver. Thursday's robbery followed



his custodial duties at Bret Harte. He said the job has been pretty routine, but that he enjoyed the fact that he knew what he'd be doing every day when he got to work.

As part of his day, Johnson would empty trashcans and clean up classrooms and restrooms. His portion of the campus was the Learning Center (library) and all the offices and classrooms attached to it.

But the job got more complicated whenever a nighttime activity came to the school.

"Dances and football games were a lot of distraction," Johnson said.

He also occasionally dreaded the summer season, when students are away from school and the custodial staff took time to polish floors and even re-carpet entire classrooms.

And, for those who might be wondering, Johnson says ink is the one thing that custodians dislike having to clean out of carpets. He said he used a chemical concoction to attack ink if he got to it quickly enough, but "if we don't get it quick, it's forever in there."

When Johnson graduated from the school he said there were only about 200 students on the whole

The California Highway Patrol helicopter located tracks Saturday in a remote area of the Mokelumne wilderness but the search was called off because of steep terrain, failing light and hazardous conditions.

Searchers recovered the body around 12:30 p.m. Sunday and the Alpine County Search and Rescue team identified it as Ryan's.

Rita does not fault Ryan's friend for any part of the tragedy.

"The boy is devastated," Rita said, adding that Ryan and his friends were all individualistic and self-sufficient.

It was not unusual for her son to be gone for a few days, only to

campus. Today, about 315 students attend classes there.

"The school has made changes," Johnson said. "I don't like change, but they have made good ones."

It wasn't until 2002 that Johnson really decided he needed to retire. He suffered three heart attacks and had open-heart surgery that year.

"I just lack the energy I had and I don't want to work 40 hours a week any more."

But he will show up whenever the district needs him to work for someone who's not at work.

Johnson and Linda, his wife of 32 years, recently purchased a motor home and he says he would like to visit Alaska.

"I'd like to see that country," he said.

District Superintendent Joseph Wilimek said Johnson was working for the district when he started there.

"Gary is efficient," Wilimek said. "He always took a chal-

turn up at a friend's house. "Because Ryan's always fine. Ryan always turns up," Rita said.

"It was his choice to continue snowboarding alone in the out-of-bounds area," she added.

Ryan was a senior at Calaveras High School last year. School Principal Mark Campbell remembers Ryan as a free spirit who was a member of the ski and snowboarding team, enjoyed music and played drums.

Rita said her son has been snowboarding since the seventh grade and playing soccer since he was 5.

He had an excellent sense of humor, and was a fan of "Seinfeld" and "The Simpsons."

enge on and he always had the district at heart."

Bret Harte Principal Catherine Sargent said she will miss Johnson's helpful nature.

"Gary is a great guy with a great sense of humor," she said. "He was always very helpful when working during nighttime events. I appreciated that.

"I'm sure he'll be fishing," Sargent said.

"I'm sure I'll do my share," Johnson agreed. While he's never owned a fishing boat, Johnson says he can be found on the banks of New Melones Reservoir.

Because of the way Johnson structured his retirement, once he starts reeling in his retirement checks he said he actually will get about \$80 more per month after his last day at work on Jan. 31.

"I didn't need the spotlight," Johnson said. "The years have been good."

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"He does everything full bore," Rita said.

A memorial service is set for 11 a.m. Saturday at Good Samaritan Church, 4684 Baldwin St., in Rancho Calaveras. A reception will follow the service.

Ryan also is survived by his father, Larry Rush, of Stockton, and twin sisters Haley and Natalie, 15.

Also taking part in the search were members of the Calaveras County Sheriff's Department, and two airborne ambulance companies, Care Flight out of Reno, Nev.; and Calstar out of Auburn.

Murphys to meet Wednesday

The Murphys Fire District Board of Directors will meet at 6 p.m. Wednesday at the fire station in Murphys just off Highway 4.

Directors will consider housing a fire engine from the state Office of Emergency Services at the station house.

The engine would be staffed by personnel from Murphys, Ebbetts Pass and Altaville-Melones fire districts and the Angels Camp Fire Department, Murphys Fire Chief Robert Pereira said.

And the engine could be used by any of those districts to temporarily fill in when a regularly used engine needs repair.

Fire district officials also are

expected to authorize Pereira to sign a grant for \$7,380 from the federal Bureau of Land Management.

The grant has not been received, but it has been approved, Pereira said.

The money will be used to buy wildland fire protection and suppression equipment for the district, such as packs, nozzles, goggles, gloves and jackets.

Other agenda items include discussion of getting an auxiliary pump for a couple of the fire engines, possible development of a district Web site in the future, and a letter seeking assistance for fire hydrants in the district.

Scholarships available

Scholarships are being offered this year by the American Association of University Women to Calaveras County women and girls seeking to advance their education.

The Calaveras Scholarship Trust plans to award more than 12 scholarships this year to residents who are graduating from high school or are continuing students. Applicants must have a definite

plan to pursue an education at a vocational school, community college or university.

Scholarship applications will be available at area schools.

All applications must be submitted by April 1. Further information is available by writing to CST Selection Committee, P.O. Box 1333, San Andreas, CA 95249.

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held on \$120,000.

Norried was charged with armed robbery, possession of an explosive device, burglary, possession of stolen property and grand theft. He is being held on \$195,000.

Nelson was booked on charges of armed robbery, burglary, possession of stolen property and grand theft. He's being held on \$120,000 bail.

Norried and Warden are described as long-time county residents, sheriff's Capt. Mike Walker said. Nelson has lived in the county about two years, he added.

Some of the property taken has not been recovered. Anyone with information about the case or the whereabouts of the items is asked to call Detective Chris Villegas or Sgt. Jim Macedo at 754-6500 or 772-2553.

The county's bomb team was called to defuse the explosive device with the assistance of the San Andreas Fire District.

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thing he had done before.

When he didn't show up back at the car later that day, Ryan's friend assumed he might have gone home with another person. He waited a while longer, and eventually contacted the ski patrol.

Going on the friend's information, authorities delayed initiating a search until Saturday, but later learned Ryan had not gotten another ride off the mountain, according to a report from the Alpine County Sheriff's Office.



Obituaries

Wilma L. Rule

Adjunct Professor, University of Nevada, Reno

Wilma L. Rule, 78, died Jan. 15, 2004 at her home in Woodfords, Alpine County, Calif. of a massive stroke. She was a dedicated scholar whose focus was gender and politics with a particular interest in electoral systems.

She was active in community affairs in Alpine County and served as a member of the county's 1991 Redistricting Committee. In that capacity she was responsible for establishing a separate voting district for the county's Native Americans, which resulted in a seat on the Board of Supervisors as well as on the School Board.

Prior to that, even though the Native Americans comprised 20 percent of the population, and were concentrated geographically, they lacked representation.

Wilma was born Sept. 19, 1925 to a ranching family in Basin, Wyo., but was reared in Los Angeles. She received a BA in Political Science and in Journalism in 1949 and an MA in Political Science in 1950, from the University of California at Berkeley. Her Ph.D. was granted by the University of Hawaii in 1968.

She was awarded a post-doctoral fellowship for the Inter-University Consortium for Political Research at the University of Michigan and did additional post-doctoral work in Organizational Behavior at Northwestern University. She was an Assistant Professor at Northern Illi-

nois University from 1969 through 1975.

Her study of gender and politics, published in the "American Political Science Review" (Political Implications of Gender Roles: A Review of the Literature, 1974) led to a lifetime of research on electoral systems and how they facilitated or hindered the election of women and underrepresented minorities in public office.

Her theoretical work had a practical dimension, the promotion of electoral reform in the United States and other nations. Her theoretical interest was underpinned by imperial research, prompted by her questioning why, at the time, there were only 5 percent women legislators in the United States House and Senate, compared to close to 40 percent in Scandinavian countries.

This led to an initial journey to Finland to interview women legislators, which set the pattern for subsequent research trips to other countries, including Norway and Russia.

Wilma's research resulted in a number of articles and the



Wilma L. Rule

publication of "United States Electoral Systems," 1992 and "Electoral Systems in Comparative Perspectives," 1994, both co-edited with Professor Joseph F. Zimmerman of State University of New York at Albany.

Wilma's interviews of Russian legislators and political leaders were the basis of "Russian Women in Politics and Society," 1996, co-edited with Professor Norma C. Noonan of Augsburg College, Minnesota. These were followed by "The U.S. House of Representatives, Reform or Rebuild?" also co-edited with professor Zimmerman. Wilma published over two dozen articles in professional journals and presented over 25 papers at professional meetings in the United States and abroad.

Wilma's work is highly respected by specialists in electoral reform. She served as a long-time Secretary-Treasurer of the section on Representation and Electoral Systems of the American Political Science Association. Work on her latest book, "Equal Gender Politics: 21st Century," was cut short by

her death.

Wilma was married to Professor Irving Krauss, a sociologist and they had endless discussions of whether discipline or political science was better at understanding what went on in society.

They lived 10 years in Hawaii, where she was active in local politics and played a major role in the election of Patsy Mink to the U.S. House of representatives. Mink was co-author of Title Nine of the Voting Rights Act of 1964 which mandated equal funds for men's and women's athletic and educational institutions. After Hawaii they spent 16 years in Illinois at Northern Illinois University where they both taught, and then they retired to Alpine County. Wilma is survived by Irving and several cousins.

A good part of her work and achievement took place while

she suffered from serious health problems. Yet she had the zest for living and her professional colleagues and members of her community will miss her inquiring mind, her gentle nature and her concern for others.

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Successful opening day in Hope Valley

by Susan Wood
R-C News Service

In the spring, there's a reason this pristine Alpine County meadow lives up to its name.

Fishermen of all types showed up Sunday on the banks of the Carson River for opening weekend of one of America's favorite pastimes.

Some were lucky. Others were hopeful of catching the big one in their five-fish limit.

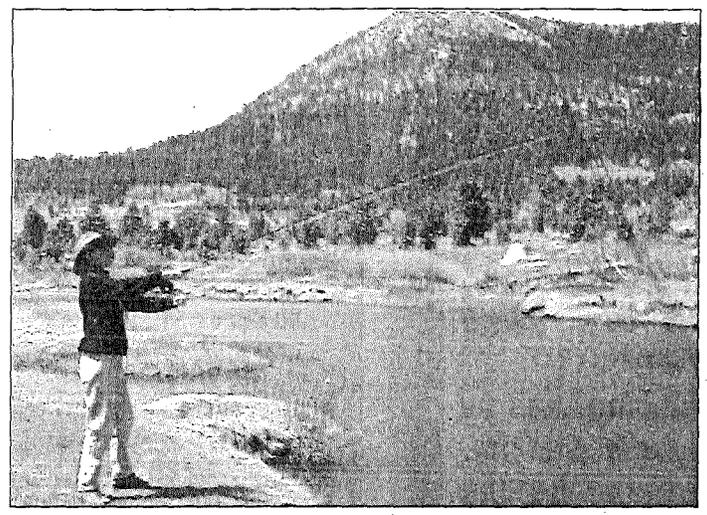
Tina Roybal dropped her line into the West Fork of the Carson River at Pickett's Junction, and 30 seconds later, she rose from her folding camp chair.

Roybal was surprised to have pulled out a 13-inch-long rainbow trout.

What caught her shimmery friend?

"I go for the sparkling stuff," she said.

Roybal held up a can of **Hope** on page 5



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Casting: Kathryn Fasing of Carson City casts a line during opening weekend for fishing in Hope Valley.

Hope: Flyfishing catching on

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Power Bait gook, which was later replaced in the chair cup holder by a bottle of beer.

"It's too early," she remarked.

Roybal was joined by her husband, Art, and family friend Katherine Fasing — two fly-fishing enthusiasts who usually separate on the river because they're competitive with each other, she said.

Fasing took up the graceful sport six years ago because it's more challenging.

"There's a lot more to it than throwing the bait in. You have to know the insects. You have to know the area," the Carson City resident said, snapping the line back and forth like it was choreographed to music.

"It's kind of lonely. But it's a good kind of lonely," she said.

Fasing has learned both the Zen and culture of fly-fishing. This means being patient and discovering what bites because fish are smarter than people think, she said.

"You have to tread lightly. You have to even watch what you wear," she said. "If you use (fake) crickets and they're not out, they say, 'What's this?' And if in doubt, throw every-

There's a lot more to it than throwing the bait in. You have to know the insects. You have to know the area.'

Katherine Fasing
Flyfishing enthusiast

thing at them."

The avid trout fisherman pulled out her mini tackle bag where many of her secrets lie.

"I know that at Pyramid Lake, they go for the big spoons," she said, picking up shiny lures.

To Ed Vario of South Lake Tahoe, worms are still the name of the game.

Vario caught a few trout on the Carson River last year, and he was sold on the sport. He was itching to start fishing again on the first weekend.

Like many others, he showed up midday with the hopes the fish will bite under the bridge where Highways 89 and 88 meet.

"They eat at the same time as we do," Mary Zboralske of Kirkwood said, while holding her catch of the day — a 14-inch rainbow trout.

Since the movie "A River Runs Through It" came out in 1992, fishing and in particular fly-fishing has undergone a resurgence of popularity.

"More people are out fishing than we've seen for some time, and this weather can't hurt," Tahoe Fly Fishing Outfitters owner Victor Babbitt said Sunday. "It sounds funny but that movie built my business."

Babbitt has seen more and more people taking classes and gearing up — with many opting for tackle packs that cross between a fanny pack and vest.

Entry into the sport can range from \$50 to \$2,000.

Babbitt said he's noticed a number of bait and spin-rod fishermen moving up to fly-fishing. The reasons can range from alleviating boredom to seeking a challenge.

"It's like moving up to that Ferrari," he said.

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Sierra Club's version of the Truth

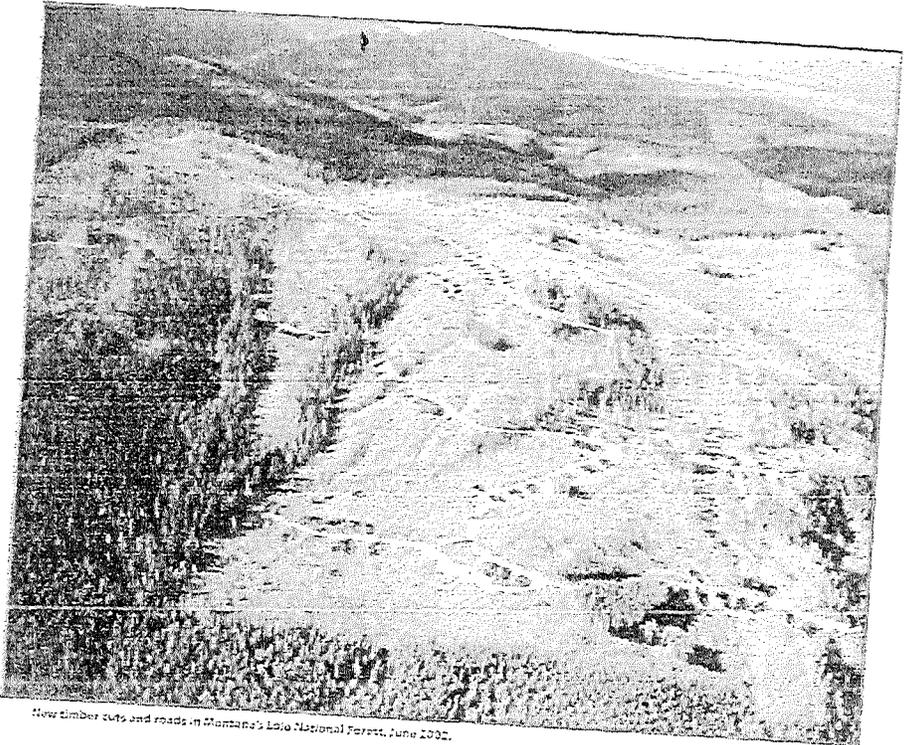
Memo

From Nancy C. Thornburg

A friend recently sent me a copy of the September/October issue of Sierra magazine, published by Sierra Club, and I couldn't help being taken aback by the photograph, just inside the back cover, of a huge area which has apparently been largely clearcut and through which many roads have been built.

The heading at the top of the page is "LASTWORDS," and the caption under the photo states "New timber cuts and roads in Montana's Lolo National Forest, June 2002." Under that is a quotation allegedly from U.S. Forest Service Chief Dale Bosworth, at an Earth Day lecture at the University of California, Berkeley, April 22, 2003. The quotation is "The Forest Service faces some big issues in land management, but timber harvest just isn't one of them."

Because I am generally opposed to clearcuts like this and because the intent of the photo and quote are obvious, I decided to call the Lolo and see if I could get some information about this project. I called this morning (Dec. 15) and almost



New timber cuts and roads in Montana's Lolo National Forest, June 2002.

"The Forest Service faces some big issues in land management, but timber harvest just isn't one of them."

immediately was put through to the Forest Supervisor, Debbie Austin. Ms. Austin pleasantly informed me that they are well aware of the photograph and the caption and went on to tell me that the clearcut is not on the Lolo and that, in fact, it is not on any national forest at all. She said it is on private (not corporate-owned) property about 25 miles away from the Lolo. She said she has been in touch with Sierra Club about this "error" and they had assured her that they would print a correction/retraction in the Novem-

ber/December issue of the magazine and that by the middle of December there would be a correction on their website. I went to that site this morning after I talked with Ms. Austin and could find no such correction although it might be there somewhere.

I thought RANGE readers might be interested in this little story. Personally, I have difficulty believing this was an honest mistake on the part of Sierra Club.

Nancy C. Thornburg lives in the Sierra, near Markleeville, Calif.



RACHELLE SMITH/Submitted photo

Yo ho ho: Props from the Pirate Exhibition at the Markleeville Library are courtesy of Harrah's Casino at Stateline.

A pirate's life brings shipload of history

by Dinette Greenwood
and Sonja Helfenstein

As you step into the dimly-lit chamber, the lush greenery frames the diorama-type exhibit of pirate's lore. There is a faint scent of an ocean breeze as you make your way to a dark underwater scene displaying fishing nets tangled with miniature crabs, lobsters, kelp, driftwood and the stolen riches of the sea. Mysterious strains of haunting pirate songs fill the room as your eyes fall upon the brass cannon, so authentic it has fooled many a patron. Pearls drape the captain's helm and various shaped seashells and a spiky starfish litter the bed of the display. A colorful parrot perches atop a wooden pirate masthead at the next exhibit. Here a bountiful and bejeweled plunder greets the observer. An array of beads in turquoise, gold, violet and emerald dazzle the eye. Antique serving trays, a miniature treasure chest with "gold" and "silver" coins and a bulging barrel of rum are guarded by a fierce Jolly Roger sporting a pirate hat and dark

eye patch.

This unique and imaginative display was created by Jim and Dinette Greenwood of South Lake Tahoe to promote the ongoing "Great Stories and Film" program. A small group of interested patrons attended February's showing of the adventure film "Pirates of the Caribbean." The community gathers once a month to view a film of special interest. Call the Alpine County Library at (530) 694-2120 for next month's selection.

On Thursday, March 4, preschool children from the Alpine County Early Learning Center took a field trip to the library to view the whimsical presentation which included a reading of the book "How I Became a Pirate" by Melinda Long. The children were delighted by the short movie clip and the music from the Disney-land ride, Pirates of the Caribbean.

A collection of books on pirate tales awaits you at the library and the special exhibit will be open the remainder of this week and next. Yo-ho, Yo-ho, a Pirates Life for me.

Group approves community projects

by Regina Purcell
Staff Writer

Nearly \$170,000 in projects was approved by the Alpine County, Calif., Resource Advisory Committee this week, including more water storage capacity and an extension of hours at Grover Hot Springs cooperative recreational center.

The RAC met at Diamond Valley School near Woodfords, Calif., on Monday. It is made up of volunteers selected by the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture to advise the U.S. Forest Service on use of money from the Secure Rural Schools and community Self-Determination Act of 2000.

Committee member Nancy Thornburg who represents forest

health said 14 of 15 members attended and 15 people were in the audience.

Thornburg said the committee considered 13 proposals for the funding that expires in October. Committee members are split into three groups that focus on outdoor recreation, timber and grazing; environmental organization and recreation; and elected officials, area American Indian tribes and the affected public at large.

"The whole point is to try to get a consensus among the different interest groups," she said. "Sometimes it is hard to pull off."

On Monday, the committee agreed to fund the following projects:

- \$25,000 to re-open the Grover Hot Springs cooperative recreational center to 9 a.m. - 9

p.m., seven days a week. The hot springs had only been open from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday through Monday because state funds had been cut back.

- \$10,000 for crossing guard rails at Silver Creek. Thornburg said an eroding road with steep drop-offs crosses the creek. The guard rails will keep cars, people and horses safe on the road.

- \$18,000 for a new generator to complete a new well at Hope Valley Campground in the Water Project Phase 2.

- \$20,000 for the Alpine Office of Emergency Service. Combined with other funding sources, the money will be used to purchase a vehicle equipped to handle hazardous material incidents.

- \$50,000 for fuels reduction to guard against wildland fires on

250 acres behind the Grover Hot Springs pool and at the Shade Creek residential area.

- \$45,000 toward a large water storage tank for the Markleeville (Calif.) Water Co., increasing capacity from 40,000 gallons to 250,000 gallons. The water is primarily used for fire protection.

The Alpine County Resource Advisory Committee will meet again in September to discuss 2005 fiscal year funding. Typically, the county receives \$140,000 annually. If the funds are not used, the money rolls over into the next fiscal year, Thornburg said. The projects must be geared toward the ecosystem or watershed.

Committee members were appointed three years ago and their terms expire in October. It is actively recruiting new members.

Super Tuesday results

Due to space considerations, we are reporting only County Supervisor votes. Note: this is a semi-official canvass and has not been certified as yet. Complete election results are available in the Alpine County Administration Building.

District 2

Henry "Skip" Veatch 60 (49.6 percent)

Lynn Doyal 59 (48.8 percent)

District 3

Phillip D. Bennett 23 (60.5 percent)

Katherine V. Rakow 13 (34.2 percent)

District 5

Clint Celio 57 (41.9 percent)

Gunter E. Kaiser 79 (58.1 percent)

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March 5, 2004

Alpine County, we have landed in the news

by Al Pettit

A real, live, genuine, traditional NEWSPAPER, that is. Remember those portable, eye-friendly pages that used to be available without spending \$1,000 plus on a state-of-the-art computer equipment you mostly could not understand? OK, you asked for it, and in some cases screamed bloody murder for it, so here it is. Now shut up.

After the Alpine Enterprise collapsed after a 20-plus year unprofitable run with numerous publishers, copycat and gismo addicted as I am, I thought Internet. Online like the big guys, cutting edge, fast lane ... why not? With the generous help of Alpine resident, and computer guru David Griffith, we made a fairly decent showing on the information highway. Problem was, not all our readers traveled this route. Complaints came pouring in: "We want a REAL paper," "I don't have or want or can afford a computer." etc. So, about a year ago this March, while recuperating from a bout of pneumonia, I simply gave up and shut up.

Now comes Alpine County's Feb. 3 Candidates Night, for the now infamous "early California Primary" (intended to lead the

nation to ... fill in your choice here) where apparently there was more screaming and yelling about our lack of a newspaper than screaming and yelling about or among the candidates. Shortly thereafter, Judy Molnar, assistant to the board of supervisors, having also been inundated with comments from the "Why don't we have ..." contingent, initiated contact with The Record-Courier Publisher Janet Geary. Ms. Geary agreed to meet with Judy, Alpine Chamber Director Theresa Burkhauser, Chamber officials, Alpine Planning Commissioner Bill Morgan, and myself.

The outcome was far more than we ever expected. Geary graciously offered the county at least one page per week in The Record-Courier Friday edition. She also offered to

send up reporters when necessary. I was asked by the chamber to act as liaison between Alpine County and the paper. I agreed. Then I checked liaison in Webster's Dictionary. The etymology is middle French, and the first meaning is "a binding or thickening agent used in cooking." The second meaning is R-rated. No, X. You probably saw the movie. Forget it. But I have a reputation for making simple things sound thick and murky, so perhaps the label is apt.

In any event, our contact a The Record-Courier is Regina Purcell, (775) 782-5121, ext 211, e-mail: rpurcell@recordcourier.com. Items for publication for Friday must be received by her by 1 p.m. the prior Thursday. You can send items to her directly by e-mail. If so,

because she uses Mac equipment, text must be pasted in the body of the e-mail, not by attachment. She can receive attachments of photos or text in PDF format. You can also send material to me: alprise@gbis.com, or contact me by (530) 695-2237.

Please be advised this is a work in progress. We want to develop a core group of regular, reliable contributors. I do not intend to be a roving reporter but will help you in any way I can. We want our section in The Record-Courier to become a truly community effort to reflect the diverse view individuals have on a wide range of subjects. Our respective roles will be better defined as we gain experience working together. I am eagerly looking forward to this new challenge as I hope all of you are.

Alpine County chamber news

A general membership meeting will be held Wednesday, March 17, from 6 - 8 p.m. at Turtle Rock Park in Markleeville, Calif.

There will be reports presented by Dave Johnston of Bear Valley, Jan Reed of Kirkwood Mountain Resort, Teresa Burkhauser and Sandy Baenen on the chamber and upcoming Death Ride 2004 on July 10.

Tom Abdo of High Mountain Properties Inc. and Wolfcreek Restaurant will give a presentation on Today, Tomorrow and the Future and Alexandra Davis Botello will discuss recreation solutions. The Corridor Management Plan for the Carson Pass National Scenic U.S. Highway 88 will also be discussed.

Call the chamber at (530) 694-2475 to showcase a business dur-

ing the general membership meeting.

Other business to be discussed includes:

■ Hot Spots Kiosks has entered into an agreement with the chamber and its members to be included on their information kiosks, an opportunity to advertise businesses. The kiosks are in and around Lake Tahoe and educate visitors in what local areas have to offer. Representatives from Hot Spots will contact chamber members about advertising opportunities.

■ Tour of the California Alps during Death Ride 2004 on Saturday, July 10. Chamber members can be included in the expo for no charge.

■ During the 2003 California State Fair, Alpine County won a first award and gold ribbon, and

the Superintendent's Award and blue ribbon. Bill and Kathy Caldwell, Sandy Baenen, Peter Chope and Judy Molnar contributed to the booth. The planning has begun for the 2004 State Fair. Call the chamber to be included.

■ Election ballots will be mailed Oct. 31.

■ A new Visitors Guide will be available in the spring.

Alpine County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors meetings are held the third Thursday of each month at 5 p.m. in the chamber office. The meetings are open to the public. The chamber office is open in the winter from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For more information, call (530) 694-2475 or e-mail at info@alpinecounty.com.

Kirkwood ready to party

Bear Valley Mountain Resort is set to offer great conditions through the end of the spring ski and snowboard season.

Coinciding with the deep snow pack is an abundance of events slated for the final month of operations.

Starting off the five-week long celebration at Bear Valley is the Wine and Jazz presented by Land Rover San Jose on March 20. In its second season, the event will fea-

ture wine tasting from ten Calaveras Wine Association members, live music from Jazz @ 8000, and gourmet cheese and breads. The festivities start at 2 p.m. on the resort's sundeck and a \$10 donation for participation benefits the Calaveras Women's Crisis Center.

For more information on spring events, snow condition, special offers and closing day, please visit www.bearvalley.com or call (209) 753-2301.

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MATH WHIZZES



Submitted photo

Competitors: Diamond Valley School Mathletes' eight-graders Kristin Lovell, Hunter Riddle and seventh-graders Minneah Holdridge, and Amber Neaves and Teddy Williams advanced to the chapter compe-

tion in Sacramento Feb. 28. The Central California section of the MATHCOUNTS competition is a national event. Students continue with weekly practices to get ready for next year's competition.

New building proposed

by Regina Purcell
Staff Writer

A project in downtown Markleeville to demolish the former Wild Wools building to make room for a new commercial building will be discussed next Friday.

The Alpine County, Calif., Design Review Historic Committee meets at 9 a.m. at Turtle Rock Park, 173000 Highway 89, to discuss the High Mountain Properties project proposed by Thomas Abdoo.

Three related items will be discussed including demolition of the old Wild Wools building at the corner of Main and Montgomery streets that dates back to the 1920s. Another agenda item is demolition of the Markleeville Creek Cabins.

Abdoo wants to build a three-story, 56,000-square foot building with 3,500 square feet of commercial space, according to Brian Peters of the county planning department.

He said Abdoo wants to have a combination of offices and retail shops, including a soda

fountain-type restaurant.

Peters said the project will be the first new building in the Markleeville commercial area since the 1960s.

The design review committee will make recommendations to the county's building department before a permit can be issued.

Abdoo did not return telephone calls for comment by press time.

■ Regina Purcell can be reached at rpurcell@recordcourier.com or (775) 782-5121, ext. 211.

Comment on water projects

A public meeting to address the Water Quality Monitoring Program on the east and west forks of the Carson River and Indian Creek is next Thursday.

The California State Water Resources Control Board, which funds the project and the Carson Water Subconservancy District will co-host the meeting to

answer residents' questions and concerns about the program.

The meeting, open to the public, is from 4-7 p.m., Thursday March 25 at the Alpine County Administration Building in the board of supervisors chambers in Markleeville, Calif.

Watershed Coordinator Genie

Azad, of the subconservancy district, said there will be literature and display booths. A slide presentation on the project will be at 6 p.m.

Alpine County is the lead on this project working in conjunction with the Carson Water Subconservancy District and the Alpine Watershed Group.

Leslie on California's economy

by Tim Leslie

Some of my colleagues must not get the same mail or read the same newspapers that I do. The business people who send me mail tell me workers' comp costs are driving them out of business. The papers I read tell me of companies leaving the state, layoffs, and reduced employee benefits. And yet this is not enough to motivate the Majority here to give the governor real workers' compensation reform.

In the meantime, despite what you may have heard from Billy Crystal at the Oscars about the economy being in the tank, we're doing quite well nationally. Factory activity rose in 11 of the 12 regional Fed districts.

And while factory activity in the Fed's Cleveland region didn't go up, it did hold steady.

The first two months of this year saw an attendant increase in economic activity, continuing the

growth we saw nationally over the last two quarters of 2003. Sales growth was highest in New York, Richmond, and Dallas, while San Francisco saw moderate sales growth. The service sector is up around the country, and consumer spending jumped by a healthy 0.4 percent in January, a sign consumers are keeping their wallets sufficiently open to keep the economic recovery going. At the same time, however, car sales are down across the board. Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan said March 4 that extra-low short-term interest rates will eventually have

to rise, but gave no indication as to when. Low interest rates have been the main engine behind the recent economic activity because they have motivated businesses and consumers to spend and invest.

Hopefully, we can get the powers that control the Capitol to spend and invest more time in getting workers' comp reform. If you and your member companies felt moved to give your representative a call on this issue, I know it would help.

Contact Leslie, assemblyman, 4th district, at (916) 319-2004.

Leslie: Urge reform

by Tim Leslie

As you have probably seen, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger used an agriculture fair here at the Capitol to encourage people to sign the workers' comp ballot petitions.

"If you see signature gatherers, who are all around the state, go up to those signature gatherers, sign in, put the signature down," he urged.

"Put a clear message out there that you want to get rid of the fraud and the abuse of workers' compensation."

The opposition forces do not want a ballot measure. They see the same polling the initiative's supporters do, which is astoundingly overwhelming. Then again, many supporters are leery because there is always the chance the opposition will demagogue the issue and it will go down in flames, leaving businesses high and dry.

We can't afford that, especially when you see the most recent state job numbers. These show a sluggish job market and unemployment stalled at 6.2 percent (compared to the national rate of 5.6 percent). Many of the jobs that were added are temporary positions. The jobs outlook was hampered by downturns in both the retail and food processing industries and government.

Economists believe California needs to add 20,000 jobs each month to keep pace with the growth in the labor force. But that won't happen if we don't get workers' comp reform and fast. We need to



TIM LESLIE

put first things first. When those who control the Legislature will get that message, however, is anyone's guess.

I urge you to call your assembly member and senator. Tell them, "Give us workers' comp reform now," and don't take "No" or any excuses for an answer.

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SCIENCE BOWL COMPETITORS



Submitted photo

Winners: These two teams placed in the top four at the 2004 Native American Science Bowl for high school students in Colorado Springs, Colo. Feb. 13-14. Their participation was a collaborative effort by the Woodfords Indian Education Center, California Indian Manpower Consortium

— Youth Opportunity Program and the Washoe Tribal TANF program. The emphasis was on general science, astronomy, chemistry, physics, math and earth science. Coach Jacki Bennett said the competition encourages the students to pursue higher education.

Students take 2nd, 4th for science

Two local teams competed and placed in the top four at the 2004 Native American Science Bowl for high school students in Colorado Springs, Colo. Feb. 13-14.

The students from the Woodfords-Indian Education Center included team captain John Vann and Anthony Caldera, 12th graders; Lorina Dressler and Ramsey Horse, 11th-graders, Benjamin Gonzales, ninth grade. Coaches included Anthony Smokey and David Roberts. The WIEC team placed fourth overall.

The Washoe Tribal TANF team members are team captain Nicole Bennett, 11th grade, Williams Cuellar, Samuel Simmons, Anthony Wedlock, tenth graders, and Emmy Frank, ninth grade. Jacki Bennett and Jason Bryan coached. That team went all the way to the championship match and placed second.

Fire plan needed for Tahoe, Sierra

U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein (D), Congressman John Doolittle (R-Roseville), and Assemblyman Tim Leslie (R-Tahoe City) were unanimous last Saturday in their opinion that the Lake Tahoe basin needs a proactive forestry plan. Otherwise, they say, the region will experience the same sorts of catastrophic fires that devastated huge swaths of Southern California in 2003.

The trio expressed this belief at a wildfire prevention conference hosted by Leslie and Feinstein at Lake Tahoe Community College. The forum was called in response to the recent passage of the Healthy Forests Restoration Act.

Under the Act, local communities develop forestry plans aimed at reducing the number of dead and dying trees that would fuel a calamitous conflagration similar to those that rocked Southern California last year.

They then submit these propos-

als to the U.S. Forest Service, and the USFS works with the local communities to modify the plans if necessary, and then implement them.

"We must work together to resist the possibility of catastrophic fire to the greatest extent possible," said Leslie in his opening remarks. "We want Lake Tahoe to remain the jewel that it is, and to even improve it if we can."

Attendees learned the recent fires in Southern California burned three-quarters of a million acres, destroyed 3,600 homes, and caused the loss of 24 lives. Much of those fires were fed by a dense concentration of fuel that created what firefighters called "a perfect fire storm."

The Sierras are a similar sort of "tinderbox," said Feinstein, who spent a month each summer as a girl camping here, and she pleaded with attendees to work together to come up with a workable forest

plan by August.

"[Assemblyman Leslie, Congressman Doolittle, the elected representatives from Nevada and I] stand ready to help you in any way we can."

The Senator noted California has 8.5 million acres that are at risk for a catastrophic fire, and that 1.7 million of those are in Tahoe, Lassen, and Plumas forests. Furthermore, at least a third of the "forest [in the Tahoe basin] is too dense," and in Emerald Bay, one in every six trees is dead.

She noted that available federal and state funds have previously paid for firefighting. She said the HFRA changes this so that the money "goes into managing forests so we don't see such devastating losses. There are 35,000 residences in the basin," Feinstein noted. "A fire would wipe those out and destroy" what makes Tahoe so attractive to people around the world.

Sheriff's log

March 2

■ Deputies responded to a report that a male victim with a stab wound from an incident that occurred in Woodfords was reported to be at an Emergency Room in Gardnerville. The investigation continues in this case, which has been classified as an attempted murder.

■ In the last week of February, three people were arrested for skiing out of bounds at Kirkwood.

March 3

■ During a routine traffic stop in Woodfords, a passenger in the vehicle, a 33-year-old Markleeville man, was found to be wanted by the FBI. He was arrested and booked into jail.

March 5

■ Deputies responded to a reported domestic violence in

the Woodfords area. The alleged male victim had left the area and deputies still have not been able to contact him. The female subject refused to answer her door, and deputies had to force entry into the home. The investigation continues.

March 6

■ A vehicle burglary was reported to have occurred in the Woodfords area. A car stereo valued at \$450 was taken.

March 9

■ A sex registrant reported a change of address pursuant to state mandated reporting requirements. This person is reportedly leaving the country for approximately 90 days and will be required to re-register upon returning.

■ In the Kirkwood area, Deputies arrested a 19 year-old Colorado Springs, Colo., man for Possession of marijuana and minor in possession of

alcohol.

March 12

■ A man reported that there had been a burglary at his remote cabin during the winter. Camping equipment and tools valued at \$130 were taken.

■ Deputies have responded to numerous reports of a young bear cub in the Markleeville area. The state department of Fish and Game has advised this office that they will be responding to humanely trap the bear cub and relocate it into

the mountains.

March 13

■ Deputies responded to a reported burglary in the Woodfords area. A firearm was reported stolen.

March 14

■ In the Woodfords area, a 19 year-old Gardnerville man was arrested for possession of a dangerous weapon. Found in his vehicle were metal throwing stars and daggers.

Water project meeting Thursday

DETAILS

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Where: Alpine County Administration Building

When: 4-7 p.m., Thursday, March 25

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LITTLE LISTENERS



Submitted photo

Hello? Reading Specialist Laura Parsons of Alpine County schools and the Woodfords Indian education Center, holds her hand to her ear as she asks children to respond during a recent Reading Pajama Party held on Wednesday evenings. Nearly 20 children participated last week, listening to stories and munching on cookies. The children, left to right, are

Anna Guerro, Chelsee Guerrero, Kendall Ornellas, Stephanie Tyon, Lauryn Mae James, Paige Athens, Jada Truax, Leona Mortimer and Julia Gomez. Beverly Caldera, Kate McCartney, Jason Bryan and Melissa Lewis also collaborate in the program held throughout this month. Families are encouraged to attend.

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Meeting today on Abdo deal

by Al Pettit
Staff Writer

In addition to the proposed office building in downtown Markleeville, Carson Valley developer Thomas Abdo is also proposing:

- A 40-room lodge with spa, restaurant, meeting space, covered parking space (underneath the building).
- Seventy cabins, proposed for quarter-share ownership.
- A mixed use residential/commercial area of a maximum 48,000 square feet.
- An outdoor amphitheater with a 250-person capacity.
- An equestrian center with a barn and outdoor corral area.
- Infrastructure intended to serve the development (domestic water, wastewater treatments, roads, parking, utilities).

Brian Peters, planning director, said Wednesday, that the amphitheater and equestrian center may be dropped from the project.

The location is on about 36 acres in Markleeville bound roughly by Main St. and Montgomery Street (corner of proposed office build-

DETAILS

What: Design Review Committee meeting on project proposed by Thomas Abdo
Where: Turtle Rock Park
When: 9 a.m., today

ing) in a northwesterly direction upward from existing structures.

If approved, it will be the biggest development ever contemplated for this rural town and county seat on the east slope of Alpine County.

The Alpine Planning Commission has scheduled two public hearings on the project at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 25 and at 7 p.m., Thursday, April 29 at Turtle Rock Park Community Center (off U.S. Highway 89 between Markleeville and Woodfords). The regular planning commission agenda begins at 6 p.m.

There will be also be a meeting of the Alpine County Design Review Committee at 9 a.m. today at Turtle Rock Park concerning demolition of existing structures and proposed commercial developments.

The project will require

amendments to Alpine County's General Plan and Zoning Ordinance and approval of a tentative subdivision map. As mandated by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), an environmental review of the proposed project is being prepared in the form of an "initial study" and it is expected to be available for public review prior to the March 25 public hearing. The planning commission will not make a recommendation or decision at this first hearing. Eventually the amendments discussed above will require a review and recommendation from the Planning Commission for final decision by the Alpine County Board of Supervisors.

The public may submit written comments regarding the proposed project to the Alpine County Planning Department, 17300 State Route 89, Markleeville, Calif., 96120. Plans and other application materials are now available for review at the Planning Dept. located at the Turtle Rock Park Planning Office. For more information, call Planning Director Brian Peters at (530) 694-9599.

Supervisors meet on Tuesday

by Regina Purcell
Staff Writer

The Alpine County Board of Supervisors host a special meeting at 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 30.

A public hearing on the housing element study is scheduled. Supervisors will consider and possibly adopt the California State-mandated update and revision to the Alpine County Housing Element, a component of the Alpine County General Plan.

The update and revision reportedly includes data related to housing in Alpine County and programs intended to promote the development of housing that meets the needs of all economic segments of the community.

The board meets at the administrative office building in Markleeville.

Items on the consent agenda include:

■ Request for authorization to advertise for bid proposals for

Construct Hazard Removal project at the County Airport; and authorizing the application and execution of contract with Caltrans and the preferred bidder, subject to availability of Caltrans Aeronautics funding and county review and approval as to form.

■ Discussion and possible action regarding Proposition 50 Watershed Grant Program Implementation Agreement.

Bear Valley appreciates skiers

With the closing date less than a month away, the resort is showing appreciation for dedicated Bear Valley Mountain Resort skiers and snowboarders with a party in their honor.

The first Bear Valley Customer Appreciation Day presented by Budweiser and Bacardi Silver is this Saturday, March 27.

Bear Valley is open daily for skiing and snowboarding, with a wide variety of spring events

and parties planned until Sunday, April 18th. For more information on events, snow

conditions and special offers, please visit bearvalley.com or call (209) 753-2301.

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Woodfords mourns the loss of Washoe tribal member

by Regina Purcell
Staff Writer

The community of Woodfords, Calif., mourns the loss of American Indian artist Manuel "Mooch" Dick, 43, who died unexpectedly of a heart attack Monday.

"He was one of my good friends," said Tony Smokey, vice chairman of the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California.

"He was one of the nicest guys in town," he said. "One of the best Washoe artists around."

"He was one of the last warriors we have left."

Born to Elmer and Ramona Dick in the Woodfords on May 1, 1960, Dick was a firefighter with the tribe and a well-known artist.

He was a hunter, fisherman, and wood cutter and had one daughter, Celeste, 14, of Carson City.

Friends, family and tribal family members all remember a caring man, with a hearty sense of humor and the ability to help anyone in need.

His cousin, Marilyn Payne said Mooch was quiet with a "heart as big as Texas."

"He was a very talented artist, a traditional person who believed in the old Washoe ways," she said. "Mooch enjoyed being with family and friends."

"We are all in a state of shock."

"Mooch had a great sense of humor and the gift of gab. Everybody he came in contact with, he had a huge impact on. I was truly blessed to have him in my life."

Cheryl Dutchev was also a cousin to Mooch. While they were growing up, she said he didn't realize she was a girl.

"He thought I was a boy," she said. "He called me 'Dodo,' and we played army man, trucks. We went fishing."

She laughs and cries about her cousin.

"He was kind hearted," she said. "My kids, Holly and Stan Dressler, looked up to him because of his drawings."

"He always talked with pride and joy about his daughter and her soccer games and that she was teaching him how to cook. He will always live in my heart."

Her daughter is also having a hard time accepting the fact that Mooch has died.

"I have a hard time excepting the fact he is no longer here," she said. "More than anything, Mooch was a strong and proud native man, who always held his head high."

Mooch's childhood friend, Karen Lundy, said Mooch was loved by all. He knew her brother Jim, who has also

'Mooch was a strong and proud native man, who always held his head high.'

Holly Dressler
Cousin of
Manuel "Mooch" Dick

passed away.

"Mooch told my mom the other day, he was going to see our brother," she said. "He must have know something was going to happen."

Jerod Frank is also a cousin to Mooch.

"This is really shocking because he is really a good guy," he said. "It's just a shame. He is going to be missed by everybody."

Beverly Caldera said Mooch was nicknamed by his grandfather when he was a child.

"It was just something my grandfather came up with," she said. "He had always just been Mooch."

Mooch is survived by his mother Ramona of Woodfords, sisters Althea and Taryn E. Frank of Woodfords, Lana of

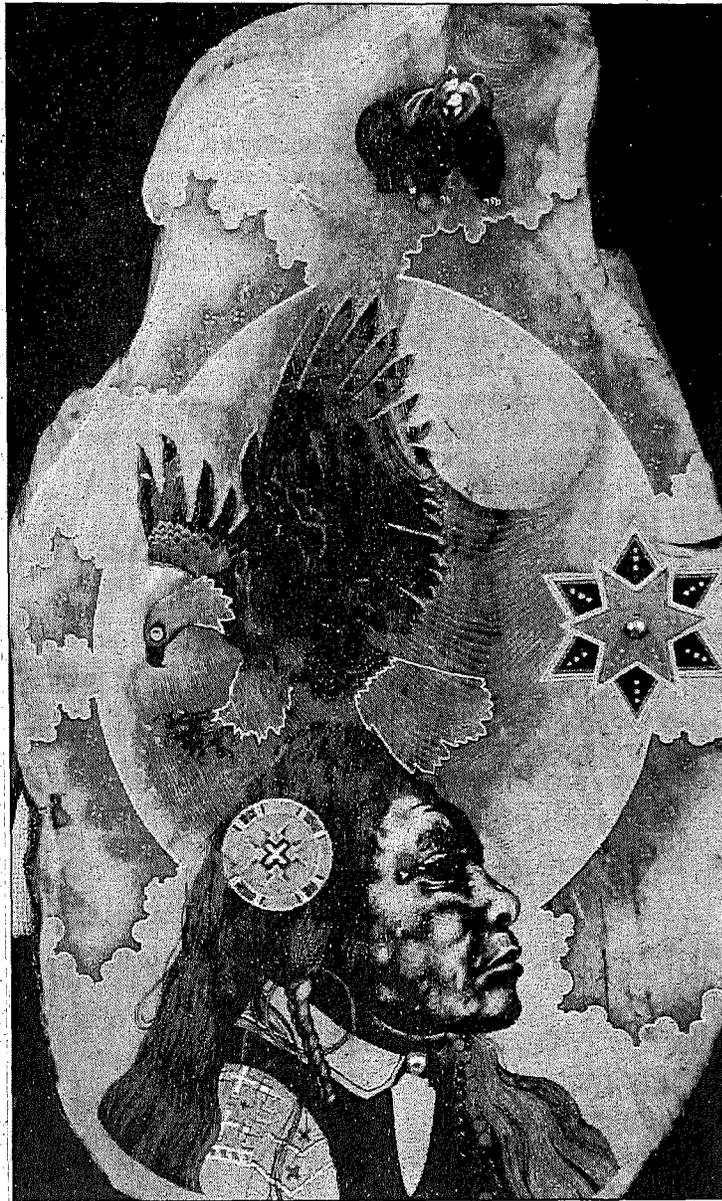


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Mooch's art: At right is a photograph of one of Mooch's pieces. Above is another piece of original art produced by Manuel "Mooch" Dick, who died on Monday.

Sacramento and Randa of Coleville; and brother Clint "Skeedó" Dick of Woodfords; numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. Burial will be in the Woodfords Indian Cemetery. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. today at Walton's Chapel of the Valley in Carson City.

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SENIORS REGROUP



SHANNON LITZ/The R-C

Hearty group: Alpine County Seniors have started monthly potluck lunches again at Turtle Rock Park. committee members include Eileen and Stuart Merrill, Ernestine Fogarty, Nancy Specchio, Hazel

Payne, Dolores and Jim Clark and Irving Krauss. The group meets the second Wednesday each month and has about 35 current members. For more information, call the Clarks at (530) 694-2473.

Alpine County Community News

Alpine Democrats meet Wednesday

The Alpine County Democratic Central Committee meets Wednesday, March 31.

Anyone interested in participating in democratic activities is invited. The meeting is at M's Coffee House, 43 Montgomery, Markleeville, starting at 6:30 p.m.

If interested, please come at 5:30

p.m. Cost for dinner is approximately \$12-\$13 per person. For more information, call Mary Walker (530) 694-1200.

Alpine Meadows hosts event April 9

Alpine Meadows will host its annual Community Benefit Day Friday, April 9. The adult lift ticket costs \$20.

Lift ticket proceeds will be donated to area non-profit organizations in North-Lake Tahoe and Truckee. Recipients have historically been those that focus particularly on chil-

dren's education and extracurricular enhancement programs.

"A \$20 lift ticket is a great price so skiers and boarders make the extra effort to ski or board on Community Benefit Day," said Brad Wilson, Alpine Meadows director of marketing. "The local programs that are assisted [with the money generated by Community Benefit Day ticket sales] are invaluable to so many people in the Tahoe/Truckee area."

For more information about the Alpine Meadows Community Benefit Day, call (530) 581-8321 or visit www.skialpine.com.

Leslie wants input

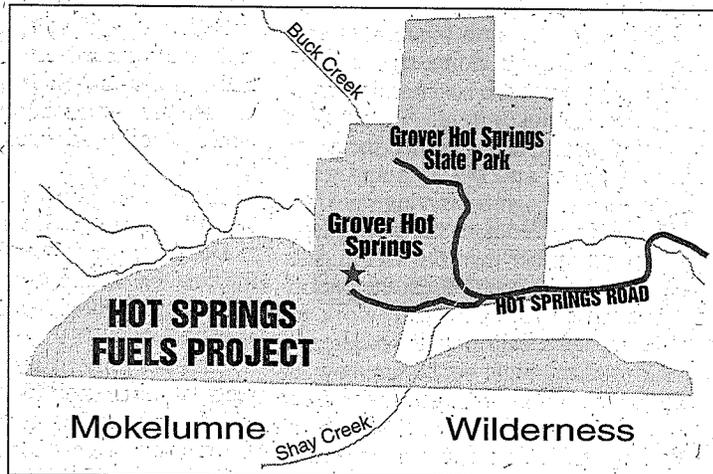
Staff reports

Assemblyman Tim Leslie (R-Tahoe City) announced Wednesday Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's California Performance Review (CPR), something the veteran lawmaker called "an historic opportunity to rethink government to its roots."

The CPR is an effort by the governor to solicit ideas from Californians on how to streamline state government in order to make it more efficient and eliminate waste, fraud, and abuse. In its first week alone, the Review received 1,000-plus suggestions.

"The governor has put out a suggestion box," Leslie said, "and I hope everyone — state workers, those who deal with the state, and average citizens — will fill it to the brim. The people of California have been hurt badly by five years of waste, fraud, and abuse. The time is ripe to change the way we do business in Sacramento. We must reform the way government operates to ensure our hard-earned tax dollars are spent wisely, and that state bureaucrats are held accountable to parents and taxpayers. This is the common sense thing to do."

Leslie noted the Review had made it easy for people to give their suggestions. For computer users, there is a Web site www.cpr.ca.gov.



CHRIS OLESEN/R-C Graphic

Hot This shows the area marked for the U.S. Forest Service prescribed burn project until today.

Burns continue today

U.S. Forest Service crews will conduct a prescribed burn on public land behind the Shay Creek summer homes and Grover's Hot Spring State park through today, weather and fuel conditions permitting.

"This important work will help reduce the risk of a catastrophic wildfire from spreading from the forest to the homes, as well as help protect the forest from a fire that could originate from a home," said Gary Schiff, Carson district ranger.

The planned prescribed burn will occur approximately three miles west of Markleeville proper. The crews will burn small piles of slash and small diameter woody

debris that resulted from hazardous fuels reduction over the winter and was not removed from the resulting personal use fuel wood program. While the burn is planned over five days, it may be postponed if weather, fuel or smoke dispersal conditions are not within prescribed limits.

This upcoming burn will be completed within the standards set by the Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District and an approved forest service burn plan.

Questions concerning the Carson Ranger District's upcoming burn or fuels management program should be directed to Bob, fuels forester, at (775) 882-2766.

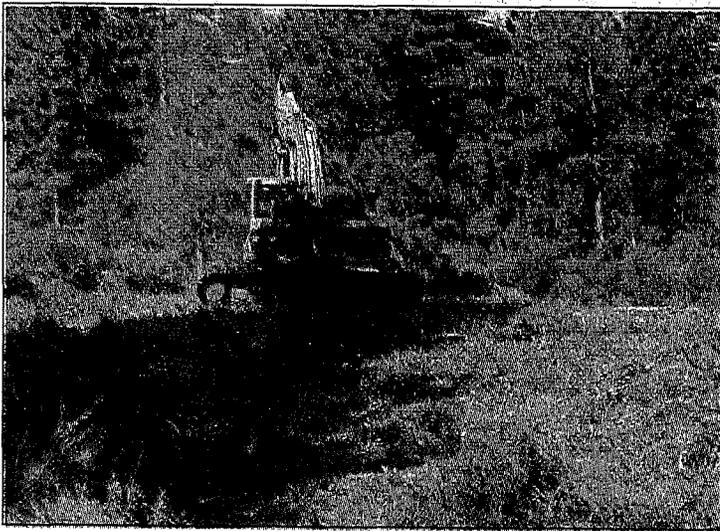
Jackson in hospital

Beloved Alpine resident, retired engineer Robert Jackson, is staying at the Carson Convalescent Center, 2898 High-

way 50 East, Carson City, Nev. 89701, after a recent illness. Drop by or send a get-well note to Bob, all you Alpiners.

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Submitted photo

Chopper: Mastication in progress on the Alpine Fire Safe Council's Upper Manzanita Lane fuels reduction project.

Getting fire safe

by Clint Celio

The Alpine Fire Safe Council is gearing up for a productive year of wildfire prevention activities.

This winter, the Alpine Fire Safe Council began our community fire planning process. Based on the Western Governor's Community Fire Plan outline, the Council drafted the Alpine County Community Fire Plan with help from a U.S. Forest Service grant. The plan divides Alpine County into three distinct planning areas and describes fire related information for each. Data from the USFS, California Department of Forestry and the Bureau of Land Management, Alpine County, and other agencies was compiled for this document. Also included is a description of the biomass material generated in Alpine County through fuels reduction activities. A list of contractors who provide defensible space services was also included.

Our Manzanita Lane Fuels Reduction project is finally under way. After missing our window of opportunity last fall, we got the contractual issues resolved this winter. Last Wednesday the contractor

moved mastication equipment to the site and began work. A few acres have been treated with good results. The project is expected to continue through the month of April.

We are working on solutions to expand the community defensible space program. The community pile, open weekends (except Easter) through April, was chipped and taken to Full Circle Compost. The council is trying to keep the site open through May and will provide disposal for the material collected. Many members of the community have asked that the pile be available later in the year to accommodate seasonal residents.

Finally, we have a couple of public service meetings planned. On Saturday, at 10 a.m., the Alpine Fire Safe Council and Woodfords Volunteer Fire Department will host an Open House at the Woodfords Fire Station. Fire Department Volunteers will be on hand to discuss the department and answer questions. Jim Norton from Warren Reed Insurance will discuss home fire insurance trends and ISO ratings. A similar event will be planned for the Markleeville Volunteer Fire Department in May.

OHV use meeting tonight

Staff reports

The Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest is taking comments on a motorized cooperative application with California State Parks.

The 2004-05 application applies to the Carson Ranger District's winter and summer programs and the Bridgeport Ranger District's summer program in California. The grant cannot be used in the Nevada

portion of the forest.

An open house to discuss off-highway vehicle use is from 6 to 7:30 p.m. tonight at Turtle Rock Park in Markleeville.

The project includes education and enforcement patrols on approximately 600 miles of existing designated off-highway vehicle route. For more information, call Lawrence Anderson, OHV manager at (775) 884-8101.

Long expresses concern for project

Former Markleeville resident Bob Long wrote the following letter to the Alpine County Planning Commission.

As a third generation Markleeville property owner and former resident that grew up in the town, I am deeply disturbed by and very strongly opposed to the proposed developments by Tom Abdo that are far outside the historical character of the town.

Markleeville needs to grow and change is inevitable; I welcome that as long as it is done according to the County master plan, within current zoning ordinances, and in keeping with the long-standing character of Markleeville. There should be NO 3-story buildings, no amphitheatre, and no stables within the town limits. A small lodge and a reasonable number of decent sized home lots could fit in nicely. A few new modest-sized business establishments along Montgomery Street would be welcomed. A large development with 70 cabins and 40-room lodge would not. This sized development would negatively change the atmosphere and community of Markleeville forever.

Beyond esthetics, I am very concerned with impact on the environ-

ment of sourcing water and handling sewage treatment for a large development without pushing the existing town facilities well beyond capacity and past the breaking point. Even if there is a plan for the proposed development to handle its own water and sewage systems, what would happen if the development ran into financial difficulties? Who would be responsible for paying to resolve problems 5 years, 10 years or more, down the line?

How will the additional traffic be routed? I am adamantly opposed to any expansion of School Street as it will have a very negative impact directly on our property and will create a safety hazard of excess cars speeding down the museum hill, not to mention the insult it would cause to the museum complex itself.

To close, a well-planned, limited development could be an asset to the greater Markleeville and Alpine community. The current developments as proposed definitely would NOT.

■ Robert Long resides in Cross Plains, Wisc., and co-owns the property at 101 Montgomery St. in Markleeville. The property has been in the Price/Long family since 1915.



AL PETTIT/Submitted photo

Nature's bounty: Tiny baby birds are seen in their nest outside Al Pettit's home in Markleeville.

Enjoying signs of spring

by Al Pettit

Early last spring, soon after the last of the winter ice and snow melted from our front yard in Markleevillage, I armed myself with rake and plastic bags to tackle the usual accumulation of pine needles that are determined to defy decomposition or taking a windy flight to other venues.

That day I noticed something extraordinary. In one of a pair of Christmas tree shaped

bushes right outside our front door there appeared to be a mass of pine needles carefully placed on a branch in the shape of a miniature cradle. We had the rare pleasure of watching these tiny birds grow and mature, their eyes wide open as they explored their new universe. Then, one sad but glorious day, they were gone. For more information about these birds, go online at www.naturepark.com/stellars.htm.

Housing element OK'd Tuesday

by Regina Purcell
Staff Writer

The Alpine County Board of Supervisors approved the updated Alpine County Housing Element at its special meeting on Tuesday.

Assistant County Clerk Barbara Howard said the county had to adopt the resolution in preparation for its application for Community Development Block Grant money. The resolution reportedly amended the Alpine County General Plan Section 5 in its housing element.

Howard said there was public comment on the housing element to include affordable housing and smaller lots for single family homes.

The resolution was necessary for California state-mandated updates.

Howard said the state requirements includes employee housing availability at Kirkwood and Bear Valley with new developments.

In other business Tuesday, the board:

- Approved requesting bid proposals for Construct Hazard

Removal project at the County Airport.

Howard said the board approved submitting an application up to \$90,000 with a county match of \$9,000. It also approved future execution of contract with Caltrans and the preferred bidder, subject to availability of Caltrans Aeronautics funding and county review and approval as to form.

- Approved a memorandum of understanding between the county and the Alpine County Watershed advisory group for the Proposition 50 Watershed Grant Program Implementation Agree-

ment. The agreement runs for three years and costs \$100,000.

Supervisor Chris Gansberg was the lone vote against the project. He said Wednesday the money could be spent on better projects, such as the "dilapidated" sewer system in the county.

"I am just not for this big government," he said. Markleeville "has been here 101 years and how did my grandfather on the ranch get along his whole life without a watershed coordinator?"

"I just think it's ridiculous, a sham on what the money is being spent for."

Protecting privacy, scenery on agenda

by Regina Purcell
Staff Writer

Protecting the scenery Alpine County is famous for and protecting private property rights are the two items supervisors want to address with an ordinance amending its scenic highway corridors.

The Alpine County Board of Supervisors meet at 8:50 a.m. following a closed session on Tuesday, April 6.

A second reading and possible adoption of the ordinance to amend regulations regarding development along designated scenic highway corridors is on

the agenda.

The proposed ordinance has been studied by the county's planning department and is being brought back with recommended suggestions. Assistant County Clerk Barbara Howard said the final version is worded to protect private property rights and scenery along the corridors.

After an initial short meeting as the local transportation commission, supervisors will discuss the consent agenda which includes:

- Approval of past meeting minutes.
- A promotion for Lynette

Bennett, outreach nurse.

- A resolution proclaiming April 18-24 as National Library Week.

- A contract with Norene Hegy to complete the county's Work Plan.

- An interlocal agreement with the Carson Water Subconservancy District for technical and administrative tasks for the Upper Carson River Monitoring Project.

- A contract for support services for bioterrorism with Mono County.

- Items related to ambulance and gurney use for emergency services.

In other regular items, supervisors will consider:

- An update from the U.S. Forest Service on issues affecting the county.

- A proclamation for April 18-24 as Crime Victims' Rights Week.

- A resolution acknowledging April as National Child Abuse Awareness Month.

- A request for the Alpine Children's Center to apply for Community Development Block Grant money for a retail facility/family resource center.

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Sheriff's log

March 13

■ In the Woodfords area, deputies responded to a reported fight. After further investigation, the case was forwarded to the District Attorney for filing of charges.

March 14

■ In the Hope Valley area, a 34-year-old Patterson, Calif., man was cited for driving without a valid license.

March 19

■ A suspicious letter was turned in to a deputy. The letter had a very small amount of blood on it.

■ In the Kirkwood area, a 48-year-old River Pines, Calif., man was pulled over for erratic driving. A deputy smelled an odor of an alcoholic beverage and called the California Highway Patrol to investigate. CHP arrested the man for DUI.

March 20

■ In the Woodfords area, a 49-year-old Woodfords, Calif., woman was arrested for public

intoxication. She was booked into jail.

■ In the Hope Valley area, an 18-year-old Ripon, Calif. man was cited for possession of marijuana.

March 26

■ Reports were received of several ski and snowboarding equipment thefts in the Kirkwood area. The thefts occurred over a period of weeks. Equipment valued at \$2,200 was taken while left unattended.

March 27

■ In the Woodfords area,

deputies responded to a domestic violence in progress. The suspect had left the scene and was located and arrested by Douglas County deputies. The district attorney may file more charges after review of the case.

March 28

■ In the Woodfords area, a vehicle rollover accident occurred in the Woodfords area. Deputies assisted medical units and the California Highway Patrol.

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BUSINESS IN BRIEF

Red Cross will answer questions Thursday

On April 15, the regional American Red Cross representatives will be

in the area to answer any questions of people who are interested in becoming the new Alpine County Red Cross liaison. For more information, please call Christina Isaacs at (760) 924-1829.

New retail center passes review

by Regina Purcell
Staff Writer

Despite initial objections from one member and a petition against the project, the Alpine County Design Review Historic Committee approved a commercial building for downtown Markleeville at its meeting March 25.

The High Mountain Properties project proposed by Thomas Abdo was approved on the condition that the county counsel rule that it met conditions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and that the proposed height is allowed.

The committee also said that signage and final designs with colors included be brought back for final approval.

A petition with more than 60 signatures was presented to the committee with objections to the height of the proposed building. Resident Wanda Coyan questioned whether the fire department could service a three-story building.

Ed Williams of the design team for the project produced historic photographs of downtown Markleeville that showed former buildings at that height. Abdo said a two-story building will produce a "cookie cut-

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Nancy Thornberg
Markleeville resident

ter" effect downtown.

Resident Nancy Thornberg questioned why Abdo does not present all phases of his proposed project instead of proposing phases.

"All of it has cumulative impacts," she said, "parking, traffic, noise, sewer, etc."

Committee member Ruggero Gigli initially said he didn't want to approve the project prior to the rulings of the county counsel. However, he agreed to the conditions and also approved the project.

The committee looked at the project, a three-story, 56,000-square foot building with 3,500 square feet of commercial space at the corner of Main and Montgomery streets.

It would include demolition of the old Wild Wools building that dates back to the 1920s and the Markleeville Creek Cabins.

April 9, 2004

FSC MEETS



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Fire safe: The Alpine Fire Safe Council (AFSC) met April 3, at Woodfords Fire House. AFSC sponsored it to show the Woodfords community their fire house and equipment, explain response capabilities and restraints, introduce the volunteer firemen, and recharge and sell fire extinguishers. A luncheon was prepared by Jennifer Celio. Representatives from the insurance industry addressed concern about homeowners insurance in fire-prone areas. A similar meeting is being planned for the Markleeville area residents in early May. For more information contact Clint Celio, fire safe coordinator, at (530)694-2289 or Nancy Thornburg at (530)694-2102.

Smoke-free passes

by Rebecca Wheeler

Special to The R-C

The Alpine County Tobacco Control Coalition has been working on this ordinance for one and a half years. They started work on this ordinance after going to the Board of Supervisors with a county employee policy that restricted smoking within 20 feet of county building entryways and doorways almost two years ago. When the Board of Supervisors approved the county employee policy, they (the BOS) suggested the coalition pursue a county-wide ordinance. So, the coalition went back to the drawing table to develop a solid county-wide ordinance. The coalition wanted to create an environment in Alpine County that protects the health of families and children. Not only does secondhand smoke contribute to upper respiratory infection, ear infections and asthma in young children, but modeling smoking for young children creates social norms that give the false impression that smoking is cool. Smoking is more addictive than alcohol, heroin or any other drugs. According to the Center

for Disease Control almost all smokers pick up the habit before the age of eighteen. Therefore, the coalition wanted the Elizabeth Cohan and Library parks where families and children frequent, designated as smoke free. County vehicles are also designated smoke free in the ordinance.

The coalition spent months working with John Crawford, sheriff; Dennis Crabb, Alpine County's counsel; and Will Richmond, district attorney, to write a solid enforcement section of the ordinance that would be supported by those services.

The Alpine County Tobacco Coalition meets monthly. There is no application process to become a member. Interested parties can contact the coalition chair, David Peets at (530) 694-2283 with questions regarding the coalition or Rebecca Wheeler, the Health Education Programs Coordinator at (530) 694-2146. The next meeting is scheduled for April 28, from 12-1 p.m at the Health and Human Services Agency, 75 B Diamond Valley Road, Markleeville. Lunch will be provided.

Sheriff's log

April 1

Deputies responded to a verbal dispute involving threats in the Woodfords area. No arrests were made.

April 3

Deputies responded to the Hope Valley area where it was reported that snowmobilers needed assistance. As a search party was being organized, a deputy on a snowmobile located the parties who had managed to get their machine unstuck and were headed back in for the day.

In the Kirkwood area, 2 persons were issued citations for Possession of marijuana.

April 4

While on a routine traffic stop, deputies discovered that the driver of a vehicle, a 30 year-old Houston, Texas man was wanted on a misdemeanor warrant from El Dorado County. The man was booked into jail

with bail set at \$2,500.

April 6

A 25-year-old Santa Cruz, Calif. man turned himself in to the sheriff's office. He was

booked on charges of grand theft, possession of stolen property and possession of marijuana. He was released on his own recognizance.

Privacy, scenery protection OK'd

by Regina Purcell
Staff Writer

All Alpine County Supervisors approved protecting the scenery Alpine County is famous for and protecting private property rights with an ordinance amending its scenic highway corridors.

Judy Molnar, assistant to the board, said the second reading and adoption of the ordinance to amend regulations regarding development along designated scenic highway corridors was unanimous.

The board met Tuesday in Markleeville.

In other business, supervisors:

■ Approved past meeting minutes.

■ Approved promotion for Outreach Nurse Lynette Bennett.

■ Approved a resolution marking April 18-24 as National Library Week. Molnar said the library will host a potluck at noon on Tuesday, April 20.

■ Approved a contract with Norene Hegy to complete the county's Work Plan, subject to approval by county counsel.

■ Approved an interlocal agreement with the Carson Water Subconservancy District

for technical and administrative tasks for the Upper Carson River Monitoring Project.

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■ Heard an update from the U.S. Forest Service on issues affecting the county. Molnar said there were no changes discussed.

■ Approved a resolution acknowledging April as National Child Abuse Awareness Month.

■ Continued a request for the Alpine Children's Center to apply for Community Develop-

ment Block Grant money for a retail facility/family resource center.

Molnar said supervisors had some concerns about the project, including that the type of business, a thrift store, would "detract from the beauty" of the downtown corridor.

She said there was concern construction could affect underground tanks that could be disturbed and potential liability issues for nearby property owners.

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Nagel gets honored for witness program

by Al Pettit
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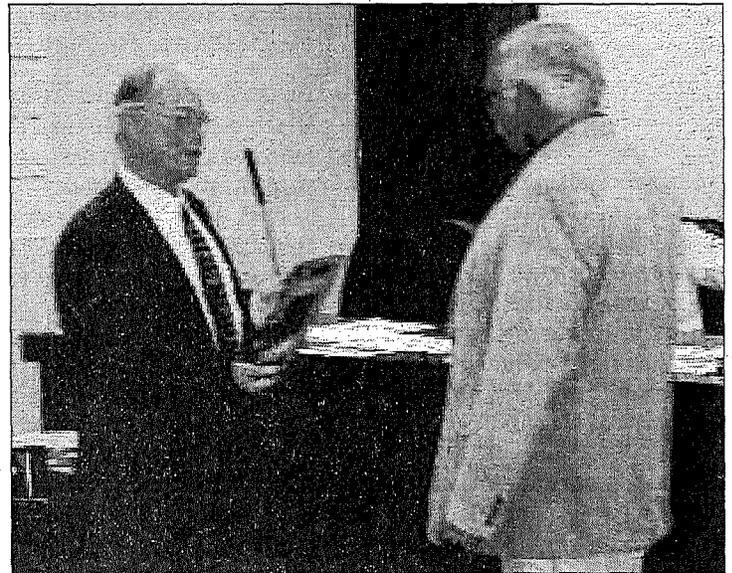
During the regular Alpine County Board of Supervisors Meeting Tuesday, the Board adopted a resolution proclaiming the week of April 18 to 24, 2004 as "Crime Victims Rights Week".

Alpine District Attorney Will Richmond, on behalf of his victim witness program, presented Detective Tom Nagel with an plaque in recognition of his outstanding efforts in 2003 to promote justice for victims of crime in the county. Tom has over 20 years service in the Sheriff's Department.

After the ceremony, Margaret Purdy, guardian of a senior citizen, related an incident County Assessor Dave Peets

observed which appeared to be a questionable transaction detrimental to the interests of the senior. Detective Tom Nagel was assigned the case for investigation, which eventually led to a trial and conviction. Purdy stated to the Board, "I believe Alpine County citizens are lucky to have a detective of Tom Nagel's ability. I believe he is to be commended for his hard work and should be recognized for doing a superior job."

Superior Court Judge Dave DeVore, who attended the ceremony, emphasized the high value of law enforcement personnel, and added that the "system" is much like a chess game where the first few plays often determine the outcome of the end game where he presides.



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Kudos: District Attorney Will Richmond presents a plaque to Detective Tom Nagel at the Alpine County Board of Supervisor's meeting on Tuesday for his victim witness program.

ALPINE IN BRIEF

Aging update needs info

Area 12 Agency on Aging hosts a public hearing on "unmet needs" of seniors in Alpine County at noon, Wednesday, April 14, at Turtle Rock Park off Highway 89 in Markleeville.

Comments are being solicited to get information needed in development of the 2004-05 fiscal year area plan update.

All persons 60 years and older and caregivers residing in Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, Mariposa and Tuolumne counties are invited to participate.

If unable to attend, call (209) 532-6272 and a questionnaire will be mailed for comments.

A meal will be served. Call (800)

510-2020 to make a reservation. For more information, call Jim Clark at (530) 694-2473.

Historical Society starts memorial

The Historical Society of Alpine County is undertaking a project to create a memorial for all men and women from Alpine County who have served in the various United States wars.

A bronze plaque already exists commemorating all those from Alpine who served in World War II. It is located in the Courthouse lobby in Markleeville.

We are seeking the names of those who served in the Civil War, the Spanish American War, World War I, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Gulf War, and the recent war in Iraq.

Fishing opens soon

by Dave Zellmer

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Fishing Season 2004

Opening Date - Saturday, April 24, 2004

All streams and rivers in Alpine County: Fishing licenses required

Purchase fishing licenses, bait and all supplies at one of the following:

■ Carson River Resort - (530) 694-2229

■ Rudden's Markleeville General Store - (530) 694-2448

■ Woodfords Station - (530) 694-2930

Fish Plants; April 21 - East and West Fork Carson River, Hot Springs Creek, Markleeville Creek, 1,000 lbs of catchables and trophies

Annual Fish Meeting - Friday, April 30, at Turtle Rock Park - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for updates and reviews of state and local fish issues.

R.S.V.P. at the Alpine County Chamber of Commerce (530) 694-2475.

Residents mixed on Markleeville development

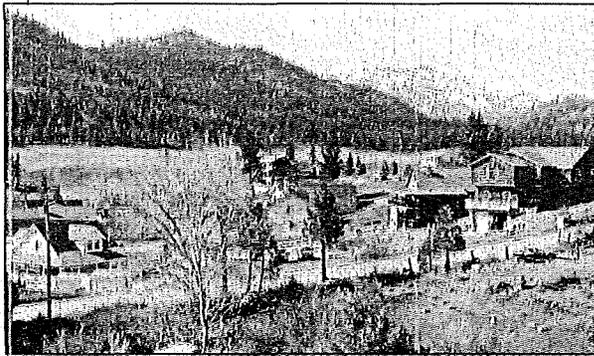
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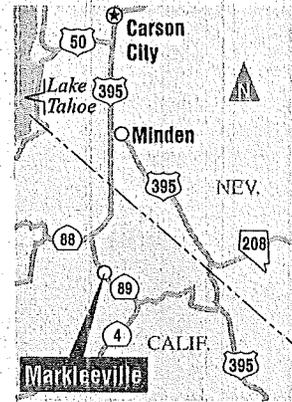
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Growth/Residents split on Markleeville development

From 10 populated of California's 58 counties.

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HISTORY: The old Webster School in Markleeville, Calif., was built in 1882 and remained in operation until 1929. The sleepy Alpine County town is divided over plans for development.

DETAILS

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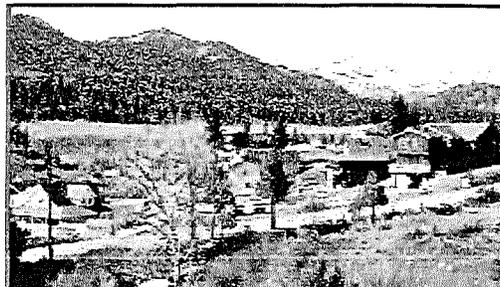
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Washoe Tribe could get Lake Tahoe land under bill

Associated Press

Sen. John Ensign has joined fellow Nevada Sen. Harry Reid's effort to give 24.3 acres of federal land at Lake Tahoe back to the Washoe Tribe, which considers the area part of its spiritual heritage.

Reid, D-Nev., introduced the measure last year to convey the Forest Service land north of Glenbrook to the tribe, but the legislation failed to secure final congressional passage.

Reid and Ensign, a freshman Republican, introduced the Washoe Tribe Lake Tahoe Access Act again on Wednesday.

The Washoe traditionally spent their winters in the Carson Valley 60 miles south of Reno and their summers in the nearby Lake Tahoe area.

"The ancestral homeland of the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California included an area thousands of square miles in and around Lake Tahoe," Reid said.

"For centuries, the tribe preserved and protected Lake Tahoe and with this legislation a portion of that land can be returned to their stewardship,"

he said.

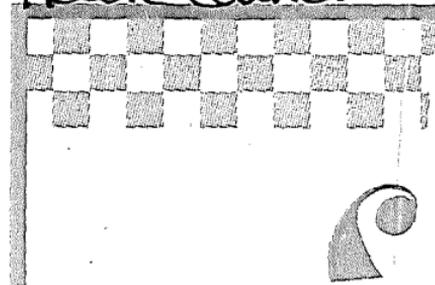
The land is located north of Skunk Harbor on the east side of the lake. The idea first was agreed to nearly three years ago during the Lake Tahoe Summit hosted by Reid and former President Clinton.

Ensign said the tribe needs the spot "in order to re-establish traditional and customary cultural practices, so they can meet their needs for spiritual renewal.

"The act will provide a place for the tribe to continue in their strong appreciation of ancient ceremonies and traditions and encourage future generations to carry on those traditions," he said.

The bill would allow the tribe to use the land for traditional and customary uses, but prohibit commercial, residential or recreational development.

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Highway 88 scenic designation to be discussed

By Gregory Crofton

R-C News Service

A workshop to help establish the section of Highway 88 that runs through Alpine and

Amador County as a national scenic highway will take place tonight in Markleeville.

Hashing out the qualities of the 52 miles of highway between Woodfords and Pioneer, as well as drafting a vision for an area management plan, will be topics of the workshop.

The plan would allow the U.S. Forest Service to apply for federal status as the Carson Pass National Scenic Highway 88. It became a state scenic highway in 1986 and a national forest scenic byway in 1988.

The classification would create opportunities to fund high-

way improvement projects with federal grant money, such as the installation of interpretive signs related to the Immigrant Trail, said Alexandra Botello, project manager for the Forest Service.

What it will cost to plan the highway corridor project has been provided by a \$162,000 grant from the Federal Highway Administration.

The meeting is at Turtle Rock Park in Markleeville. For more information, contact Steve Hale at the Carson Ranger District at (775) 884-8112 or Botello at (209) 532-3671 ext. 388.

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Residents to appeal Abdoos projects

by Regina Purcell
Staff Writer

A Markleeville, Calif., resident plans to appeal the proposed downtown projects by Carson Valley businessman Thomas Abdoos and will start the process Thursday.

Diedre Wallace will ask the Alpine County Board of Supervisors to waive the \$100 fee to file an appeal to the approval of the project by the county's Design Review Historic Committee.

Despite initial objections from one member and a petition against the project, the Alpine County Design Review Historic Committee approved the com-

'They didn't look enough how it would fit in with the architecture.'

Diedre Wallace
Markleeville resident

mercial building, one of several projects brought by Abdoos at the March 25 meeting.

The Alpine County Planning Commission held its first public hearing on the projects with a full house March 25.

Brian Peters, of the county's

planning department, said public comments were both negative and positive for the downtown Markleeville project at its meeting March 25. The project includes a three-story, 5,600-square foot building with 3,500 square feet of commercial space at the corner of Main and Montgomery streets.

"On the negative side, (comments) relate to the fact that Markleeville is a very small community and this project could potentially overwhelm that," he said. "Positive comments included the opportunity to bring something (positive) economically."

Wallace said a few citizens are circulating a petition against

Abdoos' projects.

"They didn't look enough how it would fit in with the architecture," she said. "They want to put in this box structure that has nothing to do with Markleeville."

The proposed project includes demolition of the former Wild Wools building that Wallace rented and was forced to leave when Abdoos bought the property.

The Alpine County Board of Supervisors meeting starts at 8:50 a.m. Tuesday, April 20, at board chambers, 99 Water Street in Markleeville.

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Supervisors will consider CWSD request

by Regina Purcell
Staff Writer

A request by the Carson Water Subconservancy District on Alpine County's role in a proposed river corridor study will be discussed Tuesday.

The Alpine County Board of Supervisors meeting starts at 8:50 a.m. Tuesday, April 20, at board chambers, 99 Water Street in Markleeville.

The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection has proposed a hyperspectral analysis and light detection and ranging assessment project of the Carson River from the California/Nevada state line to Lahontan Reservoir.

Supervisors will discuss the request from the district seeking Alpine's participation.

In other business Tuesday, supervisors will consider:

- An annual step increase for Beth Nunes, administrative assistant III, to Range 42A/Step 4 effective May 1, 2004.

- Permanent status and proba-

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Where: Board Chambers, 99 Water Street

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tionary step increase for Christopher Boyle, part time planning technician in the Planning Department to Range 42/Step 2 effective April 16.

- A resolution approving the application for the Land and Water Conservation Grant-in-Aid Funds for the Turtle Rock Park Campground Project.

- A resolution approving the application for the Land and Water Conservation Grant-in-Aid Funds for the Markleeville Community Park Project.

- A resolution proclaiming May 6 as National Day of Prayer.

- A resolution acknowledging May 7 as Peace Officers' Memorial Day in California and May 15 as

National Peace Officers' Memorial Day; and directing that all flags of the United States be flown at half staff on these days.

- Approval of letters to the California Senate and Assembly Budget Subcommittees supporting the Department of Finance's proposed legislation regarding transfer of Vehicle License Fees (VLF) realignment revenues to California counties.

- Approval of letter to Sierra Cellular regarding Hawkins Peak cell site failure.

- Approval of letter to California Department of Forestry, Tuolumne/Amador Unit, requesting follow-up home fire inspections in Bear Valley.

- A request for board declaration of county surplus items and approval for Alpine Children's Center to accept and sell the surplus at auction with the proceeds used to help fund the center.

- A budget modification for FY 2003-2004 Anti Drug Abuse Grant Program and approval to purchase new ADA vehicle under

State of California vehicle purchase program contingent upon state approval and submission of approved modification to the Auditor.

- Payment to Copies Plus for \$9,267.23 for final printing of the Alpine County Emergency Operating Plan and the Alpine County Field Operations Guide.

- Continued discussion regarding the legislation proposed by Senator Barbara Boxer and the Wilderness Coalition.

- An Alpine County Chamber of Commerce request for road closure of Montgomery Street to School Street from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursday, June 3, for the Austin Healey Rendezvous 2004; and request to waive the encroachment and special event permit fees for this group.

- A presentation by Local Child Care & Development Planning Council.

- A request for \$5,000 transfer from Contingency to Budget 101 for the California State Fair Exhibit.

Water fun starts

by Paul Washam
Special to The R-C

Canoes, kayaks, and rafts are once again floating the East Fork of the Carson River. Whitewater enthusiasts can float the wilderness Grade II, 19-mile section from Hangman's Bridge, two miles south of Markleeville, to the put out at the Highway 395 Dam.

More experienced floaters can also enjoy the more challenging 8-mile grade 3-5 upper section from just above Centerville Flat on Wolf Creek Road to Hangman's Bridge.

Overnight camping is allowed on the river, with a favorite area being Riverview



Hot Springs, just after Horseshoe Bend. Lodging is available in Markleeville and Woodfords. Several Outfitters are permitted by the U.S. Forest Service to provide guide service. The Carson Valley Inn offers an all-inclusive rafting outing package. For more information: Family Mountain Shuttle Service at (530) 694-2966, U.S. Forest Service at (775) 882-2766 or visit the Alpine County Chamber of Commerce Web site at www.alpinecounty.com or www.cvinn.com.



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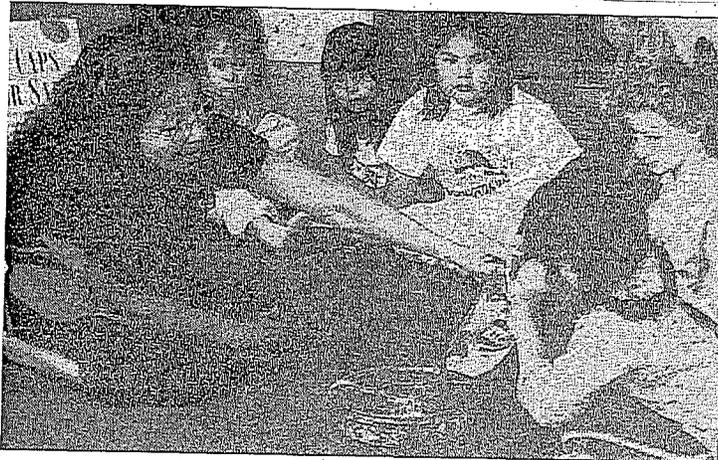
Had a great fall: Diamond Valley School students pose with their Naked Egg Drop projects recently.

Eggs fall, some survive

by Anna Coletti
Special to The R-C

Diamond Valley School recently hosted Spirit Week. Part of the festivities included a Naked Egg Drop competition for the 5th-8th grade students. Students needed to design a

device (no larger than 14") that would catch an egg from a distance of at least 100 centimeters, without breaking. The winner of this year's competition was Yvette Bryan with a drop of 280 centimeters. Congratulations to all the participants!



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Helping hand: Supervising Teacher Natalie Ritter helps a preschooler with a shapes game on Wednesday.

Open house Thursday

by Regina Purcell
Staff Writer

An open house Thursday celebrates the opening of the Alpine County Department of Education Learning Center, the first in the state to offer affordable voluntary preschool for all 4-years-olds.

The event is open to the public from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at 100 Foothill Road in Woodfords. The Learning Center is the former Mt. Sierra private school.

The Learning Center opened Jan. 3, and now serves 30 children from 8 weeks to 4 years old.

"Alpine County is the first county in the state to open, providing an opportunity for any 4 year old who wants to attend preschool," said Lynne Randolph, who represents the Learning Center. The building was purchased by the Department of Education for \$1.2 million, with an investment from First 5 Alpine of more than \$600,000.

"This center will help working families in Alpine County by providing quality learning opportunities for their children ages 0 to 5," said Lynette Bennett, chair of First 5 Alpine.

An initial investment of \$585,000 from First 5 Alpine paid for start-up expenses after the Alpine Department of Education purchased the complex with four buildings. The center is open to Douglas County residents for a charge.

Californians passed Proposition 10 in 1998, adding 50-cents-per-pack tax on cigarettes to support programs for expectant parents and children up to 5 years old.

First 5 Alpine started in 2000, and received \$340,000 last year. Funding is based on the number of births in the community. Los Angeles County, for instance, earmarks \$100 million annually for its programs.

At the open house, during the Week of the Young Child, families will be able to enroll their children for childcare or preschool, and view children's art projects. For more information, call (530) 695-1148.

First 5 Alpine meets from 3-5 p.m. Monday at the Learning Center. Executive Director Judith Martin will ask her board to open the voluntary preschool to 3-year-olds in the near future.

Vet names needed

The Historical Society of Alpine County is undertaking a project to create a memorial for all men and women from Alpine County who have served in the various United States wars.

Please send information or questions to Nancy Thornburg, PO Box 156, Markdeeville, Calif., 96120, phone: (530) 694-2102, or e-mail nthornburg@gbis.com

Alpine seniors know their needs

by Regina Purcell
Staff Writer

Helping Alpine County seniors get a permanent center and assisting with wellness, services and chores are priorities discussed Wednesday.

Sixty residents attended a luncheon at Turtle Rock Park hosted by Area 12 on Aging. Peggy Lee is executive director of the agency that serves Alpine, Mariposa, Amador, Calaveras, and Tuolumne counties.

The Agency on Aging serves 10,000 seniors and receives its funding from state and federal sources. It assists with transportation, medical, nutrition, education, employment, personal and social services.

Started in 1987, the agency assists county residents over 60 and case management for disabled persons from 18 to 59-years-old.

Lee told attendees Wednesday the agency could assist with renting a new senior center, something desperately needed in Alpine County, according to Jim Clark, who heads the area senior's group. Lee said avail-



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Wanted: Peggy Lee and Tori Carlson, in foreground, from Area 12 on Aging, speaks with Alpine seniors Wednesday.

able space at the newly opened Alpine Learning Center would be a model location.

An open house will be from 5 to 6:30 p.m., Thursday, April 22, at the center, according to Jim Parsons, superintendent of the Alpine Department of Education that purchased the \$1.2 million complex. (See related story on this page.)

"I am really for it," Clark said.

"With support ... I think it would be a real success. We could have a (permanent) space with a TV, some games and do things together."

Other suggestions, to be considered during funding for next year from the agency, included:

- Transportation services. Alpine County already has an agreement with Douglas County for use of the DART.

- Assistance with chores, such as raking, hauling debris, changing light bulbs.

- Assistance with fuel in the winter.

- Organized exercise classes, such as yoga or Tai Chi.

- Socialization, such as field trips.

- Monthly health services, such as blood pressure screening.

- A Health Buddy program that partners people to daily check on area seniors.

- Respite care to provide breaks to caregivers.

Lee said the Area 12 on Aging will come back to Alpine in a few months with a strategic plan on meeting those priorities.

The agency took a survey from attendees to learn more about them and the issues they face.

County representatives also made presentations Wednesday, including Probation Officer Doug Rublaitus and Larry Bodford representing Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program, who spoke about changes to the Medicare system.

ALPINE IN BRIEF

Stop smoking with a little help

Please join us for a free informational meeting on the steps in winning the nicotine battle. Upon attendance we can assist you with the cessation aids (patches, gum or alternative therapies).

Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 28 from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the Early Learning Center located at 100 Foothill Road, Markleeville, CA.

For more information or registration, please call Lois at (530) 694-2146.

Cargiver support available to over 60

The Family Caregiver Support Program, a federally funded program, offers information and assistance to any adult family member or another individual (age 18 or older) who is a primary care provider to an individual who is 60 or older.

Services provided are: information and assistance, assessment, counseling, training, caregiver support, respite relief, education and supplemental services.

Area 12 Agency on Aging is located at 13975 Mono Way, Suite E, Sonora, Calif.

For more information, call (800) 510-2020 (in service area) or (209) 532-6272.

Senior Legal Hotline ready to answer

The Senior Legal Hotline is available 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday and 1 to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday to answer your legal questions or problems. Call toll free (800) 222-1753 for an appointment with a member of the legal staff for a free, confidential telephone con-

sultation.

Northern California residents age 60 or older are eligible for free legal advice, written information, referrals and other brief services in all areas of civil law, including: Social Security/SSI, Medi-Cal, wills/trusts/probate, family law, power of attorney, grandparent rights, consumer issues, housing, elder abuse or age discrimination.

This service is provided by Legal Services of Northern California, a non-profit public service organization with funding from the Administration on Aging U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Area 4 Agency on Aging, Foundation of the State Bar of California, and voluntary donations.

Fishery review program April 30

The Alpine County Fishery Review Program meeting is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, April 30,

at Turtle Rock Park. R.S.V.P. to the Alpine County Chamber of Commerce at (530) 694-2475 by Monday April 26.

Alpine Democrats to host Movie

The Alpine County Democratic Central Committee will host the movie "Bowling for Columbine" on Sunday, April 25, 3 p.m. at the Mountain and Garden Bed 'n Breakfast at the intersection of Hwy 88 and Hwy 89 (flashing light), next to The Pony Express. No charge.

We would like to invite interested individuals from Alpine County, Minden/Gardnerville, Carson City and Lake Tahoe, to come join with us for the movie, followed by lively discussion. Please make reservations at 530-694-1200

For more information contact Mary Walker 530-694-1200

Historical Society seeking veteran info

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questions to Nancy Thornburg, P.O. Box 156, Markleeville, CA, 96120, phone: (530) 694-2102, or e-mail to nthornburg@gbis.com.

Head Start applications due

Washoe Tribe Head Start is accepting applications for the Woodfords and Dresslerville Head Start programs for the 2003-2004 school year.

Applications are also being accepted for the Stewart Head Start program in Carson City.

Enrollment is open to all children

ages 3-5 years from low-income families, including children with disabilities and special needs.

Head Start is a free developmental preschool program.

For applications and information, call (775) 265-4191, ext. 147.

Burn pile open weekend in May

Thanks to the efforts of the Alpine Fire Save Council, the Turtle Rock burn pile will remain open all weekends throughout May from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Cooks: Kirkwood Mountain Resort presented its annual Kirkwood Community Cookbook recently and the above members con-

tributed to the project. To order, go to kirkwood.com. A portion of the proceeds go to The Breast Cancer Fund.

Planning hearing set on Abdoo project

by Regina Purcell
Staff Writer

The biggest project the Markleeville area has seen in some time is subject of another public hearing at the Alpine County Planning Commission Thursday, April 29. A petition opposing the development is expected.

The Markleeville Village/Mahalee Lodge project, proposed by High Mountain Properties, owned by Carson Valley businessman Thomas Abdoo includes:

- A 40 room-lodge with spa, restaurant, meeting space, covered parking (underneath the building), outdoor pool/deck and three employee housing units. The size of the lodge building has been reduced to approxi-

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Where: Turtle Rock Park

When: 7:30 p.m., Thursday, April 29.

mately 22,000 square feet.

- Seventy cabins, proposed for quarter-share ownership. The cabin size has been reduced from the original application.

- A commercial development area that includes 14 buildings separate from the proposed lodge with a combined maximum commercial area of 15,000 square feet. Two of the fourteen buildings will include a total of four employee housing units.

- And infrastructure neces-

sary to serve the development, including water, wastewater treatment, roads, parking and utilities.

The Alpine County Planning Commission meeting will be at Turtle Rock Park at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, April 29.

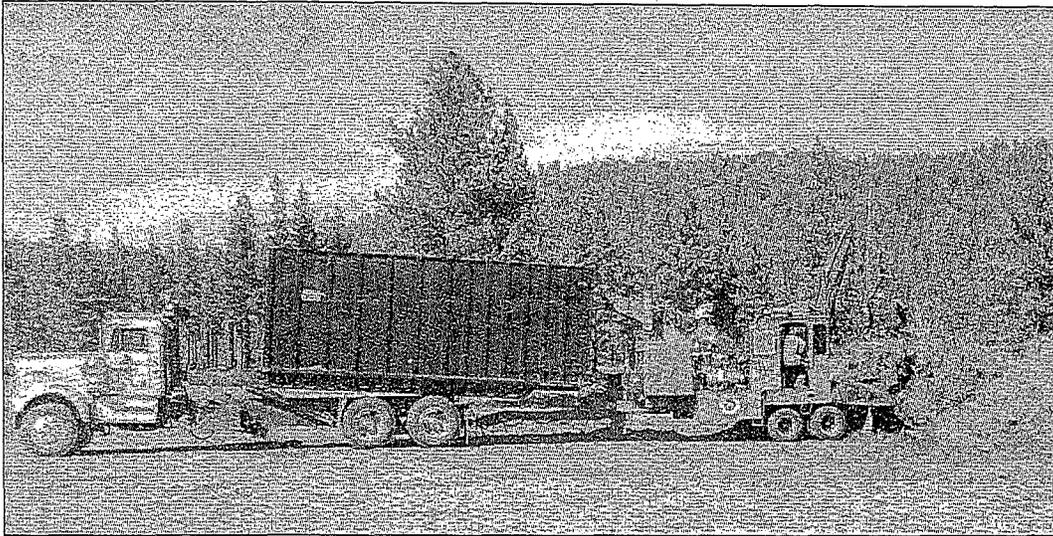
On Tuesday, the Alpine County Board of Supervisors denied a request by a group opposed to the project to waive a \$100 fee to appeal the decision by the county's Design Review Historic Committee, approving the commercial proposal March 25.

The Alpine County Planning Commission held its first public hearing on the projects with a full house March 25.

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CLEAN UP



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Out: Chipper equipment was hired by the Alpine Fire Safe Council to remove fire fuels recently at Turtle Rock Park.

Medicinal plant workshop at Sorensen's

Kimball Chatfield, local botanical expert and doctor of acupuncture, will conduct his annual medicinal power of Sierra plants informative workshop at Sorensen's Resort Saturday, April 24, at 8 p.m. The cost is a \$5 donation for Friends of Hope Valley, which will be matched by Sorensen's.

With the surging interest in

turning to plants and other natural sources as alternatives to synthetically produced medicines, this course is both timely and illuminating. While you won't necessarily find a cure for the common cold out there in the nooks and crannies of Alpine County, you might discover some surprising remedies.

Come and learn how Dr. Chatfield has uncovered some alpine plant secrets based on his extensive research. Come early for dinner at Sorensen's café, or make a weekend of it.

To make reservations for the class, dinner or lodging, call Sorensen's Resort toll free at (800) 423-9949.

Leslie: Some news is good

by Tim Leslie

California State Assemblyman

The letters still flowing in from businesses exemplify the urgent need for workers' comp reform. Just today I heard from a Sacramento man who employs 50-60 people, all of whom earn high wages and receive health care and other benefits. This low-voltage electrical contractor has been in business 15 years, but faces near certain closure because of three workers comp claims. All are either fraudulent or likely exacerbated by the employees' off-duty activities.

He says three things will save his business: Comprehensive workers' comp reform, an upswing in the economy or a combination of the two.

Otherwise, his company



Tim Leslie

ever, didn't work in ancient Rome; they didn't work when Richard Nixon tried them, and they won't work now. Still, the governor is confident we can work past this, and if he is confident, I am at least hopeful.

On the second issue, the news is good. The U.S. manufacturing index rose last month as production increased and more factories added workers than at any time since Reagan

won't survive.

On the first issue, the sticking point is insurers rates. Sen.

Richard Barton wants to cap what insurers can charge. Price controls, how-

held the White House. Like Reagan boom, this one is being fueled by President Bush's tax cuts.

Bloomberg.com reports "Tax cuts Bush won last year have helped spur the economy to the fastest growth in 20 years and at least six straight months of job gains."

The number of initial jobless claims dropped 342,000, continuing the trend in this area, and March's job gain of 308,000 was the strongest in four years. Because of all of this, Financial Times says "Confidence among U.S. business leaders is stronger than it has been for 20 years ... as rising profits finally encourage companies to start hiring." Indeed the poll FT refers to is "the most optimistic response on jobs since the research group began its analysis in 1976."

Campground is ready to open

The Bureau of Land Management, Carson City Field Office, announces the seasonal opening of Indian Creek Campground in Alpine County Friday, April 30, at noon.

Paved access is provided by Airport Road, off California State Highway 89, midway between Woodfords and Markleeville.

The campground will remain open until Oct. 12.

The main campground has 19 sites and is situated next to Indian Creek Reservoir. These sites are suitable for recreational vehicles up to 30 feet or for tent. The restroom has flush toilets and hot showers.

Drinking water and a sanitary dump station are provided. A second area, designed for

tent camping, has 10 sites. A day-use area has 10 picnic sites, boat ramp, large parking lot and restrooms with flush toilets.

Groups of up to 40 people may, with advance reservations; camp in a special group tent area.

Indian Creek is one of Sierra Nevada's least expensive campgrounds that offer hot showers and flush toilets. The 2004 season fees are \$15 a night for the main campground; \$11 a night for walk-in tent sites; and additional vehicles using a parking space are charged \$5 a night. All RV/tent sites are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Camp site fees are used to maintain the recreation area.

Senior discounts are available.

For reservations and additional rates and information, call (775) 885-6000 or check out the BLM Web site at www.nv.blm.gov/carson.

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WINE AND HORS D'OEUVRES

WHERE: WOLF CREEK RESTAURANT
WHEN: TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 2004
TIME: 6:00 – 8:00p.m.

Come and talk with the Engineers, Architects and Planners to hear the many changes to our Project, Mahalee Lodge and The Village in response to the suggestions that have been expressed by residents of the community. We look forward to seeing you.

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Clean-up for Spring

The 2004 Spring Clean-Up is Saturday and Sunday, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Alpine County Public Works Yard in Woodfords.

The service is provided to county residents only as a courtesy. Dumpsters will be provided by Douglas Disposal to Alpine County residents as part of its franchise; the cost of which is a part of the franchise fee included in the residential customers monthly rate.

There will be no one available to help unload.

Acceptable materials include: residential household garbage, metals, plastic, paper, treated wood, household waste. Special wastes allowed include refrigerators, freezers, washers, dryers, water heaters

and stoves.

Residents may dispose of up to nine passenger or truck tires without rims for free (subject to space availability).

The following materials will be recycled: brown, green, and clear glass, uncontaminated motor oil, aluminum cans, No. 1-6 plastic, bundled newspaper, flattened cardboard and tin cans.

The following materials are unacceptable: commercial business garbage, waste, debris, household hazardous waste including paint, solvents, oils, batteries, paint thinners, cleaning fluids, aerosol cans, pesticides and insecticides, rocks, dirt, cement, stumps or similar debris, construction debris or site cleaning debris.

Abdoo project backed by chamber board

The following letter was written by Bradley J. Davis, vice president of the Alpine County Chamber of Commerce board to Terry Woodrow, chair of the Alpine County Board of Supervisors.

At the April 22, Alpine County Chamber of Commerce Board meeting, the members declared very strong support for the development proposed by Tom Abdoo and High Mountain Properties.

The Board believes this development will assist the Chamber in its goal of developing new businesses and sustaining existing ones.

The Alpine County Chamber of Commerce is committed to maintaining the unique character of Markleeville. However, it also recognizes the need to ensure our economic base continues to expand in order to provide employment opportunities for

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area residents and a customer base for area businesses.

We very much appreciate the changes Mr. Abdoo has made to accommodate concerns expressed by some area residents and his ongoing commitment to address those concerns. We believe the current proposal will enhance Markleeville, drive additional customers to existing businesses, and contribute to the overall vitality of our community.

We will encourage all Chamber members to support this growth for Markleeville and will request from them letters of support.

OPEN HOUSE



CHERI WARRELL/Submitted photo

Recent Visit: Crystal Cruz, left and daughter Aligha, talk with Emily Johnson, infant teacher at the Alpine Early Learning Center open house April 22. The Early Learning Center is part of the Alpine Superintendent of Schools in

Woodfords with First 5 Alpine, Local Childcare Planning and Development and Child Abuse Prevention offices on the complex that may include Adult Education and senior citizens. For information, call (530) 694-1148.

Expect road delays

Delays and road closures are expected along State Highway 89 South from the intersection of South Upper Truckee Road north toward Meyers, Calif. from May 3 until October.

Part of the B-Line Phase III, the final phase of the Export Line Replacement Project, closures will facilitate staging of materials and equipment for the project. The South Upper Truckee Road will be closed to all pedestrian, bicycle, or vehicular traffic from a point just past the bridge near the foot of Hawley Grade to the intersection of Highway 89.

The overflow campground road for the Big Meadow Trailhead will be closed and under construction as well. The parking lot for the trailhead will remain open.

Materials should begin arriving at the staging area by mid-April. Construction will begin May 3 and will continue through June 30. While the projects will continue through October, all construction impacting Highway 89 must be

completed by June 30.

Due to the nature of the construction, the southbound lane will be closed and bounded by K-Rail, 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. Anticipated delays of up to 30 minutes can be expected. For public safety, there will be traffic controls in place 24/7. Coordination with local fire/rescue and law enforcement agencies is ongoing.

In addition, Leonard Turnbeaugh, Alpine Public Works Director, requested to try and limit delays to the minimum in the morning and afternoon commuting hours from South Lake Tahoe to Alpine County and back.

The blasting portion of the project will cause the 30-minute delays. The blasting contractor said that early morning from 7 to 9 a.m. and the evening from 5-6 p.m. will not be used for blasting. It should help for commuting issues. The Alpine County Supervisors and the Alpine County Chamber of Commerce, as well as residents in Kirkwood are aware of the potential delays.

BOS meets Tuesday

by Regina Purcell
Staff Writer

The budget for Alpine County for fiscal year 2003-04 and the tentative budget for 2004-05 will be discussed at the supervisors meeting on Tuesday.

The Alpine County Board of Supervisors meet at 9 a.m. Tuesday, May 4, following a closed session that begins at 8 a.m. The board meets at the administrative office building, 99 Water Street in Markleeville.

Other items on the agenda include:

- Continued discussion regarding legislation proposed by Sen. Barbara Boxer and the Wilderness Coalition, and from the U.S. Forest Service on issues relating to the county.

- A memorandum of understanding for the operation of the Alpine County Chamber of Commerce.

- Possible reductions to the fish stocking program.

- Legislation regarding a proposed Sierra Nevada Conservancy.

- New environmental health program fees.

- Purchase of a work shed at Turtle Rock Park.

- Adoption of an Emergency Management Performance Grant.

The consent calendar includes the following items:

- Step increases for Road Worker Adam Coyan and Senior Nutritionist Gail Day.

- A resolution for the Alpine County Senior of the Year.

- A resolution for May 2-8 as Be Kind to Animals Week.

- An annual software maintenance agreement with Cascade Software Systems Inc.

- An agreement for a home-delivered meal nutrition service program.

- An addendum for the contract between the county and Kirkwood Mountain Resort for tennis courts.

Sheriff's log

April 15

- Deputies responded to a residence in Woodfords. An 18-year-old female was assaulted when she refused to give an acquaintance a ride. The suspect, a 21-year-old Woodfords man, fled the scene after the crime. Deputies are seeking a warrant for his arrest.

April 16

- Deputies responded to a disturbance call in Woodfords. Witnesses pointed out the suspect, who was driving away. Upon contact, deputies determined that the man was intoxicated and he

was ultimately arrested for driving under the influence.

April 20

- A Woodfords resident reported that during the previous week, someone had burglarized his residence, taking cash and prescription medications.

April 21

- Deputies responded to the Woodfords area for a disturbance call. A 49-year-old Woodfords man was arrested for public intoxication, brandishing a weapon and disturbing the peace. The man allegedly brandished a hatchet during a dispute with neighbors.

April 22

- In Hope Valley, a deputy

performed a vehicle stop on a vehicle that nearly ran the deputy off the roadway. Upon contact, the deputy observed that the driver showed signs of intoxication. The suspect, a 42-year-old South Lake Tahoe man was arrested for driving under the influence.

April 24

- In the Hope Valley area, a deputy performed a traffic stop. After the deputy observed signs of intoxication, a 42-year-old South Lake Tahoe man was arrested for driving under the influence.

April 16

- In the Markleeville area a deputy stopped a vehicle for weaving. The suspect a 57-year-old Milpitas, Calif., man was ulti-

mately arrested for driving under the influence.

April 24

- A deputy made a stop on a pickup truck on Highway 88 near the state line. The driver, a 35 year-old Gardnerville woman, was issued a citation for driving without a license. She told the deputy that she never felt she needed to obtain a license.

- Deputies have responded to a residential area in Markleeville numerous times for a bear problem. The bear has broken into and damaged several homes. The matter has been turned over to the Department of Fish and Game.

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Villa Gigli re-opens with book signing

by Ian Harmer
Special to The R-C

Villa Gigli in Markleeville hosts events for Gina Gigli's new book, with sgraffito — scratchboard — illustrations that will be officially launched at a combined writer's signing, artist's unveiling and restaurant re-opening at Villa Gigli Trattoria and Galleria on Hot Springs Road in Markleeville Saturday and Sunday, from 1 to 4 p.m.

Guitarist George Hanepen and keyboard magician Vince Crudele will separately provide musical accompaniment on the two days of the celebrazione and guests will enjoy complimentary wine and foccacia.

No reservations are necessary unless visitors want to linger for dinner at Villa Gigli. For more information, call (530) 694-2253.

Ruggero has updated the menu.

As a painter, Gina Gigli has spent a celebrated career observing the world around her and distilling it into works of art ranging from pictures, collages and prints to wine labels, mythological masks and wispy, ephemeral scarves and ribbons.

As a writer, she has spent decades describing her acute observations and research in print.

And as the wife of a chef and restaurateur, she's passionate about



Submitted photo

Yum: Ruggiero and Gina Gigli enjoy pasta on their recent trip.

the primary ingredients of successful hospitality — people and food.

When Gina and Ruggiero went on a 10,000-mile cross-country highway odyssey a few months after the horrors of September 11, 2001, she packed a notebook and a sketchpad.

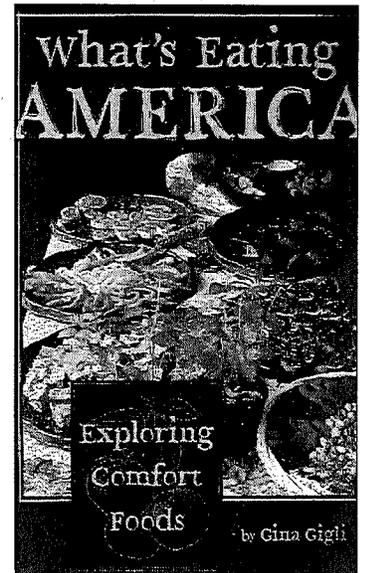
Gina's mission was to find out what Americans eat when they're downhearted or discombobulated.

What she ended up with was a keen sense of "What's Eating America," from what in the world bothers folk in the states she and Ruggiero visited, and what they eat to make them feel better about life in general and threats to our

national safety in particular.

Snack bars, diners, fancy restaurants and outdoor food stands — any menu-displaying source of sustenance that wasn't part of some homogenized, conglomerated nationwide chain was fair game for the Giglis. Her newest book highlights the sometimes sad and serious but often poignant and funny result of their travels.

Comfort foods have surely been an essential part of the human experience since before the beginning of recorded time, dating back perhaps to a prehistoric moment when a nervous specimen of homo sapiens first munched on some-



thing not because it was nutritious but because it made him or her feel good on a bad hair day.

A connection between the first meal most of us ever tasted and chocolate, grits, tomato soup or any one of countless personal favorites might seem a bit far-fetched.

Gigli learned as she researched "What's Eating America," when fear, insecurity, shattered nerves or some other bump in the road knock Americans temporarily off-balance, food in any number of forms does a better job of supplying reassurance than any glib politician or gun-toting security guard.

Washoe Tribe members presented home titles

Residents pay off their houses, celebrate at lunch

by Joyce Hollister
Staff Writer

There were cheers, chuckles and maybe a tear or two as individuals were handed the paperwork making them "homeowners" at a special event on Saturday in Dresslerville.

Some 80 members of the Washoe Tribe earned the title to their homes in 1999, and a festive barbecue and ceremonies were held at the Washoe Housing Authority office in their honor.

"This is your day," said Vice Chair of the Washoe Tribe Willard Bennett. Bennett and Housing Director Virginia Kizer presented titles to the new home-

owners after the barbecue.

"I didn't think I would live long enough to pay it off," said tribal elder JoAnn Martinez, who was one of the Dresslerville residents to receive her title at the event.

"I thank God for small favors," she added with a grin.

Asked what she's going to do now that her house payments are completed, she said she was going to "splurge."

"I'm going to get myself some little luxuries," she said.

The elder is a noted Washoe basketmaker and has traveled to Washington, D.C., and Hawaii as a representative of her people. She said she's going to stay home and enjoy her house and her garden.

Martinez continues to give bas-



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Gets title: Madelina Henry, left, is handed her title by housing director Virginia Kizer and tribal vice chair Willard Bennett.

ket-making demonstrations at various events with her sister Theresa Jackson and others.

Pam Turner, who has been paying off her home with her sister and mother, said she doesn't feel

any different now that the home is paid for, but she is relieved not to have that payment each month.

"I'm really glad it's over and done with," Turner said. "I'm so

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happy. It seemed to take so long."

Turner works at Carson Valley Inn and likes to spend time with her sister and her three nieces and nephews. She and her sister and the children live in the Dresslerville home. Being with her family is important to her, she said.

"I work six days," she said, "then I take care of my family."

Turner accepted the title on behalf of her mother, Unadell Turner, whose name is on the title of the house.

Violet Pete echoed the sentiments of Turner and Martinez.

"I'm happy — after 15 years, to actually own something that's mine — it's nice. I'm going to enjoy my house," Pete said.

The average age of new homeowners is 45, with houses going to some young families and some elders.

According to Kizer, who has been with the tribal office for 25 years, the houses were built under a U.S. Department of Housing and

Urban Development Indian housing program. The homes are built with HUD funds, but the homeowners must pay them off over a period of 15 years.

The houses are spread among three Washoe residential areas, Dresslerville, Woodfords Colony and Carson Colony. The Washoe Housing Authority, once an independent entity, is now affiliated with the tribal government, Kizer said. It has a board made up of 12 members and 12 alternates.

Washoe Tribe members who wish to purchase a home submit an application. They must prove tribal membership and be 21 years of age. Houses are given out based on need and family size. The houses range in size from three to five bedrooms.

Homeowners do not own the land, however. Kizer said tribal land is held in trust, and residents may own their home and sell it or leave it through a will, but the land remains with the tribe.

This particular housing project is now completed with the distrib-

ution of the titles, Kizer said. There are no new units under development because of a cutback in funding, but the housing authority is managing three other projects begun in the past years.

Bennett said the tribe is seeking other resources to continue building new units.

"I'm very happy for these people," Kizer said, "because of the way we grew up many years ago. I know many families, including myself, grew up in overcrowded and unsanitary conditions. Our goal is safe, sanitary housing for everyone who qualifies. To see them get title to their homes is unbelievable. It's a first for many tribal members.

"Some have never left the reservation ... they are very happy and will be proud homeowners."

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Update on fishing

by Dave Zellmer

Chairman, Alpine County Fish & Game Commission

At the April 30 annual Fishery Program meeting Dave Zellmer, chair of the Alpine County Fish & Game Commission, reported that the annual county fish plants will be the same as in previous years. The County Fish and Game Commission in conjunction with STPUD (South Tahoe Public Utilities District) and the Chamber of Commerce are providing the necessary funds, to continue with this seasons program. Planting will take place in the West and East Fork of the Carson River, Hot Springs Creek, Markleeville Creek, Indian Creek Recreation Area, Summit Lake, Lake Alpine and Caples Lake.

Dave Kirby, proprietor of Woodfords Station was awarded the prestigious "Friends of the Fish Award." This award is given to individuals who contribute to the fishing community with information on the who's, what and where's of fishing in Alpine County.

At this meeting, there was discussion concerning some newspaper articles in California which reported that the

state Department of Fish & Game would be stocking 25 percent fewer trout in Region 2 with none for the opener in Alpine County. Stafford Lehr, Region 2 biologist with DFG stated that this statement was untrue. He told the audience that the opener will be stocked, but with 25 percent fewer fish, just like in the rest of Region 2, which includes Alpine. The reason for the reduction is budget cutbacks. Dave Zellmer, chair of the County Fish & Game Commission as well as Chamber of Commerce Board member stated that this misleading information generated a substantial loss of revenue to businesses in Alpine County for opening weekend.

Reminder - Kid's Fishing Day on June 12 will take place at Indian Creek Recreation Area from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. and one of the main events for the day will be the kids actually planting the fish in the water from a hatchery stocking tanker which will arrive that day.

This is the State of California's free fishing day. Lunch will be provided for all and fishing equipment will be provided for the kids. Everyone invited for a fun day of fishing.

Ready for Death Ride

by Teresa Burkhauser

Special to The R-C

The 2004 Tour of the California Alps - Death Ride is scheduled for Saturday, July 10 in Markleeville, California. Approximately 3,000 riders cover a challenging 129-mile course over five spectacular mountain passes. This years event theme is "More in 04". A few surprises are in store for those brave riders who attempt this premier cycling event. The registration process for this year has been completed.

This event is co-sponsored

by the Alpine County Chamber of Commerce and the Alta Alpina Cycling Club.

The event organizers wish to thank all of the returning and new sponsors that give so generously to make this event happen. Of course without the efforts of over 700 valuable volunteers this event wouldn't be possible. Proceeds from the ride contribute financial support to many community service organizations.

For additional information visit our Web site at deathride.com or e-mail the event coordinator Sandy Baenen at info@deathride.com.

Fire Safe open house tomorrow

The Markleeville Volunteer Fire Department, in conjunction with the Alpine Fire Safe Council (AFSC), is hosting its Spring 2004 Markleeville Fire Safe Open House and Luncheon on Saturday, May 8, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Markleeville Fire Station on Hot Springs Road.

The following activities are scheduled:

■ 10-11 a.m. - See the equipment, tour the department, meet the volunteers, find out about becoming a volunteer.

The Markleeville volunteers will give tours of their fire station and show equipment and discuss its capabilities, structural and wildland fire response, call volume, and use of mutual aid from Woodfords, Forest Service, Douglas County and other agencies. New volunteers will be recruited.

■ 11 - 11:30 a.m. The AFSC will have specialists on hand to discuss fire insurance availability, trends in insurance availability in fire prone areas such as ours, and ISO ratings (which govern the cost and availability of insurance). The

AFSC will also share what they have been doing, their draft community fire plan and a short list of upcoming projects.

■ 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free lunch and beverages. AFSC members will discuss with MarkleeVillage and Shay Creek area property owners the possibility of employing a registered professional forester to perform a study of our area and develop a Community Plan to reduce wildfire risk and improve forest health. The density of the trees, the presence of ladder fuels and brush, only one escape

route, and the limited fire suppression resources generate serious concern about better improving chances of survival.

■ Free fire extinguisher service. A local vendor can be on hand to service fire extinguishers for free, courtesy of the AFSC, or to sell new ones. Call Nancy Thornburg at (530) 694-2102 to register. If a minimum number of people interested sign up, the vendor will not be at the event.

For more information, call Clint Celio, AFSC Coordinator at (530) 694-2289.

Write to local soldier

by Marilyn Payne
Special to The R-C

Sgt. Ray E. F. Payne, of the Hung-a-lel-ti Community in Woodfords, was deployed to Iraq on March 12, 2004.

Ray is the son of Raymond and Marilyn Payne and big brother to Sari and KaLynn.

Ray is a sixth-generation military man.

He began his military career in August 1999, and basic training was at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, where he was ranked in the top ten of his platoon. He graduated on December 12, 1999 as a Combat Engineer with his proud parents in attendance.

Ray was stationed in Rhine, Germany before his tour of duty in Kosovo, Yugoslavia as a peace keeper. He was a member of Task Force Falcon.

After returning from Kosovo, Ray was stationed at Fort Hood, Texas for two years. He excelled in the ranks and became a sergeant in 2002. With a deep sense of commitment for the military and his



Ray Payne

troops, Ray re-enlisted for another four years in February 2004.

Ray is a member of the Armored Carrier Engineering Staff, or ACES. He is in the First Cavalry Division, an elite group of military personnel. His tour in Iraq is scheduled for 13 to 15 months.

According to Ray, he enjoys the challenge of military life. "He wants to be a medal collector," according to his father.

He would like to hear from friends and/or "Alpiners" while he is stationed in Iraq. His address is: Sgt. Ray E.F. Payne, Alpha Co. 20th Eng. Bn., 1st Cav. Divi. Unit 900-29, APO AE 09373. Or email to: Nativesapper@yahoo.com. Your thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated.

Leslie talks reform

by Tim Leslie
Special to The R-C

The California Legislature passed a measure that proponents believe will significantly reduce workers' compensation costs.

Next to the budget, California's failing workers' compensation system has been at the top of the Republican agenda over the past year. While California's injured workers receive some of the lowest benefits in the country, their employers pay the highest premiums.

According to experts, the low benefits are caused by a system that has very few controls to prevent waste, fraud, and abuse. Accordingly, one recent survey showed that 40 percent of California residents say they know

someone who has committed workers' comp fraud. The high costs are caused both by fraud and the paucity of insurers willing to write workers' comp policies in California.

As a result, many companies are struggling to keep their doors open, while others have gone out of business or simply left the state. Wetsel-Oviatt Lumber closed last year after its worker's comp premiums went from \$600,000 to \$1.7 million in three years, resulting in 150 people losing their jobs.

Hardest hit have been workers who have had their benefits cut or eliminated, not received raises or even lost their jobs. No one knows exact figures, but estimates are 10,000 jobs have been lost in the last year.

Planning commission upholds the Abdoo project decision



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Compromise: Architect Ed Williams addresses the Alpine County Planning Commission at the April 29 meeting.

by Regina Purcell

Staff Writer

A decision made by the Alpine County Design Review Historic Committee was upheld by the Alpine County Planning Commission April 29.

Ed Williams, architect and spokesman for High Mountain Properties, assured the crowd of 60 residents, that owner, Douglas County resident Tom Abdoo, is willing to change the design to appease the crowd.

"If you don't want brick in front, we'll tear it down," he said.

At issue was the soda shop building at the northwest corner of Montgomery and Main streets in Markleeville. Diedre Wallace, Nancy Thornberg and Dawn Riddle initially submitted a petition

against the project's height and design with 60 signatures. At the meeting April 29, they submitted another petition with 133 signatures.

The petition asked that no new buildings would be allowed in town that were higher than two stories in keeping with the historic ambiance of the community. They also objected to the design that included a wood and brick facade.

It was determined by the planning commission that the project was in accordance with Alpine County ordinances.

"The petition signed by 133 residents is not taken lightly," said Planning Commissioner Bill Morgan, "but we try to stay by the ordinances."

The Design Review Historic

Committee will have a final review of the exterior of the soda shop building project. Planners okay'd the project with a 35-foot condition, with exception of the proposed elevator that will exceed that. County counsel will also research whether the county will be excluded from liability or if an initial study on the project is necessary.

In other business at the planning commission meeting, another Abdoo project, the Markleeville Village/Mahalee Lodge was discussed.

Planning Director Brian Peters said no action was taken. He said the planning department is still reviewing the project and will work on an environmental assessment with a 30-day comment period once complete.

He said it could be July before the project is back before the planning commission.

In other business, planners:

- Approved an amendment to the Bear Valley Master Plan, a conditional use permit to allow construction of four tennis courts near the golf par course in Bear Valley.

- Approved a tentative parcel map to split 12.5 acres into two parcels at 22001 Highway 88 for Mike Day.

- Approved extension of a tentative subdivision map for 17 single-family lots on 72 acres near Hot Springs Road.

- Approved a tentative subdivision map for Kirkwood Village West to re-subdivide two lots into three for future construction of three condo buildings.

Supervisors OK budgets for 2003-04, 2004-05

by Regina Purcell
Staff Writer

The budget for Alpine County for fiscal year 2003-04 and the tentative budget for 2004-05 was approved by the Alpine County Board of Supervisors Tuesday.

In other business, supervisors:

- Took no action on legislation proposed by Sen. Barbara Boxer and the Wilderness Coalition, and from the U.S. Forest Service on issues relating to the county.

- Approved a memorandum of understanding for the operation of the Alpine County Chamber of Commerce.

- Voted to write a letter to the U.S. Dept. of Fish and Game about possible reductions to the fish stocking program.

- Will send a letter of support on legislation for a Sierra Nevada Conservancy, as proposed in AB 1788 by Assemblyman Tim Leslie, and a opposing similar legislation proposed in SB 2600.

- Tabled action on proposed

environmental health program fees, so the environmental health specialist can rethink the fees and come back to the board with a reduced proposal.

- Approved purchase of a work shed at Turtle Rock Park.

- Approved a resolution to make application to adopt an Emergency Management Performance Grant.

- Approved pay increases for Road Worker Adam Coyan and Senior Nutritionist Gail

Day.

- Approved a resolution for the Alpine County Senior of the Year for Ernestine Fogarty for 2003, and Stuart P. Merrill for 2004.

- Adopted a resolution for May 2-8 as Be Kind to Animals Week.

- Approved an annual software maintenance agreement with Cascade Software Systems Inc.

- Approved an agreement

for a home-delivered meal nutrition service program.

- Approved an addendum for the contract between the county and Kirkwood Mountain Resort for tennis courts.

- Approved appointment of Crystal Cruz to the Local Child Care & Development Planning Council.

- Approved a request for fee exemption at Turtle Rock Park for ranger agility testing on May 6.

'Mark Twain' appearing

McAvoy Layne will tell hilarious tales of Mark Twain Thursday, May 20, at Turtle Rock Park during the Alpine County Historical Society general meeting.

Doors open at 5 p.m. with a no-host social hour, and a potluck dinner at 6 p.m. The event starts at 7 p.m. Tickets are available for \$10 for individuals, and \$15 for family, which includes the annual dues.

For more information, call (530) 694-2317.

ALPINE IN BRIEF

Newly-announced fish plants

Fish plant areas that will be planted include: East and West Fork Carson River, Markleeville Creek, Hot Springs Creek with 1,000 lbs of Catchables and Trophies.

Hanepen, guitarist, performs Sunday

Greeting his many fans with twinkling eyes and a nod of his beret, George Hanepen will strum his guitar for the weekly Sunday Wine Tasting at Villa-Gigli on Hot Springs Road in Markleeville, May 16, from 3 to 5 p.m.

Weather permitting, guests will sit on the deck overlooking green pastures, Sierra peaks, and the rooftops of Markleeville as they sip wine and listen to George's jazz notes. If the weather should turn tricky, then amiable George will play inside the art gallery of Villa Gigli.

For further information about the Sunday Wine Tasting, phone Ruggero at (530) 694-2253.

Low-cost licensing clinic offered

The Alpine County Sheriff's Office, with the Carson Valley Veterinary Hospital will host a low cost vaccination and licensing clinic. The clinic will be held Thursday, June 17 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Woodfords Firehouse on Diamond Valley Road at Highway 89 in Woodfords.

Austin Healy club visits Markleeville

Austin Healey Rendezvous 2004 Open Roads hosted and sponsored by the Golden Gate Austin Healey Club will be visiting Markleeville on Thursday, June 3, 2004. 100 - 150 Austin Healey's, an English sport car manufactured between 1953 and 1967 will be on display. The general public is invited to attend their show and shine.

Montgomery Street from Highway 89 to School Street (Museum access) will be closed from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Alternate route would be Laramie Street during the closure times. Detour signs will be posted.

Pony Express due in Woodfords June 2

The National Pony Express Association will be arriving at Woodford's Station Wednesday, June 2, from 1:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. A 21st century express will ride east over the 19th century Pony Express Trail June 1-11, 2004. The Association will ride the original trail and deliver personal mail and commemorative letters to the original terminus — St. Joseph, Missouri. The first rider will depart at 7 p.m. June 1 from Sacramento, Calif., and the last rider will deliver the mail to the Patee House, St. Joseph, Missouri at 8 p.m. on June 11. The trail will be over a 1,966 mile route. The re-ride will be a 24-hour a day, non-stop event of 550 riders and horses.

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Supervisor board meet Tuesday

by Regina Purcell
Staff Writer

The Alpine County Board of Supervisors meet Tuesday, May 18, at the County Administrative Building in Markleville, Calif.

After a closed session at 8 a.m., the board convenes at 8:50 a.m. as the Local Transportation Commission/Board of Equalization and Water Agency. The regular meeting of the board starts at 9 a.m.

Supervisors will consider:

■ A continued update and discussion regarding the legislation proposed by Senator Barbara Boxer and the Wilderness Coalition.

■ Second reading and con-

DETAILS

What: Board of Supervisors meeting

Where: County Administrative Building, Markleville

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sideration of adoption of a proposed ordinance providing property tax assessment relief due to disaster and repeal of several ordinances.

■ A contract to develop environmental document for Bear Valley water rights application.

■ A request for a public hearing for an amendment to the Bear Valley Master Plan to allow the construction of four

tennis courts.

■ Consideration of variances for road construction and bonding requirements for Carson Ridge Subdivision.

■ A contract with South Tahoe Public Utility District for grant writing services, and discussion of the supervision and procedures for services provided by Lynn Nolan, grants writer shared with South Tahoe Public Utility District.

■ Authorization of voluntary return of excess SACPA (Substance Abuse and Crime Prevention Act of 2000) funds to the State.

■ Adoption of a minute order requesting the Carson Water Subconservancy District to reallocate and/or carryover remaining portions of Alpine

County's 2003-2004 annual project funding allocation of \$20,000.

■ Authorization to hire Public Works Administrative Assistant II at Range 40A/Step 1, effective June 1.

■ A notice of cancellation of Williamson Act contract (Gansberg) and substitution of new Williamson Act contract (Alpine Conservancy LLC).

■ Acquisition or operation of Grover Hot Springs State Park.

The next regular meeting of June 1, 2004, at 9 a.m., at the County Administrative Office Building, Markleville, Calif.

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Layne as 'Mark Twain' visits May 20

Submitted material

Doors open at 5 p.m. and the trouble starts at 7 p.m. when McAvoy Layne presents Mark Twain on May 20 at Turtle Rock Park on Highway 89 in Alpine County.

The performance is part of the Alpine County Historical Society's membership drive. The evening begins with a no-host beer and wine social at 5 p.m., followed by a potluck dinner at 6 p.m. and Layne's presentation.

Layne has appeared as Mark Twain in more than 2,000 performances from Leningrad University to Piper's Opera House and on the Discovery Channel and A&E.

"I assume the character," he said. "The character assumes me. Once I'm in that white suit I am Mark Twain. If the phone rings before I get out the door it's Mark who answers it, not McAvoy.

Entering a theater the white-haired man in the white suit makes his way to the stage exchanging greetings with patrons: "My hand's a little cold, but what do you expect, I've been dead ninety-four years."

On stage Layne weaves stories and anecdotes with the sage's wry observations: "If you pick up a starving dog and make him prosperous, he will not bite you. This is the principal differences between a dog

and a man."

Questions and answers are the highlight of many of Layne's performances. Layne proves time and again that the Twain persona is relevant in the 21st century. At one presentation when asked by a young teen about safe sex, he responded, "In my day safe sex was making sure the pitchfork wasn't sticking out of the haystack the wrong way."

The evening is free to society members with a potluck dish, and everyone, whether a county resident or not, is invited to join. Membership is \$10 for an individual, \$15 for a family.



McAvoy Layne as Twain

Seniors stay busy

Submitted material

The May 4 Senior Lunch was a busy event with 40 people in attendance at Turtle Rock Park. Jim Clark announced that the Senior of the Year is Stewart P. Merrill. Terry Woodrow and Donald Jardine, chair and vice chair of the Board of Supervisors, attended the luncheon and congratulated Merrill; Woodrow read a resolution proclaiming Merrill as Senior of the Year — 2004 that had been approved unanimously by the Alpine County Board of Supervisors earlier that morning.

Skip Veatch told of his long

association with Merrill and how interesting and enjoyable it was to work with him.

The featured speaker for this month's lunch was Lois Denowitz, speaking on behalf of the Alpine County Women's Center. Next, Rebecca Wheeler from Alpine County Health Services talked about the upcoming Bike-A-Thon on Friday, June 4. If anyone is interested in volunteering for the Bike-A-Thon, call Rebecca at (530) 694-2146.

Sarah Meredith introduced Maureena Dressler as the new Alpine Advocate for the Alpine Women's Center. For more information, call (530) 694-1853.

Leslie: Won't hold his breath

by Tim Leslie

Special to The R-C

Hewlett-Packard Co. recently divulged why it left California for Houston last year: Texas officials showed they wanted them, and "California's leaders appeared indifferent." Texas Gov. Rick Perry phoned the tech giant three times.

"We endeavored to interact with both governments," said CEO Carly Fiorina.

"I couldn't get anyone to pay much attention in California."

But it wasn't just the incentives and personal attention. Fiorina also sighted "a better education system, higher standard of living, and better transportation."

"Workers' comp reform," she

said, "was a step in the right direction. But we have to deal with energy, education, and other issues.

Nevada has run full page ads in several state newspapers, with the banner headline, "You can't hang on!" to incentivize companies to move across the border, where even garbage collection costs less. And in my in-box today, I have a Power Point presentation from New York State, advertising that they have "No Personal Property Tax," "Local and State Tax Exemptions," and "Empire Zone Benefits," including real property tax refund, wage tax credit, state sales tax exemption, and

others.

In the meantime, Apple has closed down its Sacramento plant, and the state Automobile Association just moved all its telephone operations to Arizona.

I've never met Fiorina, but she is right. Not only do we have to deal with the issues she mentioned, but we need to tackle unemployment insurance rates and a looming water shortage, as well. Until my Democrat colleagues begin to understand the connection between helping businesses produce jobs and their desire for more tax revenues, however, I will not hold my breath.

Sheriff's log

April 24

■ In the Hope Valley area, an 18-year-old Lodi, Calif., woman was cited for possession of marijuana.

April 29

■ A Markleeville resident reported being threatened while he was at the Alpine County Planning Commission meeting. An investigation was conducted and the matter has been turned over to the district attorney.

May 1

■ Deputies responded to a vehicle accident. The driver, a 34-year-old Dayton, man told

deputies he had fallen asleep and run off the road. It was discovered the driver had an outstanding warrant for his arrest from Los Angeles County. He was booked into jail.

May 3

■ A Gardnerville man and a Carson City man were reported missing from a rafting trip on the Carson River. As plans were being made for a search, the men walked out to the take-out point in Gardnerville. Their raft had become damaged. They were unhurt.

■ A 21-year-old Gardnerville man turned himself in at the sheriff's office. He was booked for possession of a dangerous weapon.

May 4

■ A Woodfords resident reported opening her door and observing a subject running away from her residence. Deputies were unable to locate any suspects.

May 6

■ Deputies responded to a rollover accident in the Ebbetts Pass area. The driver, a 51-year-old Kings Beach, Calif., man was ultimately arrested for driving under the influence. While performing an inventory of his vehicle for towing, deputies reportedly discovered drug paraphernalia.

May 7

■ A sex registrant notified the Sheriff's Office that he was moving away from Alpine County.

Clean-up May 29

Help the Friends of Hope Valley clean up and restore this scenic and historical area on Saturday morning, May 29 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Picketts Junction, the intersection of highways 88 and 89 in Alpine County.

Volunteers should bring work gloves, hat, sunscreen and jacket and join in for a productive day of environmental restoration. Activities include removing trash, planting willows and repairing barb wire fences.

Families are invited and lunch will be served for all volunteers.

The Friends of Hope Valley conducts their annual membership meeting after lunch. FOHV was formed 15 years ago as a non-profit, grassroots organization to preserve and protect the recreational and historic values and scenic beauty of Hope Valley and other pristine places on the eastern slope of Alpine County, California. Hope Valley is defined as Hope, Faith, and Charity Valleys in Alpine County.

The meeting agenda will include an update of the past year's activities and future projects.

Concern about fire

by David Griffith

Chair Fire Safe Council

The following excerpts were submitted to the Alpine County Planning Commission.

The Alpine Fire Safe Council is very concerned about the strain further development places on our fire protection resources. Consequently we strongly recommend that the Planning Commission not approve any further developments until a Fire Suppression Resources Assessment and Plan is conducted for the eastern slope communities in Alpine County. This plan will help Alpine County determine specific fire suppression resources necessary to address developments that have

already been approved but not yet built as well as any future development. It would be similar in nature to the Kirkwood Fire Service Master Plan. Members of the Fire Safe Council met with both the Markleeville and Woodfords Fire Departments last week to discuss our concern. Both departments share our concern and also urge the Planning Commission to call a time-out and not approve further development until such time as the Fire Suppression Resources Assessment and Plan can be completed.

The time-out would not apply to any lot owners who wish to build a home or related out-building on their property, only to further subdivisions and commercial development.

Leslie: Small business in trouble

by Tim Leslie

Special to The R-C

There was a time when California valued the goose that laid the egg our governor calls "The Golden Dream by the Sea." The goose was small business, and while this state is better known for heavyweights such as Apple, Disney, and Lockheed Martin, small businesses are what made this state grow. Today, however, that goose is on life support, and if we don't act soon, there will be little hope left for its recovery.

The problem is the ever-mounting pile of regulations being placed on the goose's back. In the past five years, small businesses have had to endure countless new laws effecting everything from payroll to healthcare to liability. Each of these regulations carried an increase in costs. For instance, employers must now give employees paid family leave. This has significantly increased costs.

The legislature has also passed numerous measures mandating what health benefits HMO plans must offer. These include benefits for blindness, certain rare types of cancer, and atypical disabilities. Because these infirmities are uncommon, treating them is expensive. HMOs have passed these costs on to employers, with the result being that fewer companies can afford their workers' health benefits.

In addition, lawmakers have increased the reasons for which someone can sue a company. For instance, if a customer comes into a business and sexually harasses someone at the front desk, that employee — even if she hasn't informed anyone of the problem — can sue her boss for harassment. This sort of thing, of course, increases the cost of liability insurance.

Then there are what I call the "one bad apple" laws. If one person in an industry acts unscrupulously

the legislature pass new regulations as if everyone in that industry is just as bad. Naturally, these added restrictions add costs.

Of course, nothing has driven up costs like workers' compensation insurance.

Many companies have seen their profit margin vanish. One firm was paying \$135,000 in 2000; before it left California last year, its rates had risen to paying \$350,000 despite having no accidents. A lumber mill with a good safety record saw its rates go from \$700,000 to \$1.6 million in just three years. It is now out of business.

All of this has had one effect: to prevent small business from doing what it does best, provide jobs. In March, the United States added 337,000 jobs, providing even more proof that the national economy is in strong shape.

However, in that same time, California added just 5,200 jobs.

Not only have these companies not been able to generate new jobs, but they have even had to lay-off employees or reduce their benefits. Workers have had to forego pay raises, and put off retirements, in large part because of what this legislature has done to their employers.

Thankfully, we recently passed workers' comp reform. I hope this will be the first step to restoring our state's healthy small business climate.

But workers' comp reform is only a part of what we need to do. The majority party likes to talk about workers. It likes to talk about increasing tax revenues. What we have to understand is that if we help small businesses become successful, if we don't hamper them with largely wasteful regulations, we will help workers and increase tax revenues at the same time.

There seems to be no fundamen-

tal understanding of this on the part of Sacramento Democrats. Instead, the attitude is one of, "These companies will cheat workers anyway, so let's mess with them before they mess with labor."

"Besides, they have enough money to handle anything we throw at them, right?"

One Democrat state senator offered this equation: "Poverty is caused by greed, and greed is caused by profits." No, profits enable employers to offer benefits, to hire more workers, and to buy and sell more, which creates more



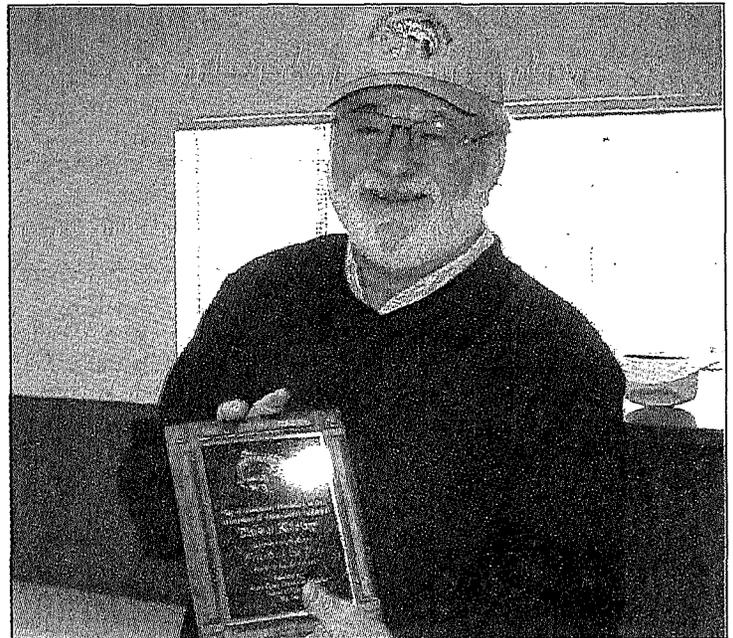
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jobs. Profits, in other words, help alleviate poverty. And again, successful businesses and workers have greater incomes, which raises the amount of taxes coming into the state. Simply put, the activist agenda of the legislature's Democrats will not help us build a better future for all Californians. It might, however, be very profitable for the unions, trial lawyers, and lobbyists.

May is Small Business Month, where we honor and celebrate this indispensable part of our society. Let us hope that with the leadership of Gov. Schwarzenegger and President Bush we can recapture our appreciation of the importance of mom and pop companies in California. Because when they prosper, all of us prosper, as well.

■ Tim Leslie represents all or portions of Alpine, El Dorado, Placer and Sacramento counties.

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Submitted photo

Pal: Dave Kirby shows his Friends of the Fish award he received April 30 at the Fish & Game Commission.

ALPINE IN BRIEF

Low-cost shots offered June 17

The Alpine County Sheriff's Office, with the Carson Valley Veterinary Hospital will host a low-cost vaccination and licensing clinic. The clinic will be Thursday, June 17 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Woodfords Firehouse on Diamond Valley Road at Highway 89 in Woodfords.

See 100s of vintage British sports cars

Austin Healey Rendezvous 2004 Open Roads hosted and sponsored by the Golden Gate Austin Healey Club will be in Markleeville Thursday, June 3.

More than 100 Austin Healeys, an English sport car manufactured between 1953 and 1967, will be on display.

The general public is invited to attend their show and shine. Montgomery Street from Highway 89 to School Street (Museum

access) will be closed from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Alternate route would be Laramie Street during the closure times. Detour signs will be posted.

Pony Express riding through Markleeville

The National Pony Express Association will be arriving at Woodford's Station Wednesday, June 2, from 1:30 to 2 p.m.

A 21st-century express will ride east over the 19th century Pony Express Trail June 1-11.

The Association will ride the original trail and deliver personal mail and commemorative letters to the original terminus — St. Joseph, Missouri.

The first rider will depart at 7 p.m. June 1 from Sacramento, Calif., and the last rider will deliver the mail to the Patee House, St. Joseph, Mo. at 8 p.m. on June 11. The trail will be over a 1,966 mile route. The re-ride will be a 24-hour-a-day, non-stop event of 550 riders and horses.

Sheriff's log

May 8

■ An injured skier was reported in the area of Red Lake Peak. Medical and search and rescue personnel responded. The victim was extracted by a California Highway Patrol helicopter then transferred to the hospital. The 74-year-old male victim suffered numerous injuries.

May 16

■ Deputies stopped two vehicles driving erratically. A 24-year-old South Lake Tahoe man was arrested for public intoxication. Drivers of both vehicles

were arrested for driving under the influence.

■ A person reported that his vehicle, which may have been unlocked, was parked at a Carson River rafting access point. His wallet, with a large amount of cash was missing. The sheriff's office would like to remind those leaving their vehicles in remote areas not to leave any valuables in vehicles.

May 17

■ A 19-year-old South Lake Tahoe man was found to be in possession of a dangerous weapon. The report was sent to the district attorney's office for filing of charges.

Layne as 'Mark Twain' a hit at show

Submitted material

More than 50 people attended the "Mark Twain" performance by McAvoy Layne May 20 and enjoyed a down-home potluck meal before the show.

Held at Turtle Rock Park on Highway 89 in Alpine County, Layne's performance was part of the Alpine County Historical Society's membership drive.

Layne has appeared as Mark Twain in more than 2,000 performances from Leningrad University to Piper's Opera House and on the Discovery Channel and A&E.

"I assume the character,"

he said. "The character assumes me. Once I'm in that white suit I am Mark Twain. If the phone rings before I get out the door, it's Mark who answers it, not McAvoy."

Entering a theater the white-haired man in the white suit makes his way to the stage exchanging greetings with patrons. He had a sit-down meal at the pot luck dinner before the performance.

After the show, he answered questions, the highlight of many of Layne's performances.

He proves time and again that the Twain persona is relevant in the 21st century.



REGINA PURCELL/The R-C

Homemade: Lavoy Layne as Twain enjoys supper.

Leslie urges people to flex power

Submitted material
Staff Writer

Assemblyman Tim Leslie (R-Tahoe City) joined Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger (R) today in urging Californians to participate in a program that will help conserve gasoline in this time of tight supplies and high prices.

Flex Your Power at the Pump is an education campaign about ways to conserve fuel, save money and protect the environment by using simple common sense techniques.

"This is good for the environment and the pocketbook,"

said Leslie in promoting Flex Your Power at the Pump. "With gas prices showing no signs of going down, financially strapped moms and dads need practical tools to make their gas budget stretch further."

Under the Flex Your Power at the Pump program, Californians can save up to 15 per-



Leslie

cent on fuel costs by utilizing the following simple steps while managing large auto fleets or maintaining individual trucks, buses, or automobiles:

- Keep tires inflated to the recommended pressure.
- Use a car's air conditioning selectively, and never when the temperature is below 80 degrees
- Practice proper vehicle maintenance and replace air and oil filters as recommended.
- Minimize the amount of time a vehicle idles whenever possible.

■ Observing posted speed limits is safer and saves gas. For instance, driving 60 mph rather than 70 mph saves many gallons per year.

■ Accelerating smoothly and braking gradually also uses less gas.

The program grew out of the successful Flex Your Power program. Under this program, a third of all households and over 25 percent of all companies trimmed energy use by more than 20 percent. As a result, Californians had energy costs savings exceeding hundreds of millions of dollars.

Newly approved legislation outlined

by **Tim Leslie**
Special to The R-C

This is a letter written by Assemblyman Tim Leslie to the chamber of commerce directors in his districts.

The hits, they keep on coming. Here are some of the bills the Legislature recently passed:

■ AB 2474 (Wolk, D-Davis) expands the mandate to report elder abuse to include bankers and credit union employees, exposing them to criminal penalties for failure to make required disclosures. Mandating

that banks and savings and loan employees report elder abuse is surely going to result in many erroneous determinations and impose on financial institutions a duty for which they are neither trained nor qualified to undertake.

■ AB 2813 (Núñez, D-Los Angeles) would require businesses to notify their employees about the Federal Earned Income Tax Credit, a function that should be handled by state and federal tax officials. While all eligible taxpayers should avail themselves of tax relief, the Earned Income Tax Credit has nothing to do with the

activities of California businesses.

■ AB 2874 (Diaz, D-San Jose) delays for one year the closure or reduction of services of any hospital that provides emergency medical services or any general acute care hospital and requires the private entity to offer to sell the facility to a local health care district at fair market value.

■ AB 2880 (Pavley, D-Agoura Hills) permits air pollution control districts or air quality management districts to increase their surcharge fee on vehicle operations to beef up their operating budget. This

would allow your car tax to go up by 500 percent. Remember, these are just a few bills from just one day on the Assembly floor. There will be more bills, and the day after that even more. Maybe this or that measure won't affect your business, but taken in the aggregate, they make for an anemic business climate. And the anti-commerce Left will keep doing this damage until the job-creating, benefits-providing, tax-producing small businesses in California do something about it.

■ Tim Leslie is an assemblyman for California's fourth district.

Alpine Trio performs at M's on Saturday

Come and enjoy western music at M's Coffee House on Saturday, May 29, from 2 to 7 p.m. Western barbecue available. Located on Montgomery Street in downtown Markleeville.

Bagels, barbecue starts at coffee house

M's Coffee House begins its sixth season of salmon barbecues June 5, through Sept. 11. The salmon barbecue will be every Saturday from 5 to 9 p.m. M's Coffee House is on Montgomery Street downtown Markleeville. Dinner includes salmon and all you can eat salad and garlic bread. Price is \$22.50 per person.

For more information call (530) 694-9337.

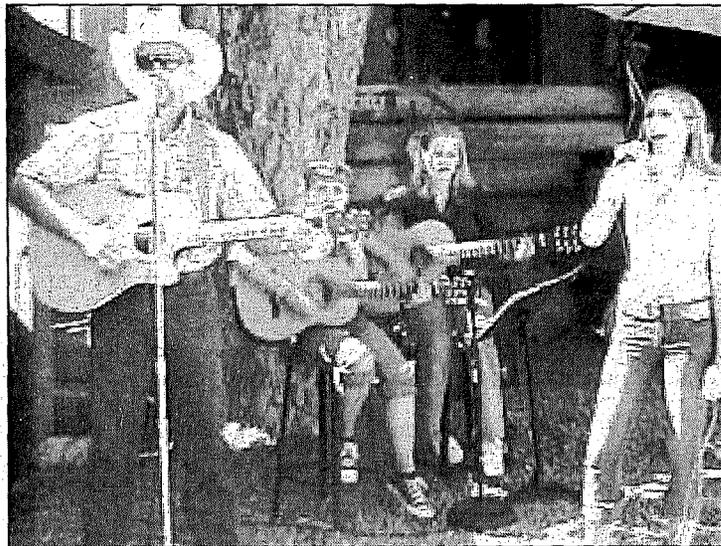
Plenty 'o fish at various hot spots

Fish plants were completed on May 26 in the Hot Springs Creek, Markleeville Creek and East and West Forks of the Carson River with 1,000 pounds of catchables and trophies.

Summer hours open at Grover's Hot Springs

Grover Hot Springs summer pool hours are as follows: Monday through Friday 2 to 8 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Cost is \$3 for adults, and \$1 for children 16 and younger. For pool information call (530) 694-2249.



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Making music: The Robinson Family perform May 30.

Music, art May 30

Submitted material

The Robinson Family will sing and play mountain music in Markleeville on Sunday, May 30, from 3 to 5 p.m. Mark Robinson grew up in Markleeville, and he travels often from Southern California not only to visit his parents, residents Forrest and Karen Robinson, but also to entertain guests at Villa Gigli on Hot Springs Road. His teenage daughters, Carla and Sara, join in

with their dad instrumentally, with middle daughter Renee vocalizing.

Artisans will be on hand to talk with guests about their mountain art arrayed in the meadow, and Gina Gigli's High Sierra exhibit will be displayed.

A wine tasting bar will be set up, with lemonade and mineral water also offered. There is no charge for listening to the music or looking at the art, and reservations are not necessary. For more information, call (530) 694-2253.

May 28, 2004

School distinguished with award

by Ashley Smith
Special to The R-C

Diamond Valley School of Markleeville, Calif. has done it again. They reached their biggest goal, winning the California Distinguished School Award for the year of 2004.

Out of more than 5,500 elementary schools in California, only 912 were permitted to file applications. About 302 schools have been singled out — Diamond Valley School being one of them.

The award put DVS in the top 5 percent of elementary schools throughout California. But it is not the first time Diamond Valley School has had this honor. It also



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Ashley Smith

received it in the year 2000 as well.

The school received its award May 21, at the Disneyland Hotel in Anaheim, Calif.

DVS has made differences not only academically, but through events and fund-raisers. The school instructs kindergarten through eighth grade with an annual enrollment of approxi-

mately 100 students.

Students of DVS have worked as a team with curricular and co-curricular events.

The local community is very proud of the students of DVS, but the magic can only happen with the staff who put all of their efforts into making the children's lives prepared for the future that lies ahead of them.

Diamond Valley constantly creates fund-raisers so fun-filled events can take place. Fund-raisers include dances, overnight read-a-thons, book fairs given by the library, sales of tickets for meals from the school, and selling flower bulbs all year. Most of the money that DVS makes goes to field trips.

The field trips last one to five days and consist of camping and traveling to other states. Also, parents are not financially obligated to pay any part of these field trips, thus guaranteeing most of these students will attend.

Academically, testing scores at this school have been proven to rise each year.

Overall, Diamond Valley School has once again worked as a team to achieve this huge goal. Now shining on the list of 2004 Distinguished Schools, Diamond Valley raises its distinguished school flag for all to see.

■ Ashley Smith is an eighth-grader at Diamond Valley School.



REGINA PURCELL/The R-C

On display: Ellen Martin adjusts a sleeve on new clothing exhibit at the Alpine County Museum, that opens tomorrow.

Museum re-opens for summer season

by Regina Purcell
Staff Writer

Take a step back in time at the Alpine County Museum as it re-opens Saturday for its summer season with new exhibits and an expanded book store.

Museum Assistant Ellen Martin operates the three-acre museum complex that also houses the county's old jail with cells from Silver Mountain City, the 1882 Webster School house, a period carriage and work house, and ore stamping mill. Dick Edwards is the curator at the museum.

New this year is an exhibit of women's clothing that was recently donated. It features dresses in the early and mid-1900s, and accessories such as beaded bags and hats. The clothing was once worn by former Alpine County supervisor Bernice Dangberg, who seemed to have an affinity for the color peach.

Along with the new exhibit, the museum has displays depict-

ing life in the 1900s, from the mining profession, to a country home, post office and store. There is Josephine's scrapbook that features popular culture advertisements from 1894-1951. Several pieces of Alpine art and carvings by Walt Monroe, who died in 1945, are also on display. There is a display on the Washoe Indian basketry and a Vaquero Cow Camp.

The jail will soon feature a display of former sheriff's in the county. Martin said eventually the museum complex will include a finished carriage house that includes a craftsmen workshop and a 1940-era fire truck and Irish courting carriage.

More than 4,000 people visit the museum each year. Admission is a \$2 donation. Martin said they are always searching for volunteers to assist.

The museum is open through October, Thursday through Monday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Markleeville. For more information, call (530) 694-2317.

Volunteers needed

Alpine County and the Forest Service are seeking nominees for a 15-member Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) to recommend projects and funding to improve National Forest health, watersheds and facilities.

The advisory committees, appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture, represent a wide variety of interests. The committee's duties include improving collaborative relationships and proposing projects and associated funding for National Forest System land, especially those that tie to watershed restoration, road and facility maintenance, and forest health.

RAC committee members will serve three years; shall not receive compensation; and must be able to commit the time necessary to carry out the committee responsibilities of at least several meetings each year. Members must reside with the state of California and to the extent practicable, within Alpine County.

These committees are to be balanced and diverse with equal representation from industry, environmental groups, recreation groups, elected officials and local residents. Current vacancies exist in all three categories.

Category A: Represents one or more of the following interests:

- Organized labor
- Developed outdoor recreation, off-highway vehicle users or commercial recreation
- Energy and mineral development
- Commercial timber industry
- Federal grazing permit

DETAILS

What: Volunteers for the Alpine Resource Advisory Committee
When: Nominations open
Info: 882-2766

Fly-in resort/spa at airport on horizon

by Regina Purcell
Staff Writer

A new project in Alpine County, Calif., requires a great deal of studies, but if approved, it will bring in more than 500 jobs, the developer said.

Scott Lether, president of Monolith Enterprises Inc., is proposing a 1,000-acre fly-in resort/spa with home sites and an 18-hole championship golf course adjacent to the Alpine County Airport and the Indian Creek Reservoir.

"There are environmental issues and concerns with the community," he said. "The plan review headed by the county with the Bureau of Land Management swap is a big issue."

He said construction of the project will bring 500 jobs, with another 100 jobs expected should the project be completed.

The Alpine County Planning Commission hosted a work ses-

sion on the project May 27.

With the airport as a focal point Monolith plans to make safety improvements to the runway.

"They have had numerous inquiries from individuals to relocate and reserve spots on the airport for hangar space, including a fixed based operation (FBO) that would provide maintenance and service," Lether said.

Airport improvements will also include fuel sales, hangar/condo units and a small tanker operation during the fire season.

Lether said he will host several exploratory public workshops to consider concerns.

"Monolith's intentions are to design and build with the community's input and perspective as to how they would like to see this project developed," he said. "They hope these workshops will help meet the community's needs and provide a substantial tax basis for the county.

without a license in the Woodfords.

■ A deputy responded to a reported dog bite in Woodfords. The victim required medical treatment. The owner of the dog was contacted and the dog was quarantined.

May 29

■ A 41-year-old transient man was arrested for public intoxication in Hope Valley. He was found in his vehicle, which had been driven over an embankment. He said that another person had driven the vehicle and had departed the scene.

Sheriff's log

May 22

■ In the Stateline area, deputies stopped a vehicle being driven in an erratic manner. A 25-year-old man, a 21-year-old man and a 39-year-old man, all from Markleeville, Calif., and a 43-year-old woman from Gardnerville were arrested on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of syringes.

May 24

■ A 28-year-old Carson City man was arrested for driving

holders or land use permit holders within the RAC area

Category B:

- Nationally recognized environmental organizations
- Dispersed recreation activities
- Archaeological and historical interests
- Nationally or regionally recognized wild horse or burro groups

Category C:

- State-elected office holders or their designee
- County or local elected office holders
- American Indian tribal representatives from tribes within or adjacent to RAC areas
- School officials or teachers
- Citizens representing the affected public at large

Nominees will be evaluated based on their training and experience working with the interest they represent, their knowledge of Alpine County, their demonstrated commitment to collaborative decision-making and their contribution to the balance and diversity of the RAC.

For information, call Franklin Pemberton, Alpine County RAC Coordinator at 882-2766, or in writing at 1536 South Carson Street, Carson City, 89701. Nominations are accepted until all positions are filled.

*The Family Of
Bob Jackson*

wishes to express our sincere thanks for the many visits, prayers and loving acts extended to us and our father.

Jeanne, Judy, John E. Kim Jackson

Planners agree to ordinance review

by Regina Purcell
Staff Writer

Review of Alpine County's design historic ordinance was approved by planners May 27 in response to a petition.

The petition by local residents was prompted by the proposed downtown Markleeville project that includes a three-story, 5,600-square foot building with 3,500 square feet of commercial space at the corner of Main and Montgomery streets. Thomas Abdoos of Carson Valley is the owner/developer. The review will not affect Abdoos's project.

His project was approved in March by the Alpine County Design Review Historic Committee.

Brian Peters of the county's planning department said the planning commission's workload is heavy and when the review would be started was left open-ended.

"They should be looking at the whole ordinance, rather than looking at a specific request, such as height," he said.

The petition requested the planning commission not approve any new buildings taller than two stories and not to exceed 35 feet at the peak; and that any amendments necessary to make this change in county ordinance be recommended to the Alpine County Board of Supervisors.

In other business, planners:

■ Recommended the county supervisors provide funding to do a fire safe plan, (which supervisors reportedly approved Tuesday), and set a moratorium to take any action on a request not to approve new subdivisions and commercial buildings from the Alpine Fire Safe Council until a Fire Suppression Resources Assessment and Plan can be completed.

Peters said planners felt concerns would be addressed in other ways.

■ Approved a recommendation to supervisors on a proposed

Corridor Management Plan for the Ebbetts Pass Scenic Byway, and direction regarding nomination for National Scenic Byway status.

The plan is a policy guide for future transportation and recreational improvements on Highway 4 between Markleeville and Arnold. It is co-sponsored by the Calaveras Council of Governments and the Alpine County Planning Department.

■ Held a public work session for a development project between the Alpine County Airport and Indian Creek Reservoir proposed by Monolith Enterprises.

■ Approved an amendment to the conditional use permit and the development agreement for the Meadowstone Condominiums, which includes a change to the design of an exterior stairway on the southeast side of the building adjacent to the open space parcel separating Meadowstone Lodge and Sun Meadows Condominiums; allow the deed restrictions for employee housing units within Meadowstone Lodge to be transferred to other acceptable housing units within Kirkwood; remove the condition restricting a five bedroom unit in the smaller building to use as an employee unit; and change the allowable density from a maximum of 25 market rate units to a maximum of 33 market rate units.

■ Approved a conditional use permit to allow a 1365-square-foot guest house on approximately 197 acres located in the Hope Valley area at 901 Blue Lakes Road for the Hesselink Guest House.

■ Approved a conditional use permit to construct a 288-square-foot structure to house a high speed biotech system for waste water treatment at Sorensen's Resort.

■ Discussed a recommendation regarding operation of Grover Hot Springs State Park. Peters said there will be meetings with California State Parks on options.

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Player: George Hanepen, jazz guitarist, will entertain in Markleeville, Calif. this weekend.

Jazz guitarist at Gigli

Jazz guitar notes by George Hanepen will float over the craft tables and easels in the meadow at Villa Gigli on Hot Springs Road, Sunday, from 3 to 5 p.m.

Sierra Foothill wine will be featured at the tasting table, a perfect accompaniment for mountain music and mountain art. The wine

tasting is \$2 per glass, but there is no charge for listening to the Hanepen's guitar music or looking at the displays of jewelry, fabric art, basketry and paintings.

The public is invited to stop by Villa Gigli to enjoy an afternoon of cultural pleasure.

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DISTINGUISHED



Submitted photo

Winners: Students and staff at Diamond Valley School in Alpine County, Calif., take a break for this group photo to celebrate being named a 2004 Distinguished School, one of 302 in California. The school also won the award in 2000. It

is a rigorous competitive selection process conducted by the California Department of Education. Schools are judged on a number of criteria, including academics and leadership. The school cannot compete again until 2008.

Leslie comments on nation's economy

by Tim Leslie

The first quarter was a good one for our economy, which saw growth of 4.4 percent.

Associated Press says this is "slightly faster than previously thought and fresh evidence that the recovery possessed good momentum as it headed into the current quarter."

California, however, while doing better, is lagging behind. While the United States economy added 288,000 jobs and saw unemployment drop to 5.6 percent, California added 16,300 jobs and saw unemployment decline by less than 1

percent to 6.2 percent. This is said to suggest that our recovery is "being held back by lingering problems in the state's business climate and technology sector"

Thus, while the national economic picture leads to a scratching of the head when polls reveal that people think the economy is in trouble, such



Tim Leslie

a sentiment makes perfect sense in the Golden State. Consider the legislation that we have noted for you in recent weeks.

In addition, there is SB 1809 (Dunn, D-Garden Grove), which makes it even easier to sue employers for workplace violations. There was another bill that prevented state contracts with companies that outsource jobs overseas.

Most egregious was the increase in minimum wage law. Democrat Party Chairman Art Torres, a friend of mine from our days in the state Senate, said the outcry against this

is not warranted: "Here in San Francisco, they increased the minimum wage, and the restaurateurs are doing just fine because they pass the cost onto the consumer."

As the Contra Costa Times correctly noted, "Do Torres and like-minded legislators really think higher consumer costs won't have any negative impact on the state's economy? That's the kind of non-thinking that is all too [common] in the Legislature."

And how.

■ Tim Leslie is an assemblyman for the fourth district.

Three win contest

Submitted material

Congratulations to the winners of the Safe and Healthy Families Poster and Poem Contest for Alpine County, sponsored by the Family Support Council of Alpine County and the Alpine County Women's Center.

Stephanie Tyon, Robert Jim, and Tashina Lundy were each presented with two movie passes for their winning posters and poems depicting safe and healthy

families.

Also, a big thank you to Jo Ann Stice for getting her class involved in the contest that celebrated Child Abuse Prevention Month in April. The posters and poems are on display at the Markleeville Library and everyone is encouraged to stop in and check them out.

For more information about the Family Support Council or the Alpine County Women's Center, call (530) 694-9118 or (530) 694-1853.

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Snazzy: Austin Healey cars were in Markleeville June 3.

English cars shown in Markleeville

Sixty Austin Healeys and their owners attending the Healey Rendezvous 2004/OpenRoads meet at the Horizon Hotel in Stateline, Nev., showed up on Montgomery Street in Markleeville on June 3 for the event's Popular Choice Car Show.

The show ran from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and was arranged by officers of the Golden Gate Austin Healey Club, headquartered in the Bay Area and sponsor of the event, along

with personnel from the Alpine County Chamber of Commerce.

Graphics for the event were designed by Markleeville resident Sandy Baenen.

Austin Healeys were manufactured in England between 1953 and 1967. Austin Healey Sprites were manufactured until 1971. Most of these cars were exported to the United States, and several thousand remain in the hands of Healey fans nationwide.

Bills hurt business

by Tim Leslie

Special to the R-C

Here are a few more bills that would further hurt the business climate:

■ SB 1168 (Ortiz, D-Sacramento) would place a fee on certain businesses to fund a bio-monitoring program that does not take a balanced, science-based approach. It would, among other things, allow hospitals to test new mothers' breast milk for biotoxins. "Hello, Mrs. Jones, lovely baby. Can we have your breast milk?"

■ SB 1569 (Dunn, D-Garden Grove) increases costs by allowing doctors to sue HMOs/PPOs for alleged violations of the Knox-Keen Act, even if the Dept. of Managed care determines the health plan did nothing wrong.

■ AB 2042 (Lowenthal, D-Long Beach) increases costs by requiring the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach to prohibit any growth in their respective areas, unless it can be accomplished with no increase in air pollution.

All of these passed with no Republican votes and are now making their way to final passage.

Compare this with what is happening nationally. Because of the Bush tax cuts, American workers' productivity grew a brisk 3.8 percent in the year's first quarter, and workers' hours

rose 1.5 percent, and companies boosted output by 5.4 percent. Unemployment benefits fell again for the 12th straight month.

Correspondingly, payrolls grew by 288,000.

Yet in California, we are killing jobs. For instance, we used to have a corner on the biotech industry; today, companies are moving to Iowa and Florida. After surveying the job-killing legislation, the Las Vegas Review-Journal wrote, "All of this will have a deleterious effect on the Golden State's business climate, of course. Yet Democrats blissfully whistle past the graveyard, dismissing any such concerns as the overwrought rhetoric of evil big business

"Those corporate citizens [crying] foul should examine their checkbooks," said California Democratic Party Chairman Art Torres, "and see how much they're saving at the expense of the average man and woman out there ... Nevada is only too happy to welcome [the businesses] and the entrepreneurial spirit California Democrats so disdain ... Democrats ... seem intent on increasing employment opportunities — for Nevadans and Oregonians and Arizonans."

■ Tim Leslie is a California assemblyman representing the fourth district. He can be reached at (916) 319-2004.

Clarification ■■■

In Friday's R-C article on May 27, the Alpine Planning Commission did not take any action regarding the request from the Fire Safe Council not to take action on approval of new subdivisions and commercial buildings until a Fire Suppression Resources Assessment and Plan could be completed.

ALPINE IN BRIEF

Seniors meet on the 24th in Woodfords

David Griffith of the Fire Safe Council will speak at the Alpine County senior group monthly luncheon meeting at noon on Thursday, June 24, at the Alpine County Department of Education Learning Center at 100 Foothill Road in Woodfords. Nancy Thornberg of the council will also speak. Jim Clark, who heads the senior group, said the Senior Woman of the Year will also be announced. Alpine County Health and Human Services will host this month senior's Aces Luncheon at the new Alpine Learning Center at 100 Foothill Road.

A tour of the new facility is also on the agenda.

The luncheon is from noon to 2 p.m. Please R.S.V.P. Sherri Dennis at (530) 694-2235.

Back 40 Band plays Sorenson's

The Back 40 Bluegrass Band plays the Friends of Hope Valley annual summer benefit on Sunday, June 27, from 1 to 6 p.m. at Sorenson's Resort.

Concert tickets are \$5 per person at the door. Proceeds support Friends of Hope Valley to protect and preserve open spaces in the Sierra valley, south of Lake Tahoe and above Carson Valley.

A barbecue chicken and ribs lunch is available for \$10.95 for adults, and \$5.95 for children under the age of 10. No food or drink is allowed in the concert.

Friends of Hope Valley is a non-profit organization founded in 1985, helping to protect 25,000 acres.

For more information, call (800) 423-9949.

Hanepen performs at Villa Gigli

Back by popular demand, guitarist George Hanepen performs Sunday June 13, at the regular afternoon wine tasting at Markleeville's Villa Gigli.

Local artists will display their works under the shade of the Zapettini Poplar by the deck from 3 to 5 p.m.

Reservations are not needed for the afternoon activities at 145 Hot Springs Road, but for more information, call (530) 694-2253.

Animal licensing clinic June 17

The Alpine County Sheriff's Office / Animal Control will host an animal licensing and vaccination clinic on Thursday June 17, from 4-7 p.m. at the Woodfords Firehouse on Diamond Valley Road.

Low cost vaccinations will be available. Alpine County dog licenses will be available with proof of rabies vaccination.

For more information call the sheriff's office at (530) 694-2231.

Grover's hosts program Saturday

Grover Hot Springs State Park will have a special interpretive program on Saturday, June 12 at 2 p.m. Bob Pinto will demonstrate how a Native American arrowhead is made, while he describes the history and techniques of arrow making at the campground bridge. The program will last about one hour. Bring a blanket. The program is sponsored by the Sierra State Park Foundation and is free to the public.

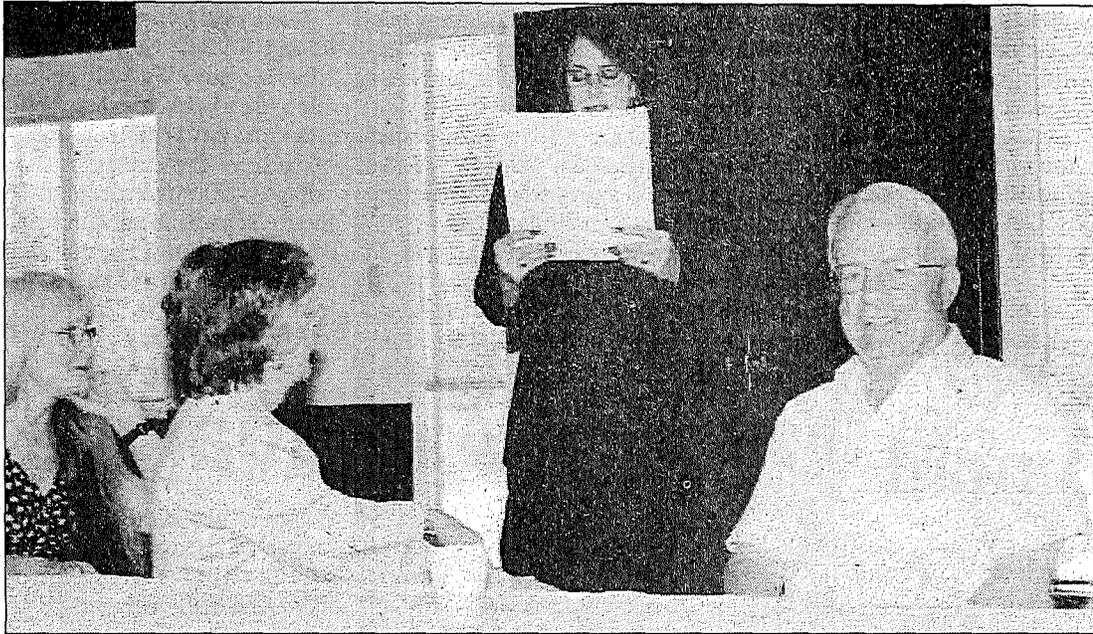
Resorts ready for summer

After a successful winter season, the resorts located along scenic Highway 88 in the High Sierra are springing to life and are gearing up for a busy summer season. As the snow melts, the landscape from the rolling foothills near Jackson to the pine and aspen forests in the Hope Valley area is greening up for spring. Colorful blooms will be creeping up the eastern slope of the Sierra. The lakes and rivers are full and stocked with fish. Fishing and hiking enthusiasts are out and about enjoying the warm sunshine.

The route along Highway 88 is especially attractive where history thrives in the many towns along the way. The Pacific Crest Trail at Carson Pass is one of the most renowned for wilderness access in the entire nation. For wildflower enthusiasts, short hikes allow us to enjoy incredible alpine wildflower fields.

Whether it be fishing, swimming, kayaking, hiking, horseback riding, paddling, camping, unique lodging, fine dining and or art, books and gifts ... our resorts and campgrounds are ready for tourists visiting our beautiful region of California.

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Honored: On far right, Stuart Merrill, reacts to a proclamation being read by Terry Woodrow, chair of the Alpine County Board of Supervisors, naming him the Alpine County senior of the year. On left, Wanda Coyan and Merrill's wife Eileen look on.

Merrill is senior of the year

Submitted material

Stuart P. Merrill, born in Gardnerville, is considered a native Californian, preceded by three generations of pioneers and was named the Alpine County senior of the year for 2004.

According to a proclamation issued by the county board of supervisors on May 4, Merrill began public service at an early age and served in the 379 Fighter Squadron, Ninth Air Force Fighter Group during World War II.

Merrill married Eileen in 1948 and moved to Alpine County in 1950. They have two children Eric and Cathy.

In 1958, Merrill was the sheriff-coroner and served five four-year terms. He also served as a supervisor from 1981-1985, and was chairman in 1983.

Merrill lives his life to the fullest, including competitive skiing. He was a member of the San Jose State University ski team and participated in the Nastar Ski Competition in Aspen, Colo., and he enjoys pro-celebrity ski races at Bear Valley. He invented the snow weasel, a technique that

assists a novice skier in mastering the slopes at Bear Valley.

Merrill is a member of the Alpine Swingers' Square Dance and a long-time supporter of the Alpine County Elders. He is an avid golfer as evidenced by the golf cart parked in his back yard and his commitment to conquer every green across the country in his fervent quest for the illusive hole-in-one.

Merrill was also honored at the May 4 Alpine senior lunch.

Businesses take more hits in law

by Tim Leslie
Special to The R-C

More assaults this week on our state's business climate:

■ SB 1334 (Kuehl, D-Santa Monica) imposes CEQA requirements on oakwood and timberland conversions, which will drive up the cost of development. As if housing isn't already expensive enough. Passed on a 7-3 party-line vote, with Republicans against.

■ SB 1477 (Sher, D-Stanford) expands the State Water Board's regulatory authority over wetlands, which will delay development and put new costs on farmers. Hearing date is June 22.

It is for measures such as these that our business climate is so poor. This contributed to Forbes ranking California 49th in its annual list of best places. The venerable magazine said we have one of the "most punitive policy environments for economic opportunity."

We recently observed the passing of Ronald Reagan. Did he believe in heaping regulation after regulation upon the backs of



Leslie

businesses struggling to produce? No, he removed regulations and reformed the tax code. The result? Reagan with his

tax cuts et al "reawakened industrial productivity, which is still growing at a healthy 5 percent a year," says Los Angeles Times columnist James Flanigan. He went on to note that Reagan made the US economy "flexible."

In five years, when the measures mentioned above and previously have had time to wreak their worst, will our businesses be flexible enough to have withstood the onslaught? Or will we understand too well the sentiment expressed by the late Tryon Edwards: "Hell is truth seen too late - duty neglected in its season."

■ Tim Leslie, an assemblyman from California's fourth district, can be reached at (916) 319-2004.

Sheriff's log

June 7

■ Douglas Disposal reported that refuse in one of their trucks had ignited. The truck was at the Alpine County Airport, and dumped its entire load on the runway. Markleeville and Woodfords fire departments responded and extinguished the blaze.

June 11

■ A 57-year-old Gardnerville man turned himself in at the

sheriff's office. He was booked for driving under the influence.

June 13

■ A 42-year-old Markleeville man was arrested for possession of marijuana. He was evaluated for driving under the influence.

June 14

■ In Woodfords, several juveniles were reported to be trespassing at a building and playing on the roof. Upon arrival, deputies were unable to locate the suspects. Many juveniles were in the area and were counseled on trespassing laws.

State Dems punt on chance to save money

Staff reports

At a time when the state budget is \$15 billion in the red and vital social services are threatened with cuts or elimination, Assembly Democrats on Monday sabotaged an opportunity to save \$11 million this year and \$216 million over the next 20 years. Chances of passing on these cost savings before the legislative deadline are slim.

At issue was SB 183, a 2002 law that would give generous public safety retirement benefits to workers such as milk testers and billboard inspectors.

A principal point of contention is that SB 183 bypassed rules that each department determine which employees meet the conditions for the generous benefits. These criteria clearly say they go only to those who directly protect the public safety or work with inmates and state mental patients.

SB 183 gave all workers the better pensions, irrespective of what they do for a living.

The Assembly was supposed to have debated SB 9 yesterday, which would have repealed the lucrative pensions. Instead, Assem-

bly Democrats decided to send the bill to the Senate without any vote. However, later in the day, the Senate returned the measure because, according to Secretary of the Senate Gregory P. Schmidt, "the Assembly has yet to pass Senate Bill 9 in any form, [therefore] it is not properly before the Senate for consideration."

"Every day we hear Democrats say how we're hurting the poor spending cuts," said Assemblyman Tim Leslie (R-Tahoe City), "how we're going to put old people on the streets. Here was an opportunity to save \$11 million this year, and they weren't even willing to debate the issue."

Because it was returned to the Assembly, SB 9 is eligible for a vote on Thursday. However, its fate is uncertain since Assembly Speaker Fabian Núñez said he had not even heard of the issue until last week, despite extensive coverage in several state newspapers.

The union that negotiated this deal in 2002 is the California Union of Safety Employees, which donated \$500,000 to Gov. Gray Davis and other top Democrats that year.

Bear Valley gets grant

by Steve Barber
Special to the R-C

For its contributions to furthering the arts in California's educational environment, the Bear Valley Music Festival was awarded a \$3500 grant by the California Arts Council.

Grant recipients are chosen on the basis of excellence, regional representation, impact of the dollars awarded, and the involvement of local audiences in the arts.

Most funds for this program come from revenues generated from the Arts License Plate program whereby specialty vehicle license plates are sold by the state's DMV.

The arts license plate, depicting a brilliant orange sun over a coastline lined with palm trees, is the most popular plate and has generated more than \$6 million in revenue for California arts education efforts over the past 10 years.

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Hanepen plays Villa Gigue Father's Day

George Hanepen will send guitar notes across the deck at Villa Gigue in Markleeville on Father's Day afternoon from 4 to 6 p.m. While mountain artists are displaying their arts and crafts from 3 to 5 p.m. to coincide with the tasting of Sierra Foothill wines, Hanepen will stretch out his jazz sets to include both afternoon and dinner guests.

No reservations are needed for a relaxing afternoon of music, art, and wine on Hot Springs Road, but for further information phone (530) 694-2253.

Seniors meet for monthly lunch

Alpine County Health and Human Services will host this month senior's Aces Luncheon at the new Alpine Learning Center at 100 Foothill Road.

A tour of the new facility and guest speaker David Griffith from the Alpine County Fire Safe Council is on the agenda.

Mrs. Senior of the Year will be announced.

The luncheon is from noon to 2 p.m. Please R.S.V.P. Sherri Dennis at 694-2235.

State Fair entry needs volunteers

"Gonna Have a Good Time" is the theme for this year's California State Fair. Once again Alpine County will be represented at the California State Fair August 20, 2004 September 6, 2004 at Cal Expo in Sacramento, California. In 2003, Alpine County won the Superintendent's Award (county involvement) and a First Place ribbon.

The Alpine County's booth theme this year is "Winter Comes to Alpine County". Bill Caldwell who assisted with last year's booth design and building will once again contribute his special brand of artistic talent to our exhibit. Ms. Kathy Caldwell and Ruth Ann Edwards will be our decorators.

We are looking for decorations and props to utilize in the exhibit with a winter flair.

If you can assist and supply us with skis, boots, poles, snow shoes, ice skates, winter clothing, snow-

board etc. it would be greatly appreciated. County wide involvement is very important to this exhibit. You can drop off your props at the Chamber office in Markleeville. Props will be returned at the close of the State Fair. Thank you for your support and we are once again looking for "Bringing Home the Gold".

If you have any questions please call the Chamber office at (530) 694-2475.

Mask painting topic of June 23 meeting

Join us on Wednesday, June 23 at the Alpine County Women's Center office in Markleeville from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Mask painting and discussions about the many masks women wear as a mother, daughter, employee, wife/partner, student, and others.

Masks, paint, and brushes will be provided. For more information call the Alpine County Women's Center at (530) 694-1853 or stop by the office at 14810 Highway 89, located above Choices for Children in Markleeville.

Grover Hot Springs hosts event

Grover Hot Springs will have a special interpretive program on Saturday, June 19, at 7 p.m. Come join Richard Clark as he portrays Kit Carson during this informative and entertaining program. Meet at the Grover Campfire Center. This program is sponsored by the Sierra State Park Foundation and is free to the public.

Road closures for Death Ride 2004

The following roads will be closed July 10, for the 2004 Tour of the California Alps Death Ride:

- State Route 89 - Monitor Pass from 5:30 a.m. to noon.
- State Route 4 - Ebbetts pass from 5:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

For more information, call the Alpine County Chamber of Commerce office at (530) 694-2475.

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Story time June 26

Submitted material

The Alpine County Library has organized a very unique outing for the "Alpine Kids," a local, popular, non-profit activity/enrichment program managed for many years by Edie Veatch.

We are inviting the public to join them in a variety of planned, multi-cultural activities appealing to all ages. Storytime in the Park will be held Saturday, June 26, at the Markleeville Community Park. Professional storyteller/performer, Tom McCormack will open the day at 10 a.m. with an American Variety Show, consisting of colorful dialogue, live music, song medley and high-energy re-enactments from stories of growing up in the Midwest in the 60's.

Following Tom's show will be a variety of concurrent activities for all ages. Local artist and author, Gina Gigli, will teach the audience how to make artistic and personalized bookmarks. Nessie the clown, will entertain the kids with balloon sculpting, magic tricks, and face painting. Hands-on activi-

ties will also be available from sponsoring groups and agencies.

Lunch at the park will be Indian tacos. Local eateries will be giving out discount coupons for lunch. Skip Veatch, retired Alpine County Sheriff, will be playing his guitar and singing folk, country and children's songs throughout the lunch break. Sing-alongs are welcome.

In the afternoon, participants from the Washoe Language Program for the Washoe Tribe will tell stories depicting Washoe life, culture, legends and folk tales. The event ends with a colorful dance from E'lala, a professional native Polynesian dancer from Salt Lake City. She will give an introduction and interpretation of Polynesian dance movements before she renders one of her favorite performances.

Mark your calendar and bring the family. It will be a wonderful opportunity to enjoy the outdoors, listen to stories, meet friends and visit the library. For more information, please contact the Alpine County Library at (530) 694-2120.



AL PETTITT/Submitted photo

Trip: Chair Terry Woodrow, in black, developer Randy Morrison, Planning Commissioner Günter Kaiser, Supervisor Chris Gansberg, resident Fritz Thornburg, and supervisors Herman Zellmer and Don Jardine.

Road problems reviewed

by Al Pettitt

Special to The R-C

The regular meeting of the Alpine Board of Supervisors on June 1 started with an early morning visit to view the problematic road entrance to the proposed Carson Ridge Subdivision (Morrison Subdivision) north off Hot Springs Road a mile west of Markleeville. The steep 10 percent grade road was not engineered properly to provide protection against vehicles

sliding down into oncoming traffic onto Hot Springs road at its base during icy conditions, or prevent water spillage onto the road. Developer Randy Morrison proposed a plan to retrofit the road with an initial negative grade of about 50 feet for a "landing strip" and add a water drainage graded culvert. A short portion above the "landing strip" will have to be increased to an 11 percent grade which will require mitigation approval.



Submitted photo

Ooo wet: A child reacts to a caught fish June 12.

Free Fishing Day attracts crowd

by Dave Zellmer
Special to The R-C

On June 12, at Indian Creek Recreation Area several hundred surrounding area residents participated in the annual Free Fishing day event. One of the main attractions was the delivery of 1,000 lbs. of live catchable trout and fingerlings from American Trout in Susanville, Calif. The children were allowed to participate in the planting of the fish.

These local area businesses and agencies donated to this

event and we thank them: Alpine County Fish and Game Commission has organized this event for the past six years. They include: Alpine Anti-Tobacco Program, Alpine County Chamber of Commerce, Alpine County Fish and Game Commission, Alpine Kids, California State Parks (Grovers), Carson River Resort, GE (formerly Bentley), Hendrix Company, Hope Valley Store, M's Coffee House, Raley's, Rudden's General Store, Sorensen's Resort, Sierra Pines, The Deli, Woodfords Station and Woodfords Inn.

Nominate special women

Submitted material

If you know a woman living in Alpine County who has made a difference in the lives of many and who you think deserves to be honored for her dedication, fill out a nomination form and submit it to the Alpine County Women's Center. One nomination per person please and must be a woman living in Alpine County. Nominations are being accepted until July 15

A ceremony celebrating Women of Alpine County will be on Saturday, July 31 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Turtle Rock Park with a complimentary lunch for all.

Through nominations by you, we will be honoring one woman from each of the five communities in Alpine County: Bear Valley, Kirkwood/Hope Valley, Woodfords, Markleeville, and Hung-a-l-el-ti. For more information call (530) 694-1853.

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Cowboys circle around campfire

The last Sunday of the month, June 27, is marked by the gathering of genuine and "wannabee" cowboys and cowgirls at 6 p.m. at Villa Gigli on Hot Springs Road in Markleeville for a Western dinner.

After dinner, guests will be invited to join retired Alpine County Sheriff Skip Veatch in singing and/or listening to country western songs at the campfire in the adjoining pasture. Villa Gigli owner Ruggero Gigli describes Veatch as being "seven-feet tall," though he's not actually.

From 3 to 5 p.m. guitarist George Hanepen will perform at the regularly-scheduled wine tasting, music, and art event.

While reservations are not necessary for the wine tasting, they are for the cowboy dinner. Please phone Ruggero at (530) 694-2253 for further information.

Have good time at California state fair

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Rite Aid offers health screenings

Rite Aid continues in its fifth year providing a series of non-profit, affordable health screening services to communities throughout California to help fight the high cost of health care. The Rite Aid Pharmacies listed below have scheduled a Health Screening and Advanced Medical Diagnostics.

Test performed will include: Osteoporosis; Heart Attack & Stroke risk assessment; Lung Function Test.

Each test takes about five minutes. The first test is \$35. Each additional test is only \$30. Results are provided upon the completion of each test. No appointments are necessary but are recommended, since appointments spread the testing more efficiently throughout the day.

Testing hours will be 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.. The location and dates of available testing are as follows: Reno, Tuesday, June 29 at 8500 So Virginia St, Carson City, Wednesday, June 30, 1980 N. Carson and Gardnerville, Thursday, July 1, 1329 U.S. Highway 395 North, Ste. 1. To schedule an appointment or for more information, call (866) 263-2663.

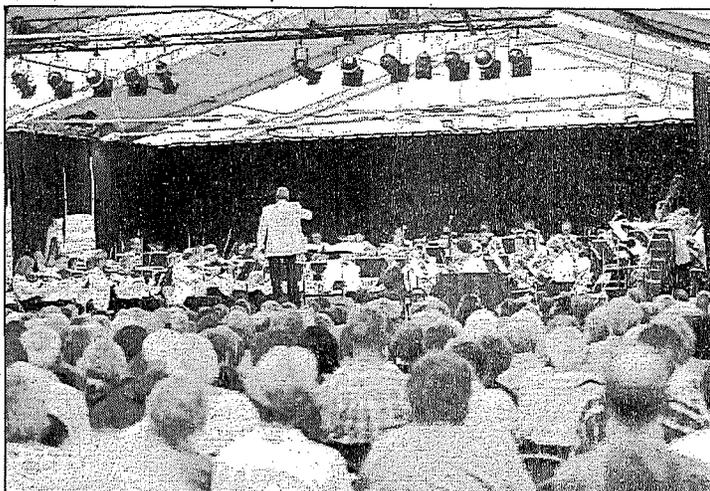
Bear Valley brings beat to bluffs

Staff report

Music in the mountains returns with the 36th annual Bear Valley Music Festival Saturday, July 31 through August 15. Voted the best summer attraction in the central Sierra, festival performances take place at 7000 feet on the Highway 4 (California) approach to Ebbetts Pass.

The Bear Valley Music Festival, held annually over a two-week period, opens with the 5th Dimension singing group on Saturday, July 31.

Now in its 36th year, the festival has become a signature activity of summer in eastern California. Indeed, last year it was voted the best summer attraction in the central Sierra.



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Maestro: For classical performances at the festival, Carter Nice conducts the 65-piece symphony orchestra.

Noted maestro Carter Nice conducts the 65-piece symphony orchestra ...the highlight of the event. Most per-

formances are in the evening with the melodies of such recent performers as Ramsey Lewis, Judy Collins, Sha Na

Na, and violinist Stephanie Chase.

"Each year we get more attendees from the Central Valley and Bay Area cities," says festival president, Randy Hanvelt. "Many of them make the festival the centerpiece for their Sierra vacation. They hike, fish, and tour wineries during the day, then enjoy music festival events in the evenings." Overnight guests can choose from a variety of lodging choices within a few miles of Bear Valley. Many prefer to come early to evening performances to enjoy tailgate dinners in the mountain sunsets.

The festival's full performance schedule and ticket information can be found at www.bearvalleymusic.org or by calling (209)753-2574 or (800)458-1618.

Death Ride in 2 weeks

by Teresa Burkhauser
Special to The R-C

The 2004 Tour of the California Alps - Death Ride is scheduled for Saturday, July 10 in Markleeville, California. Approximately 3,000 riders cover a challenging 129-mile course over five spectacular mountain passes. This year's event theme is "More in 04". A few surprises are in store for those brave riders who attempt this premier cycling event. The registration process for this year has been completed.

This event is co-sponsored by the Alpine County Chamber of Commerce and the Alta Alpina Cycling Club.

The event organizers wish to thank all of the returning

DETAILS

What: Tour of California Alps - Death Ride
Where: Markleeville, Calif.
When: Saturday, July 10
Info: info@deathride.com

and new sponsors that give so generously to make this event happen. Of course without the efforts of over 700 valuable volunteers this event wouldn't be possible. Proceeds from the ride contribute financial support to many community service organizations.

For additional information visit our Web site at deathride.com or e-mail the event coordinator Sandy Baenen at info@deathride.com.

Lodge opens for summer

The Kit Carson Lodge restaurant is open for its summer season and once again is ready to treat guests to gourmet meals in a spectacular mountain setting. The restaurant serves dinner Tuesday through Saturday from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and a champagne brunch on the deck on Sundays from 10:30 a.m. through 1:30 p.m. The restaurant offers lake view dining and an excellent menu. Nightly specials created by the Lodge Chef and fine wines complement the rustic elegance of the Kit Carson Lodge. The champagne brunch is a favorite of the Lodge guests and locals alike, so please book early for reservations.

The Kit Carson Lodge is delighted to announce that our

Chef de Cuisine for the 2004 season is Chef Martin Freer. Martin graduated from Baumfield School of Culinary Arts at Luton Beds, England, and has cooked in France, England and the United States. Most recently he has served as head Chef at Pierre's in Escalon, Chez Douchettes in San Leandro and at Master Chefs in Manteca.

Martin continues the tradition of elegant dining at the Lodge.

The Kit Carson Lodge is located on Highway 88 at Silver Lake, just 50 miles east of Jackson and 45 miles south of Lake Tahoe. To make dinner, Sunday brunch and/or lodging reservations call (209) 258-8500.

Western music at coffee shop Sunday

Come and enjoy western music at M's Coffee House on Sunday July 4 from 3 - 7 p.m. Western barbecue available at the shop on Montgomery Street in downtown Markleeville.

Fish plants in several prime spots

Local Alpine County Fish & Game Commission plants Friday, July 2, in the Hot Springs Creek, Markleeville Creek and East and West Forks of the Carson River: 1,000 lbs. of catchables and trophies. Come and enjoy the 4th of July in Alpine County.

Coldwell Banker new to Markleeville

Coldwell Banker ITILDO would like to announce the opening of a new sales office in Markleeville, Calif., next door to the Markleeville Post Office. This downtown office space has been fully renovated and is currently staffed by ITILDO

California licensed sales associates.

"We really felt the need to represent our neighbors in Alpine County with a full service real estate office," said John Hamer, general manager.

Coldwell Banker joined the Alpine County Chamber of Commerce and look forward to being part of the Markleeville business community.

"Markleeville and all of Alpine County is such a beautiful area and we are seeing more and more business activity there," Hamer said.

The office is open and sales associates can be reached at (530) 694-1484.

Sorensen's offers July 3 program

Sorensen's Resort presents Frank Tortorich's Special Pioneer Program (donations accepted) Saturday, July 3, 5:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Sorensen's will match donations for the museum. Dinner reservations are recommended.

Fogarty named Alpine senior woman of year

by Irving Strauss

Special to The R-C

At a luncheon ceremony, June 24, Ernestine Fogarty was proclaimed Alpine County Senior of the Year 2003. The award was presented by Alpine County Supervisor Herman Zellmer.

The affair was held at the Alpine County School District's The Learning Center.

Zellmer read the Board of Supervisors' resolution commending Fogarty for her long-time support of the county's elders, including senior activities and luncheons, many of which she hosted. She continues to advocate for seniors' rights and acknowledgement. Ernestine has served on the county grand jury, and is presently a board member of the historical society and on the board of the Alpine County Christian Community Church.

Fogarty was born in Arkansas and in the 1940s moved to California with her husband and three children, Anita, Samuel, and James. Ernestine and her husband worked in the shipyards until the

yards closed in 1952.

Widowed in the late 1960s, she married Edward Fogarty after a whirlwind courtship. They moved to Alpine County in the late 1970s, and built one of the first homes in Marklee Village.

Edward was a sailor on the U.S.S. Yorktown, and Ernestine continues to support remaining survivors, by publishing the group's newsletter and attending its annual reunion at Patriot's Point in Charleston, South Carolina.

Following the presentation David Griffith of the Alpine County Fire Safe Council spoke of the current fire danger and the importance of defensible space around one's home.

Alpine County Sheriff John Crawford plans to have youths serve probation by doing work to help seniors.

More than 50 seniors attended the luncheon, hosted by Sherri Dennis of the county's Health and Human Services Department, together with the Department's staff. Dennis described plans for establishing a seniors' center at The Learning Center.

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Storytime brings many to park

by **Rachelle Smith**
Special to The R-C

More than 120 people attended "Storytime in the Park" held at the Markleeville Community Park, organized by the Alpine County Library on June 26.

The event began with Tom McCormack, who told stories of growing up in the Midwest in the '60's. The children were entertained by Nessie the Clown who dazzled them with magic tricks, gave out sculpted balloons and painted intricate designs on their faces. For lunch, Indian tacos were served hot from the fry pan, heaping with fresh lettuce, cheese and beans. Skip Veatch, retired Alpine County Sheriff, played his guitar and sang sweet

and nostalgic country western, folk and children's songs during the lunch hour. Washoe Indian stories were recounted by native speakers from the Washoe Language Center. The event ended with a brief introduction to Polynesian stories and dance by E'lala. The children had great fun shaking their hips and bodies as they tried to emulate E'lala's graceful movements.

Many thanks are extended to other county agencies who helped to make this event successful. The Local Child Care Planning Council, The Learning Center, Alpine Children's Center, Alpine Kid's Program, Friends of the Library and the Markleeville business community, all helped to make this an enjoyable event.



Submitted photo

Clowning around: Nessie the clown entertains children at the Storytime in the Park event held last weekend in Alpine.

This story is taken from [Forum](#) at sacbee.com.

Other view: The real picture of Sierra Nevada forests

By George E. Gruell -- Special To The Bee - (*Published July 2, 2004*)

In April, activists once again criticized efforts to thin forests in the Sierra Nevada, this time because of the inappropriate use of a 1909 Montana photo by the U.S. Forest Service in its brochure, "Forests With a Future."

Historically, California's forests were less dense and more resistant to catastrophic fire than they are today. Regrettably, an incorrect photo was used. But that does not change the fact that 100 years ago, the state's forests were far less dense and more fire resistant than they are today.

Our current forest conditions differ greatly from the historical norm - as detailed in my book, "Fire in Sierra Nevada Forests." California's forests and others in the West have experienced massive increases in tree cover resulting from human activities, particularly the suppression of natural fires.

As a wildlife biologist, I know a large body of evidence strongly suggests that increasingly dense forests are detrimental to wildlife, including numerous songbirds and mammals such as rabbits, squirrels and deer. Historically, wildlife populations adapted to an ecosystem that was subjected to frequent low-intensity fires. Today, thicker forests burn in high-intensity crown fires. The forests need to be thinned.

This is the point that has raised contention over the Sierra Nevada Framework. Although there is general agreement thinning is needed, its extent has been debated for years. Most recently, professional foresters for the U.S. Forest Service recommended a revision to the framework to permit more thinning in light of difficulties operating under the current plan.

The revised Forest Service plan for the Sierra Nevada recommends 50 percent to 60 percent retention of the crown cover to meet the presumed habitat requirements of featured wildlife species. In my opinion, that's too much. That degree of coverage blocks virtually all sunlight from reaching the ground and produces an unnatural condition in which herbs and shrubs, a critical component of wildlife habitat, are lost in the under-story, victims of shading and competition for water and nutrients. Wildlife populations have declined because most forest species depend not on trees, but on low-growing, non-tree vegetation.

High tree densities and closed canopies pose another threat to wildlife populations: more fuel for catastrophic wildfires. Scientists from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, and elsewhere have noted that abnormally intense wildfire has a far greater impact on the environment than any forest management activities could under California's current forestry laws. Catastrophic fires lead to increased erosion, devastate watersheds, pollute the air and destroy even protected habitat.

The Forest Service has proposed fuel reduction in the Sierra Nevada because it believes that continuing to severely suppress tree harvesting on public lands will dramatically increase the incidence of catastrophic wildfire.

I think the revised plan has shortcomings. But with its proposed thinning, the Forest Service

expects to reduce the acres lost to catastrophic wildfire by 30 percent in the next 50 years and increase the number of old-growth stands. That's a step in the right direction. Yet activists oppose cutting even a minuscule number of trees. The plan they are objecting to calls for harvesting less than 1 percent of the medium trees (with trunks 20 inches to 30 inches) standing each year. Thinning could save lives, enhance critical wildlife habitat and improve other resource values.

History can help provide a more accurate view of the natural composition of Sierra Nevada landscapes and a more realistic benchmark for understanding the relative condition of wildlife habitat. A historical perspective also would foster a cry to thin forests not just for fire safety, but also for biological diversity.

About the Writer

George E. Gruell's book "Fire in Sierra Nevada Forests: A Photographic Interpretation of Ecological Change Since 1849" includes 160 California photos taken from the same spots about 100 years apart and displayed side by side. Gruell, now retired, spent most of his professional career in the U.S. Forest Service as a wildlife biologist and fire ecologist. The California Forestry Association hired him to work on the 1994 booklet "Understanding Sierra Nevada Forests." Gruell can be reached at ggruell@charter.net.

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Grand jury sticks to its story

Published: July 5, 2004

By ERIN MAYES

With the 2004 Calaveras County grand jury report now distributed, jury Forewoman Cathryn Jackson is defending the panel's harsh stance against the Calaveras County Water District.

The report accuses three of the agency's managers of conspiring to better their own benefit packages at rate payers' expense.

The packages — allowing lifetime medical benefits after only two years of employment — were, the report stated, crafted by Alan Turner, CCWD's acting general manager and chief counsel. In turn, grand jurors requested that Turner be investigated by the State Bar of California.

While Jackson had withheld comment on the report until it was released Friday, CCWD board chairman Charles Hebrard said only district paralegal Gail Steinman and recently retired General Manager John Stewart received such benefits packages and that each had negotiated those as part of their individual contracts.

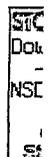
On Friday, Jackson insisted Turner also received such a package — a statement Turner called "absolutely untrue."

"I have no retired medical insurance," he said. "I have no severance."

Turner said it would have been impossible for him to have crafted Stewart's retirement package because the former manager negotiated his benefits six months before Turner joined the company.

"So there was never a group benefit package at all," he said.

While saying she wants to avoid a "he said, she said" battle of words, Jackson said that "Alan Turner could be technically correct, because he himself did not write his own benefit package. We're saying that



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they stepped outside of their own policy in their hiring and recruitment when they wrote themselves this fancy package.

"I will state that we have no issue with how competent any of those three managers that you've named are," she said. "We're simply saying they are not guarding the rate payers' funds."

CCWD officials said grand jurors would have better understood the agency's hiring practices and finances had any panel members attended the board meetings they were invited to.

Jackson, a Wallace resident, acknowledged grand jury members were invited to meetings but said they felt it would be a wasted effort because they had already been denied information they requested.

"Their attorney had written to us, refusing to offer minutes and hiring contracts that we were looking for," she said. "We had no way to go in and examine the records they claimed they didn't have to share with us. ... They denied us records that were rightfully ours."

Untrue, Turner responded. "The only thing they were denied was confidential attorney-client communications. ... Communications between clients and attorneys is not discoverable."

For example, he said, the work Turner's own attorneys completed on his behalf when he negotiated his contract with CCWD is confidential. His actual contract, however, is not and was made available to the grand jury, he said.

Although Jackson said grand jury members did not attend CCWD board meetings, they did meet with some district directors individually. She would not say which directors were met with, but noted that one requested that the grand jury investigate further. She declined to say what areas the board member requested further investigation on.

Jackson said the jury does not want to "create dissension" among board members by identifying who made the request, but that district directors likely already know who it is.

Also in their report, grand jurors stated that CCWD should refrain from using water assessment revenue to support sewer operations, a practice Hebrard said stopped at least two years ago.

"That's just a kindly reminder," Jackson responded. "They continue to subsidize it through their water bills."

She emphasized that the practice is not inappropriate or illegal, but it's not a wise business tactic.

"They have an opportunity to disprove anything we say," she added. "If there are inaccuracies (in the grand jury report), it's incumbent upon them to prove it's wrong. We do not usually battle it out in newspapers."

Turner said CCWD is formulating a response to the grand jury report, which should be available for public review at the board's 9 a.m. board meeting on Wednesday, July 14.

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Is a meadow part of the past or the future?

Early in the morning, when all of Markleeville is just beginning to stir, Buddy, my Golden Retriever, has already come to my bedside and nudged me with his cold wet nose to let me know that it is walk time. He is bright-eyed and bushy-tailed, but his master still has to brush the cobwebs of a long night's sleep from his eyes. This is a ritual that is repeated every morning, sunshine or snow, warm or cold. But once out into the early morning air, I, too, begin to show signs that my old bones and joints still work, and I look forward to our morning walk.

The walk begins at our gate and winds up School House Road to the Museum parking lot, passing the Old Webster School, the Museum and Jail and on to the meadow. Before I step into the meadow I search for any late night visitors that might still be in the meadow grass — a coyote, deer or wild turkey. Most days the meadow is empty, but occasionally some furry or feathery friend could be still searching for a last bit of sustenance before climbing up the hill above the meadow to rest until the next

Guest opinion

night's hunt or foraging begins. The owls, great horned, barn or screech, have already left for their roost in one of the Jeffery pines and now the cottontails, field mice, gophers, and moles have a brief time to look about and search for a last bit of greenery or seed to fill their stomachs. This is all before the hawks, red tails and coopers or an occasional golden eagle, begin their daily circles in the sky looking for an errant rodent that has spent too much time looking for grain and not enough time watching for raptors.

As Buddy and I step across the fence rail the meadow will become quiet as humans and dogs do not figure into the natural scheme of the meadow. I look and see nothing, but Buddy's wonderful nose is already at work checking the ground and bushes to see just who was here last night and where they went. His

degree of excitement lets me know if the meadow was especially alive with creatures the night before or just another night of the usual suspects roaming over the grass and through the bushes. As we walk towards the town ditch at the back of the meadow, the dramas of last night now become the stage for today's daylight play which will last until darkness overtakes the meadow.

A meadow is a wonderful place, formed by a random set of circumstances that bring a level area in contact with a sustainable amount of water, grasses, and other members of the plant kingdom that need constant bathing in H₂O. Some meadows are formed by the last gasp of a stream or river that once ran into a lake or pond, becoming a narrow stream of its former self. Other meadows are what's left of a lake or beaver pond that over the centuries has filled in with the soil brought down from the mountains and become a nursery for meadow grass and other water tolerant plant materials and animal life.

Our meadow seems to be one

dependent on the production of natural springs flowing from the hills behind it. In a land accustomed to moving and shifting of the substrata this type of meadow is always in jeopardy from the movement of an earthquake or the thoughtless manipulation of the landscape, sending its life-giving water in another direction and turning the meadow into just another dry field. California is pockmarked with the former as can be seen in the lower San Joaquin Valley that once was a verdant lush aquatic paradise with wild fowl and antelope roaming freely over marshland that ebbed and flowed with the seasons. Some individuals saw this as a waste of land and dried up the once great lakes and meadows to till the soil and plant crops and create towns such as Bakersfield and Fresno.

The era that spawned the drying up of the great valleys to the west ended when no more wetlands could be found. The need of levies and dikes to divert the precious water into channels and free the rich

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Meadow: A walk in the past

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lake bottoms and meadow soils to grow the crops that feed the nation no longer exist. It's called progress and I suppose it is, but I would have given anything to have just once looked upon those vast wetlands and the animal and plant species that they supported.

Buddy and I stand upon the damp soil of Markleeville's wetland here next to the Museum grounds and look towards the west at the hills that supply the meadow with its sustenance the life giving water.

I wonder will it always provide a damp environment that supports so many different life forms, including a man and his dog.

I know from the history of Markleeville that this meadow and tree covered hills to the west were once a part of a darker facet of the mining booms of the mid-1800s.

That facet is the clear cutting of the first growth pines and other conifers to provide lumber for the mines of Silver Mountain, Monitor and far away to Virginia City.

It is not clear what the effect on the meadow area was due to this removal of the forest, but I am sure that early residents must have missed the pine-covered view we see every day.

A meadow and the environment that feeds it are fragile entities: remove one item from the mix and you can spell disaster for the whole system. Our meadow is dependent upon the forested hills to the west.

The area with its pine duff covering the ground provides the meadow with protection from the runoff of snow and rainstorms. Disrupt the hillside and you affect the whole downhill environment. What we see today is the result of more than 130 years of regrowth on this hillside, much of which was certainly an eyesore to the early residents of Markleeville.

I am sure that those whose who had a financial interest in seeing the logs going to the mines of California and Nevada had no idea how their quest for riches would affect the

health and visual wealth of the area and the community. Hind-sight is something that we all can learn from, if we will take the time to do so.

Buddy and I look to the west and see a rich meadow and pine-covered environment that provides home to so many plants and animals. It also provides an intrinsic value to those who look upon it as a reminder of what it looked like 130 years ago and why it is so important to the community of Markleeville that it looks the same to those who view it 130 years from now.

A great debate now rages in the community, as to whether this area should be left as it is today or changed into a subdivision and recreational spa so that vacationers can experience the quiet elegance of Markleeville. The problem is once the area is changed through the removal of over 50 percent of its natural environment, the haven of peace and quiet that they seek will be gone. Where cabins spring up once the Jeffery and Piñon pine grew, where pine duff covered the land, asphalt will replace it, plus the large population of individuals dwelling in the cabins, hotel and spa will trample the meadow, and the environment that they seek will no longer exist. The really sad thing is the environment that all of Markleeville treasures will be gone.

Now, Buddy and I know that many hope for an upsurge of commercial interest in the community of Markleeville.

The hope to see many more people roaming the streets, new shops dotting the community landscape, and they long for the hustle and bustle of larger communities, and what they long for may just come about.

Buddy and I are just an old man and his dog. We have reached an age that has seen change in many areas that remove what people first loved about the area.

We also are realists and know that development is a powerful drug when given in

doses of revenue and taxation that will be a siren call for change. It matters deeply to Buddy and me as we walk among the meadow grasses, see the Blue Dicks and Bachelor Buttons in bloom and listen to the call of the wild turkey and quail as they forage for seeds.

We will miss the sight of an occasional brown bear and coyote and in the winter following the tracks of the cottontails as they bound through the fresh snow, sometimes followed by a coyote or bobcat.

These sights will all vanish once the hillside and meadow become the home and playground of the large population expected to dwell in the cabins hotel and spa.

But then, Buddy and I will have our memories and we will be somewhere else where the meadows and forest are still pristine, walking and looking for the coyote, cottontail, field mouse, meadow grass, and wildflowers. The meadow that we walk today will no longer exist except in memory, and maybe that is as it should be.

They say change is good and they may be right. But, I wonder if that is just a statement of someone who has never walked in a meadow or someone who has never sat in the shade of a Jeffery pine or felt the cushioned softness of pine duff under their feet and listened to the call of a quail or the wind through the pines.

I wonder and Buddy wonders with me, although he sees only what is before him and maybe that is the best sight of all.

■ Dick Edwards is a Markleeville resident, who likes to go out for an occasional morning walk.

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66-year-old ready for Death Ride

by Kurt Hildebrand
Editor

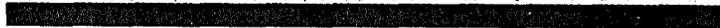
Larry Roach rode with Death Ride founder Wayne Martin back when the ride was still a dream.

At age 66, Roach has been riding bicycles for 35 years, but the Death Ride has not been at the top of his list.

"I rode with Wayne when he was one of the Klamath Wheelmen," Roach said from his Carson City home. "He was more of a hill climber than I am, so we rode mostly down here in the valley."

According to his Web site, Martin lives in Washington. He organized the first Death Ride when he was living in Markleeville in the early 1980s with 15 others. This is the 24th Death Ride, according to the Alpine County Chamber of Commerce.

It has been 15 years since Roach's only attempt at the Death Ride, which features 129 miles of riding and 16,000



DETAILS

What: Tour of the California Alps "Death Ride"

When: Saturday, beginning at 5:30 a.m.

Where: Start and finish at Turtle Rock Park, Highway 89 five miles north of Markleeville.

Info: (530) 694-2475

feet of climbing over five passes. A sixth optional pass at Blue Lakes Road has been added.

"Dr. (John) Coombs was doing it and he wanted someone to ride with," Roach said of the Carson City dentist. "We rode halfway up Ebbets Pass and that was the last I saw of him."

However, this year Roach has been in training for the Death Ride.

"My nephew has been after me for the last three or four years to ride the Death Ride with a group of his buddies."

Last weekend, he rode 107 miles and climbed four passes

in preparation for the event.

"I rode until I got tired of fighting the wind," he said.

Roach has also ridden in 200 kilometer races and four 100-mile races, most recently the Comstock Century a few weeks ago.

He has advice for anyone who wants to ride.

"You just get out there and work hard if you want to go out and compete," he said.

"Bicycling is fun, it's popular. Greg LeMond and Lance Armstrong have brought it to the U.S. Bicycling is excellent exercise and it allows you to stay in shape. It is great for your aerobic ability. I don't

know how many guys down at the fitness center have told me they wish they had my endurance."

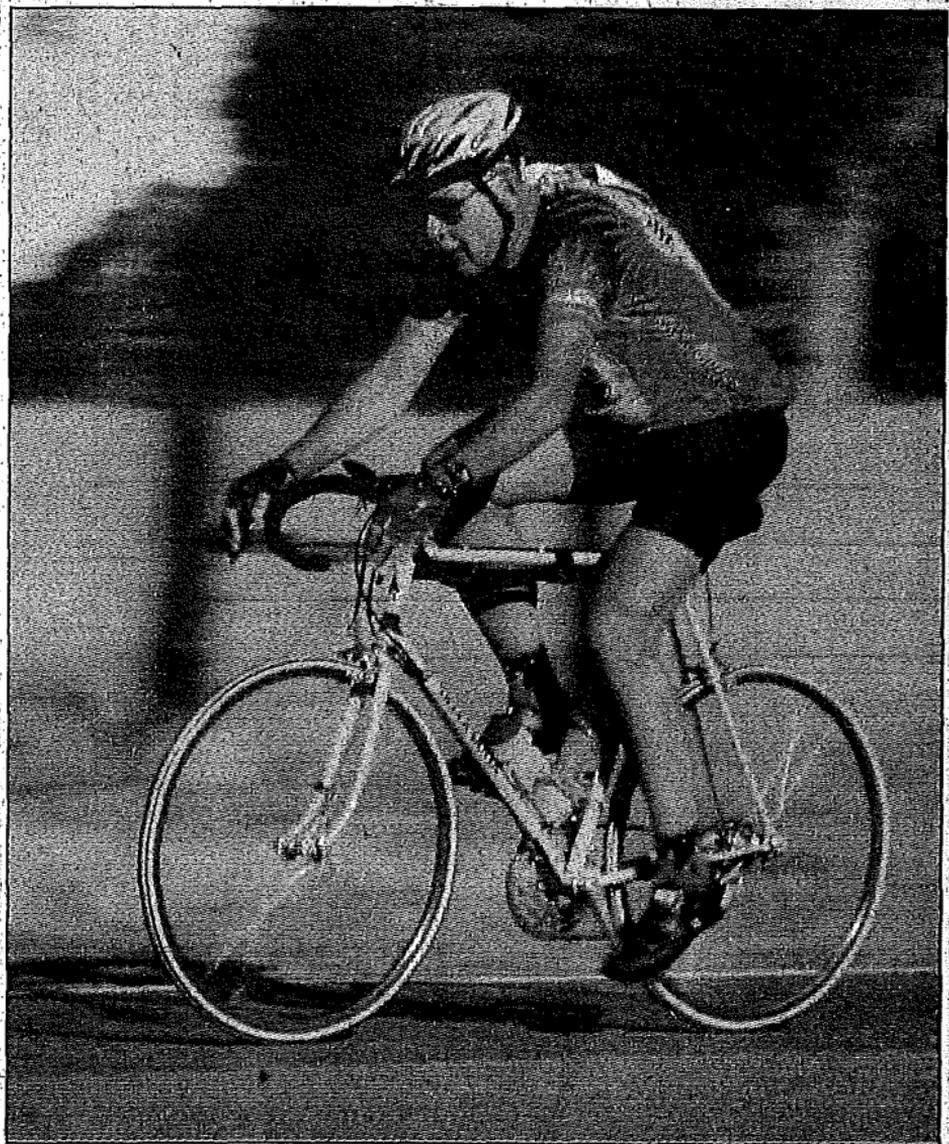
Bicycling is not limited to the Lance Armstrongs of the world either.

"Anybody can do it," he said. "You just have to put your mind to it."

Check-in for the Death Ride is 2-10 p.m. today at Turtle Rock Park in Alpine County. The park serves as both starting and finishing line for the ride.

Additional check-in will be taken 4 a.m., Saturday. The race has been sold out for some time, but no-show spots will be given away at 4:30 a.m., Saturday before the ride's 5:30 a.m. start time. Start times are staggered every half hour until the last group, single pass riders, leave between 7:30 and 8:30 a.m.

■ Kurt Hildebrand can be reached at khildebrand@recordcourier.com or 782-5121, ext. 215.



Submitted photo

Against the wind: Larry Roach rides in the Sierra Century in Plymouth, Calif., recently. Roach is riding in the Alpine County Death Ride Saturday.

Watershed coordinator sought

by Regina Purcell
Staff Writer

Alpine County is seeking its first watershed coordinator for the "headwaters of the California Alps" in Markleeville, Calif., who will work with various community groups to monitor and pro-

tect five rivers in the area. Applications are being taken until July 30. Funded through the California Department of Conservation Watershed grant program, the coordinator enhances watershed community capacity, develops and refines the watershed assessment plan,

implements watershed restoration activities, strengthens the already diverse stakeholder partnerships of the group, leads local education, and outreach activities, and helps to improve water quality in the Upper Carson, Upper American, Upper Stanislaus and

Upper Mokelumne watersheds. For more information, go online at www.alpinecounty-ca.com or call Dan Kaffer for more information at 883-2292. ■ Regina Purcell can be reached at rpurcell@recordcourier.com or (775) 782-5121, ext. 211.

Nominations being taken to celebrate women

by Sarah Meredith
Special to The R-C

On Saturday, July 31, at 11 a.m., there will be a luncheon at Turtle Rock Park sponsored by the Alpine County Women's Center to celebrate the women of Alpine County.

Lunch will be provided by the Women's Center and families are welcome. Also, through nominations by both residents and non-residents, women who live in Alpine County will be honored.

There are nomination forms available through the Women's Center, located in Markleeville, or at any of the drop boxes located throughout the county. Locations of the drop boxes are as follows: Bear Valley General Store, Kirkwood General Store/Post Office, Markleeville Library, Chamber of Commerce office in Markleeville, the store at Sierra Pines, and the Woodfords Indian Education Center at Hung-a-lel-ti.

Nominations can also be sent to or dropped off at the

DETAILS
What: Special Alpine women
Where: Turtle Rock Park
When: Saturday, July 31, lunch
Info: (530) 694-1853

Women's Center office, located at 14810 Highway 89/P.O. Box 36, Markleeville, 96120; fax number is (530) 694-2184.

Deadline for all nominations is Thursday, July 15. The Alpine County Women's Center is dedicated to improving the emotional, social, and economic condition of women and families in our community through programs and services that address domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, and basic needs. For more information please stop by our office Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., or call (530) 694-1853.

■ Sarah Meredith is an advocate for the Alpine County Women's Center.

Plenty to do at Alpine museum

Upcoming events for Alpine County Museum include:

■ Saturday, July 17, Northern Nevada Antique Power Club- EDGE and TA Branch 132 Featuring old antique gas engines - most will be running. On the Museum grounds 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Hot dogs provided by the Native Sons of the Golden West - Donations appreciated.

■ Saturday, August 7, Old Fashioned Barbecue at Turtle Rock Park. Come join us in celebrating the Alpine County Historical Society's 40th anniversary at an old time, fun-filled Barbecue prepared by the Native Son's of the Golden West, No-host bar, dancing, antique fashions, raffle, and games. Horseshoe tournament, bean bag toss, 3 legged and gunny sack race, watermelon seed spitting contest, pie eating contest and more.

On going museum exhibits:

Clothing featuring Bernice Dangberg's exquisite dresses and accessories
Updated Snowshoe

DETAILS
What: Alpine County Museum
Where: Markleeville, Calif.
Info: (530) 694-1237.

Thompson
40th Anniversary of the Alpine County Historical Society
Sheriff's - past and present
Stamp Mill - in progress

The museum store new additions include: Medallions: Old Webster School and Snowshoe Thompson cast in silver - \$4.95, New book titles include: Lake Tahoe; Land of the Sky, 101 Hikes in California, Children of the West, Day Hikes on the Pacific Crest Trail, Fly Fishing for the Complete Idiot, Kirkwood Cookbook (proceeds go to breast cancer) The Tahoe Rim Trail, Mountain Men, River Fairies, and Sierra Trout Fishing. Stuffed animals and Polo shirts with the Old Webster School on the back (white, gray or blue) are also available.

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On the road: Bike riders round a road during the 2002 Death Ride. More than

3,000 riders are expected for this year's ride on Saturday.

Death Ride Saturday

by **Teresa Burkhauser**
Special to The R-C

The 2004 Tour of the California Alps - Death Ride is Saturday, July 10 in Markleeville, Calif. More than 3,000 riders cover a challenging 129-mile course over five spectacular mountain passes. This year's event theme is "More in '04." A few surprises are in store for those brave riders who attempt this premier cycling event. The registration process for this year has been completed.

This event is co-sponsored by the Alpine County

Chamber of Commerce and the Alta Alpina Cycling Club.

The event organizers thank all of the returning and new sponsors that give so generously to make this event happen. Without the efforts of more than 700 valuable volunteers, this event wouldn't be possible. Proceeds from the ride contribute financial support to many community service organizations.

For additional information visit our Web site at deathride.com or e-mail the event coordinator Sandy Baenen at info@deathride.com.

Sheriff's log

well as a small quantity of marijuana.

June 24

■ A 19-year-old Columbia, Calif. man turned himself in at the sheriff's office. He was booked on charges of filing a false report.

June 24

■ Deputies responded to a report of a bear in a garage. Upon arrival, deputies were able to convince the bear to leave the residential area.

June 29

■ Deputies responded to reported shots fired in a residential area in Woodfords. An investigation is now under way regarding crimes of kidnapping, terrorist threats, assault with a deadly weapon, burglary and child endangerment.

June 21

■ A 19-year-old South Lake Tahoe man turned himself in at the Alpine County Sheriff's Office. He was booked on charges of possession of a dangerous weapon and driving on a suspended license.

■ After responding to a report of an intoxicated female, deputies cited a 53-year-old Placerville man for possession of open container in a vehicle.

June 22

■ Four teenagers from Chinó and Ontario Calif. were arrested for being minors in possession of alcohol. More than a case of Corona beer was seized as evidence as

Kirkwood condos set for approval

by Regina Purcell
Staff Writer

A development agreement at Kirkwood will be adopted early next month by Alpine County.

First reading of the ordinance, establishing the agreement, was set for Aug. 3, according to Barbara Jones, Alpine county clerk.

The Alpine County supervisors met Tuesday. County Planning Director Brian Peters said the 33 new Meadowstone Lodge condos, already under construction, will include specific units to be used for employee housing.

In other business, supervisors approved:

■ An interim contract for two months with Dr. Richard Harvey as the county's new public health officer. Harvey is a former resident of the area, who will be returning, according to Jones.

■ Purchase of a Fiscal Management Software Program not to exceed \$30,000 for Health and Human Services department. Jones said there was discussion on the role of the information technology employee.

■ County counsel services with Rollston, Henderson, Rasmussen and Crabb for county counsel services through June

30, 2005.

In the consent calendar, the following items were also approved:

■ Step increases for employees Jeff Bennett, deputy sheriff II, to Range 43B and a longevity step increase for Kim Skinner, account technician I, to Range.

■ Ratification of a cooperative agreement for acceptance of 2004 Rural Fire assistance grant funds.

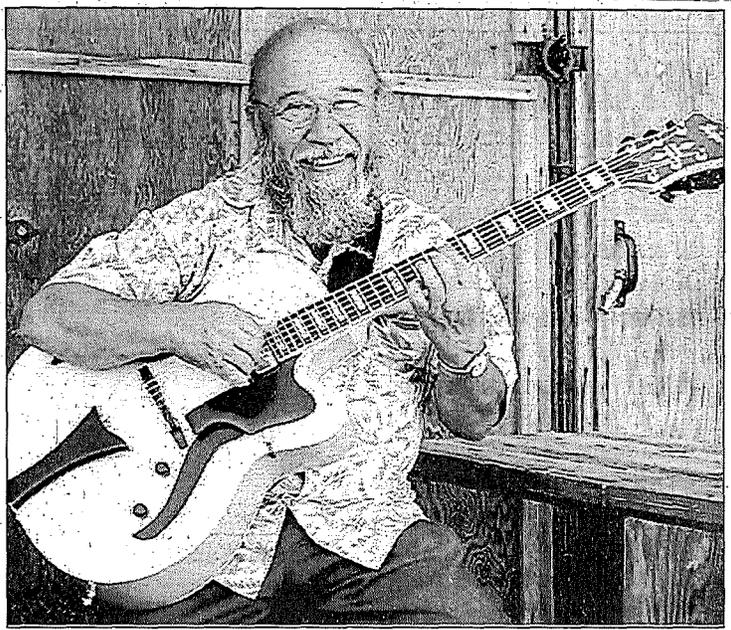
■ The Alpine County Plan and proposed budget for FY 2004-2005 Substance Abuse and Crime Prevention Act of 2000; and a request for Frank Jacobelli, LCSW, Lead Agency Clinical Coordinator to make corrections to the budget as necessary.

■ An amendment to the contract between Choices for Children and Alpine County for the administration of CalWORKs childcare services from

July 1, to June 30, 2006; and to amend the agreement education and prevention with a maximum amount of \$170,000.

■ Application for a victim witness grant.

■ Proposed rules, regulations and protocol of the Alpine County Sheriff's work program. The original code was repealed by the board for this new protocol.



Player George Hanepen performs Sunday at Villa Gigli.

Music, wine, art Sunday

Staff reports

DETAILS

George Hanepen and his magical guitar will make a final appearance at Villa Gigli's wine tasting and art display from three to five, Sunday afternoon, July 25. As summer has progressed, shadows have been falling less on the deck during afternoons, so the Mountain Music Series will be postponed until next spring.

Villa Gigli owner Ruggero Gigli guarantees, "There will be enough shade this Sunday for jazz aficionados to enjoy George's music and my focaccia."

What: George Hanepen
Where: Villa Gigli
When: 3-5 p.m., Sunday
Info: 694-2253

Hanepen will continue to play on Sundays at dinnertime when the shadows stretch over all of the tables.

Reservations are not needed for Sunday's wine tasting, but are requested for dinners. For further information, please phone Ruggero at 694-2253.

Alpine school board filing deadline Aug. 6

by Regina Purcell
Staff Writer

Candidates seeking for two seats in the Alpine County school board have until Aug. 6 to file for the general election this fall.

Incumbents Earl O'Neal, and Mary Wood, trustees from area A have both filed, according to Barbara Jones, Alpine County clerk after the period

DETAILS

What: Candidate filing
Deadline: 5 p.m., Friday, Aug. 6 at Alpine County Clerk
Info: 694-2281

opened July 12.

In March, during the primary election, the Alpine County Board of Supervisors

had no run-offs, Jones said. In supervisor district 2, incumbent Herman Zellmer did not run. His seat was won by retired sheriff Skip Veatch. In the vacant district 3, Phillip Bennett won the seat. In district 5, incumbent Chris Gansberg Jr. did not run, and the seat went to Gunther Kaiser.

Alpine County District Attorney Will Richmond also ran unopposed and keeps his

seat. Jones expects to receive the list of candidates for state offices within the next few weeks.

Voters in California have 14 ballot measures to decide. The next Alpine County page will detail those measures on July 30.

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ALPINE IN BRIEF

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Alpine Dems meet fourth Wednesdays

The Alpine County Democrats meet the fourth Wednesday of the month at M's Coffee Shop on Montgomery Street in Markleeville at 6:30 p.m.

Anyone interested in having dinner with the group meet at 5:30 p.m. All interested parties are invited. For more information, call Mary Walker at 694-1200.

Women's group meets monthly

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On Wednesday, July 21, at the Women's Center, they painted masks, having had so much fun painting masks in June they decided to do it again in July. Painting starts at 6 pm; masks, paint, and brushes were supplied.

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This year the Bear Valley Music Festival sponsored its first children's art contest to determine the 2004 children's T-shirt design. Youths of the bear Valley Music Festival stirred up their creative talents to design a subject involving bears, music, and/or the Bear Valley area, and entries poured in from talented young artists.

The winner this year is the "Bear with the Yellow Guitar" by Patrick Ryan Francis, age 13, from Sebastopol.

All contest entries are on display at Foothill Printing in Arnold and at the Bear Valley Music Festival during the festival. We thank all the participants, and look forward to another amazing set of artwork next year.

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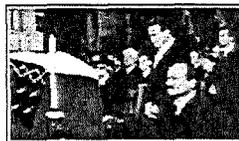
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Governor Schwarzenegger Appoints Richard K. Specchio Alpine County Superior Court Judge

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today announced the appointment of Richard K. Specchio as a judge of the Superior Court of Alpine County.

Specchio, 57, of South Lake Tahoe, has more than 27 years of criminal law practice experience. He has owned and operated a law firm in South Lake Tahoe for more than 20 years where he has handled primarily criminal and personal injury cases. Prior to starting the firm, Specchio served as deputy district attorney for El Dorado County from 1977 to 1980. Specchio's experience also includes two years as a law clerk in the El Dorado County District Attorney's Office.

Specchio is an active member of the community, serving on the boards of the Sierra Recovery Center, the Alpine County Historical Society and the Ski Run Development District. He is a member of the American Bar Association, the California Bar Association, and California Attorneys for Criminal Justice.

Specchio earned a Juris Doctorate from Western State University College of Law and a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Nevada, Reno. Specchio was elected in March 2004 to a six-year term on the Alpine County Superior Court to begin in January 2005. He was elected to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Harold F. Bradford. The Governor's appointment allows Specchio to immediately take his position on the bench. The compensation for this position is \$139,784. Specchio is registered decline-to-state.

Sheriff's log

July 9

■ In the Woodfords area, deputies stopped a vehicle that was driving on the wrong side of the road. The driver, a man of unknown age or residence, was arrested for driving under the influence.

July 13

■ Deputies responded to the Alpine County administration building, where an irate man was yelling at employees. Upon arrival, deputies were able to calm the man down. He then concluded his business with the

employees and apologized for his behavior.

July 14

■ Deputies stopped a vehicle for driving erratically. A 27-year-old Stateline man was arrested for possession of marijuana and possession of alcohol in a vehicle. A 24-year-old South Lake Tahoe woman was arrested for possession of marijuana.

July 16

■ Deputies investigated an animal cruelty case. Two dogs were found deceased, allegedly from violence. The investigation is still under way.

July 17

■ A vehicle was stopped for

driving recklessly. Another vehicle traveling with the first also stopped. Seven juveniles, ranging in age from 12 to 17 were detained. It was discovered that they were not legally in possession of the vehicles they were driving and the drivers did not have licenses. The case has been referred to the district attorney and to juvenile probation.

■ In the Kirkwood area, deputies responded to an unknown medical problem on a backcountry 4-wheel drive road. Investigation revealed that the victim had attempted suicide. The victim was transported to the hos-

pital and placed into the custody of mental health officials.

July 21

■ Deputies responded to the Woodfords area. A bear had broken into a car. The bear was gone before deputies arrived. State Fish and Game was notified of the situation with this bear, which has been in the area for some time now and does not seem to have any fear of people.

■ Deputies responded to the Woodfords area for a reported dispute between juveniles. The investigation revealed that the brandishing of a weapon allegedly took place. The case has been referred to the district attorney.

July 23

■ Deputies responded to Loope Canyon road in the Monitor Pass area. A road department worker had discovered a cow trapped in a cattle guard. Alpine County fire responded and used the Jaws of Life to free the cow, which was injured. Dispatch was able to contact the owner of the cow and advise them of what had occurred.

July 26

■ Deputies responded to the Woodfords area, where a vehicle had been abandoned blocking the entire travel lane. The vehicle was towed and a citation was issued for blocking a travel lane.

It was later discovered that the driver had been in route to court in Markleeville when the vehicle broke down. Not wanting to be late for court, the driver had abandoned the vehicle.

■ Deputies responded to a search and rescue call at the waterfalls near Grover Hot Springs. A woman had fallen onto some rocks. Rescuers hiked into the victim's location. A California Highway Patrol helicopter extracted the woman from the rocks. She was then transferred to the CareFlight helicopter and transported to the hospital with possible back and head injuries.

ALPINE IN BRIEF

Celebrate county women on Saturday

A ceremony celebrating Women of Alpine County will be on Saturday, July 31, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Turtle Rock Park with a complimentary lunch for all.

Through nominations one woman from each of the five communities in Alpine County: Bear Valley, Kirkwood/Hope Valley, Woodfords, Markdeeville, and Hung-a-lal-ti will be honored.

Nominations were open until July 15 for women living in Alpine County who have made a difference in the lives of many and who you think deserves to be honored for her dedication.

For more information call (530) 694-1853.

Historical society celebrates 40 years

The Alpine County Historical Society celebrates its 40th anniversary on Saturday, Aug. 7, starting at 3:30 p.m.

There will be an old-fashioned community barbecue at 5:30 p.m., horseshoe tournaments and games at the Alpine County Museum, at the top of the hills in Markleeville.

For more information, call 694-2317.

Alpine Dems meet fourth Wednesdays

The Alpine County Democrats meet the fourth Wednesday of the month at M's Coffee Shop on Montgomery Street in Markleeville at 6:30 p.m.

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Register before Aug. 6 for school board seat

Candidates seeking for two seats in the Alpine County school board have until Aug. 6 to file for the general election this fall.

Incumbents Earl O'Neal, and Mary Wood, trustees from area A have both filed, according to Barbara Jones, Alpine County clerk after the period opened July 12.

In March, during the primary election, the Alpine County Board of Supervisors had no run-offs, Jones said. In supervisor district 2, incumbent Herman Zellmer did not run. His seat was won by retired sheriff Skip Veatch. In the vacant district 3, Phillip Bennett won the seat. In district 5, incumbent Chris Gansberg Jr. did not run, and the seat went to Gunther Kaiser.

Alpine County District Attorney Will Richmond also ran unopposed and keeps his seat.

Jones expects to receive the list of candidates for state offices within the next few weeks.

Voters in California have 14 ballot measures to decide. The next Alpine County page will detail those measures on July 30.

Supervisors meet Tuesday

by Regina Purcell
Staff Writer

The ordinance allowing the Meadowstone Lodge Condominiums is up for adoption at the Alpine County supervisors meeting Tuesday.

The first reading was approved July 20 for the 33 new condos that are already under construction and include units for employee housing at Kirkwood.

In other business, supervisors will consider:

- Legislation proposed by Senator Barbara Boxer and the Wilderness Coalition.

- A presentation by U.S. Forest Service representatives regarding issues affecting Alpine County.

- Extension of a one-year contract with Lori G. London for public defender services.

- A request from William

Donahoe of the Too Much Fun Motorcycle Club, for use of county-owned property adjacent to the Alpine County Airport, Aug. 17-24.

- A report on Alpine County emergency medical services program.

- Contracts with Emergency Medical Services Coordinator for the East Slope Lynn Doyal and Emergency Medical Services Coordinator for the West Slope Kathy Snyder.

- Hiring Thomas Minder as deputy sheriff II at Range 43B/Step 1, effective Aug. 15.

- Approval of an e-mail system for \$7,400 requested by the sheriff's department.

- A policy authorizing rollover of unexpended funds in fire department and emergency medical services budgets.

- Comments on proposed amendments to the Upper

Mokelumne River Watershed Authority Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement.

On the consent agenda:

- A longevity step increase for Building Inspector Tony Creter.

- An annual step increase for Undersheriff Robert Levy.

- A resolution celebrating the 40-year anniversary of the Alpine County Historical Society.

- A resolution to apply for money under the Help America Vote Act.

- An agreement to manufacture a Markleeville Volunteer Fire Department Water Tender for \$206,00.

- Approval to request bids for the five-year Bear Valley packing and grooming and snow removal Contract.

■ Regina Purcell can be reached at rpurcell@recordcourier.com or (775) 782-5121, ext. 211.

Hazard impact input sought

by Chris Boyle

Special to The R-C

In the Alpine County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan, the county has identified eight natural hazards that might impact the county and its residents.

They are avalanche, dam failure, drought, earthquake, flood, landslide, severe storm, and wildland fire. What the questionnaire tries (and hopefully succeeds) to do is gather public comment on how to mitigate the impacts of those natural hazards before they occur. This public input will be included as part of the final

document.

Alpine County Planning Department is soliciting public input concerning natural hazards present in the county and possible ways to lessen the severity of any natural hazard that may impact the county in the future. If you are a citizen of Alpine County, your input as to how the county and its residents might best be prepared against natural hazards is needed.

Alpine County Planning Department is in the process of completing the Alpine County Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan. This plan identifies and

assesses natural hazard risks and potential mitigation strategies and programs. You are asked to provide comments and suggestions about any potential strategy or program that might mitigate the effects of a natural disaster in your particular neighborhood or the county overall. Suggestions should focus on pre-disaster planning and mitigation, not measures designed to be implemented during or after a natural hazard has occurred.

For a copy of the questionnaire visit the county Web site at www.alpinecountyca.com and look for the Alpine County Hazard Mitigation Survey.

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New organic farm discussed

by Regina Purcell
Staff Writer

The Alpine County Planning Commission met Thursday evening to discuss a proposed organic vegetable farm in the Mesa Vista area.

Robin Lynn Butler is requesting a conditional use permit for construction and operation of a commercial organic vegetable and wild-flower farm on 15,000 square

feet at 100 Topaz Place.

In other business David and Jean Den Berg are also requesting a conditional use permit for a private family cemetery.

The permit is for establishment, dedication, and eventual construction and operation the private cemetery on a 38.47-acre parcel of land at 155 Blue Camas Road in the Hope Valley area.

The family cemetery will be no larger than 70-feet by 70-

feet, with no more than 25 plots.

The commission meets on the last Thursday each month at Turtle Rock Park in Markleeville. The action taken at this month's meeting will be reported in the Aug. 6 newspaper.

The next planning commission meeting is at 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 26.

For more information, call the planning department at 694-1878.

Luncheon on aging Thursday

by Regina Purcell
Staff Writer

A luncheon hosted by Area 12 on Aging is at 10 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 5 and establishing a new senior center in Alpine County will be discussed.

Jim Clark, who heads the Alpine County seniors, said five county representatives from Area 12 will make a recommendation to provide \$6,000 for a new center. Seniors are hoping to have a space at the new Alpine Coun-

ty Learning Center in Woodfords.

Clark said they need a TV, kitchen items and furniture.

"It will all be brought up," Clark said.

The luncheon will be at the learning center.

Peggy Lee is executive director of the agency that serves Alpine, Mariposa, Amador, Calaveras, and Tuolumne counties.

The Agency on Aging serves 10,000 seniors and receives its funding from state and federal sources. It assists with trans-

portation, medical, nutrition, education, employment, personal and social services.

Started in 1987, the agency assists county residents over 60 and case management for disabled persons from 18 to 59-years-old.

The Alpine Department of Education purchased the \$1.2 million complex at 100 Foothill Road in Woodfords. The Learning Center is the former Mt. Sierra private school.

The Learning Center opened Jan. 3, and serves 30 children from 8 weeks to 4 years old.

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New district ranger in Amador

by Regina Purcell
Staff Writer

Jane LaBoa was selected to be the district ranger for the Amador District of the Eldorado National Forest. LaBoa took over the reins of district management on July 26.

"I am very pleased to have Jane as the district ranger at Amador," said Forest Supervisor John Berry. "Jane has a strong background in vegetation and recreation management. She has a proven track record of working well with local, state and federal agencies. I know Jane will be an asset to both the Eldorado National Forest and the Amador foothills communities."

Jane brings 33 years of experience to the position with 26 years working for the Forest Service. Starting her career on the Stanislaus National Forest in 1971 as a summer hire working in recreation and resources. She became in 1973 one of the first female foresters hired in California. In 1975, she moved to the Tahoe National Forest working in various aspects of the timber program; planning, silviculture, and sales preparation. After taking several years off to pursue a Master's degree in forest management, she landed on the Six Rivers National Forest in 1983 for five years as



Jane LaBoa

the assistant Forest Planner, coordinating all the resource information into the Forest Plan.

In 1995 she found her way back to the Tahoe National Forest as the Forest silviculture. She managed the reforestation, genetics, and pest management programs for the Tahoe until 1999. For two years during that time period, Jane served as the vegetation and forestry specialist on the California Spotted Owl Environmental Impact Statement interdisciplinary team working with a broad spectrum of scientists, agencies, and community leaders.

LaBoa left the Forest Service in 1999 for the Bureau of

Reclamation in Folsom as the resources division chief. In this position her area of responsibility included the multi-disciplinary resource staff at Folsom, the American River Water Education Center, and the field offices at New Melones Lake and Lake Berryessa.

With a busy and productive career, LaBoa still manages to find time for her favorite activities: traveling, gardening, and raising her two children which are now in college.

LaBoa describes her management style as collaborative and consensus based. She is not afraid to make a decision once she hears all sides.

"I consider myself a big-picture strategist, not a micro-manager" LaBoa said.

Expecting complete staff work and quality products from her employees she also believes work should be a fun place where we work hard and play hard.

"I have always considered this gorgeous area a hidden gem", said LaBoa. "With most of my previous experience in lower elevation, urban environments, I am looking forward to getting up into the mountains."

Markleeville business appeals design ruling

Staff Reports

A Markleeville business denied the use of brick in its facade will appeal a decision by the Design Review Historic Committee to the Alpine County Planning Commission.

The Soda Shop Building is

being built on the corner of Main and Montgomery streets in the Alpine County seat.

Property owner High Mountain Properties is appealing the historic committee's design ruling, according to a letter sent to residents from the planning department to town residents.

The Planning Commission will meet 6:30 p.m. Sept. 30 at Turtle Rock Park, 17300 Highway 89.

Written comments may be submitted prior to the meeting to the Planning Department, 17300 State Route 89, Markleeville, CA, 96120.

Planners should deny Alpine development

EDITOR:

It would seem to me that we are basically a nation of laws, some we agree with and some we don't. We now seem to be at a point where a developer, and the community, Markleeville, are at odds at every turn in the process. The question before this body is very interesting in that it pits the rights of the property owner against what would seem to be desires of the bulk of the community. This committee is being asked to provide each with an answer that even Solomon might find difficult to administer.

Historically, nations and individual leaders have made similar decisions based on

the rule of law and what they think is best for both parties in conflict. Sometimes a compromise can be reached; the problem with compromise, however, is that neither party will leave the table happy. Most times one side or the other will leave with the results they lobbied for and the other will go away mad and start a plan to change the decision through a higher body or the courts.

Today, this committee is faced with rather simple decision, allow the developers to do as they please with their land or follow the desires of the community. Simple yes, but it may be a path loaded with land mines in the future. I have been told that so long as an entity such as a developer does all that is asked of them by the governing boards, those boards must rule in their favor even though they may have pushed and bent the letter of the law to suit their particular situation. I would hope that there is more to the Democratic process than a simple desire to hide behind the letter of the law in an important decision that will affect the character, ambiance and future of the community of Markleeville.

It is imperative that this body and each higher authority ignore concerns regarding the possibility of future litigation and listen to the community. Although the applicant may have filled out all the paperwork correctly, this does not make your decision a simple one. The weight of your decision must rest with what is good for the community, the developer feel is good for the community. As members of this community it is your obligation to consider not only the legal aspects of the situation, but the impact on the community. It is not your duty to consider the feelings of the developer, whether they would or would not be in a position to lose capital if you deny their request. You must remember that they are here to recap and expand their investment, not to spend the rest of their life living here and looking at what they have brought upon the community.

Your decisions on the full scope of his project must be based on the following: did the developer follow the letter of the law or did they use it to subvert the law? Will what you decide here affect the future of Markleeville, and will it be for the good or the bad?

Lastly, it boils down a simple fact that when you have an impasse, you must consider your constituents and rule in the community's favor. You owe the applicant nothing. They have taken a gamble to purchase land and ask to develop it as they see fit. The key word is gamble. The community is not obligated to see that they reap a financial harvest from their gamble at the expense of that said community. The scale that you use to balance your decision must tip in favor of the community, not the special interests of a group with only profit as their goal.

Dick Edwards
Markleeville

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Obituaries

George Asay

Memorial

A special account has been set up to accept donations from those who have asked how to help finish projects that George Asay, who passed away Aug. 15, 2004, had started and would love to have completed. These include several projects in and around George's and his wife Sheri's home.

Donations of labor, services, advice, and/or materials in lieu of or in addition to monetary contributions to this memorial fund are also more than welcome. Two weekends have been set aside to complete these projects, September 11 and 12, and September 18 and 19.

The memorial account has been established at Greater Nevada Credit Union (GNCU), and donations to the fund can be made at any GNCU branch. Please make checks or money orders payable to GNCU Account No. 835916.

Please call Sue Parkhurst at 841-9757 if you would like more information about the memorial fund, or Sheri Asay at 265-3068 or 450-2657 to volunteer labor, materials, and/or advice for the projects.

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Vernita Bruns Springmeyer Smith

1908-2004

A memorial service is 1 p.m. Oct. 4 for Alpine County native Vernita Bruns Springmeyer Smith, who died Sept. 6, 2004, at her home in Los Angeles. She was 96.

Mrs. Smith was born May 24, 1908 in Fredericksburg to Fred and Eugenia May Bruns. Her



Smith

birth was attended by Dr. Eliza Cook, well known as one of the first female doctors in Nevada. She attended grammar school in

Fredericksburg, Douglas County High School, and graduated from the University of California, Berkeley, in 1929.

Mrs. Smith taught school in Dresslerville and Gardnerville. Among her former students are long-time Valley residents John Henningsen, Rhoda Chichester and Marcella Oxoby.

In 1934, she married Lloyd Springmeyer. The two raised

Angus cattle on their ranch in Dutch Valley in Alpine County until his death in 1959. She continued to run the ranch until her marriage to Ted Smith, an old college friend, in 1962.

She then moved to Los Angeles, and became an honorary partner in Ted Smith Aircraft Co., where her husband designed and manufactured small business planes including the Aero Commander and the Aerostar. Mr. Smith died in 1976.

In 2002, Vernita was honored for her 50 years of membership in PEO, a philanthropic organization for the education of women. She had been initiated into Chapter N in Carson City, Nevada, and later transferred to Chapter GT in Beverly Hills. She was one of the original members of Minden Fortnightly, and continued as an honorary member until her death.

Mrs. Smith is survived by her brother, Hubert Bruns of Fredericksburg; niece, Shirley Bruns of Sacramento; niece, Linda Bruns of Fredericksburg; nephew, Bruce Bruns, and Ida Glazier, of Dutch Valley. Also surviving is stepson, Ron Smith, of Santa Maria, California.

The service will be held at the Hubert Bruns home in which where Mrs. Smith was born, in Fredericksburg.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her honor to the charity of your choice.

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Kirkwood landmark celebrates 140 years

by Susan Wood
R-C News Service

To June Wood Somerville, the Wild West represents a tamer, simpler time at the Kirkwood Inn.

The landmark off Highway 88, which celebrates its 140th anniversary this month and had a party last weekend, brought the Jackson-area woman to her old digs to recognize the occasion.

Somerville, 78, should know. In 1936, more than 20 years before the highway was paved, the building was thought to be haunted. Nonetheless, she and other Girl Scouts visited the place during summers camping at Kirkwood Lake.

A decade later, she spent her honeymoon with her husband, Phil, tearing down a barn on the property.

"It was right over there," she said, pointing up the small hill behind the inn.

For 17 years, she worked at the inn — cooking, tending bar and cleaning the bedrooms upstairs which now resemble storage closets.



DAN THRIFT/R-C News Service

The old days: June Somerville reminisces about the Kirkwood Inn.

She caressed the walls like the building was her childhood home.

"A lot of this is the original wood," she said.

The Kirkwood Inn first served as the headquarters of a summer cattle ranch for Zachary Kirkwood, the patriarch of the Alpine-Amador county valley where he drove his cattle around Carson Spur. Kirkwood acquired three 160-acre parcels in 1860.

After watching it for so many years, Somerville drove cattle in 1996.

Now the region is known for backcountry activities and Alpine skiing at Kirkwood

Mountain resort, built in 1972.

"In my teens, I'd hike all this land. On the Mormon Emigrant Trail, we used to pick up hubs, wagon wheels and pottery," she said. In her time, ice caves could be found across the highway — which opened as the Amador Wagon Road in 1862.

People carved their initials in the trees behind the now-standing Kirkwood Nordic Center. Pit barbecues hosted many people behind the Inn — with one bringing out 1,500 guests, she said.

Somerville appears young for her age. But her eyes show a practical wisdom that comes with age and experience.

During an era of prohibition, workers would move the bar when they found out county authorities were coming out to check if liquor was being sold at the place. The Inn sits on three county lines — El Dorado, Alpine and Amador.

The mahogany bar, which was taken out of the Silver Lake Hotel and refurbished, became a watering hole for horse riders. It has since moved from one side of the room to the other.

"They used to ride them right through here," she said, walking through the kitchen. The post-office was one cubby-hole of the kitchen.

Plan seeks to unite Alpine firefighters

Staff Reports

Uniting the Markleeville and Woodfords fire departments under a single fire chief, who might be paid, was one of the key areas of a draft report accepted last week by an Alpine County committee developing a fire plan for the eastern portion of the county.

The Alpine County Ad-Hoc Committee to develop a master fire plan for eastern Alpine County met Aug. 19 to review the draft report for the first part of the study.

Committee members agreed to change the name of the plan to the Eastern Alpine County

Fire Services Plan, to better describe its purpose and avoid confusion with the Community Fire Plan.

Other areas of the draft report accepted by the committee include the need to establish better water supply for firefighting, and recruiting and keeping the volunteers who supply most of the personnel for both fire departments. The draft report is being revised and once the final report is accepted a request for proposals will sent out to prepare the final plan.

For more information contact the Alpine Fire Safe Council at 530-694-2289.

Sheriff's log

August 22

■ On Sunday deputies responded to a Markleeville area home. The resident reported that upon returning home, he found someone had shot a firearm into his house. An investigation is under way.

August 18

■ On Aug. 18 it was reported that a

bronze Pony Express plaque was stolen from the Hope Valley area. The plaque is valued at \$400.

August 15

■ On Aug. 15, an allied agency arrested a 54-year-old Kings Beach woman on an outstanding Alpine County Warrant. She was brought to Alpine County to face charges of possession of narcotics, sales of narcotics and transportation of narcotics.



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Hi everyone,

Attached are all the goings on with the Library. Also don't forget the Ebbetts Pass Historical Association is having a History Day on Sunday August 1st at 12:00 in the Music Festival Tent. Attached to this e-mail is a letter of introduction from the Ebbetts Pass Historical Association, please take the time to find out more about this group. On Saturday August 7th is the Bear Valley Friends of the Library Book Sale. This year the book sale will be one day only outside in front of the library from 10:00 am to 4:30. Please, if you can help set up or pick up, show up at the following times; August 7th at 9:00 am and August 7th at 4:30 pm. Please call me with your questions at 753-6219. Also attached is a flyer for a Family Movie Afternoon @ Your Library. The movie day is July 28th at 3:30 in the library. The movie featured is "The Jungle Book 2" rated G.

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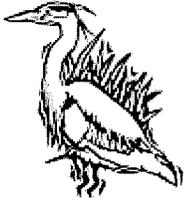
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E-Rate News for the Week of 07/19- 07/23/2004

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The SLD has added an option for Funding Year 2005 for online filing of the Apply Online area of the web site. This means that applicants can Form 470 for FY2005 online or on paper using the current form without additional language in Item 13 identifying the funding year.

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On July 22, the House Energy and Commerce Committee held the second of three hearings entitled "Problems with the E-rate Program: Waste, Fraud, and Concerns in the Wiring of Our Nation's Schools to the Internet." Unlike the first hearing, this one was not Webcast.

The hearing focused on two areas. The first was on the role of NEC and the City of San Francisco in fraudulently obtaining E-Rate funds on behalf of San Francisco Unified School District. The Committee was highly complimentary of the District's actions in uncovering the problem, but had little success with questioning NEC on the matter. A copy of the summary testimony of the City's investigator is an interesting reading and is available in the Bulletin section of the E-Rate Web site (see <http://www.e-ratecentral.com/FCC/SanFranciscoErateTestir>).

The SLD and FCC were questioned again by the Committee, both on the Sar problem and on program changes. On the latter subject, the FCC indicates number of recommendations have been made for consideration by the Comm meeting on August 4. The recommendations include:

- (1) Expanding the document retention requirements for applicants "to ma comprehensive paper trail;"
- (2) Modifying E-rate forms "to expand the required certifications" whic "help deter bad actors because their falsification is a federal crimir offense;"
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By Allen O. Pierleoni -- Bee Staff Writer
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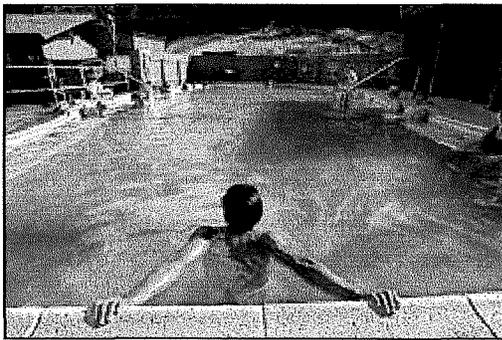
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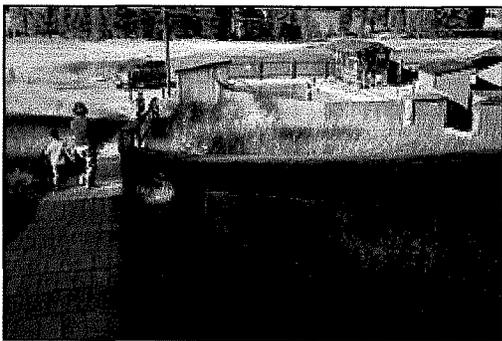
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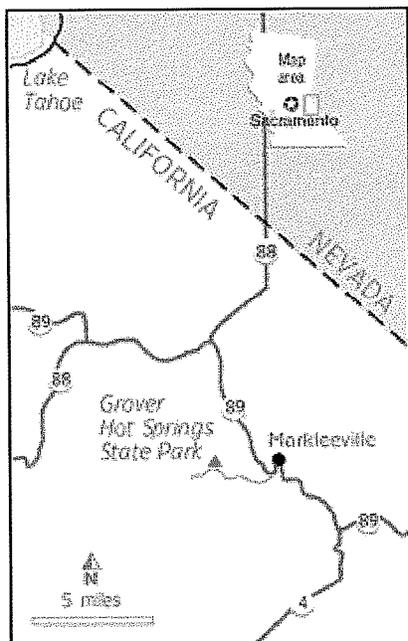
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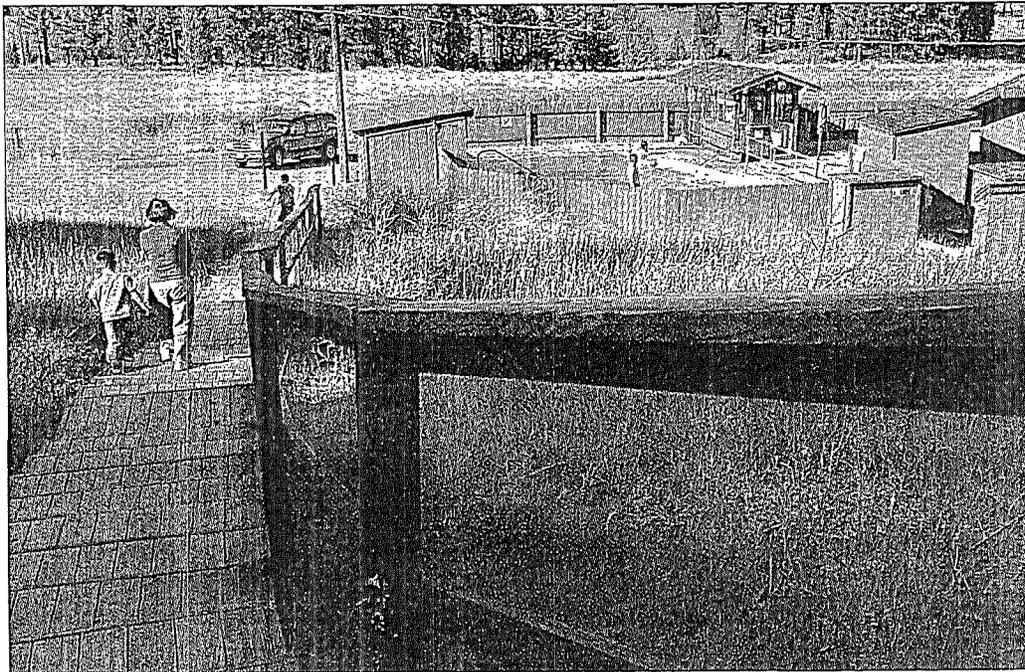
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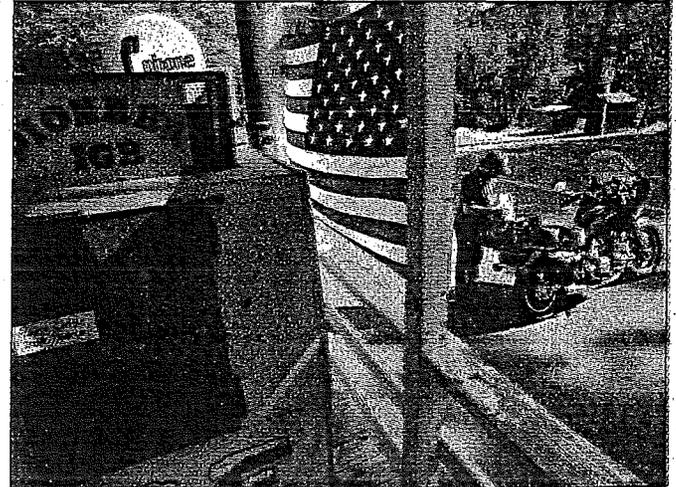
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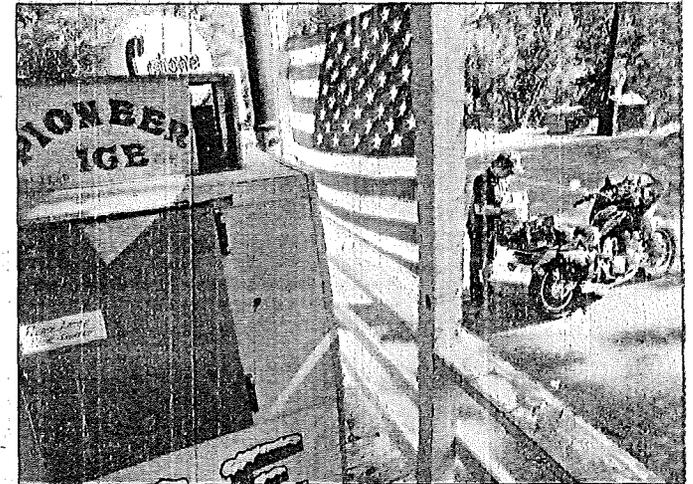
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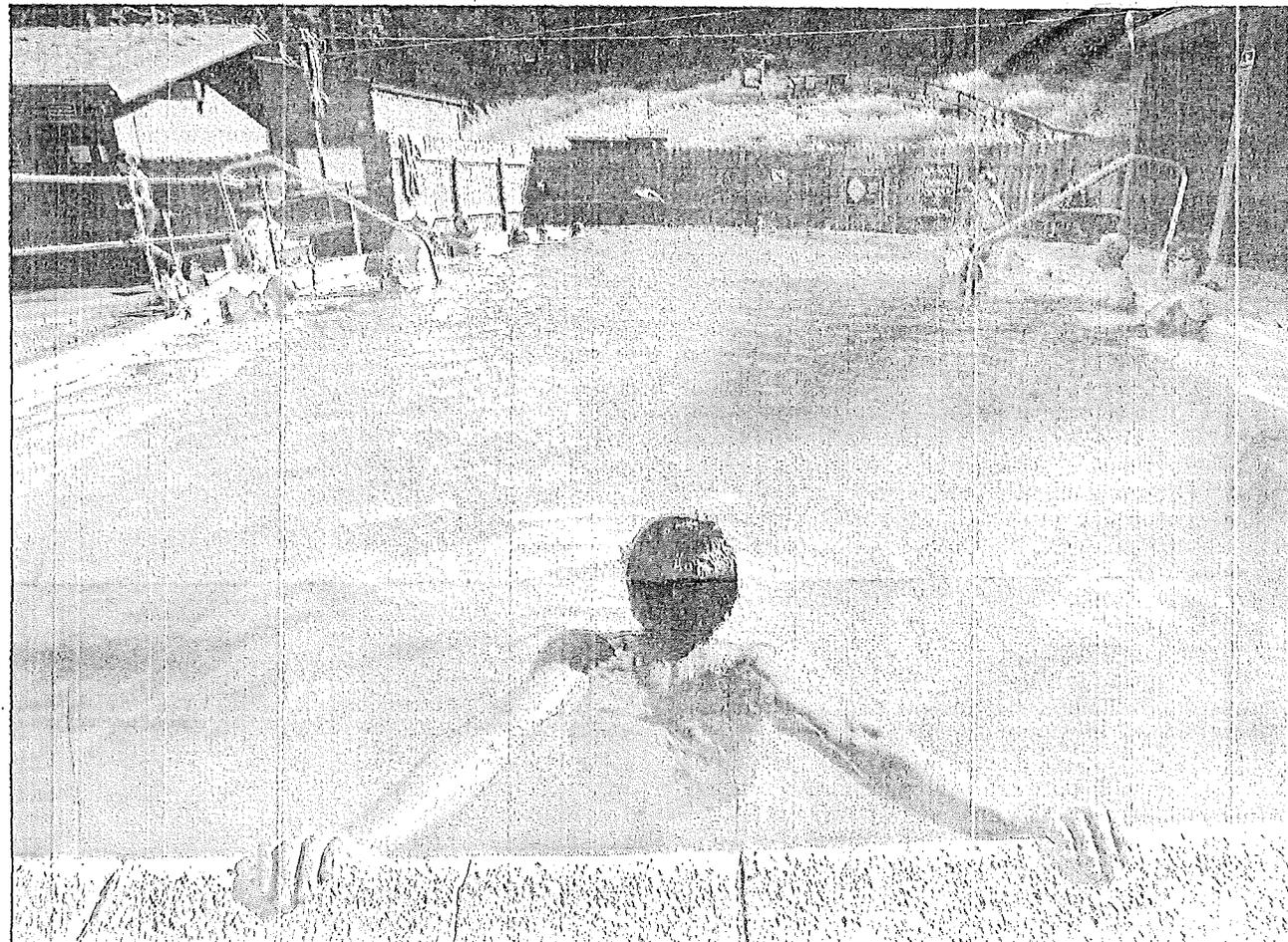
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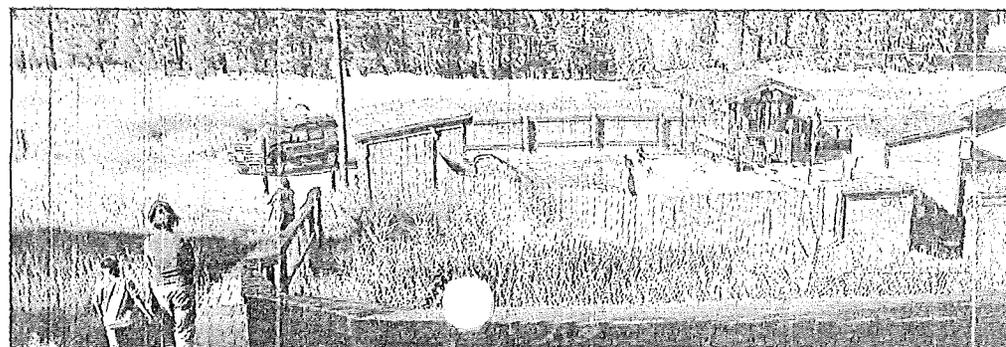
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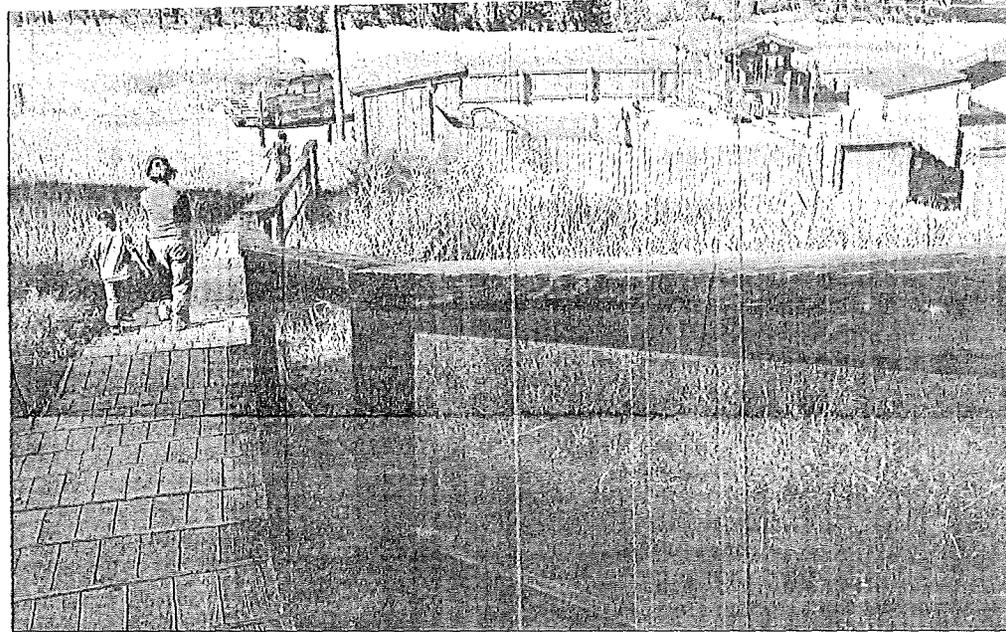
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California getaway: Markleeville's lures include hot springs

By Allen O. Pierleoni -- Bee Staff Writer - (*Published August 29, 2004*)

MARKLEEVILLE - Labor Day weekend is on the horizon once again, marking the traditional end of summer - but not just yet. Vacationers are still pouring into the Lake Tahoe Basin for boating and hiking adventures, along with adventures of a different kind inside the casinos, showrooms and restaurants.

Of course, side trips are a big part of adventuring - in this case, to such destinations as historic Virginia City; the Ponderosa Ranch in Incline Village, completing its final season after 37 years; Vikingsholm on the shores of Emerald Bay; and the Tallac Historic Site (aka Valhalla) near Camp Richardson, 74 acres of quiet woods that is the site of the old Tallac Resort Hotel and three private summer estates built in the late 1800s and early 1900s.

There's another side trip worth a drive as well - the town of Markleeville, southeast of Lake Tahoe off Highway 88 near an area of the Sierra known as the California Alps.

Markleeville is the seat of California's least-populated county, Alpine (only 1,100 souls), settled in 1861 by Jacob J. Marklee.

When we visited a few years ago, a tipsy vendor was selling grilled beef ribs and corn on the cob along the main street. Crowds of people gathered at corners to munch lunch and drink beer. Rock 'n' roll poured out of the storied Cutthroat Saloon, whose ceiling was festooned with brassieres donated by women inspired by too many shots of tequila and cheered on by the rowdy bikers who hung out there.

On a recent visit, we discovered the Cutthroat has been transformed into the well-mannered Wolf Creek Restaurant and Cutthroat Bar next door to the refurbished Creekside Lodge. Missing was the old jukebox, along with George Thorogood and the Destroyers' raucous "Bad to the Bone," the saloon's old theme song. Replacing it was a Bob Dylan tape playing quietly in the background: "Take me disappearin' through the smoke rings of my mind / Down the foggy ruins of time ... "

The motorcycles parked out front were not the "Easy Rider"-type choppers of days gone by but Harley-Davidsons in the \$10,000 to \$20,000 range, parked neatly and legally out front.

We sat at the bar and examined a lunch menu that included crab cakes and escargot - snails in the mountains! - on the "pub grub" list, alongside chicken wings and jalapeño poppers. Clearly, the tone of the town had changed.

After some reminiscing and a couple of beers, we visited Markleeville's two other main attractions. One is the Alpine County Museum, just down the street and up a hill, and Grover Hot Springs State Park, a curvy drive outside of town.

The museum is a fascinating place, filled with odd artifacts and period clothing from the days of the Washoe Indians, through the pioneer and silver-mining years and into the early part of the 20th century. It's a showcase of local history.

Next to the museum are an old iron jailhouse and a wooden schoolhouse. The jail is a grim place, small and dark and hot as hell, filled now with antique saws and other farm tools.

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Diamond Valley School observes Patriots' Day

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A School Shows Its Patriotism on 9/11

Jennifer Slice grade 8
Diamond Valley School

On a late summer's afternoon, Diamond Valley School, students and its staff planted a tree in memory of the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001. It's a tragic day people want to forget, but are forced to remember.

Although I wish that our country could have been brought together without the attacks, I don't think that our coming together would have happened without the attacks. The attacks brought our school closer together and brought Inyo County closer together.

Kansas Clark grade 5
Diamond Valley School

Once on Sept. 11, 2001, Osama Bin Laden planned a terrorist attack that we didn't know about.

He planned to fly a plane into the World Trade Center. We didn't know this would hit us here. It hurts in our hearts. The planes crashed into the two towers, killing many loved ones and passengers on the planes. From this day forward we will never forget what happened on Sept. 11.

Terrorists are why our troops



are over in Iraq right now. For Sept. 11, 2003, Diamond Valley School planted a flowering crab

tree in remembrance of all the people that died doing their jobs.

Gift of life: In the photo above, students planted a crab tree honoring the victims of 9/11. Sub

Diamond Valley School student named Little Miss Washoe

Little Miss Washoe 2003/2004, KaLynn Larisa Payne, is very proud and honored to be representing the Washoe people.

KaLynn is in the fourth grade at Diamond Valley School in Alpine County where she was chosen Student of the Month in September 2003 for her outstanding academic achievements.

She is the youngest daughter of Marilyn and Raymond Payne Sr. Her maternal grandparents are Edgar Hutchy and the late Caroline George-tierrez and paternal grandparents are Hazel Payne and the late Judge Frank Payne.

During her reign, KaLynn will attend various functions and pow-wows, performing traditional and wai dances.

Because of her love for animals, large and small, her current goal is to become a veterinarian.



Heritage:
KaLynn Larisa Payne is pictured at left with traditional baskets and in traditional dress.

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Woman's center offers help, sexual assault intervention

Staff reports

The Alpine County Women's Center has been offering sexual assault intervention and prevention services since 1999. Crisis counseling, long-term individual counseling, 24-hour toll free crisis line (888-750-6444), advocacy and accompaniment through the medical and legal process, as well as resource and referral are some of the services provided by the Women's Center located in Markleeville.

Since 1999, the Women's Center has provided crisis intervention to 32 victims of sexual assault in Alpine County, 24 of those victims have come back for ongoing services, including advocacy and accompaniment. Also, there is a group for adults who were sexually assaulted as children that meet at the South

Lake Tahoe Women's Center, four Alpine County residents have attended this group at least once.

If you would like to learn more about the facts of sexual assault or how you can help, or if you would like to talk to an advocate, please call the Women's Center at (530) 694-1853 or (888) 750-6444, or stop by the office located at 14810 Highway 89 in Markleeville.

The Alpine County Women's Center is dedicated to improving the emotional, social, and economic condition of women and families in our community through programs and services that address domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, and basic needs.

Myth: Women "cry" rape.

Fact: Reported rapes that are

unfounded equal about 2% of all reported rapes - the same percentage for other crimes, such as car theft.

Myth: Sexual assault doesn't happen very often or to "regular" people.

Fact: About 1 out of 3 girls and 1 out of 6 boys will be sexually assaulted by age 18, and every three minutes a woman is raped in the U.S. Thousands of cases go unreported.

Myth: The rapist is a stranger to the victim.

Fact: Approximately 68% of all sexual assault victims know the person who assaulted them.

Myth: Men rape because they need sex and cannot control themselves.

Fact: Rape is a crime of violence used to exert power and control, not sexual satisfaction.

Artists gather in Markleeville

Staff report

Once a year, in October, artists who live in or near the town of Markleeville on the eastern slope of the Sierra Nevada, open their doors for the Markleeville Artists Autumn Open Studios.

On Oct. 9 and 10, visitors may follow a map from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. to view oil paintings, watercolors, etchings, masks, drawings, sculptures, pottery, jewelry, stained glass pieces, fabric arts, and

baskets. Alpine County is California's least populated county, and with signs posted at the two entrances to Markleeville claiming a count of 165 residents, it becomes evident that such a large proportion of artists living in the tiny town of Markleeville must be attributed to the scenic and peaceful setting of mountain peaks, pine trees, green pastures and tumbling creeks.

After signing in and picking up maps at the Alpine County Chamber of Commerce on the

south side of Markleeville, visitors will be able to locate the studios by the sign and balloons posted at each home studio.

Markleeville Artists Autumn Open Studios is free to the public because the artists are eager not only to share the inner workings of their studios, but also to share the outer display of aspens ablaze with autumn colors. For more information, e-mail info@vil-lagigli.com or phone Gina Gigli at 530-694-2253.

Sheriff's log

■ On Aug. 24 a 33 year-old Gardnerville man was contacted in the Woodfords area by officers checking on his welfare. It was determined that he was intoxicated and he was arrested for DUI.

■ On Aug. 25 an 18 year-old Gardnerville man turned himself in at the Sheriff's Office. He was arrested for DUI, Child Endangerment and

False Registration.

■ On Aug. 30 a 20 year-old Chino, CA man was arrested for possession of marijuana and possession of alcohol in a vehicle.

■ On Sept. 2 in the Woodfords area, a 36-year-old Markleeville man was arrested for driving while his license was suspended and disobeying a court order.

■ On Sept. 2 two juvenile runaways were arrested in the Woodfords area. They were

turned over to Juvenile Probation to be returned to their guardians.

■ On Sept. 5 a Kirkwood resident reported two mountain bikes valued at \$2,500 had been stolen from a parking garage where they had been locked up.

■ On Sept. 7 the Sheriff's office received a report of spools of electrical wire, valued at \$1,700 being stolen from a construction site in the Kirkwood area.

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http://www.venturacountystar.com/vcs/county_news/article/0,1375,VCS_226_3173069,00.htmlA tiny county plans for terrorism

Per-person funding high despite a low risk of attack

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MARKLEEVILLE—Perhaps the least likely place in California for a terrorist attack is Alpine County, population 1,209.

Yet even in this mountain county just south of Lake Tahoe, where cows outnumber people and the jail is a single cell for the occasional law-breaking "knucklehead," the scar of 9/11 is visible, though faint.

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Thoughts of terrorism creep in when strangers come to town or a patrolling police officer gets a report of unusual tire tracks around a shed. And there's an Alpine County Terrorism Council, a neighborly group made up of four volunteer fire chiefs, a part-time health officer and the area's two top cops.

The council meets once a month over coffee to figure out how to spend federal homeland security money they hope will bulk up the county's meager defenses against a potential terrorist attack.

It's an idea almost too difficult to imagine in this bucolic Mayberry in the mountains.

A feel-safe community

People here feel safe. They leave their windows open and doors unlocked. They stock up for long winter months when the mountains are packed with snow. Everyone knows everyone and others come quickly to the rescue if your car breaks down or you need a ride somewhere.

"Could it happen here? I guess, if the terrorists wanted to target a ski resort or a campground or a lake," said Cindy Hannah, director of Alpine's 14-person health and human services department.

Yet Alpine, the smallest of California's 58 counties, receives considerably more funding per person than Ventura County or even Los Angeles—one of the nation's three most likely targets, terrorism experts say.

In 2003, Alpine County received \$43.59 per person—~~or~~ \$52,712 total—in homeland security grants. That's 8 times the \$5.44 per person Los Angeles County received last year and 19 times the \$2.30 per person awarded to Ventura County.

The federal dollars are helping to patch a tattered nationwide network of first responders—the police, firefighters and other emergency crews who are called first to the scenes of disasters. But recent congressional reports have questioned whether small cities and rural states are getting too much of the pie at the expense of larger cities that are more likely targets for terrorists.

Alpine's Assistant Sheriff Rob Levy defends the flow of money into his county, saying no need—and no town—is too small. He

thinks counties such as Alpine could use more homeland security dollars with fewer strings.

'We're still the front line'

"As small as our (number of first responders) are here, we're still the front line in providing services to the public," said Levy, whose 11-officer department operates on a \$1.2 million yearly budget.

"Do I need a chemical sniffer? No. Do I need a radiological accounting device? No. The tough part for us as a small rural county is we just need the basics—fire equipment, ambulances, good fire houses."

But the grants are too small and the federal restrictions too tight to make those kinds of purchases. Instead, Alpine's Terrorism Council has spent \$172 on megaphones to shout out instructions during a disaster, \$15,000 on Internet access for county computers and a T1 line for broadband capability.

They also spent \$8,000 of bioterrorism money on satellite phones for key county officials. Alpine's cell phone service is limited to a single 3-foot space near a road sign.

They don't have the money or need to buy the bomb robots and infrared cameras for helicopters like Los Angeles and other big cities. Instead, Alpine has dug up and dusted off its old civil defense sirens from the 1950s, which will be used to warn people in case of a terrorist attack. They hope to use some homeland security money to buy a few new sirens at \$3,000 apiece. Levy is the quintessential small-town protector of the peace. He's the ham radio specialist who has pieced together the sheriff's communication system. He patrols the back roads and volunteers as a firefighter.

He's also a financial magician for the department, cobbling together homeland security and other "nickel-and-dime" grants so he can buy big-ticket items that will actually benefit the county. That's how he pulled together enough money for a new emergency response vehicle.

On a recent day, Levy took a break from rifle-cleaning class at a campground dining hall to show off the biggest purchase Alpine County has made since 9/11.

The \$137,000 truck has as many uses as a Swiss Army knife. Pull a panel here and out pops a trio of metal cutters. Push a button there and up goes a tree of flood lamps with enough wattage to illuminate an entire neighborhood in the middle of the night. A water hose and oxygen tanks and decontamination gear are also onboard.

"My feeling is taxpayers should get the biggest bang for their money. We should be buying things that have dual use.

"This," he said, patting the green and silver truck with pride, "isn't going to just sit in a warehouse and collect dust for 15 years."

The shiny vehicle, with less than 500 miles on the odometer, is parked next to a 1968 firetruck that is still in use. The best Levy can say about the ancient and battered red truck is: "It still pumps water."

The new truck will be used for car accidents and wildfires, floods and earthquakes—the litany of California disasters.

The odds are much higher for a natural disaster than a terrorist striking within the forests of Ponderosa pines, or even living there furtively hatching horrific plans, Levy said. Although 26 dams straddle the icy rivers that thread the county and eventually feed

into the agriculture belt of the state, no one really worries about terrorists sabotaging these headwaters.

"I think we'd notice right away if somebody's driving a truckload of something up to a dam," Levy said. "Up here, somebody's going to say, 'Hey what are you doing?' because we're so small."

Instead, Alpine's Terrorism Council is planning for the fear factor that will drive hundreds if not thousands of city dwellers to remote towns in the event of an urban terrorist attack.

Of the 1,200 people living in Alpine County, 800 are full-time residents. On winter weekends, the population can swell to 12,000 with skiers flocking to popular resorts.

If smallpox was let loose on San Francisco, or a dirty bomb set off in Sacramento, people would run for the hills of Alpine County, to their ski condos in Kirkwood and Bear Valley or campgrounds in Woodfords or Markleeville.

But in these hills, there are no services, no hospitals, not even a clinic to treat the injured or exposed.

"People from the city can come up here but we don't have any way to feed them," said Christina Isaacs, who splits her time between Alpine and Mono managing each county's bioterrorism programs.

"We don't have any way to care for them medically. You can't buy gas in this county if you don't have a credit card."

In that event, signs may be posted at the county borders along highways saying "No services available. You're on your own."

Alpine has just 11 deputies, a single Highway Patrol officer, and four volunteer fire departments, including one that gets 170 calls a

year. The county does not have a hospital or a 24-hour urgent care clinic, making it ineligible for one of the biggest terrorism grants—a federal Health Resources and Services Administration program for hospitals and clinics.

While Ventura, Los Angeles and other counties are stockpiling antibiotics purchased through those grants, Alpine officials are wondering where they would store such a supply, even if they could acquire one.

"We don't have any way to rotate the stockpile of pharmaceuticals," Hannah said. "The state says use your pharmacy. We don't have a pharmacy."

A lonely patrol

After 13 years in Ventura County, California Highway Patrol Officer Sherry Reehl traded the increasing bustle of Highway 101 for one of the more coveted beats in the state—a 200-mile winding stretch of mostly two-lane roads called Beat 100.

"That's where I prefer to work. There's places to go and things to see," Reehl, 43, said of the isolated but scenic route traversing three mountain passes in Alpine County.

"Just look at my office," she said as she crested the summit of Carson Pass during a recent shift. Out her left window, a few hundred feet below the highway, was Caples Lake, where a lone canoe floated in the still green water.

Some days, the radio is so quiet she wonders if it's broken.

For eight years, Reehl has traveled these highways, investigating motorcycle crashes in the summer and pulling stranded motorists out of snowbanks in the winter. Most of the time, she's the only

officer on patrol and backup is at least 20 minutes away in South Lake Tahoe.

Reehl has a hard time imagining terrorists striking here, but in the wake of Sept. 11, she can't comfortably dismiss the possibility.

"I think that's true of any American these days," she said. "You see something out of place and you think of terrorism now. It's always there."

She takes a closer look at cars parked on roadsides for more than a few days. She drives around a road maintenance compound where tire tracks were spotted near a shed storing explosives for avalanche control. The tracks probably wouldn't have been reported to the CHP three years ago.

And Reehl—like all other state Highway Patrol officers—must go on tactical alert whenever Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge raises the national terror level from yellow to orange. When that happens, Reehl's shift lengthens from eight to 12 hours.

"We're just stretching ourselves a little thinner," she said. "We don't have anything here."

Bears, not terror

People who live in this remote, peaceful hamlet along the spine of the Sierra Nevada range don't worry much about the possibility of terror. Markleeville, the county seat, has a main street three blocks long. The village green is a bar with cable TV.

Residents drive 20 minutes over the state line to Nevada to buy the necessities: food, gas, bottled water, snow shovels, clothes. Acres of ranches with grazing horses make up the neighborhoods.

Bessie Platten, the county's head librarian, moved here four years ago from Phoenix and doesn't miss the accoutrements of big-city life—24-hour mini-marts, shopping malls, traffic.

The extra money for homeland security is nice, but Platten suspects the county wouldn't miss it either.

She worries more about a bear that broke into her house recently than the seesawing colors of the nation's terror alert system. She couldn't even say what the colors mean.

"Markleeville is a small town ... nobody knows about us," she said. "As a small-town resident, I think it's going to happen in a big city, not here."

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Gold medal winner: 'Winter Comes to Alpine County' was a winner at the California State Fair.

Alpine County wins gold at California state fair

Staff Reports

Tiny Alpine County was one of only a dozen in California to receive first place ribbons at this year's 2004 California State Fair.

"Winter Comes To Alpine County" was the theme for the exhibit this year. Organizers focused on the many outdoor recreational opportunities our county has to offer in the winter months. Bill Caldwell designed and built the booth and Kathy Caldwell, Jeana Snyder and

Teresa Burkhauser decorated the booth.

Alpine County residents Jeff Brees, Ruth Ann Edwards, Sherman Glettig, Josh Kelly, and Rich and Pat Weigel all contributed to the construction of the exhibit in some way.

Organizers thanked the county's board of supervisors and administration, the chamber of commerce directors and staff, the Alpine Children's Center and Home Visitor Program, the Alpine County Museum, Alpine County Public Works, Bear Val-

ley Ski Resort, California State Parks, Carson River Resort, Kirkwood Mountain Resort and the U.S. Forest Service for their help.

The California State Fair was Aug. 19 through Sept. 5 in Sacramento.

According to the state fair's Web site, www.bigfun.org, California is the only state in which counties compete by entering exhibits in the fair. The competition was introduced in the 1870s to allow counties a showcase.

Alpine poison

Associated Press

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said, as it is too late to appeal the regional decision to the California State Water Quality Control Board this year.

The poison, rotenone, must be applied when the water is relatively warm to be most effective, which limits its application to early autumn at the roughly 8,500-foot elevation of Silver King Creek.

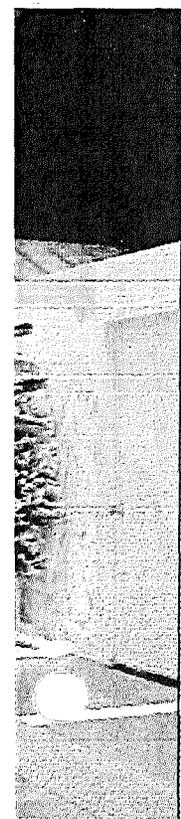
"We've pretty much missed our window this year," Foy said. "You really have a short window of opportunity each year."

The department wants to eliminate nonnative fish from an 11-mile stretch below Llewellyn Falls and reintro-

duce native Paiute cutthroat trout. Wildlife managers hope the move would eventually end the trout's listing as a threatened species.

The trout evolved into a separate species after it was cut off from other waterways about 5,000 years ago, though populations have since been transplanted into four other Sierra Nevada waterways.

The department already had purchased food for 30 people to spend four days in the Carson-Iceberg Wilderness along with enough rotenone and a neutralizing chemical to poison 11 miles of the creek that flows into the Carson River.



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the state fair's website at calstatefair.org, Calstate in which you can register by entering your zip code. The competition is held in the afternoon and a show-

Alpine County wins a rare victory in fish poisoning

A rare event occurred on Sept. 8, tiny Alpine County actually won one in its perpetual struggle to determine its own future.

Alpine is large in area, 776 square miles, but small in population, about 1,200 people. It is located in eastern California and spans the Sierra crest. About 96 percent of the county is in government ownership, much of that in designated wilderness.

As a result, the county is frequently buffeted about by various agencies such as the U.S. Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the California Department of Fish and Game, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and assorted interest groups such as environmental organizations, all of which claim to know what is best for Alpine, its environment and its residents.

This time it was the California Department of Fish and Game which wants to eliminate non-native fish from about 11 miles of Silver King Creek in the Carson-Iceberg Wilderness by discharging rotenone pesticide formulations and potassium permanganate detoxifying agent. This poison application would kill all the fish in that stretch of stream and also in nearby Tamarack Lake. They then plan to reintroduce native Paiute cutthroat trout into the area.

According to Banky Curtis, Regional Manager for California Department of Fish and Game, the proposal is being driven by the Endangered Species Act. But others claim it is truly being driven by Cal Trout and other avid anglers seeking a unique angling opportunity for a rare trout in its native range.

At the Alpine County Board of Supervisors meeting Sept. 7 where Curtis made a presentation on the proposal, a member of the public

Guest opinion

responded, "We have made mistakes."

The proposed project has been through the public review process both with the California Department of Fish and Game and at the U.S. Forest Service. Many letters and comments were received opposing the proposal as well as many supporting it. Although Alpine County was mysteriously not on the mailing lists for either California Department of Fish and Game or the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board (both agencies apologized to the Alpine County Board of Supervisors for the omissions), County officials learned about the proposal anyway. Both the Alpine County Fish and Game Commission and the Alpine County Board of Supervisors wrote letters opposing the proposal. A member of the Alpine County Fish and Game Commission stated that "The California Department of Fish and Game never pays any attention to us. They never even respond to our letters or comments."

Both the California Department of Fish and Game and the U.S. Forest Service have given their approval to the proposal and it was expected that the Lahontan board would do likewise.

The Lahontan board met on Sept. 8 to consider whether to issue a permit for the project. Alpine County, which had only learned of the scheduled Public Hearing the day before, sent Supervisor

pointed out that it was actually California Department of Fish and Game that introduced rainbow trout into the area in the 1940s which resulted in the cross-breeding problem. Curtis

Donald Jardine and County Counsel Dennis Crabb to represent Alpine's position. Jardine said that they sat front row center and that the agencies all sat in the back row.

Crabb commented on Alpine's concerns which included that notifications were not made timely; that Alpine was not included in either California Department of Fish and Game or Lahontan mailing lists; that the hearing was being held on Wednesday, Sept. 8 with poison application to begin on Monday, Sept. 13 giving insufficient time for appeal; the economic impacts on Alpine because of lost fishing opportunity; the uncertainty of how many poison applications would actually be required; and the unknown effects on macroinvertebrates. He also said that actual results are not certain and that Alpine has a philosophic objection to polluting the waters of California.

In the end, the six-person Lahontan board agreed 6-0 to take no action, that is, to not issue a discharge permit. Without the permit, the poisoning cannot go forward. Their concerns focused on the short interval between the hearing and the proposed application, the need to inventory the macroinvertebrate population in the area, concern with such activity in the Wilderness, and Alpine being left out of the loop.

It is uncertain what will happen next on this issue, but for now it is refreshing to learn of this modern version of David and Goliath.

■ Nancy Thornburgh is a 45-year resident of Markleeville; co-founder, Assistant Editor at one time, and frequent contributor to the "Alpine Enterprise," the now defunct newspaper of Alpine County; and a staunch supporter of participatory democracy and open government.

New doctor arrives in Alpine

by Kurt Hildebrand
Editor

Alpine County's new public health officer hangs out his shingle on Oct. 1 to serve the residents of California's least populated county.

Dr. Richard Harvey has returned after 16 years away from Alpine County and is looking forward to meeting county residents.

He worked at Carson-Tahoe Hospital for 10 years and was one of the first physicians at the Gardnerville urgent care center when it was in the Stratton Center.

The public health officer's position is part-time and Harvey works three days a week. Two of those days he sees people with health problems and deals with the county's health issues.

"I invite all members of the community to come in for health screening," he said. "As a typical health officer, we're concerned about West Nile Virus, which is now quite prevalent in California. We also have plague in Alpine County and hantavirus, which are both spread by rodent vectors. I work in conjunction with the vector control monitors."

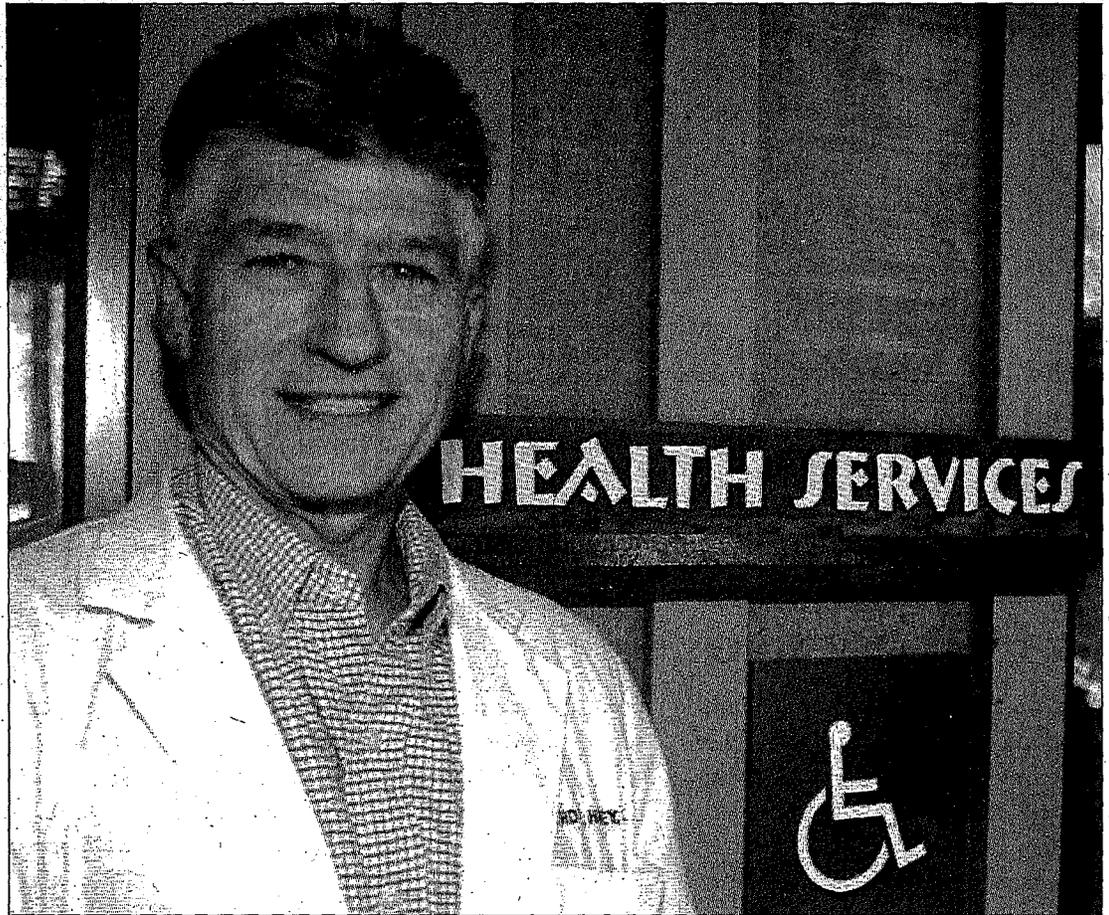
The third day he works with Mono County on the state's bioterrorism initiative.

The 60-year-old Californian grew up in the Bay area and received his undergraduate degree from the University of California, Berkeley. He attended medical school at the University of Southern California and worked in Oakland.

After leaving the Sierra's east slope in 1988 he and his wife of 27 years, Kate, moved to Vermont, where he worked as an academic emergency room physician at the University of Vermont.

Having lived in Vermont, Harvey has no worries about the Markleeville winter.

"This is a huge improvement



JESSICA COMBOS/The R-C

Health Services: Dr. Richard Harvey in front of his office on Wednesday.

DETAILS

Alpine County Health Department is located at 75-B Diamond Valley Road, Markleeville.
Phone: 800-292-2156

from Vermont," he said. "The sun shines here. In Vermont we would go for a long time without seeing the sun. Both my wife and I like to cross-country ski. We're real happy to be here."

It has been a few months since the last time there has been a health officer in Alpine County and Harvey has been spending these days before he officially begins doing some preparation.

"I've been playing catch-up," he said. "There were 200 e-mails on the machine that need-

ed to be screened and read. There are lots of different requirements to this position. It runs from dealing with water contamination, new subdivisions may have health concerns, the spread of communicable diseases all the way to prevention and monitoring cholesterol."

Harvey said he looks forward to a quieter practice after working as an emergency room doctor.

"I've always wanted to be a country doctor," he said. "I've practiced emergency medicine and it can be hard on you. The hours are long and irregular. I finally decided to spend more time with folks and this job allows me to do just that. I can get into people's health care in-depth. I can see them back as often as they need and hopefully really make a difference in

the level of their health care."

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ELDERS DAY



Learning: Sarah Gonzales and Clara Ellis enjoy lunch at Diamond Valley School on Grandparents/Elders Day, Sept. 14, in Woodfords.

Planners to visit project site

Staff reports

Alpine County planning commissioners will make a site visit to the location of the Markleeville Village/Mahalee Lodge project at their Sept. 30 meeting.

The visit will take place at 4:30 p.m. and will convene in front of the Alpine County Chamber of Commerce/Visitor Center located at Webster

Street. Planning commissioners will then reconvene for their regular meeting at 7 p.m. at Turtle Rock Park, 17300 Highway 89.

The lodge project is proposed by High Mountain Properties, owned by Carson Valley businessman Thomas Abdo.

The development is expected to include a 40-room lodge with spa, restaurant, and a commercial development.

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Volunteers Margaret and Dennis Daniels were omitted from an arti-

cle about the California State Fair appearing in the Sept. 17 edition of The Record-Courier. The couple helped operate the county's award-winning booth.

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Alpine County

Color bursts forth

Hope Valley aspens begin to turn heralding the return of fall to the Sierra

by Jeff Munson
R-C News Service

Crisp mornings — right when the sun rises above the horizon as the gentle gray of dawn is replaced by a crystal blue sky — is the best time to see the palate of fall color at Hope Valley.

Throughout the Carson Pass area, south of Lake Tahoe, are some of the most vivid stretches of high-country, quaking aspen in all of California.

Alpine County historians say Hope Valley was probably first seen by John Fremont and Kit Carson during their midwinter trip across the Sierra in 1844, but it was members of the Mormon Battalion, returning from the Mexican War of 1946-47 who named the valley in 1848.

During the massive migration to California that began with



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Lit up: Motorists can revel as autumn colors begin to light up Hope Valley.

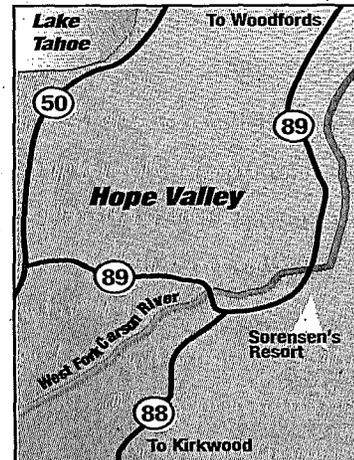
the 1849 Gold Rush, the valley's tall grass was important, offering plentiful forage for cattle and horses for emigrants using the Carson River route of the Emigrant Trail.

From the late 19th century through the 1970s, Hope Valley continued to be used by Carson Valley ranchers for summer pasture.

Threatened with development in the 1980s, a coalition of Alpine County citizens and vis-

itors successfully lobbied California to purchase much of the undeveloped land in Hope Valley, forever protecting one of the largest Alpine meadows in the Sierra Nevada for future public use.

During the winter months, Hope Valley is a popular cross country ski and snowmobile area, while fishing, hiking, camping and cycling are popular activities the rest of the year.



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Schwarzenegger authorizes Sierra Conservancy bill

by David Bunker
R-C News Service

The Sierra Nevada has a conservancy.

The quest for finances, staffing and a headquarters will follow, but on Thursday morning California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger authorized the funding agency for the 400-mile mountain range by signing the landmark legislation on the banks of the Bear River outside of Colfax.

The bill will create California's ninth — and largest — conservancy, spanning 22 counties and covering 25 million acres of land.

"With this bill, we issue our declaration that our children and grandchildren will see and enjoy the same Sierra Nevada that we value today," said Schwarzenegger, who made the conservancy a priority throughout his campaign and

his time in office.

For assemblymen authors Tim Leslie (R- Tahoe City) and John Laird (D- Santa Cruz), who flanked Gov. Schwarzenegger on the signing platform, the bill marked the successful conclusion of a bipartisan approach to conservation.

The compromise included a bigger emphasis on local control of the agency and the abandonment of any land-owning rights for the conservancy.

"I thought that the local governance amendment was important to send the signal to local government that this is a good thing," said Laird. "...I think the important thing is getting off the ground in a unified way."

Leslie said that the unified beginning to the conservation effort bodes well for its future in the Sierra Nevada.

Democrats host concert Sunday

Staff reports

Democrats in Alpine County are hosting a free concert on Sunday, featuring politically swayed music by Doodoo

Wah.

The event features a pot luck from noon until 2 p.m. performance starts at 2 p.m. at the Learning Center, 100 Foothill Rd. Woodfords.

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New ownership brings change

By Susan Wood
R-C News Service

MARKLEEVILLE — Tucked inside tiny crevices, an interior construction crew remodeling the old Cutthroat Saloon have made what amounts to archeological discoveries.

A Duke's Cameo cigarette pack from 1886, a 1903 Sacramento Bee, square nails, 2-foot-wide boards and, strangely enough, five layers of wallpaper.

But gone are the hundreds of bras that covered the ceiling of a bar known to attract motorcycle riders.

In July, Minden investor and builder Tom Abdoo bought the Markleeville landmark — built in Silver City in 1864 as the Fisk Hotel and relocated to the Alpine County seat as the Hot Springs Hotel. Mario and Marilyn Generelli sold the bar and restaurant for about \$340,000, the Alpine County Assessor's Office reported.

His crew of 15 workers — including bartender Ronnee Duncker — have been on the fast track of getting the new Wolf Creek Bar & Restaurant prepared to open by the end of the month. A sign with the Cutthroat name will mark the

landmark.

The \$500,000 job hasn't been easy.

Workers gutted the 2,500-square-foot floor, installing bathrooms compliant with the American Disabilities Act. This included tearing up six layers of formica and adding accents.

An antique mantle was set up at the bar, which was remodeled with a rosewood finish. Barn wood brought in from Montana line the walls of the restaurant, estimated to seat 80 people.

"We're trying to keep the historical feel of the building," said Ken Smith, Abdoo's assistant, who once ran the Edible Earth restaurant in Gardnerville.

A mix of small-square tile and hard wood will cover the bar floor where the old jukebox remains. The hardwood will continue into the restaurant with carpet on half the floor.

Two defunct pot-belly stoves remain for show, and two working gas fireplaces flank the restaurant behind the bar. This is where chef Patrick Henry will cook breakfast, lunch and dinner. A patio in back of the building will host barbecues, and the restaurant may book live entertainment.

Abdoo hopes to employ

about 30 people.

The Generellis leased the restaurant when they owned it.

"We want to make the place more family-oriented. We feel that's where the business is. My wife and I used to come down to this area all the time and go to Grover Hot Springs to get away," Abdoo said.

"(Mario) appealed to bikers. That worked for him. I'm not sure it worked well for the community. But right or wrong, it was just a perception problem."

Abdoo said it was "simple math" that piqued his interest in the rebuilding challenge. More than 650,000 people drive through the area each year, according to state figures.

"We've had absolute support from the community with the exception of a few people who are resistant to change," Abdoo said.

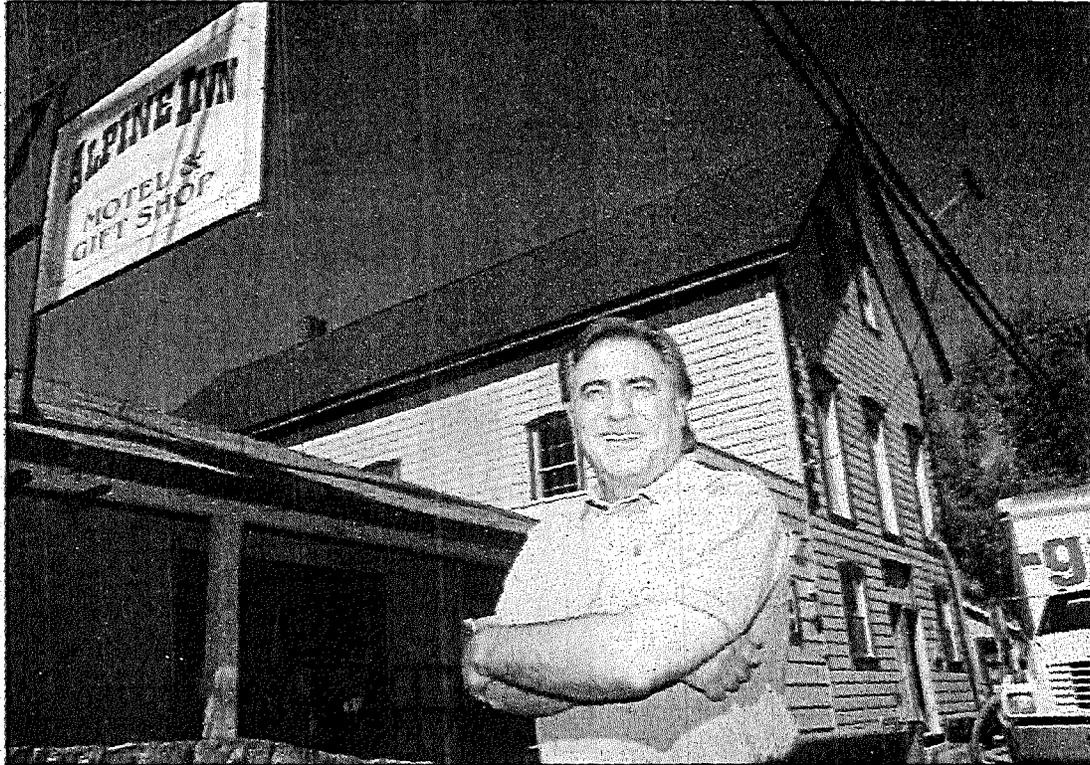
Upstairs, seven rooms once used in the Hot Springs Hotel are not habitable as living spaces, according to the Alpine County Building Department. But Abdoo wants to rent them out to artists, who may, in turn, show their work downstairs.

That might not be all that's presented for show.

Abdoo is toying with the idea of hanging historical pictures, setting up a memorabilia showcase and hosting events

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ges for Markleeville landmark



Jim Grant/R-C News Service

New look: The Wolf Creek Bar & Restaurant's new owner Tom Abdo is remodeling the former Cutthroat Saloon in Markleeville, Calif.

to either auction the bras or burn them during a ceremony.

Many people have drifted into the bar out of curiosity. Abdo recalled one woman who was angry she couldn't find the bra she said she hanged from the ceiling.

Such is the color of the building's past.

Alpine County Museum Director Dick Edwards remembers the heyday of the

oldest building in town. He wants to maintain the name of the hotel operated from the second floor.

It's the bar's notorious reputation for attracting parties that Edwards thinks the town could do without.

"People were afraid to park here. I'm happy (Abdo's) doing something there. I would just like to see the name stay the same," he said.

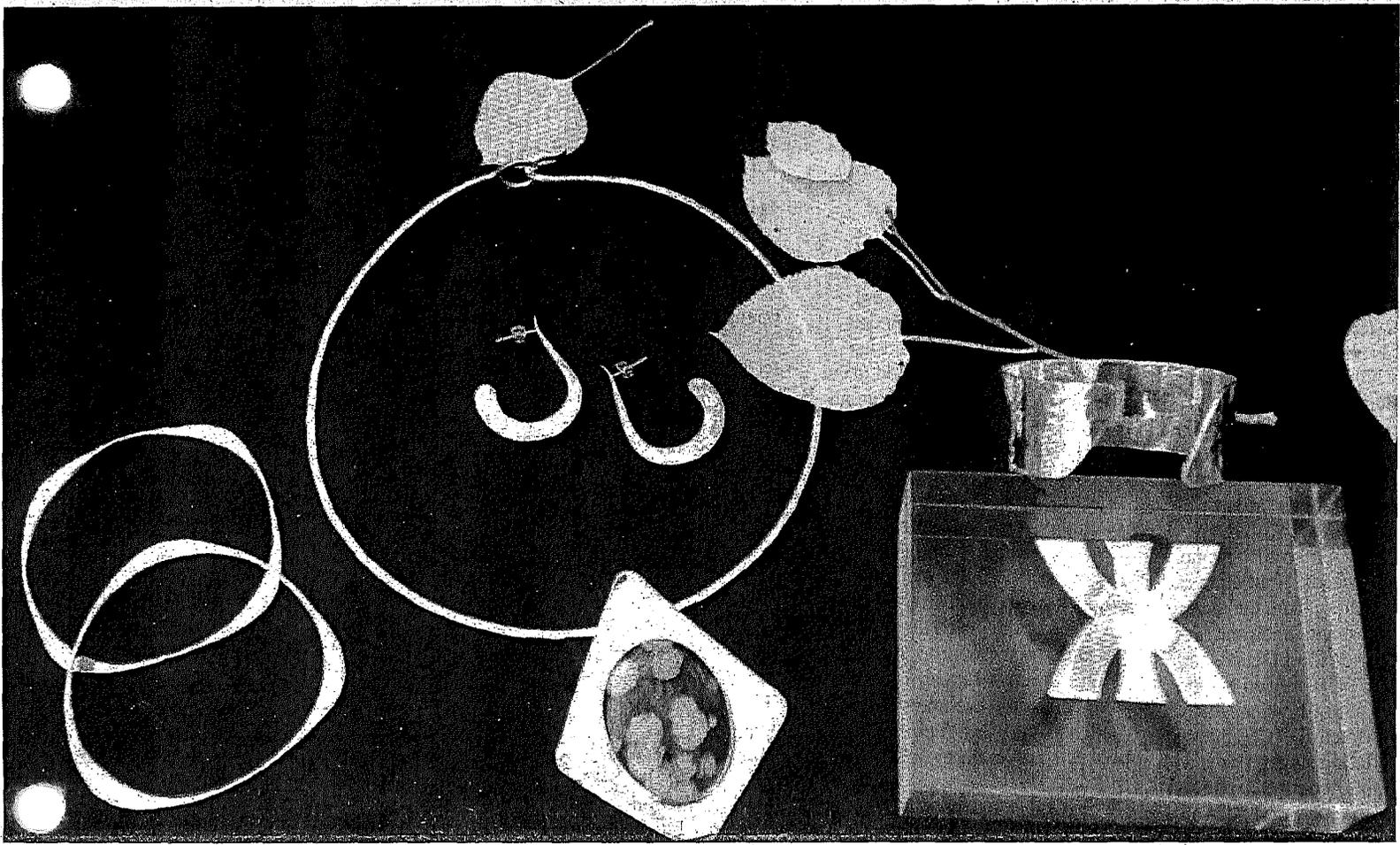
The name changed from the Hot Springs Hotel in 1900 to the Alpine House, which gave way to the Alpine Hotel.

Abdo also plans to open the Alpine Inn building next door and rename it the Creekside Lodge in two months.

He bought the businesses for about \$155,000 in June.

"This place is going to change," he said of the corner.

Autumn Open Studios art tour comes to Markleeville



SHANNON LITZ/The R-

Handmade jewelry: Kathy Caldwell makes gold and silver jewelry. The artist's work will be on exhibit at the Autumn Open Studios art Tour set for Saturday and Sunday in downtown Markleeville.

Alpine artists open studios to the public this weekend

by **Shannon Litz**
Staff Writer

Autumn leaves and colorful fabrics, pottery, paintings and photographs by a variety of artists will be the backdrop for this year's Markleeville Open Studios Tour, which takes place Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The leaves have begun to change and the public is invited to take a drive through Markleeville and visit seven artists' studios to see over a dozen types of work created by a variety of artists in the area.

Kaye Jobst will display her beadwork, gourds and pine needle baskets at this year's event.

She said she joined the tour because it was successful last year and fun for the artists, as well as, the visitors.

"There are lots of very, very talented people up here," Jobst said.

Topiaries and garden art will be featured at the studio of Jeff and Jan Brees and Kathy Caldwell will display her hand-crafted gold and silver jewelry.

Each artist will bring something different to the mix in this year's open studio tour. A couple of new artists have joined with the

group who opened their studios last year.

Scenic photographer Todd Branscombe said he joined the tour this year because his mom, Jobst, participated in last year's event.

"It's kind of a neat deal," he said.

Peter Chope and Sandra Baenen paint with watercolors. They each have their own style with the common theme of Alpine County in their art.

"It's very exciting to show your work, share your work," Chope said.

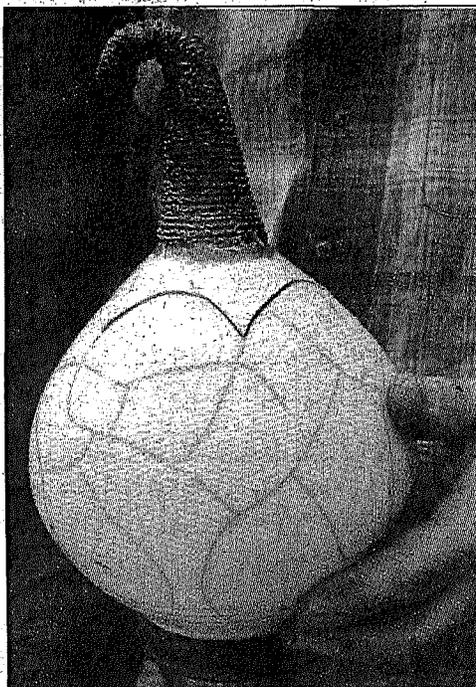
Gina Gigli will show her papiermache and etchings at the restaurant Villa Gigli that she owns with her husband, Ruggero. Artists on this year's tour will have their handmade wares for sale in their studios.

"It brings in a lot of business, it's fun and it's challenging to produce new work," Chope said.

Paintings, photographs, jewelry and a variety of other artistic works along with the studios where they are created will be open to the public next weekend.

Maps of the tour are available at the Chamber of Commerce office in Markleeville.

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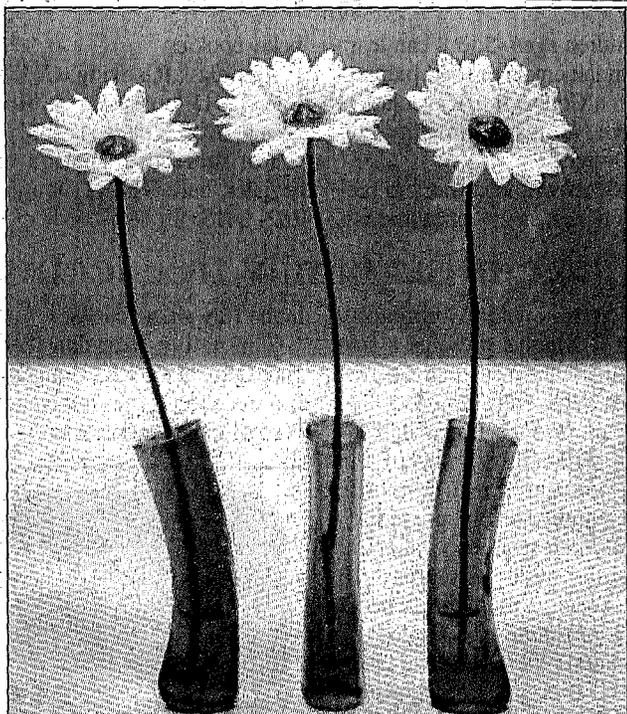


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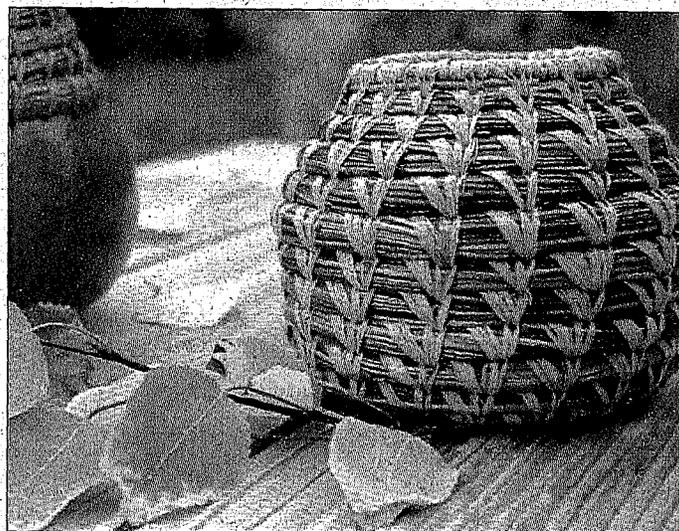
Pottery: Mark and Carolyn Vaughn make Raku Pottery. Their many pieces of fancy and delicate pottery will be displayed at the Markleeville Artists' Autumn Open Studios art tour Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The art tour is an excellent opportunity to enjoy the fall colors in nature and meet talented local artists in their studios. The tour is free.

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For information about the tour, call (530) 694-2253 or visit the Web site www.charlesmuench.com.



Creative: This photograph, taken by Jennifer Vaughn, will be on exhibit at the art tour.



SHANNON LITZ/The R-C
Creative: Alpine artist Kaye Jobst made these baskets that will be on display in Markleeville this weekend.



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Alpine Artists: These artists will have their work on display at the Markleeville Artists Autumn Open Studios tour this weekend. Standing, Charles Muench, Peter Chope, Kaye Jobst and Todd Branscombe. Front row, Gina Gigli, Mark Vaughn, Carolyn Vaughn, Kathy Caldwell, Sandra Baenen and Ellen Martin.

Alpine County

Time-share project still on hold

by Jo Rafferty
Staff writer

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- Addressing floor limitations on buildings within the combined zone

Currently, restrictions such as height are evaluated on a case-by-case basis, said Peters.

"Understand, there's a sense of urgency because we have pending projects out there," said Peters to the board members. "If there's concern that there may be a 45-foot-high building as part of that project — the county has the power to limit that project."

Peters told the board he didn't think a review would involve a change to the Alpine County general plan.

Board members agreed that although there should be a review of the ordinance, it should be done as quickly as possible.

The Planning Commission will meet again at 6 p.m. Oct. 28 in the county building at Turtle Rock Park.

Drug use expert to present workshop

Staff reports

Babies born to mothers who abuse drugs or alcohol during pregnancy may pay a high price for their mother's abuse. Children exposed to drugs and alcohol before birth are at greater risk for delayed development, small birth weight, mental retardation and serious health problems throughout their lives.

Dr. Ira Chasnoff, a leading researcher in the field of maternal drug use during pregnancy, will present a workshop "A Community Crisis: Perinatal Substance Abuse" in Alpine County this fall. Chasnoff will address the problem of perinatal substance abuse and offer successful strategies to respond to the crisis in our communities. The day long event will include

information on how to identify pregnant women at risk for substance abuse and integrating systems of care for high risk women.

Chasnoff is president of the Children's Research Triangle and a professor of Clinical Pediatrics at the University of Illinois College of Medicine in Chicago.

Concerned Advocates for Perinatal Related Issues of the Sierra is bringing Chasnoff to the Alpine Learning Center on Nov. 5.

The cost of the workshop is \$25 until Oct. 15 and \$35 after the 15. Lunch is included in the registration fee. For more information please contact Rebecca Wheeler at the Alpine County Health and Human Services Department at (530) 694-2146.

Sheriff's log

■ On Sept. 8, a 44-year-old Davis, Calif., woman turned herself in to the Alpine County Sheriff's Office. She was arrested on a charge of vehicular manslaughter.

■ On Sept. 10, the Alpine County Narcotics Enforcement Team assisted another agency in locating and eradicating a large marijuana grow.

■ On Sept. 15, Deputies assisted a homeless family who were illegally camping on private property. They were given clothing and a food voucher and made their way to another area where they could receive housing assistance.

■ On Sept. 16, in the Hope Valley area, a 36-year-old Carson City man was arrested for driving without a license.

■ On Sept. 18, in the Markleeville area, deputies respond-

ed to a reported domestic violence at an area campground. A 39-year-old Carson City woman was arrested for domestic battery. A 37-year-old Reno man was arrested for domestic battery, carrying a concealed weapon and driving under the influence.

■ On Sept. 20, deputies made a traffic stop for speeding in the Markleeville area. The driver, a 41-year-old Sparks man was arrested for possession of controlled substance, possession for sales, possession of paraphernalia and possession of marijuana.

■ On Sept. 25, Deputies located a reported stolen vehicle in the Woodfords area. The occupants were detained for the highway patrol who made an arrest.

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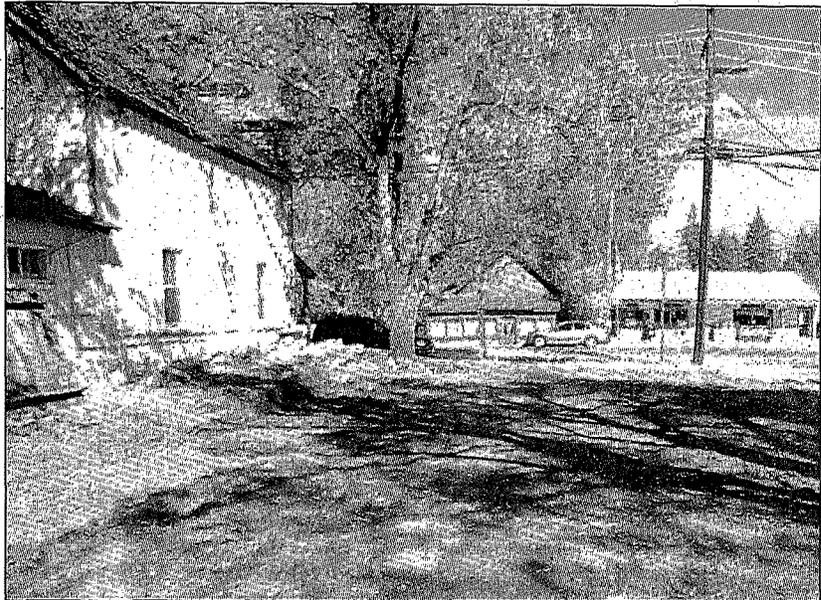
"Understand, there's a sense of urgency because we have pending projects out there," said Peters to the board members. "If there's concern that there may be a 45-foot-high building as part of that project — the county has the power to limit that project."

Peters told the board he didn't think a review would involve a change to the Alpine County general plan.

Board members agreed that although there should be a review of the ordinance, it should be done as quickly as possible.

The Planning Commission will meet again at 6 p.m. Oct. 28 in the county building at Turtle Rock Park.

This lot on the corner of Main and Montgomery streets in Markleeville may be the site of a new time share development.



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Alpine time-share showdown looms

By Jo Rafferty
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MARKLEEVILLE — With the public comment period now expired, plans to build a time-share resort here may be revealed at the next Alpine County Planning Commission meeting.

Commissioners will visit the issue Oct. 28 and could decide whether to require the developer to produce a less tenuous study, called a negative declaration, or a broader environmental impact report on the proposed Markleeville Village-Mahalee Lodge, which includes 70 cabins that would be built over 20 years on 35 acres.

The developer, Tom Abdo, is owner of High Mountain Properties.

Once the environmental process is over, the project would then go before the Alpine County Board of Supervisors. If there is no legal challenge, the project will begin with the building of the infrastructure, including a wastewater reclamation plant and all the piping and roads. Within the first year the 22,000-square-foot, 40-room lodge and approximately seven of the cabins would be constructed.

When finished, the lodge will

include a spa, a restaurant, a meeting space, covered parking (underneath the building), an outdoor pool and deck and three employee housing units. Four additional employee housing units will be located in 14 separate buildings on the grounds, a maximum commercial area of 15,000 square feet.

The mitigated negative declaration is more streamlined than an EIR, said Planning Director Brian Peters, who is aware that some residents, including Nancy Thornberg, a member of Friends of Markleeville and a 45-year resident, support a more extensive EIR.

"We think this one's too big, too much," said Thornberg. "It will forever change the nature of Markleeville if it is built as proposed."

"There have been a number of people that are suggesting to the county that we should go with the EIR," said Peters. "The EIR is more comprehensive. It evaluates all potential impacts."

Two applications submitted by Abdo are in the processing stages right now, said Peters. The other one is a 6,000 square foot, three-story building, to be called the "Soda Shop Building," proposed for the corner of Main and Montgomery streets in downtown Markleeville. Two 50-plus-year-old buildings were torn down in Markleeville last week, one which stood at the corner. Both buildings were run-down, according to Thornberg.

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A beautiful day for art appreciation

By Jonni Hill

Staff Writer

The opening day of the Artists' Open Studio Tour in Markleeville had all the appearances of being doomed to foul weather, that only living at an elevation of almost 6,000 feet in the Sierra can bring in the second weekend in October. But miracles happen and the weather gods smiled. The clouds parted and the sun added warmth to a day chilled by impending autumn.

The first stop on the tour was at Villa Gigli and the warmth of Gina Gigli greeting her guests as the door blew away the chill from outside. It was like a step across the ocean to the alpine regions of Northern Italy. Her work was very plainly displayed on the walls of the gallery with no distractions of other decor around them. The pieces stood out boldly, demanding attention, whether the viewer was a devotee of impressionistic art or not, one could not ignore the feeling each piece of her work

expressed to the viewer. Her scenes were of the Sierras and her obvious love for her surroundings. In her own words, her art is pure white embossments representing snow, ice and water pushed up between intaglio plates of Sierra mountains and trees, etched and aquatinted by Gigli herself and then hand-pulled in limited editions by her husband, Ruggero Gigli.

During the months of May through November, the Villa Gigli is also an Italian Trattoria. By reservation only, lucky guests are treated to a family-style dinner in the surroundings of Sierra splendor and served wonderful Toscano-style food, breads and pasta, all handmade by the artful hands of Ruggero Gigli. See the villa's Web site at www.villagigli.com.

Stop number two was at the home/studio of watercolor artist Peter Chope, www.alpinewatercolors.com, who along with watercolor artist Sandra Baenen, as well as Tanya Berger and Deirdre Wallace offered the guests a variety of artistic pleasures. Chope, with a B.A. in Graphic Design and Advertising from the Chiouard Art Institute in Los Angeles, owned his own business in graphic design since 1970 until he retired to study watercolor painting in various parts of the world and then moved to Markleeville to follow his love of watercolor. Here he spends his time depicting the surrounding Sierra in the vibrant colors of the fall season the area is so famous for. Sandra Baenen, although working in watercolor too, provided a diversity in her miniature paintings of flowers and landscapes. Sandra is also planning on opening a graphic design studio where she can display local art work as well as opening a small cyber café with computers to provide Internet access for people needing the service. Also at stop number two was mother and daughter team Tanya Berger and Deirdre Wallace who have been creating fibre art most of their lives. Berger displayed her pottery and ink drawings of happy creatures large and small, too.

Stop number three was Gardenworks and the fascinating work of Jeff Brees. In his studio, Brees creates topiary and garden sculpture from wire and hand-wrought metals. Creating his designs as ornaments for both commercial and residential gardens, Brees calls his work living sculpture — its appearance changes in humorous, whimsical, and even mysterious ways. A bond develops between

the caretaker and their "pet" when they learn to nurture one of Brees creations. Brees and his crew were working on a custom order, an exact reproduction of an English lab that will become some of the landscape for Kelly Green Kennels on Waterloo Lane in Gardnerville. The topiary is a tribute to owner, Sally Kelly's prize canine stud, Crimson Tide. To find out more about Gardenworks visit the Web site: www.gardenworkstopiary.com.

At stop number four, internationally known oil paint artist Charles Muench displayed his work and opened the doors of his private studio so all the visitors could see some of the pieces he has created which remain in his private collection. Muench came to Markleeville from the Bay Area a couple of years ago. He credits the Internet as the reason he has been able to move to the mountains and still maintain a market for selling his artwork. Muench has been a world traveler in his artistic studies but he loves the Markleeville area and his wonderful impressionistic style of local scenes are fresh and exciting. For more information on this incredible artist, visit his Web site www.charlesmuench.com.

The Vaughns at stop number 5 are definitely an artistic family and their rare opening of their studio to the public was a real treat. Mark and Carolyn Vaughn create hand thrown Raku Pottery. Both functional and artistic ware were displayed beautifully out in the sunlight where the iridescent glazes glistened in eye catching hues of indescribable color. The studio was lined with huge kilns and shelves of unglazed pottery just waiting for final artistic touches. The Vaughn's daughter, Jennifer brought her work up from

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Los Angeles to participate in the weekend event. She does fine art photography, a recipient of the Mamiya Award of Excellence and a graduate of Hallmark Institute of Photography. Vaughn spoke with longing about not being able to live in Markleeville and still make a living at her chosen profession.

Stop number six was Kathy Caldwell and her hand fabricated gold and silver jewelry. Her designs are unique in line, graceful, modern and clean.

Following the map to the final stop, number seven, three different artists were on display at the studio of Ellen Martin. Martin's studio room was filled with her hand crafted fabric sculpted dolls, custom quilted jackets, pillows, lap quilts and hats for toddlers as well as pine cone wreaths and fabric baskets. Martin shared her studio with Kay Jobst who offered her finely beaded jewelry and Christmas ornaments that were reminiscent of a Victorian era. Jobst also had intricate woven Pine needle boxes and contain-



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ENJOYING ART: Julie England of Camino, Calif., top, observes the miniature watercolors of Sandra Baenen. Bottom: Mary Lou Wilson, front, and Lisa Wilson work at the Gardenworks Studios owned by Jeff Brees, on a topiary of a famous dog, Crimson Tide that they are making for the landscape at Kelly Green Kennels.

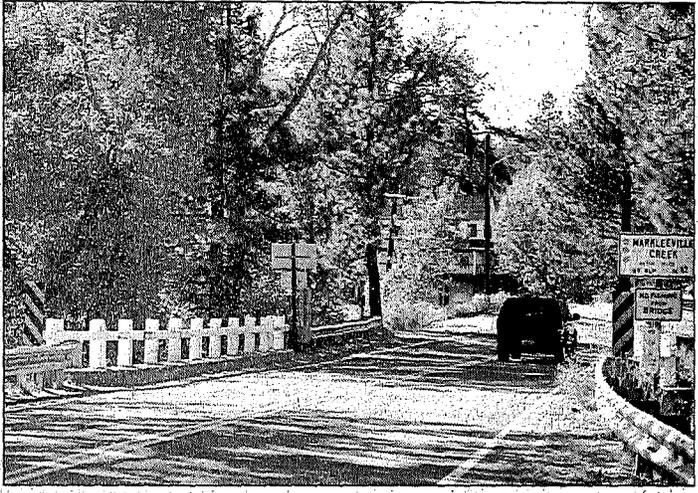
ers she creates from the abundance of native material available right outside her door. This year her son Todd Branscombe joined the tour with his photography. Choosing his subject matter from his surroundings, he displayed wonderful scenes of Alpine County all shot from the appraising eye of an artist.

Everyone will be looking forward to this event growing to showcase more of the artistic talent still hidden amongst the

pinus surrounding Markleeville in Alpine County. Look for the next open artist studio event to take place on the second weekend of October 2005.

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SMALL TOWN VIEWS: The bridge over Markleeville Creek, above, and Main Street in Markleeville look especially beautiful this time of year and can make a great weekend excursion.

Creek Day in Markleeville

Staff reports

The whole family can help restore the health of local creeks and stream banks along the Carson River in Alpine County, as part of Alpine/Markleeville Creek Day on Oct. 24.

Participants will meet at the Alpine County Library in Markleeville at 9 a.m. The event is free and T-shirts are given to the first 75 participants. The restoration project will last until 1 p.m., and will include fun and

interactive children's activities, education for all ages and water quality monitoring.

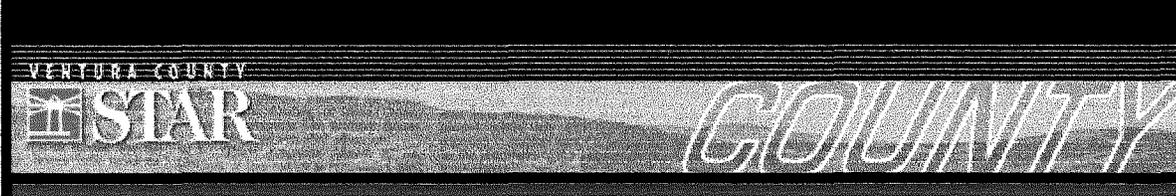
Organizers advise those who go to wear hats, sunglasses, sunscreen, warm clothes and comfy shoes.

Markleeville Creek Day is organized by the Alpine Watershed Group, which works to protect the headwaters of the California Alps. The day is supported by Alpine County, Carson Water Subconservancy District and Sierra Nevada Alliance.



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A tiny county plans for terrorism

Per-person funding high despite a low risk of attack

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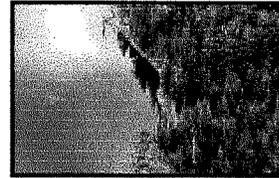
MARKLEEVILLE — Perhaps the least likely place in California for a terrorist attack is Alpine County, population 1,209.

Yet even in this mountain county just south of Lake Tahoe, where cows outnumber people and the jail is a single cell for the occasional law-breaking "knucklehead," the scar of 9/11 is visible, though faint.

Thoughts of terrorism creep in when strangers come to town or a patrolling police officer gets a report of unusual tire tracks around a shed. And there's an Alpine County Terrorism Council, a neighborly group made up of four volunteer fire chiefs, a part-time health officer and the area's two top cops.

The council meets once a month over coffee to figure out how to spend federal homeland security money they hope will bulk up the county's meager defenses against a potential terrorist attack.

It's an idea almost too difficult to imagine in



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Alpine County, seen from above, is California's smallest county. The \$52,712 it receives in homeland security grants adds up to \$43.59 per person.

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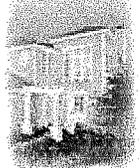
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"Could it happen here? I guess, if the terrorists wanted to target a ski resort or a campground or a lake," said Cindy Hannah, director of Alpine's 14-person health and human services department.

Yet Alpine, the smallest of California's 58 counties, receives considerably more funding per person than Ventura County or even Los Angeles — one of the nation's three most likely targets, terrorism experts say.

In 2003, Alpine County received \$43.59 per person — or \$52,712 total — in homeland security grants. That's 8 times the \$5.44 per person Los Angeles County received last year and 19 times the \$2.30 per person awarded to Ventura County.

The federal dollars are helping to patch a tattered nationwide network of first responders — the police, firefighters and other emergency crews who are called first to the scenes of disasters. But recent congressional reports have questioned whether small cities and rural states are getting too much of the pie at the expense of larger cities that are more likely targets for terrorists.

Alpine's Assistant Sheriff Rob Levy defends the flow of money into his county, saying no need — and no town — is too small. He thinks counties such as Alpine could use more homeland security dollars with fewer strings.

'We're still the front line'

"As small as our (number of first responders) are here, we're still the front line in providing services to the public," said Levy, whose 11-officer department operates on a \$1.2 million yearly budget.

"Do I need a chemical sniffer? No. Do I need a radiological accounting device? No. The tough part for us as a small rural county is we just need the basics — fire equipment, ambulances, good fire houses."

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