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Volunteers collect insects in an Alpine County stream.

to live.

c. pH. Different organisms flourish within different ranges of pH, a measure of water acidity. The largest variety of aquatic animals prefer a range of 6.5-8.0. Water outside this range can reduce reproduction.

d. Conductivity. This is the ability of water to conduct an electrical current. Most aquatic life tolerates a

range of conductivity.

Conductivity will vary with the water source such as ground water, water drained from agricultural fields, municipal waste water and rainfall.

e. Dissolved oxygen. Aquatic species require a variety of levels of oxygen. Low levels of oxygen in the water may result in the death of certain species.

f. Turbidity. This is a measure of water clarity.

Alpine Watershed Group meetings are held the second Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m. All are welcome to attend. For more information contact Sarah Green at (530) 694-2327.

Thanks to Sarah Green, John Barr and Jim Dunn.

# Alpine's seniors of the year lauded

by Irving Krauss

Alpine County's senior citizens rejoiced at the outcome of their recent vote — two seniors were tied for the honor of Senior of the Year.

The split decision was announced by District 2 Supervisor Henry "Skip" Veatch at the April 8 potluck luncheon at the Early Learning Center who read the board of supervisors' resolutions for each of the Seniors of the Year, Jo Daugherty of Mesa Vista and Edie Veatch of Alpine Village.

Veatch noted that Jo Daugherty was at first a teacher's aid at the Alpine Children's Center in 1983 and in 1984-09 was the teacher and director of the center. She also participated in the home visitor program, and became its director, and has spent

many hours as a volunteer at the Death Ride Spaghetti Dinner, the Alpine County Christmas Drive, the turkey bingo and the Mother's Day champagne brunch. And for many years has been a foster parent to over 60 children, and currently for two girls.

The second senior honored was Edie Veatch, who came to Alpine County in 1973 as the operations officer of the Bank of America's Markleeville Branch where her husband Skip was bank manager. They adopted Christopher in 1978, and daughter Tammy Shannon was born in 1984, six-weeks' premature. Edie spent six weeks with her at the neonatal intensive care unit at St. Mary's hospital in Reno. She and Skip now have three grandchildren.

Edie was one of the founding members

of the Alpine Children's Center and started the Alpine County Campfire Program that became Alpine Kids, and helped manage outings for different age groups of children as well as for families and teens.

She served as a board member of the Mother's Club and the Children's Center and was hired by the center in 1991, serving until 2005.

For many years she has chaired the Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Commission.

Supervisor Veatch handed a framed resolution and a special card to each Senior of the Year, at which point Sherry Worrel presented a bouquet of flowers to Jo and Edie received one from Susan Lipman, followed by the extensive applause by the other seniors and guests.

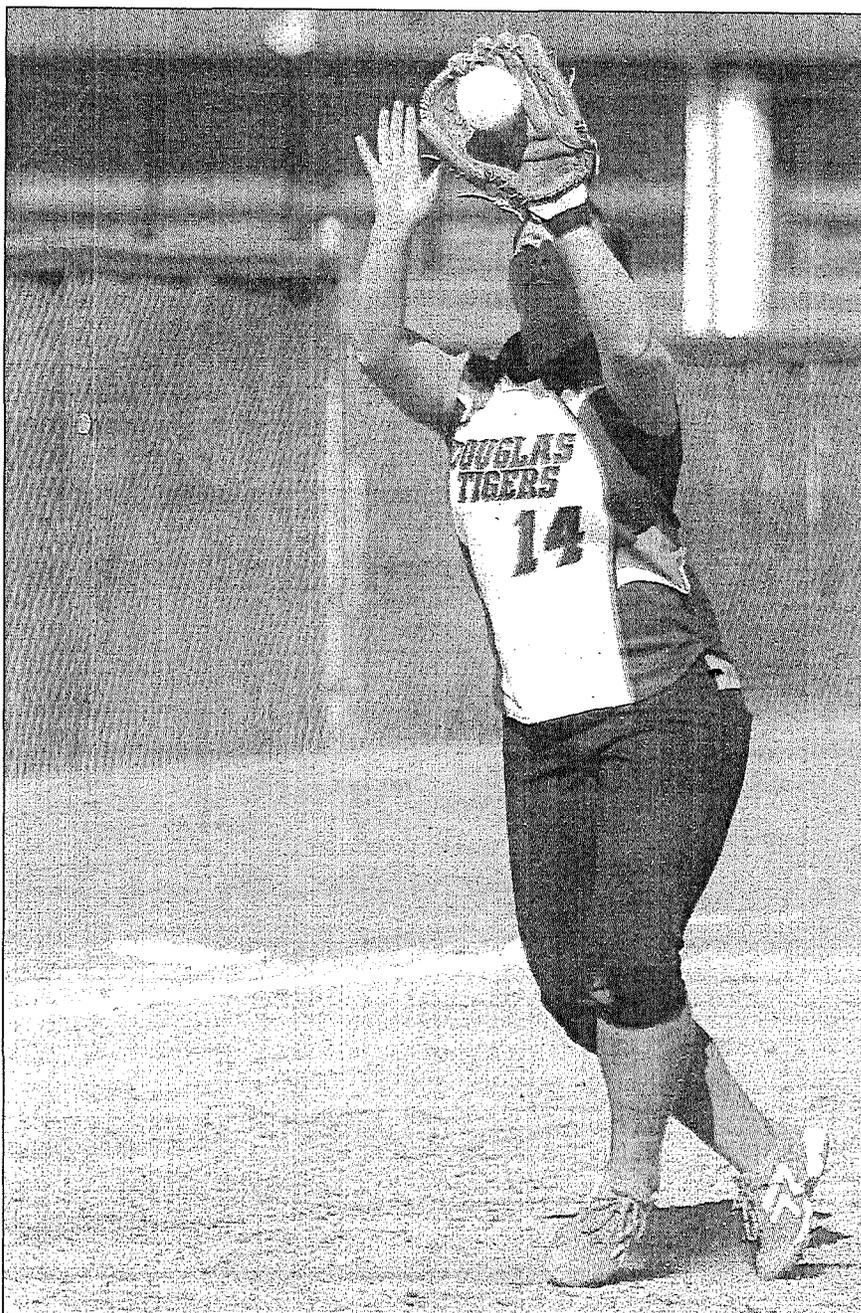


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Alpine Supervisor Skip Veatch is flanked by Edie Veatch and Jo Daugherty with their plaques for winning Senior of the Year.

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# SPORTS

## SOFTBALL



Becca Trute catches a line drive for the Douglas softball team earlier this season.

Shannon Litz

## Lady Tigers come back for win

The Douglas softball team used a seven-run fifth to come back for a 10-8 win at Galena Thursday afternoon.

After giving up five runs in the first, the Tigers chipped away at the Grizzlies' lead until the decisive fifth.

Emily Weaver and Maddy Gilbert led the inning off with singles and Katrina Morgan walked to load the bases. Morgan

Blomstrom singled to score Weaver and Gilbert and Brenna White reached on an error to score Morgan. Naomi Roberts singled to bring Blomstrom home. Nikki Chavez then singled and Weaver came back up with a single to score White and Aliyah Paxson, who was running for Roberts. Chavez capped the inning by stealing home on a fake steal attempt by Weaver.

Weaver, Chavez and Blomstrom each had a pair of RBIs in the game. Freshman Taylor McKinnon picked up the win in relief for the Tigers while Kalee Duryee started the game in the circle and struck out one.

Douglas improved to 13-3 in league play and 19-6 overall with the win. The two teams met up in a doubleheader Saturday in Minden.

# Lodi man found dead in Alpine

## Staff Reports

Alpine County authorities are investigating the death of a Lodi, Calif., man, whose body was found in Faith Valley on Sunday.

Laurey Mitchell Lorimer, 54, was found about five miles up Blue Lakes Road.

Alpine County Sheriff's Sgt. Ron Michitarian said a snowmobiler traveling through Faith Valley spotted shoeprints in the snow.

Thinking it was unusual that someone

would be walking through the snow, the snowmobiler followed the tracks until he found the body on Sunday afternoon.

Michitarian said there was no sign of foul play, and that Lorimer's vehicle was found at the Blue Lakes Snow Park. Lorimer had been in the woods for at least two days.

The cause of death is pending autopsy and toxicology results.

Lorimer was a water quality technician and long-time Lodi resident. He was a 1974 graduate of Lodi High School.

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# DATEBOOK

## WEDNESDAY

■ Alpine County Democratic Central Committee's no-host dinner meetings, 6 p.m. fourth Wednesdays of the month at Wolf Creek Restaurant, Markleeville.

■ Bible Study, 7 p.m. Wednesdays at the House of Praise, 1219 Service Drive, Gardnerville. Childcare provided. Information, 265-3866 or Pastor George Whorley, 691-5649.

■ Carson-Tahoe Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America meets second Wednesdays of the month. Breakfast meetings, 9 a.m. every Wednesday, at Danny's Restaurant. Information, Bill Goldman 782-0550, Bill Meglen 265-1683, Gary Butrick 267-0119, George Weller, 782-6785.

# OPINION

## Three good candidates

EDITOR:

Alpine County Democratic Central Committee put hard questions to the three contenders for the expected Superior Court vacancy. Because of Judge Richard Specchio's planned retirement county voters will choose among Bob Henderson, Tom Kolpacoff and William Richmond at the June 8 California primary election.

Central committee members met separately with Henderson, Kolpacoff and Richmond and each was quizzed about their legal education, experience, and judicial philosophy.

Each is a practicing attorney with experience in private and public litigation and has been actively engaged in a variety of court cases in Alpine County including juvenile dependency, probation, family matters and property issues. Richmond is the county's district attorney.

Henderson and Kolpacoff live at Lake Tahoe but plan to move to Alpine County if elected, while Richmond is a long time resident.

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## Letters

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Each candidate was evaluated at a separate Central Committee meeting, and at the last one, on April 27, the committee members were poised to select the candidate to support. But after considerable discussion it was clear the members felt that each one was well qualified to be the new judge, and the unanimous decision was to have the county's voters decide.

**Irving Krauss**  
Markleeville

*R-C 5-7-10*

# Of beef, irrigating and men shaving their legs

May, and the irrigation boards were frozen together this morning. But water is still plentiful so can't complain. Branding is done and so is most of dragging and ditch cleaning. Allen, a family friend, now retired, shaved his legs. And look for the signs Carson Valley. Beef producers are putting up acknowledging a proclamation made by Douglas County commissioners recognizing local beef producers this month.

At least 17 Valley ranchers are placing discrete 2-by-3-foot white and red signs on their property acknowledging being a local beef producer. Seventeen is a pretty exciting number. That many

## FENCE LINES



by Marie Johnson

active ranches is a good sign agriculture is working in Carson Valley. Enough cattle here to supply beef for the whole Valley. But admittedly I am not organized enough, yet, to do that. Details need to be worked out. But some area ranchers are making progress and supply their Carson Valley beef to local stores and restaurants. Ask for it, see what happens.

Something else is afoot in the

Valley. A reliable source, PBWL (Psycho Bird Woman of Long Valley), says there are lots of chickens in the Gardnerville Ranchos. She mentioned this along with saying, "I was looking up how to make a chicken tractor on backyardchicken.com."

Yep, devoted people with a small plot of ground in an urban environment want to raise chickens. PBWL claims to know a number of these Gardnerville area residents raising chickens in their backyards and they love it. They compare coops, feed, breeds, egg collecting strategies, chicken tractors and gosh, who knows what else. Another exciting agricultural

community in the Valley. It too may find a way into our area stores. Then look for proudly posted poultry producer signs in your area.

But not out here. I have nothing against chickens. I just do not want, can't and won't raise them, ever. And am amazed when someone else does. I would rather walk through warm cow pies barefoot then walk through a chicken coop with knee high rubber boots on. Chickens are "oowweeey" to me.

I know it comes from an old prejudice developed collecting eggs as a small, innocent girl in

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## Beef

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the Midwest. Roosters chased and mean hens pecked me. I know

chickens help keep insects in check, reducing the need for pesticides, can produce good protein hormone free and rich fertilizer when cared for properly.

But I only like my chickens fried, baked, barbecued or sautéed

in white wine, with butter and capers. Besides there are way too many coyotes, minks, skunks, cats and hawks interested in any chickens I raise out here. I will keep PBWL my local poultry connection.

And about Allen's shaved legs. It is a reminder bicycle season is in full swing and serious male peddlers shave their legs in case of a fall making wound cleaning easier.

So watch for bikers when out

and about looking for local agricultural producers signs, chicken or beef.

Marie Johnson is a Carson Valley rancher.

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OBITUARIES

**Elvin A. "Al" Young**  
1932-2010

A graveside service is 9:30 a.m. Saturday at Fredericksburg Cemetery for Woodfords resident and U.S. Air Force veteran Elvin A. "Al" Young, 78, who died May 1, 2010, at his home.

Born March 29, 1932, in Jersey City,



**Young**

N.J., he was a veteran of the Korean War, and a member of the aerospace pioneers who launched the fledgling U.S. space program

Mr. Young was an avid outdoorsman, and always devoted to his family.

He is survived by his companion of the past 12 years, Janet Zellick; sons Tom and Michael Young; grandsons, Donald, Matthew, and Christopher Young; and great-grandson Trevor Young.

A celebration of life will follow the service.

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**BIRTHS**

**Chance Joseph Broadhurst**

Markleeville residents Amy and James Broadhurst are the parents of a son, Chance Joseph Broadhurst, born May 3, 2010, at Barton Memorial Hospital in South Lake Tahoe.

**Sophia Whitney Fluhner**

Gardnerville residents Tara Whitney and Shawn Fluhner are the parents of a son, Sophia Whitney Fluhner, born May 2, 2010, at Carson Tahoe Regional Medical Center. Sophia weighed 6 pounds, 11 ounces at birth.

**Bailey Jade Moody**

Gardnerville residents Amanda and Darrik Moody are the parents of a daughter, Bailey Jade Moody, born May 5, 2010, at Carson Tahoe Regional Medical Center. Bailey weighed 6 pounds, 4 ounces at birth.

**Lucas Bishop Martinez**

Gardnerville Megan and Luis Martinez are the parents of a son, Lucas Bishop Martinez, born May 7, 2010, at Carson Tahoe Regional Medical Center. Lucas weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces.

# Bear Valley man dies after crash

## Assistant fire chief mourned

By Joel Metzger

The assistant Bear Valley Fire chief died at 12:19 p.m. Wednesday at Doctors Medical Center in Modesto after sustaining injuries Tuesday in a motorcycle crash on Murphys Grade Road.

Gregory Peterson, 42, leaves his wife, Jolee, and their sons, Zach, 9, and Jesse, 7.

"He meant everything to the community," said Deputy Denver Stoner of the Alpine County Sheriff's Office. "He was involved in just about every aspect. There is going to be a very large hole in everybody's heart here in town."

Peterson lost control of his 2008 Ducati motorcycle at 1:35 p.m. Tuesday on the grade while traveling at an estimated 65 to 70 mph just east of the intersection of Lower French Gulch Road with the grade, according

to a report from the California Highway Patrol.

After losing control, Peterson struck the pavement and his momentum carried him off the south roadway edge and down the mountain, where he came to rest in a nearby creek, the report continued.

He was mediflighted to Doctors Medical Center, where he died the next day.

Peterson was a committed member of the Bear Valley community. He was the first student to attend school in Bear Valley from kinder-

garten to high school graduation, according to Bear Valley resident Jema Kimmel, who is the dispatch operator and secretary for the Bear Valley Fire and Sheriff's Office substation.

His occupation was working for Terry Woodrow, who man-

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Greg Peterson

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ages several condominium associations in Bear Valley, resident Eric Junge said, adding that Peterson owned a grooming machine and groomed the Bear Valley subdivision roads in the winter as well as the snowmobile trail from Bear Valley up to Highland.

"He could do just about everything," Junge said. "He was a very involved full-time resident."

Kimmel said Peterson loved motorcycles and was an expert snowmobiler.

"You name it, Greg could do it," she said. "He had been with Search and Rescue for years and has saved many people's lives."

The San Andreas CHP has investigated seven fatality colli-

sions in 2010 and Lt. Tim Port, commander of the San Andreas CHP, said that is too many.

"I will have my officers working harder than ever to get the message across to the public," Port said. "Whatever it takes to save a life, the California Highway Patrol shall be ever vigilant at enforcing the laws."

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## CRIME & COURTS

# Deadly weapon charge filed in Lampe Park stabbing

### Staff Reports

A 20-year-old Dresslerville man was charged with battery with a deadly weapon causing substantial bodily harm in connection with a weekend stabbing at Lampe Park.

According to the criminal complaint filed Tuesday, Brandon



**Brown**

Brown is accused of using force or violence in stabbing the victim, 26-year-old Brandon Robertson of Markleeville.

The stabbing took place May 14 night at a softball game.

Robertson was taken by Care-Flight to Renown Regional Medical Center in Reno where he is in good condition with wounds to the abdomen, chest and side.

Brown appeared Wednesday before East Fork Justice Jim EnEarl and said he couldn't afford to hire a lawyer.

EnEarl appointed Kris Brown to represent the defendant and set his next court appearance for May 26.

Brown is in Douglas County Jail on \$10,500 bail.

Deputies were called to the park at 9 p.m. following reports that Robertson and Brown had become

involved in an altercation while playing softball.

According to reports, bystanders broke up the fight and Brown ran from the scene.

A deputy found him a short time later and Brown was taken into custody without incident.

# ALPINE

## High water happening now

by Jim Donald

High water is happening now. You don't need to check the USGS gages (their spelling) on the East or West Fork for verification but you can if you want. Just look at the rivers. After several days of warmth the rivers and creeks approach full condition, well short of actual flood but conveying a good volume of water nonetheless.

Interestingly enough the Carson River watershed, up to May 1, has above average snowpack (125 percent) but runoff is still expected to be slightly below normal (94 percent) due to previous dry winters. But we're not done yet; as I write the forecast is calling for unsettled weather through the next week.

No place is better to witness the rumble and flow of moving water than the falls on Hot Springs Creek a mile and a half above the parking area at Grover Hot Springs State Park. Winds pick up the spray and waft it over the surrounding banks, conversation gets

lost in the roar and one can only marvel at the processes that make this happen.

Move back from the bank. There are rivulets and feeder streams in every declivity. Listen to the river; the higher notes disappear and only the thudding bass notes reverberate here. Conversation is again possible.

Now is the time. In a month flow levels will drop, feeders streams dry and summer, along with the water that came before it, will produce the bounty of plant growth and animal life necessary for species survival during the next cold season.

Occasionally a summer thunderstorm will cause a significant rise in creek levels but rarely produce enough to duplicate present flow levels.

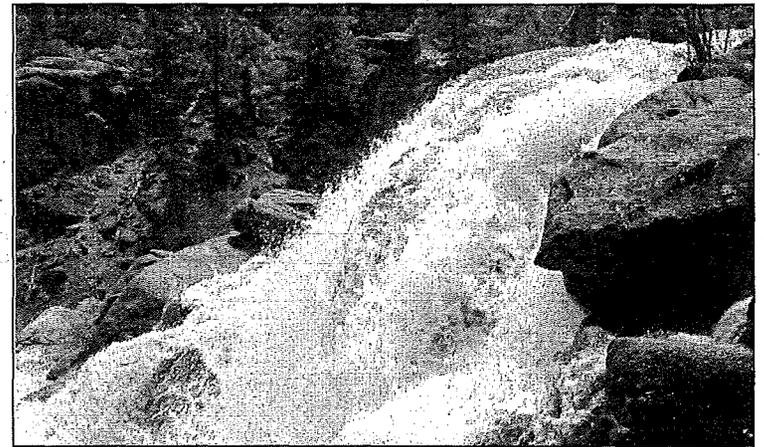
In Markleeville turn right on Montgomery Street, bear right up Hot Springs Road, and continue past the Charity Valley East trailhead. Turn right into the park entrance, pay the \$8 parking fee and continue to the gated end of

the road.

Pick up the trail at the north end of the parking area; turn left (west) toward the falls, now 1.5 miles ahead. This is mostly an easy stroll but near the falls there are granitic outcroppings to climb up and over and at the falls there is opportunity for granite scrambling depending on what angle you want to view the falls from.

Until then it's a walk in a park. Note the meadow on your left with filtered views of the buildings at the actual hot springs. Water comes out of the ground at 148 degrees F but is cooled to 101 to 103 degrees F at the pool. Admire the glaciated valley, granitic rock laid bare by ice, glacial erratics and outcroppings slowly being covered by soil.

Past the spur trail to the hot springs the forest changes from Jeffrey pine monoculture to a mix by adding cedar and white fir. Note the black fungus on some cedar trees. In the riparian zone cottonwoods continue, willows disappear with the meadow to be



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Hot Springs Falls above Grover's Hot Springs is roaring full blast now.

replaced by alders that grow well under the canopy.

At about 1 mile bear left on the signed falls trail. The right fork will take you up to Charity Valley and Blue Lakes Road about 2,000 vertical feet and five miles away.

Climb over the aforementioned granitic outcropping, stepping carefully and shortly approach the falls. Good views can be had from the bottom but take time to scramble and switchback up the granite for varied views and sounds. Use caution—some spots are slick with loose DG, pine

needles or moisture. Step only on clean dry rock to avoid mishaps.

Photo opportunities abound at the falls. Continue past the falls for excellent rapids and smaller falls. The sound of rushing water is everywhere. Be still for a while, listen and watch; you may see a western tanager in breeding plumage. Go now while the water is high. It only happens once a year. Retrace your steps to the car and stop at the hot springs for a soak on the way out. Bring water, a snack and the other essentials necessary for a short hike.

# Preparing for the annual Death Ride

by Joyce DeVore

Tereša Burkhauser, director of Alpine County Chamber of Commerce, calls it a "never-ending process" and the rest of us refer to the event as The Death Ride.

This year marks the 30th anniversary of the 129-mile grueling bike ride and Burkhauser's ninth year in charge. "The ride brings the community and the county together," Burkhauser said.

Just how does one person coordinate an event that brings 6,000 people to a small town surrounded by huge natural beauty and few services?

There is no beginning and end to the work, but the calendar dictates some imperatives.

In December the Web site is updated and the new logo is revealed. This year's logo and jersey sports the Olympic theme, with gold, silver, and bronze stars on a red, white, and blue field. "We honor the many local Olympians and celebrate our 30th anniversary with this theme," she explained. The emblematic Death Ride Skull is centered on the jersey tops.

Six months to the day before the ride, on Dec. 10, a reputable online registration company in San Diego, named Active.com, opens the Death Ride registration process. "It was incredible to watch the 10 minute updates in number of spots filled. We sold 3,000 spots in 90 minutes this year," Burkhauser claimed.

She thinks that the reasons for

the ride's popularity are: Alpine County's beauty and the best support team possible. "It is unheard of in the biking event world to have highways closed for an event and we are able to close two major highways, thanks to Caltrans, the Highway Patrol, our local sheriffs deputies, and many, many more support groups," Burkhauser beamed. Bikers appreciate the safety.

There are 500 spots held back for major sponsors of the Death Ride and for out-of-country riders. Among the sponsors are the Riding/Training Camps at Kirkwood and Bear Valley, Schwan's Foods, Cytomax energy drink, and Specialized water bottle company. This year there are two riders coming from Japan, along with strong groups from Germany and Canada.

January means ordering and more planning. "The planning is common sense," Burkhauser commented. She does have extensive background planning events for the Nevada Commission on Tourism, including a Governors' Conference on Tourism, attended by President Bill Clinton. Her relaxed form of diligence tells that she knows and enjoys the work.

Among the items ordered are: water, food, ice, water bottles, porta-potties, garbage containers, jerseys, socks, patches, posters, coffee mugs, and advertising. Most items can be referenced through years past ordering, but there are always new and changing items.



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Alpine County Chamber of Commerce Director Teresa Burkhauser and Alpine County Sheriff Johnny Crawford look over proposals for the Death Ride artwork.

The Record-Courier printed a new information packet this year, which will be sent to the riders and additional copies are available at the chamber. On the other hand, ice cream is the traditional treat for riders who make it to the top of Carson Pass.

The current year's event takes 90 percent of the chamber's time, but requests for merchandise from past years' rides keeps the chamber busy. The Markleeville Post Office does a brisk business with the chamber.

Weather is a factor in ordering: hotter weather means more water and ice are necessary. At the moment Burkhauser's main concern is "that the 16 feet of snow on Ebbett's Pass melts so that the road will be clear on July 10."

Burkhauser's assistant Amy Broadhurst coordinates all the volunteers. That is an army of over 700 people. Safety is most important, which depends on medical professionals and course communications. Dr. Richard Harvey of Alpine County is the head of physicians and is a volunteer. Other physicians are paid for their duty.

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Ambulances, including Sacramento Valley and Lake Tahoe, are paid to stand-by. The CareFlight helicopter volunteers its service on the top of Monitor Pass.

Beside the bike riders, the only people allowed on the closed portion of the course are the SAG motorcycle groups. "They are our eyes and our ears on the course," said Burkhauser. The motorcyclists monitor the course and, when necessary, ride to the nearest stop where he/she communicates with radio experts in the TARA organization. They bring their own Hamm radios and set up a trailer at Turtle Rock Park, which allows them a command center to contact Chris Branscombe at Alpine Sheriff dispatch, who alerts the medical and sheriffs' teams.

REI Sports has some volunteers at aid stations with extra biking equipment, as well as some who ride in the event.

Volunteers from the Woodfords Fire Station, the county Search and Rescue, the Special Olympics, ROP students (who provide much needed manpower) and volunteers who man the 13 aid stations are all important parts of the volunteer army.

A new feature this year will be a booth at the bike expo staffed by the Over 50 Club. Members will give riders items donated by many of the sponsors of the event.

Jerseys must be purchased separately. Some group riders, such as the Team in Training, wear their own team jersey. Any rider who finishes all five passes (meaning 129 miles, 15,000 feet of climbing) is eligible to buy a special gold-star jersey for finishers only.

Alpine Kids group provides a traditional pasta feed for about 1,000 before the ride. Live music

is provided at Turtle Rock Park.

The Death Ride Committee and their family members lend their expertise and hard work to the event, especially immediately before and after the ride. Members include Dave Zellmer, Teresa Burkhauser, Amy Broadhurst, and Corey and Di Bolton. The Boltons are experts and members of the Alta Alpina Cycling Club and who love the Death Ride. Monday before the race, Di Bolton prepares the warehouse area at the Early Learning Center. Trucks start arriving and continue bringing supplies all through Friday night. The ROP students are on hand to unload into the warehouse and reload for volunteer stations. Corey Bolton is the safety coordinator, carefully checking the course for signage problems, any irregularities in the road, and of course for any riders in distress.

After race day, the committee and their families clean. In an incredible 48 hours, the county is restored to its pristine beauty. All plastic is picked up, food remains retrieved, trash cans removed, porta-potties returned, and signs taken down.

"Our hope is foremost that the riders have a safe and enjoyable time in our beautiful county so that they will return in other seasons and tell friends about the county," Burkhauser said. And the financial side? She explained that, "there is a big upfront expense, but last year we were able to give over \$40,000 to nonprofit groups. The remainder of the money is used to support tourism in the county by purchasing visitors guides, maps, paying for fish plants, and paying for the large dumpster outside the chamber. It is a full circle event; it gives back."

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In the front row, Douglas County Search & Rescue members Sienna Smith-Saeger, Nathan Smith, Rob Ranieri, Anne Thomas, Pat Fried and Instructor Rachel Moore. In the back row is Carson City Search & Rescue member Tom Mapes, Douglas County Search & Rescue members Greg Altringer, Jason Zona, Cary Olson, and Alpine County Sheriff's Office representatives Jeff Bennett and Ron Michitarian.

## Swift water rescue training

### Staff Reports

Douglas County Search & Rescue hosted a swiftwater rescue technician training event April 30-May 2.

Featuring an instructor from Sierra Rescue California's premiere Rescue 3 swift water rescue instruction company specializing in hands-on training, 11 member search and rescue teams from Douglas, Alpine

and Carson City participated.

Instructor Rachel Moore emphasized skills such as self rescue, throw bag rescue, entrapments, thinking through a rescue, simple rope tricks and rescue techniques that have been tested and proven successful in real rescues.

Moore played the victim in several scenarios which tested the participant's abili-

ties to plan and execute a swiftwater rescue.

The river portion of the class included defensive and aggressive swimming techniques and accessing eddies.

Contact rescues emphasized rescuer safety and taught techniques to counter panic subjects.

Participants learned about Live-Bait jackets which allow self-release if caught in a serious situation.

Shallow water crossings both singly and in small groups were practiced.

# Preliminary hearing set in Lampe Park stabbing case

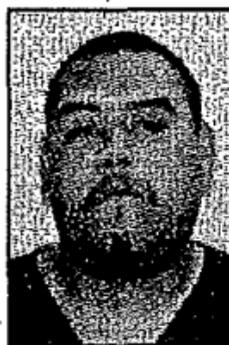
## Staff Reports

A preliminary hearing is set June 4 for a 20-year-old Dresslerville man accused of stabbing a Markleeville man at a softball game at Lampe Park.

Brandon Brown was charged with battery with a deadly weapon causing substantial bodily harm.

The preliminary hearing is to determine probable cause the crime was committed and that Brown is the suspect.

On Wednesday, East Fork Justice



**Brown**

as it stood and recommended \$2,500.

"His family is here in court, and they have promised to make sure he resides at home, stays sober, keeps away from the alleged victim, and makes all court appearances,"

Jim EnEarl refused to lower Brown's \$10,500 cash bail.

Attorney Tom Perkins, filling in for Kris Brown, said the suspect's family couldn't afford bail

Perkins said.

Karen Dustman opposed any change in bail.

"We believe \$10,500 cash is only reasonable in light of the charges," she said.

EnEarl agreed.

"The nature of the allegations is fairly serious," EnEarl said. "Plus, he has a failure to appear which indicates an inability on one occasion to make a court appearance."

Brown was charged with failure to appear after he failed to pay restitution or show up in court Nov. 9,

2009, on a willful injury to property case.

Perkins asked that the failure to appear contempt case be heard after the more serious allegation is adjudicated.

EnEarl said he would discuss Brown's custody after the preliminary hearing.

Brown is accused of stabbing 26-year-old Brandon Robertson of Markleeville on May 14 at a softball game.

Deputies were called to the park at 9 p.m. following reports that

Robertson and Brown had become involved in an altercation.

According to reports, bystanders broke up the fight and Brown ran from the scene. A deputy found him a short time later and Brown was taken into custody without incident.

Brown is accused of stabbing Robertson in the abdomen, chest and side. The victim was taken by CareFlight to Renown Regional Medical Center where he was treated for his injuries.

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# BUSINESS

## Burger-famous Alpine County store re-opens its doors

by Scott Neuffer

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After four years of being closed down, Sierra Pines Country Store between Woodfords and Markleeville is back in business with the same giant burgers that have tantalized taste buds for three decades.

New operator and Ruhensroth resident Larry Cameron, 48, is leasing the general store, restaurant, Laundromat and fuel station, all of which sit squat like an old west outpost in the tall, shade-bearing pines off scenic Highway 89.

Cameron is planning to buy the entire outfit in the near future, including the adjacent mobile home park. He said word's spreading that the famous burger joint is once again open for residents and hungry travelers alike.

"The reputation is already here," Cameron said last week. "I just had a customer who said he hadn't been in here for 30 years."

With T-shirts reading "Burgers Giant," Cameron and kitchen manager Mike Harding, along with Cameron's wife Oonagh, showed off the store and discussed some of the changes planned for the property, such as an outdoor volleyball court and barrel barbecue.

Of course, they also talked about the establishment's revered constant, namely the burgers.

Ranging in size from the three-quarter-pounder Big Daddy burger to the one-quarter-pounder Juniors burger, Sierra Pines patties are all made from the natural, grass-fed beef of Geno's historic Ranch No. 1.

"Our staple is the giant burger," Cameron said. "That's really our reputation. The supplier has changed, but we're using the same recipe as the original owners."

Sierra Pines offers more than burgers, though. Omelets, waffles, pancakes and chicken-fried steak can be found on the breakfast menu.

Of the homemade biscuits and gravy, Cameron said, "I'm a connoisseur, and I consider our biscuits and gravy the best."

The lunch menu boasts sandwiches, clam chowder, Cobb salad and tri tip chili with corn bread, among other items. Dinner

brings tri tip steak, roasted chicken, spaghetti and meatballs, pork chops, beer-battered cod and chips, and weekly fish specials.

"We make our own chili and soup. Nothing comes out of a box," Cameron said.

However, those looking for boxed commodities will find a general store replete with basic necessities and plenty of outdoor and camping equipment.

"We're also the only Laundromat in the area," Cameron added.

One way or another, Cameron has been in the ski/hospitality industry since he was 18. Presently, he runs Kirkwood Valley Lodging, and he's getting ready to hand over the reins of Kirkwood's Tower Bar and Grill, which he's operated for the last five years.

About two months ago, Cameron saw an opportunity in the vacant Sierra Pines store, which first opened in 1976. Familiar with Alpine County, he knew that the establishment had once seen a lot of business, especially in the 1980s.

Cameron subsequently contacted the owner and began leasing the property. His intent is to buy everything in a couple of years.

"Business has been doubling every day," he said. "Word's getting around."

Anticipating a busy summer season, Cameron is moving forward with plans for an outdoor barrel barbecue and smoker, a volleyball court and horseshoe pit, and spray misters to be installed in the towering pines around the store.

"It's at least 10 degrees cooler up here in the summer," he said.

Sierra Pines Country Store is located at 19750 Highway 89. Business hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

For more information, call (530) 694-1700.

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Kitchen manager Mike Harding and owner Larry Cameron at Sierra Pines Country Store on Highway 89 between Woodfords and Markleeville on May 26.

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# ALPINE

## Grand opening at the Alpine County Museum

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by Virginia York

Strains of "I'd Rather Be a Cowboy" complete with well-executed yodeling, by Carson Valley musicians All Hat No Cattle, met visitors wending their way up to the Alpine County Museum on Saturday to attend the grand opening. The highly applauded mountain man stew and a hearty vegetable soup were prepared and served by the men while delectable desserts were provided by the women.

The focus of the opening was the new Monte Wolfe permanent exhibit, finely displayed by Gary Coyan Jr. Photographs and personal items were donated by the Monte Wolfe Foundation represented on Saturday by Jim Linford, son of John Linford whose parents, James B. and Veda Linford (author of Monte: Lone Wolf of the Mokelumne) were Monte Wolfe's close friends. After Linford, who is the director of the Monte Wolfe Foundation, had opened the collection, I had the good fortune to meet him and talk about Monte Wolfe and his wilderness cabin, which the Foundation, with many other organizations and individuals, is petitioning to preserve.

Monte Wolfe, originally Archey Edwin Wright, was born in 1886 in North Dakota. In 1902, his family journeyed from Minnesota to California along the Oregon Trail in two wagons, one pulled by oxen, the other by mules. In 1909, he married Goldie Fay



Alpine County Museum

Monte Wolfe he is wearing his military campaign hat to which he added the rattlesnake skin band.

Coolidge. The same year he was sentenced to 18 months in Folsom Prison for second degree burglary. After he was released he found it difficult to find work because of his record. He and his wife had four children to support. In 1916 he joined the Army. A year later he and his wife separated because of his absence and lack of money.

Archey retreated to the Sierra and worked as a cowhand and prospector. In 1918, he registered for the World War I draft as Monte Wolfe.

In winter 1927, Monte moved to Mokelumne Canyon, Alpine County. He built a log cabin three miles from Highway 4, below Deer Creek. In 1932, after the highway was paved, he built the lower cabin, his wilderness cabin, five miles further downstream, finish-

ing it in 1934. He trapped, hunted and grew a garden. He gave ski lessons and worked as a fishing and hunting guide.

As Veda Linford recounts in "Monte Wolfe: Lone Wolf of the Mokelumne," she and her husband James B. Linford and 11-year old son, John, met Monte in 1932 and spent time with him every summer for the rest of the 1930s. In late spring 1940 the Linfords were told by friends that Monte had not been seen, even though fishing season

had started. When they hiked into the cabin, they found the moldering remains of breakfast on the table, half a pot of coffee on the stove and Monte's hat and favorite fishing gear gone.

Perhaps Monte, not fully recovered from a broken leg and suffering from vision problems which affected his balance, drowned in the swollen Mokelumne River. No trace of him has ever been found.

Following Monte's disappearance and presumed death the U.S. Forest Service acknowledged James B. Linford as his partner, giving him and his family the right to use the cabin for the duration of his life.

In 1980, when James B. Linford died, his son John recognized the need for public support to preserve the wilderness cabin. He started the Monte Wolfe Society which held annual dinners for the cabin's cause. In 1988, the Monte Wolfe Foundation was started, answering the need for a solid legal framework.

In 1997, the Monte Wolfe Foundation entered into a

# Monte Wolf

preliminary agreement with the forest service to maintain the cabin. On the advice of a forest service archaeologist, the foundation restored the cabin to its 1930s condition to increase the chances of eligibility for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

The cabin satisfied two out of the three possible criteria to be listed: the historic significance of the person who lived there and the quality of the structure. In 2004 or 2005 the forest service submitted the request.

However, the prospects for preserving cabin have been obstructed by confusing court decisions and opposition from wilderness fundamentalists. Last

October, forest service employees opposed to the cabin's preservation, destroyed the door and removed the smoke stack, feeling justified in accelerating the cabin's deterioration.

By November, the forest service made an official acknowledgement at a press conference that they had made a mistake.

To help to preserve the wilderness cabin, contact Ramiro Villalvazo at 1000 Forni Road, Placerville, or [ramiro.villalvazo@usfs.gov](mailto:ramiro.villalvazo@usfs.gov).

Thanks to Wanda Coyan, Jim Linford, and the "Alpine Review" article "The Story of Monte Wolf" by Monte Wolf scholar, Don de Young.

# Mono and Alpine vaccination clinics, dog licensing start Saturday

## Staff Reports

Low-cost vaccination clinics and dog licensing for residents of Alpine and Mono counties are coming during June.

Carson Valley Veterinary Hospital's Steve Talbot will be in Walker and Bridgeport on Saturday to do low cost vaccination clinics. The Walker clinic is 8:30-11:30 a.m. at the Walker Fire Hall on Hackney Drive. The Bridgeport clinic is 2-3:30 p.m. at the Health Department/Animal Control Building.

Bishop Veterinary Hospital will serve residents of Crowley Lake, Chalfant and Benton on June 12. Veterinarian Carl Lind will be at the Crowley Lake county road shop 8-11:30 a.m.; at the Chalfant Fire Hall 1-2:30 p.m. and at the Benton county road shop 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Alpine County will be hosting an animal licensing and vaccination clinic 4-6 p.m. June 17 at Woodfords Firehouse on Diamond Valley Road at Highway

89.

Low-cost vaccinations will be available as will Alpine County dog licenses.

Mono's final set of clinics will be at Lee Vining county road shop 9:30-11 a.m. and at June Lake Fire Hall 1-3 p.m. June 19. Alpen Veterinary Hospital's Gaylon TeSlaa will be conducting those clinics.

Rabies vaccinations in Mono County will be \$6. Licenses for dogs that have been altered are \$10. Licenses for dogs that haven't been spayed or neutered are \$20.

Nevada and Inyo county residents are welcome to participate, but should remember to license their dogs in their own jurisdictions. Dog owners should have their animals on a leash, cats should be in a carrier.

For more information on Mono vaccination clinics call (760) 932-5582.

For more information on Alpine County's event, call (530) 694-2231, ext. 330.

# SPORTS

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## HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS



The Douglas softball team celebrates Morgan Blomstrom's home run against Fallon during the final week of the regular season.

Shannon Litz

# Lady Tigers won with defense, chemistry

by Joey Crandall  
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With the strongest lineup since the program claimed the Northern 4A regional title six years ago, the Douglas softball team rolled to its second-consecutive Sierra League title.

While there was little surprise about the Tigers' offensive prowess, not to mention their solid defense, the revelation of the year was the emergence of the strongest pitching rotation since that same 2004 squad.

The bad news is that the core of the starting lineup is graduating (four out of five infield spots, not to mention the top four in doubles and home runs and top two in triples, RBIs, runs scored and batting average). The good news is that the entire pitching rotation is due back, along with the entire outfield and a key starter in the infield.

"We're definitely losing a lot with the seniors," said Douglas coach Andy Mitchell. "They've been such a strong group. But we

had a good mixture of each age and we are optimistic with what we have coming back.

"Pitching is obviously an extremely important part of the game. We'll have high expectations for them next year and they should help us to be very competitive next season."

Among the big losses are Sierra League Player of the Year and four-year starting catcher Katrina Morgan, who belted 11 home runs and drove in 53 runs this season. The Tigers also lose four-time first-team all-league shortstop Emily Weaver, who batted .553 and led the team with 16 doubles.

Power slugger first baseman Morgan Blomstrom, who had 10 home runs and 50 RBIs this year, is bound for Division III George Fox University next season, while starting third baseman Rebecca Trute is set to play for Feather River College next year after driving in 17 runs this year.

"We're going to miss them a lot," Mitchell said. "They were strong leaders and played togeth-

er for such a long time. They were extremely competitive. You don't just replace what they brought to us. You can build up over time, but you can't just push a button."

Aside from the marked playing ability, Mitchell said the team's key to success was in the way they were off the field.

"They all just got along so well," he said. "It wasn't just about being fun either. They all respected each other and pushed each other to be better.

"They worked hard and it just wasn't an individual type of group. We didn't share individual stats with them and they didn't care. The most important thing to them was working as a team."

Mitchell also said the team's commitment to working on its defense helped pave the way to the league title.

"They really took pride in playing defense," Mitchell said. "Usually teams just to hit at

## SEASON RECAP

### DOUGLAS SOFTBALL

**Finish:** Sierra League champions. Northern 4A Regional quarterfinalists.

**Record:** 24-9 overall, 17-4 Sierra League, 10-0 home, 7-4 away, 7-3 neutral, 22-6 vs. Northern Nevada opponents.

**MVP:** Katrina Morgan, sr., C. Morgan led the team with 11 home runs, 53 RBIs, 45 runs scored and six triples to go with 10 doubles and a .496 batting average. Aside from her play at the plate, she managed a young and untested pitching staff while calling the pitches throughout the season.

**Gamebreaker:** Morgan Blomstrom, sr., 1B. Blomstrom had been a steady bat in the heart of the Tigers' order for the past three seasons, but took it to another level this year, blasting 10 home runs and driving in 50 runs.

**Unsung hero:** Emily Weaver, sr., SS. Weaver was a fixture on base after four years of first-team

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practice, but this team wanted to work on defense every day. They wanted us to challenge them to make diving stops or catches.

"The results showed up in our games."

Douglas saw an abrupt end to its season after being shocked by unranked McQueen in the first round of the playoffs and beating defending regional champ Reed in the loser's bracket only to fall the next day to Damonte Ranch after a furious rally late in the game.

"It's not the way we thought or hoped it would end, but it doesn't erase what they did during the season," Mitchell said. "They worked hard and fought hard every game. We came up a little short of our goals, but when you look back on it, there's nothing to hang your head about."

The Tigers will get starting pitchers Chelsea Fent (first-team all-league, 10-4, 67 K), Kalee Duryee (second-team all-league, 9-3, 29 K) and freshman lefty Taylor McKinnon (4-2, 26 K) back, along with standout second baseman Brenna White (5 2B, 19 RBIs, .406 avg.) and the entire starting outfield, including two-time first-team all-leaguer Maddy Gilbert and Amanda Caras and Nikki Chavez back.

Naomi Roberts, who was the team's designated player for most of the year while batting .300 with 10 RBIs, is also back as is reserve Aaliyah Paxson.



Douglas left fielder Nikki Chavez is one of the top returners coming back next season.

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all-league play at shortstop. Her .512 clip in the leadoff spot was nothing short of spectacular, while her 16 doubles and 44 runs scored didn't hurt. Her play at short was as solid as it comes at the high school level.

**Most Improved:** Brenna White, jr. 2B. White built on a solid rookie campaign in 2009 by batting .406 with 19 RBIs and five doubles. She also came up with a number of brilliant plays in the field, including some diving stops in the playoffs. She'll enter her senior season as the team's top returning run producer.

**Best game:** No. 2 Douglas 8, No. 3 Reed 7, Northern 4A Regional playoffs at Manogue. With both teams reeling from first-round upsets, it was Reed that drew first blood, taking a 1-0 lead in the first. Douglas bounced back with three runs in the fourth, but Reed scored the next four runs of the game to take a 5-3 lead into the bottom of the seventh. The Lady Tigers came up with a huge five-run seventh, taking control of momentum in the game before having to hold off a late rally to win.

**Starters lost:** 4

**Returners:** 8

# CRIME & COURTS

## Lampe stabbing victim displays wounds in court

by Sheila Gardner  
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The victim of a stabbing at Lampe Park testified Friday that he got into a fistfight with his alleged assailant two weeks earlier because he believed the suspect was "messing around" with his wife.

Brandon Robertson, 26, of Markleeville, removed his shirt during a preliminary hearing in East Fork Justice Court to show the extent of stab wounds to his abdomen, chest and under his left arm.

He also had a long incision on his stomach which he said was the result of exploratory surgery to determine the extent of any internal injuries.

Robertson testified that suspect Brandon Brown, 20, of Dresslerville, stabbed him May 14 with a 3- to 5-inch knife.

"I heard the click after he pulled it (the knife) out of his pocket. I went to reach for my knife I had in my pocket. I didn't have enough time. He ran at me and started swinging the knife," Robertson said.

He said he tried to grab Brown's arm and he ended up on his back on the ground with the suspect on top of him.

"He was still swinging the knife and stabbing me in the left side, lower stomach and left arm across my chest. I was never able to get my knife out," Robertson said. "It seemed like forever before anybody



**Brown**

came to break it up." He said the stabbing left him bleeding and weak.

He was taken by CareFlight to Renown Regional Medical Center and spent five days in the Reno hospital.

One knife thrust penetrated his abdomen and a second punctured his lung.

Robertson said he still is in pain and taking medication. He has limited movement of his left arm and difficulty reaching or bending as well as shortness of breath.

Under questioning by defense attorney Tom Perkins, Robertson admitted he knew there might be a

fight if he confronted Brown. He said the two fought at the Carson Colony two weeks before the incident in Lampe Park.

Robertson said he was at the park for a softball game and saw Brown.

He denied that his wife tried to talk him out of going to Lampe Park because they knew there would be a fight.

"I wanted to talk to him (Brown). I approached him and I threw up my arms and said, 'Hey. I want to talk to you' and ask him if what I was hearing was true about him and my wife."

He said Brown replied, 'Hold on,' and started to pull up his pants.

"He rushed me with his hands

up, in fists, running toward me. I put my hands up. As he got close enough, we started throwing punches at each other," Robertson said.

That went on for a couple of minutes, then Brown pulled out a knife, according to Robertson.

"I put my knife in my pocket because Brandon Brown is known to carry a knife at all times," Robertson said.

Brown was charged with battery with a deadly weapon causing substantial bodily harm. He has been in Douglas County Jail on \$10,500 bail. East Fork Justice Jim EnEarl bound the case over to District Court and set the next hearing for Tuesday before Judge Dave Gamble.

# Some wizardry needed to evict barn owls

June, and as for the weather, would say spring is going to show up just in time for summer. Plenty of snow still holding onto the tips of the Sierra so irrigation water is flowing nicely. Water wars can wait until late summer, and they aren't really even wars, just mumbings or slight teasing of fellow water users when we bump into each other in public. No water troubles now gives us time to deal with the Harry Potter episode up in the shop.

Owls, and lots of them are in the metal machine shop. Last night, He Who Does Not Like To Be Named In the Paper, had to go up to the shop to get a tool to fix the leak under the counter, where a dishwasher should be. As he

## FENCE LINES



by Marie Johnson

walked into the shop after twilight owls rushed him like a scene in a Harry Potter movie. He could feel the air push past his face from the owls' wings warning him he was not wanted in the shop after dark.

There are at least two nests of barn owls in the shop and at least four really ugly fledgling baby owls making humorous attempts at flight. We give the owls wide berth liking them to keep the mice population in check, and because it is the law.

We have concerns though because they leave one heck of a mess on the machinery under them. And they fly everywhere so moving machines makes no difference. If these were brighter barn owls and actually lived in the barn things would not be such a concern. Hundreds of owl pellets would not hurt the hay and we would not have to smell them. You really have to be tolerant to put up with the rancid, pungent decay and ammonia smell these owls create.

Plenty of owl pellets on tools and equipment let us know the parents are doing a darn fine job of keeping everybody fed. But pretty casual about clean up. The baby owls we have seen hopping

around, who hiss if we get to close, are so ugly, I'm surprised anybody wants to feed them. But a parent's love is blind and all babies are beautiful so forever feeding them are the parent owls.

We tolerate these owls not only because they are barn owls and you are suppose to protect them, but also because earlier this year He Who Does Not Like To Be Named In The Paper, and I read about Wesley, this wing damaged barn owl raised by a female technician at Cal Tech.

Wesley was described as very loyal, brave, smart (for a bird) and loving. We got sort of attached to Wesley and feel like we know him

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through the owls flying around the shop making a mess. But we don't.

We don't go near the owls if we can help it. Although He Who Does Not Like To Be Named In The Paper says in one more month out they go. He is going to build barn owl nests houses up in the old cottonwood tree and they will have to move there. Not sure how that eviction will go.

Our owls have pretty pointy beaks and sharp talons. They only tolerate us when they are asleep. I don't think they understand proper English like the owls in the movies. We will have to be more wizard than rancher to get this to work. But if it does, we will keep the wizardry powers to keep plenty of irrigation water running all summer long.

Marie Johnson's Hogwarts is located in Carson Valley.

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Shannon Litz

Mike Murphy, riding Billy Bob, prepares to leave Fredricksburg during the Pony Express ride on Tuesday. Below, Weston and Sandy Wright of Smith Valley, riding Brandy and Smokey, ride into Fredricksburg.

## Pony Express rides out today

by Kurt Hildebrand

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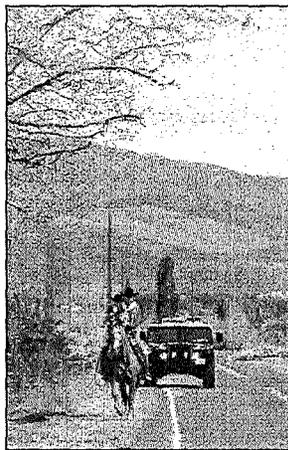
The sesquicentennial re-ride of the Pony Express will do something it has never done at Nevada's first settlement, spend the night.

Longtime riders Bob Moore and Carl Malkmus drew a crowd as they waited for Mike Murphy at Fairview Lane and Fredricksburg Road on Tuesday afternoon.

Moore had the run to the Red Barn Ranch, and Malkmus from the Red Barn Ranch to new Kingsbury Grade.

Express riders are only traveling during the daylight hours, so that various places, like Genoa, can hold celebrations.

"I think it's good that it's going through when people can see it," Malkmus said. "It'll give them something to celebrate with all that's going



on in the world."

One of the people who gathered to watch the riders came all the way from Dallas, Texas, to see the re-ride.

Kenan Hays said he read about the Pony Express in the travel section of his newspaper.

"I was coming out west for vacation, so I decided to take a detour to see the Pony Express ride," he said.

Hays has been camping out in his van on his trip which will take him up the coast to Oregon.

"I haven't spent one dime on lodging in 2½ weeks," he said.

Pony Express riders will be up early this morning to continue their ride into Carson City. They are expected to leave Genoa at 6 a.m. and arrive at the St. Charles Hotel in the capital at 8:30 a.m.

The annual re-ride left San Francisco on Sunday. The rider took the ferry to Sacramento, where the ride resumed.

Riders carry a mochilla, which contains mail specially stamped for the occasion.

The ride expected to arrive in St. Joseph, Mo., on June 26.

For more about the ride or to track the rider, visit [xphomestation.com](http://xphomestation.com)

SHERIFF'S REPORT

# Trial set in Lampe stabbing

by Sheila Gardner  
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A 20-year-old Dresslerville man is set for trial July 14 in connection with a stabbing at Lampe Park that left the victim with wounds to his abdomen, chest and under his arm.

Brandon Brown pleaded not guilty Tuesday to one count of battery with a deadly weapon causing substantial bodily harm.



**Brown** He is accused of stabbing Brandon Robertson, 26, of Markleeville at Lampe Park on May 14. Robertson testified at a preliminary hearing Friday in East Fork Justice Court that the men were arguing over allegations that Brown was involved

with the victim's wife.

Robertson was taken by CareFlight to Renown Regional Medical Center and spent five days in the Reno hospital.

He testified Friday that since the knifing, he's had difficulty breathing, bending, running, and is in constant pain. He said he has limited movement of his left arm.

Brown has been in custody in Douglas County Jail on \$10,500 bail.

The trial is to begin at 9 a.m. July 14 before District Judge Dave Gamble and is expected to last three days.

Brown is represented by attorney Kris Brown and Douglas County Chief Criminal Deputy District Attorney Tom Gregory is handling the prosecution.

If convicted, Brown faces 2-15 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

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# SIERRA

## Alpine schools go out on a musical note

by Joyce DeVore

The children in Alpine County schools ended the school year on a high note.

All students at Diamond Valley School participated in a musical evening on June 1. General Music Coordinator Janelle Blocher wanted to have a final performance that the children could be proud of and demonstrate their skills.

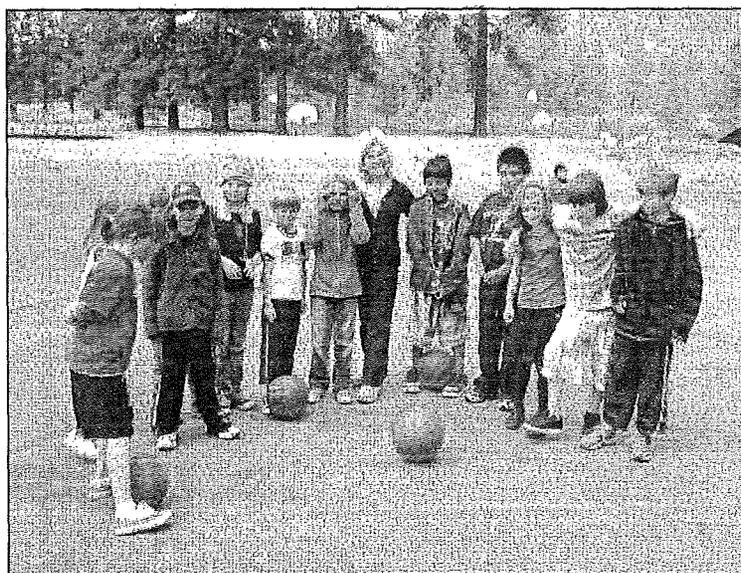
"I think it is important to have a sense of completion and a goal," she said.

The concert marks the end of a four year musical program, "sorry to say," Blocher added.

The district bought rights to one of the MIND programs, JJI, which coordinated a computer driven math program and a general music program. The price of the JJI program has escalated beyond the means of the district budget, according to Blocher.

The ones who benefitted the most from the music program are the third- and fourth-grade students because they had the benefit of instruction for all four years.

Even though Blocher was limited to teaching two days a week, she "knows the students benefit from any music instruction."



Diamond Valley School children out on the playground.

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Besides learning to listen to music and singing, Blocher taught basic keyboarding. The district was awarded a grant for 24 Yamaha keyboards, which were used to play "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star" in the performance.

One parent on the School Site Council, Lorraine Craik, believed that the children needed more music instruction and convinced her mother-in-law to champion the cause.

Fortunately for all involved, Virginia Craik is the mother-in-law who volunteered to teach all interested students to play a variety of musical instruments. Craik just retired last year from a career of teaching at Diamond Valley School, so she was familiar with the students, the scheduling, the curriculum, and she had the added pleasure of seeing her grandson, Ethan, at the school.

The first feat for Craik was sal-

vaging the instruments from storage and getting them in shape to play. She found someone in Carson City who did much of the work restoring the instruments at a very low cost.

Craik's background is in classical piano that she studied for seven or eight years. She taught herself to play the ukulele and the accordion, "so between all those instruments I knew the chords. I also had experience playing for the Methodist church for years. It also helps that I have perfect pitch, so I know when the kids are playing the right note."

"I like to teach and if the kids are willing to try, then it is fun for everyone," Craik said. Her philosophy is that children learn from helping each other, so she encouraged group learning. She wanted to keep music fun so she kept a laid-back approach.

"We only had two hours a week for music, so I showed up at recess time and allowed kids who wanted extra help the opportunity to work together with me," Craik explained.

The children were allowed to take the instruments home to practice, but that proved to be a problem since many children for-

got to bring their instruments back to school. Out of the 12 who played, only three practiced at home.

Craik believes that "any student who practices enough does better."

One student, Brianna Mortimer, did practice and did perform a solo on her alto-saxophone for the June concert.

Craik, the soloist, and the eleven other band members got a standing ovation from the audience. It was well done on all levels.

Two days later, the children at the Early Learning Center held their spring concert.

The 2-5-year-olds sang alphabet songs, a song in the Washoe language, a Spanish song, and several others while sitting under their theme poster art "The World is a Rainbow."

The administration recognized all teachers, staff, district personnel, and volunteers who work together to make the center a positive experience.

Members of the Parents Club presented baskets of flowers to the teachers for helping their children grow. And summer vacation begins.

# Alpine Museum displays vintage bread oven

by Karen Dustman  
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Call it a six-ton miracle. Thanks to some tenacious volunteers, the Alpine County Museum is welcoming a rare new addition — a vintage Basque-German bread oven, from Hope Valley's old shepherd days.

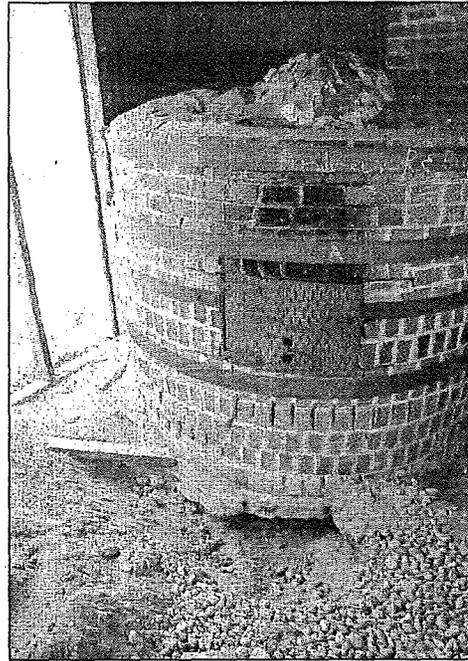
"Imagine trying to lift a four-foot high pile of bricks loosely held together with fragile mortar," said museum curator Wanda Coyan. "People shook their heads and said it couldn't be done. And our intrepid volunteers scratched their heads, and did it."

Now safely at home on the museum grounds, the old brick oven is awaiting a new foundation and some interior repair, but should soon be ready for its formal dedication.

"The museum is planning a special celebration to welcome the historic oven in Aug. 28, firing it up for a day of bread-baking and pizza-making," said Coyan.

This unusual project brought together just a few of the museum's crew of 20-plus dedicated volunteers. "Our volunteers are so essential to the museum's ongoing operations — staffing the museum store, planting flowers and weeding gardens, baking treats for special events, and serving as docents to run the old stamp mill," said Coyan. "We are so fortunate to have a great crew of dedicated hands ready to pitch in, whatever the task."

To thank her cadre of volunteers, Coyan recently hosted a volunteer appreciation tea at the Woodfords Mountain & Garden House, mixing home-baked tarts and chocolate-



Special to The R-C  
A vintage Basque-German bread oven.

dipped strawberries with large doses of camaraderie. "It was a small way to say thank-you because without our volunteers, our museum couldn't do everything we do," Coyan said.

New projects will soon put museum volunteers back to work. In June, Planting Day at the Museum will refurbish the flower beds and add seasonal blooms around the building exterior. Also in the works is a plan to restore the old Markleeville cemetery and locate long-neglected graves, perhaps adding benches and an access trail.

"If you have a talent, we'll put you to work," laughed Coyan. "We have a marvelous group of dedicated folks, and it's been so much fun to rediscover history together."

For more information about volunteer activities at the Alpine County Museum, contact Wanda Coyan, curator, at (530) 694-2317.

# Alpine public defender wins Superior Court judgeship

by Kurt Hildebrand  
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The defense won in the race for Alpine County Superior Court Judge, according to preliminary results of Tuesday's election.

Public Defender Thomas Kolpacoff won nearly 60 percent of the vote in the three-way race to replace retiring judge Richard K. Specchio.

Kolpacoff received 287 votes to Alpine County District Attorney William A. Richmond's 104 votes. South Lake Tahoe attorney Robert Hen-



**Jardine**

derson received 91 votes. Kolpacoff received the endorsement of the Alpine County Deputy Sheriff's Association.

In the race for Alpine County Supervisor District 1, Donald M. Jardine has won a sixth term.

The Markleeville resident received 73 votes to challenger John Jackson's 41 votes. Jardine has served as an Alpine County supervisor since he was first elected in 1986.

There are 788 registered voters in Alpine County and according to preliminary results 509 cast ballots in the mail-in election for a turnout of 68.4 percent.

# THE INSIDE SCOOP

## Alpine organization sues to open trail to Pleasant Valley

### Staff Reports

A lawsuit challenging private landowners' barring of access to Alpine County's Pleasant Valley has been filed in U.S. District Court on behalf of the Friends of Hope Valley.

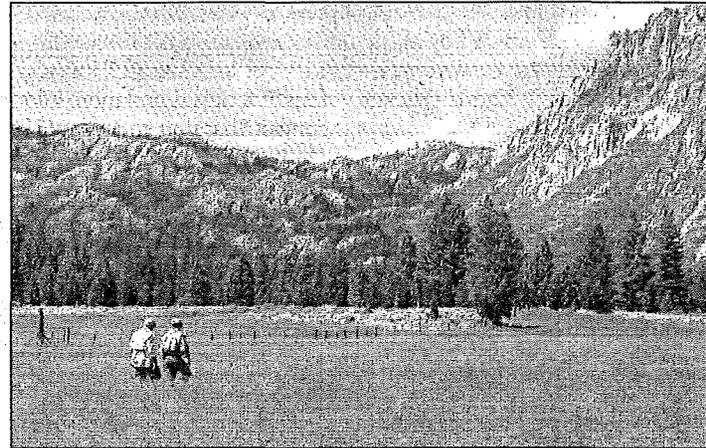
Claiming that the valley south of Grover Hot Springs was a public access point before landowners gated it in 1999, attorneys for the group have filed to have the trail reopened.

"This case represents a clear violation of the public's right to have access to trails where there is

a long history of use by the public," said attorney Matthew Zinn of the San Francisco law firm of Shute, Mihaly & Weinberger. The law firm of Kerr & Wagstaffe has also been engaged by the Friends of Hope Valley.

The group is seeking past trail users to appear as witnesses in the case.

The Friends of Hope Valley said they worked to persuade the Dressler family to voluntarily reopen access to the Pleasant Valley trails for public use, but despite years of attempts to find a resolution, this gateway to public



Belinda Grant/R-C file photo

Anglers participating in Reel Recovery walk toward Pleasant Valley Creek near Markleeville. The organization provides fly-fishing therapy to men with cancer.

lands remains closed.

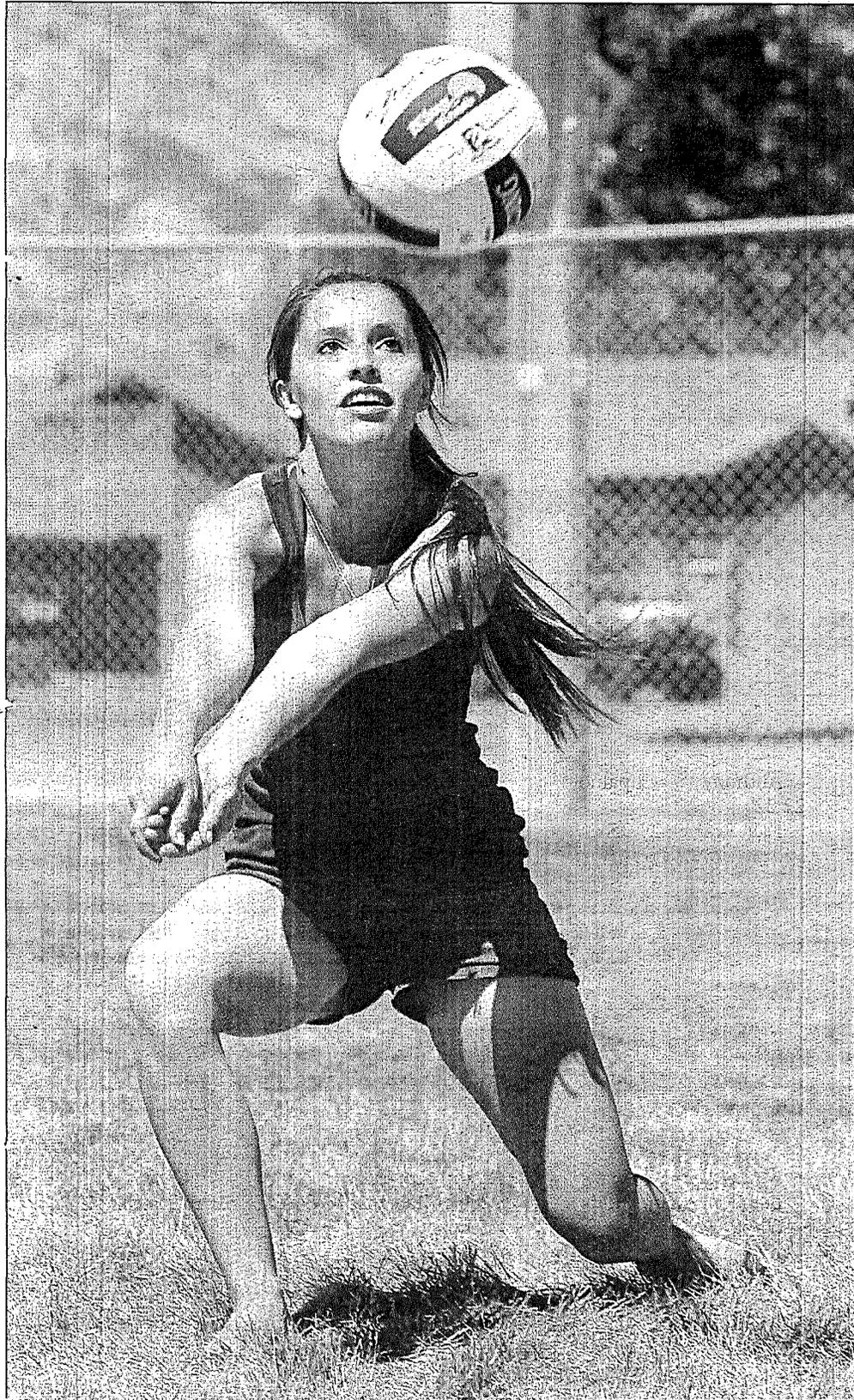
According to Zinn, any land in California that was open to public access for five continuous years before 1972, can't be closed to the public.

"The public's right to access public trails, even where they

pass through otherwise private land, is firmly established in California state law," he said. "There is ample evidence demonstrating many decades of public use of the trails, according to the Friends of Hope Valley."

# SPORTS

CARSON VALLEY DAYS SPORTS



Clockwise from left, Stephanie Chavez plays for We Are Family in the grass volleyball tournament; I

# Letters

"someone in Carson City who did much of the work restoring the instruments at a very low cost" was a husband-and-wife team, Richard and Carol Doede.

They have a small business called Vivo and they are both music teachers. They were immensely helpful to me in many ways besides the repair of the instruments.

**Ginger Craik**  
Markleeville

## Tobacco control

EDITOR:

On June 8, the Alpine County Tobacco Control Department, in collaboration with the Students Taking on Prevention youth coalition of Douglas High School, conducted a youth purchase survey of Alpine County tobacco retailers.

The purpose of this activity was to determine the rate of illegal sales of tobacco to youth under age 18, in accordance with the California STAKE act.

Five retailers were surveyed. Each of the five retailers passed with flying colors. They did not sell tobacco products to underage youth, asked for identification and had their tobacco licenses properly displayed. They did not sell tobacco-themed products, such as Ball Park Chew (gum) or candy cigarettes. Congratulations, Alpine vendors. And thank you for asking for identification.

**Elizabeth McGeein**

Alpine County Tobacco Control

## Thanks for the help

EDITOR:

Thank you to The Record-Courier and to Joyce DeVore for the article about Diamond Valley School's end-of-the-year music programs. The band did a lot of work and had a lot of fun preparing for the concert.

It should be mentioned that the

**BIRTHS**

**Uriah Michael Brady**

Gardnerville residents Dawn and Brandon Brady are the parents of a son, Uriah Michael Brady, born June 16, 2010, at Carson Tahoe Regional Medical Center. Uriah weighed 7 pounds, 3 ounces at birth.

**Madeline Grace McGarry**

Minden residents Leslie and David McGarry are the parents of a daughter, Madeline Grace McGarry, born June 18, 2010, at Carson Tahoe Regional Medical Center. Madeline weighed 8 pounds, 1 ounce at birth.

**Lexie Lynn Ferguson**

Gardnerville residents Kristen Connolly and Chad Ferguson are the parents of a daughter, Lexie Lynn Ferguson, born June 18, 2010, at Carson Tahoe Regional Medical Center. Lexie weighed 6 pounds, 9 ounces at birth.

**Jasper McCheyne Elliott**

Markleeville residents Cassandra and Erick Elliott are the parents of a son, Jasper McCheyne Elliott, born June 18, 2010, at Carson Tahoe Regional Medical Center. Jasper weighed 5 pounds, 14 ounces at

birth.

**Benjamin Allan Prince**

Minden residents David and Carolyn Prince are the parents of a son, Benjamin Allan Prince, born June 16, 2010, at Barton Memorial Hospital in South Lake Tahoe.

**Michael James Primo**

Zephyr Cove residents James and Jaruwanee Primo are the parents of a son, Michael James Primo, born June 13, 2010, at Barton Memorial Hospital in South Lake Tahoe.

*Ex Markleeville Resident*

**ARTIST WINS BEST LANDSCAPE**



Special to The R-C  
Carson Valley artist Charles Muench received the Edgar Payne Award for Best Landscape for his oil painting, 'Above Iceberg Lake,' at the 99th annual Gold Medal Juried Exhibition of contemporary-traditional fine art at the Pasadena Museum of California Art. Muench's artwork is featured at the Lone Tree Gallery in downtown Minden.

# ALPINE

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## Markleeville Art Gallery open for the season

by Joyce DeVore

Markleeville Art Gallery held its grand opening on June 19. The gallery is located in downtown Markleeville, at 14841 Highway 89.

Evelyn Yonker, art director and owner, features fine art from artists on the Markleeville Studio Tour, the Tahoe Art League, and several Carson Valley art leagues. Yonker has studied with David Foster at Lake Tahoe Community College and with Lee Netzel at the Brewery Arts Center. She has attended workshops and had her own workshops in several media. She is qualified to talk about a variety of subjects, ranging from the best place to buy art supplies to the best local

artist. Her knowledge of the various artists is extensive and lends interesting insights into the art pieces.

Her opening show includes works by: Charles Muench, Peter Chope, Sandy Baenan, Ida Glazier, Pete Bowie, Charlene Howdle, Alice Hoffman, FoAnne Wood, Pam Brekus, Lee Netzel, Todd Branscombe, as well as her own works. Local author William Morgan has a selection of his novels and short stories at the gallery, too.

There is framed photography, oils, pastels, water colors, sculpture, jewelry, silk art scarves, hand-made soaps, books, and more.

Original art as well as prints and cards are available. "Browsers are

welcome," Yonker said. There is no high-pressure salesmanship in the gallery. The gallery is a business, but a business based on Yonkers desire to share her love of art.

Yonker said, "I have wanted to be a famous artist since I was 6 years old. I have always kept active in art, even while raising a family and building houses with my husband at Yonker Construction. I have a custom studio in Woodfords, but this gallery offers more opportunity to gather artists and display their work."

Several artists attended the opening and were pleased with the gallery. The atmosphere is relaxed and bright. Since the gallery is spacious, Yonker expects to have various workshops and classes avail-

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Lee Netzel, Bill Morgan, Carole Morgan, Nina Major, Evelyn Yonker, Steve Yonker, and Ron Schlarff at the gallery opening.

able in the future.

One artist from Pollock Pines set up his fly fishing lures and was happy to explain the floaters and sinkers to a browser. The gallery is clearly a place to gather and share ideas.

Markleeville Art Gallery is open daily from 11 a.m. until 5:30 p.m., except Wednesday and Thursday. For after hours appointments, call the gallery at (530) 694-2787 or e-mail Yonker at Markleevilleart@gmail.com

## Alpine author issues new book

### Staff Reports

Alpine County novelist Bill Morgan has produced a new work, named "To The Virgins," which is available at Amazon.com.

Written under Morgan's pen name, Wade Morgan, the book is about Glen MacLeod, a man who becomes immersed in a box of letters, he'd written to a friend when he was serving in the U.S. Army during the 1950s.

"This book is different. It's called an epistolary novel and it's told through a series of letters," Morgan said.

The letters tell of the adventures he and his

friend had while they were in the service.

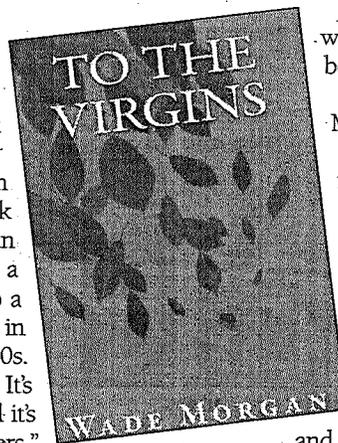
It's a portrait of military life written to a friend who stayed behind and attended college.

This is the third book Morgan has written.

He also has a suspense novel called "Six Days in Siberia" and a short story collection called "The Captain and The Ice Queen and Other Stories," all available from Amazon.com.

Morgan has written columns for The Record-Courier over the past two

and a half years, since a group of Alpine County writers took over for Alpine Portfolio columnist Gina Gigli.



## Art and slide show benefit Saturday

### Staff Reports

An art show and slide show conducted by third-generation Sierra photographer Tony Rowell is 5-8 p.m. Saturday at Sorensen's Resort, located in Hope Valley along Highway 88.

Rowell will show photos taken by three

generations of his family, including his late father Galey.

The cost is \$15 per person. Proceeds will be matched by Sorensen's and will go to support the Rowell Award for the Art of Adventure.

For more information, call (800) 423-9949.

# OPINION

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Remembering Auntie M's

EDITOR:

Recent events have renewed my interest in writing a book about the coffeehouse "Auntie M's" and all the wonderful relationships, extensive and exhaustive conversations and great characters. One such character, Jim Estabrook, passed in February of this year, as did a wonderful, sweet child named Ahmen. The coffeehouse was a gathering place, one where most felt safe enough to say anything they wanted, arguing was encouraged, leaving as friends was expected.

The roll of the coffeehouse, throughout Europe, the world, even Carson Valley has always been to foster communication, encourage discussion and set the tone of a community. I will always cherish those years (1991-98) as the most enjoyable and enriching of my life. I write this letter in the hopes you will send stories, anecdotes any and all memories to be included in the publication. All Auntie M groupies, please share memories and your favorite stories to be included in this endeavor. Mail to P.O. Box 535, Markleeville, CA 96120 or e-mail to: bennettleebearly@yahoo.com. Thanking you.

Marsha □ Auntie M. □ Bennett  
Markleeville

# Fishing report for Fourth of July

Hello fellow anglers.

## MAC-THE-NAW



by Doug Busey

Seems as if we have only started spring and Fourth of July is already here.

A word to the wise, there will be a lot of people out on the road this three-day weekend.

Drive with extra caution as there will be anglers and

bicyclists all throughout Alpine County.

Take the extra time to get to your destination safely, because it will still be there when you arrive. Be careful around the rivers in our area, as the runoff from above brings branches and debris downstream with it. It may be warm out side, but the water is still very cold and dangerously high.

Speaking of Fourth of July, the second free fishing day in California is today. A license is not required on this day, but the regulations must be followed where ever you decide to fish.

**LAKE TAHOE:** Mackinaw action has been good to very good. Trolling Trophy Stick lures or a dodger and a minnow have been most successful. Best areas have been Cal/Neva Dollar and Sugar Pine points. Depth of 110 to 200 feet of water. Cave Rock shore fishing has been slow. Toplining has been fair in the early morning. Don't have a boat and need a guide? Call Blue Ribbon Charters at (530) 544-6552.

## TROUT CREEK, UPPER TRUCKEE RIVER, TAYLOR CREEK:

Fishing season opens today. They are all located on the south end of Lake Tahoe. These tributaries are not stocked by CDFG. They hold the future of fishing for Lake Tahoe's rainbow and brown trout. I recommend catch and release on these waters.

If you want to catch and keep, I recommend the Carson rivers in Alpine county.

**CAPLES LAKE:** Trollers have had good success using floating Rapalas No. 7 black and gold or black and silver. Medium blades and a night crawlers have also done well, averaging 3 fish per person. Last week Don and Elaine Quilici from Carson City walked down to Woods Creek to find anglers lined the shore. A few had success for small rainbows with power bait. The new Ramp is now open on the west side. Cost is \$5 day use and \$10 launch fee. The Caples store is open for boat rentals, launching and fish stories. For more info call the Caples Lake Resort at (209) 258-8888.

**RED LAKE:** Last Sunday I fished for two hours and got one bite on a black and silver Rapala. The shore is full of small trout fry one to three inches long. I saw one angler that caught 3 very small brook trout on powerbait. The water is high and a little cloudy. The primitive boat launch on the west side was open.

**INDIAN CREEKS RES:** Fishing in the early morning was fair to good for anglers using powerbait. As a note; the count on lost strings is now up to 3 for the year. One angler lost his stringer on the dam, as a 3 pound rainbow swam off with it. The camp ground area is scheduled to be closed for a few weeks due to paving, so if you want to launch your boat. You will have to use the unimproved launch ramp. The lake is very high and the water is clear, but look out for the weed beds.

**BLUE LAKES:** The road is open up to the lower lake, I have not heard about the upper lake as of last Wednesday. The lake is full and has been fishing fair for shore anglers. I have not had any reports for boat anglers.

**CARSON RIVERS:** East Fork is

still running a little high and discolored, I would not recommend you do any wading unless you want to end up in Nevada. Cooler temperature should calm it down by the weekend, but always use caution. The West Fork in Woodfords Canyon is running faster than usual this time of year. Most anglers have had better success in Picketts Jct in the meadow area. Last Sunday I received three reports of anglers with 4 to 6 pound trout. Both rivers were stocked last week, and are scheduled to be stocked for this weekend. The fish average 2 to 3 pounds and up to 8 pounds. For more info call the Carson River Resort at (866) 694-2229.

**PYRAMID LAKE:** Closed to all fishing June 30.

**TOPAZ LAKE:** Boaters have been doing very well, but not trolling. They have been down on the south end anchored up fishing with powerbait or night crawlers. They have been catching 2 to 3 pound rainbows. Shore fishing has been hard, due to the lack of places to fish. The water is so high that many places are inaccessible. The marina is open for launching and boat rentals. For more info call Topaz Landing at (775) 266-3550.

**MARKLEEVILLE CREEK AND SILVER CREEK:** Fishing well for good-sized rainbows. Scheduled to be planted this week. I hope this helps to put you onto the fish. Also make a note that with our warming temperatures, rattlesnakes are out. You don't want to find out the hard way. Trust me, I know. If you get a picture of your catch, email it to syingling@tahoedailytribune.com. If you have any questions in our local fishing world, call the Naw line at 267-9722. I would like to thank Don Quilici at carsonsports.com for his input on fishing reports. Good fishin' and tight lines.

# ALPINE

## Alpine couple's granddaughter graduates West Point

by Joyce DeVore

Riley Foster Kennedy graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point on May 22. Bill and Carole Morgan of Woodfords are the proud grandparents of this all-American woman.

Foster Kennedy majored in Arabic and studied in Egypt twice. During one summer, she earned wings at the parachute jump school in Kentucky.

"It's pretty much a year-round program," said Bill Morgan. When President Bush visited West Point, Foster Kennedy was one of eight cadets selected to greet the president.

Her first assignment as a commissioned second lieutenant is in military intelligence.

A few weeks after graduation, Foster Kennedy was married at Edgewood, Lake Tahoe, to 2nd Lt. Sean Kennedy, who graduated from West Point the year

before. West Point graduates in full uniform performed the traditional saber arch for the newlyweds.

During the same spring, Foster's family moved from Oakdale, Calif., to Washington state. Foster's younger brother Kit is her best friend and strongest supporter, so she had to focus on that change at the same time as graduation and marriage.

How does she do all of that?

Foster Kennedy is simply a stand out.

She is one of only a few students accepted at all four military academies. That means she has superior intelligence, athletic ability, and strong leadership skills.

Her father Martin Foster, a former Navy officer, recognized her willingness to work hard and to persevere.

When Foster Kennedy was in eighth grade, her father brought home a crumbling yellow 1966 Ford Mustang, with the condition that father and daughter would restore the



Special to The R-C  
Riley Foster Kennedy takes the oath as a commissioned officer upon her graduation from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

car. There is a photo of Riley driving that car to school in her Oakdale High School yearbook.

Her mother Stacey Morgan Foster, an English major and law-school graduate, has worked at American University in Maryland, at California State Universities in San Jose and Stanislaus, and now is vice president of student affairs at Eastern Washington University near Spokane. Foster Kennedy has been immersed in a highly academic environment and has accepted and excelled in every single challenge.

After high school graduation, her mother light-heartedly said, "I guess she is as good as she tells us that she is."

She spent the summer between her junior and senior year at the Naval Academy to experience military life first-hand.

There were only 200 women at the seminar, and Foster-Kennedy was the only woman to finish the

brutal-eight hour sea trials, similar to a Marine's training. The Navy awarded her the iron woman award for her performance at the seminar.

Foster Kennedy had overcome her fear of heights by learning to pole vault in high school; however, she could not overcome her seasickness so she decided against the Naval Academy and the Coast Guard Academy.

Foster Kennedy is now in advanced training for military intelligence on an Army base near Phoenix, Ariz.

She will join her husband at Fort Bliss, Texas after completing training. They both will spend at least five years in the Army as part of the West Point Academy's program.

Morgan, an Army veteran, is decidedly proud but said, "I'm not surprised at Riley because she has always been very intelligent and very determined."

# Hearing set on Kirkwood diesel plant appeal

by Kurt Hildebrand

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A public hearing on an appeal of the permit that will allow construction of a new power plant at Kirkwood is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. July 16 in Markleeville.

The Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District will hear an appeal of their May 24 approval of con-

## DETAILS

**What:** Hearing on Kirkwood generators

**When:** 10:30 a.m. July 16

**Where:** Markleeville

**Info:** [www.gbuaped.org](http://www.gbuaped.org)

struction of a diesel engine power plant.

Appealing the decision is an organization called SMART Energy Group,

which believes the power plant should be fueled by natural gas.

Kirkwood resident Rae-jean M. Fellows argues that once the initial investment in setting up natural gas is made, it will be cheaper and cleaner.

Both natural gas and diesel have to be trucked into Kirkwood, which is not attached to the national

power grid.

The power plant, which serves both Kirkwood Ski Resort and the surrounding homes, burned down on New Year's Day.

Since then, Kirkwood has been served by a temporary power plant while working on a new source of electricity.

The temporary plant is only permitted through the end of 2010. Officials planned to have the new plant, consisting of six diesel generators, online by Oct. 1, but that depended on plans to break ground by June 1.

District staff members are recommending denial of the appeal, saying that the diesels with pollution controls are the best means to supply electricity to Kirkwood residents.

State law requires the district to consider the best available control activity, which Fellows says is natural gas, which burns cleaner than diesel.

Since natural gas is not available in Kirkwood, the transport and storage would require an assessment under the California Environmental Quality Act, which would require at least a year. That would mean the pollution district would have to extend the permit allowing the portable generators.

For more information and background, visit [www.gbuaped.org](http://www.gbuaped.org)

Dear Alpine County Resident:

I want to express my deepest appreciation for the warm welcome Alpine County has extended in this last election, selecting me as your next Superior Court judge. Marilyn and I both have been amazed and humbled at the outpouring of support that made this experience—my first-ever run for an elected position—such a positive one.

My promise to you remains unchanged: I will do my utmost to apply the law fairly, and to treat each person who comes before me with dignity and respect.

Marilyn and I are now involved in winding up my Tahoe practice, and look forward to becoming full-time additions to Alpine County as soon as practically possible. Again, thank you for welcoming me to your court and for welcoming us both so warmly into the Alpine Community.

With kind regards,

Tom Kolpacoff



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# Death Ride Saturday

## Staff Reports

The 30th annual Tour of the California Alps Death Ride will draw nearly 3,000 cyclists to Alpine County this weekend.

Over the years, the ride — which encompasses up to 129 miles over five mountain passes with 15,000 feet of climbing — has become known as one of the premiere cycling events in the country.

Start time for the Death Ride is 5:30 a.m. Saturday and all riders will have to be off the course by 8 p.m.

The large field includes riders between the ages of 8 and 80, along with a number of riders from out of the country and even a handful of tandem bike entries. Participating riders have the option of riding one, two, three, four or five mountain passes. Last year, 2,200 out of 2,800 riders completed all five passes, marking the largest number ever to accomplish the feat.

Several area roads will be closed due to the event.

The road from the Markleeville Courthouse at the junction of highways 89 and 4 will be closed 5-8 a.m. Saturday.

Monitor and Ebbetts passes will be closed starting at 5 a.m. Monitor will reopen at noon and Ebbetts will reopen at 3 p.m.

For more information, visit [www.deathride.com](http://www.deathride.com).



Shannon Litz/R-C file photo

Participants in the 2009 Alpine County Death Ride climb Carson Pass on Highway 88.

# Death Ride celebrates 30th year this weekend

## Long winter makes for short training season

by Joey Crandall  
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Covering 129 miles with more than 15,000 feet of climbing over five mountain passes in a single day on a bike is a feat that takes months, even years, of preparation.

The 30th annual Tour of the California Alps Death Ride will bring nearly 3,000 cyclists into Alpine County Saturday with the intentions of completing what some would call one of the most grueling one-day cycling events in the country.

It's certainly not something one can just pick up a month before and hope to complete.

Is it?

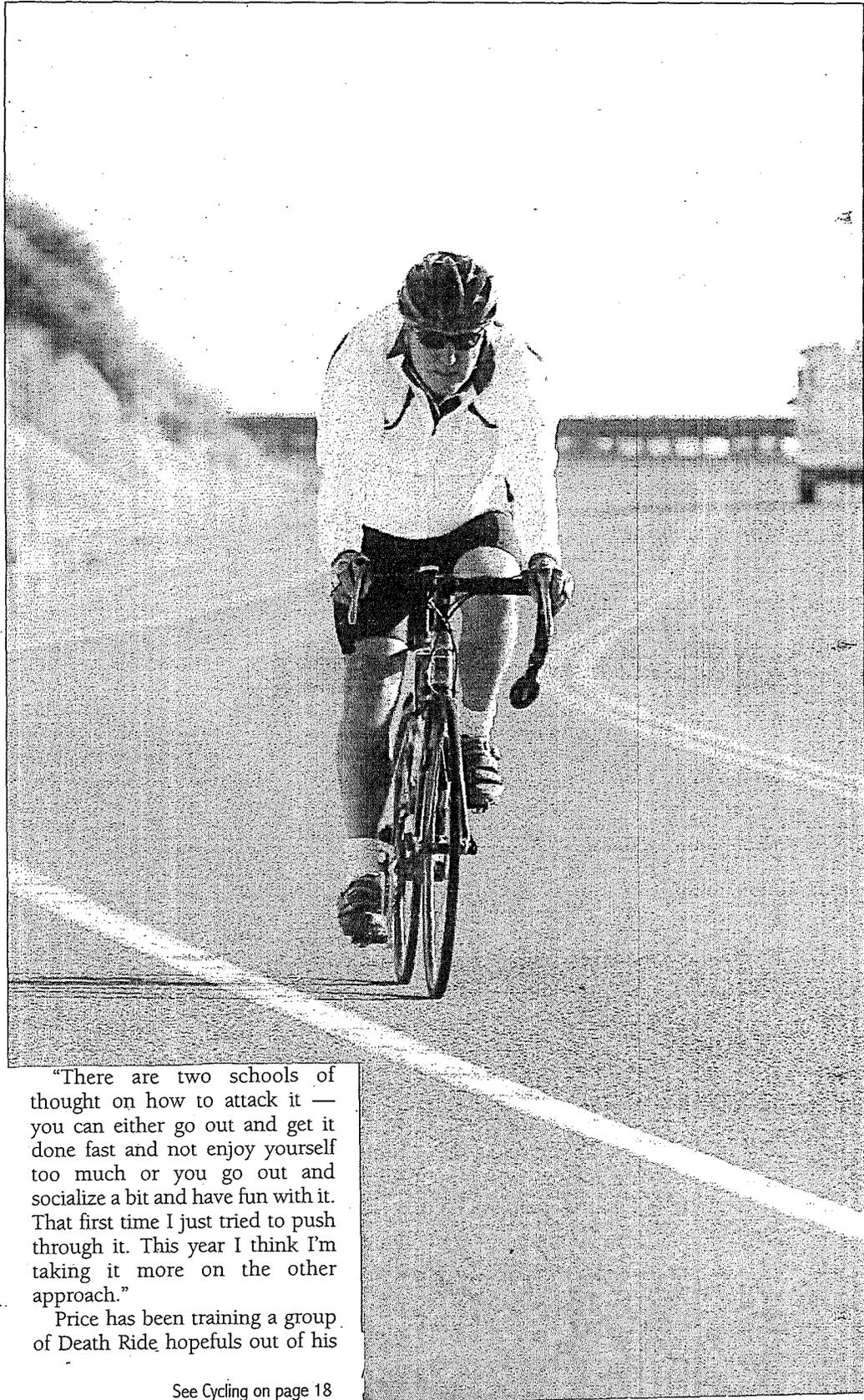
"That's pretty much what I'm looking at," said Carson Valley resident Peter Price, who owns Johnson Lane Fitness in Minden and is an avid cyclist and triathlete. "I just started the business a little while ago and that's been an all day deal, and then the weather this year hasn't allowed much regular training time. I've only been able to settle into a routine over the last month or so. We've been riding Kingsbury Grade three or four times a week. I'll just have to see how it goes on Saturday."

It would seem a lot of participants from around the region are in the same boat, due to the exceptionally wet winter season.

It's not like Price is going into this as a novice, however.

Price is an Iron Man triathlon veteran and completed all five passes of the Death Ride in 2004.

"It was kind of the culmination of a 10-year dream for me," Price said of his first Death Ride. "It's a unique ride, there's no doubt about it."



"There are two schools of thought on how to attack it — you can either go out and get it done fast and not enjoy yourself too much or you go out and socialize a bit and have fun with it. That first time I just tried to push through it. This year I think I'm taking it more on the other approach."

Price has been training a group of Death Ride hopefuls out of his

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Shannon Litz

A cyclist rides down Kingsbury Grade on Wednesday morning. The Tour of the California Alps Death Ride, considered one of the premiere cycling events in the United States, is Saturday.

# Cycling

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Johnson Lane gym over the last few months, but the long winter with relatively frequent precipitation systems made it difficult to get out on the road.

"Training indoors is one thing, but you have no wind resistance, no cold, no heat, you aren't fighting what you'd see on a real mountain," Price said. "It's just tough to simulate what you'll be going through without actually being out there. It takes some planning."

The weather was such an obstacle this year that several potential Death Riders were pulling out of the event due to not being able to properly train.

As of Wednesday afternoon, no less than 20 Death Ride tickets were available on eBay and Craigslist. Generally, due to the event filling to capacity months in advance, the ride is only open to late entries who show up the day of the race in the hopes of claiming a "no-show" ticket.

"It's just been that kind of year," Price said. "People have been able to commute to work maybe, but with the lack of safe training conditions on the mountains, it just wasn't cutting it for preparation."

"There are a lot of serious

cyclists out there that had to pack it in because they couldn't get the right amount of training in. There are a lot of other people who are just going to give it their best and see what happens."

Last year, 2,200 riders out of the 2,800 registered finished all five passes, setting the event's all-time record.

"It's quite a feeling when you finish," Price said. "A ride like this really takes its toll on your back and neck. It can really be a grind."

"Everyone comes out for different reasons. There are people that just want to complete one pass, some want to do all five. Some people just want to do better than they did the previous year. Everyone has a personal thing they want to accomplish."

"It's not about the competition. It's timed, but it's about doing what you personally set out to do."

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# Upcoming road construction in Alpine County

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Reconstruction of roads in the Alpine Village subdivision near Woodfords will begin on Friday.

Existing asphalt will be removed, ground, then compacted in place with a new asphalt overlay. This project should be complete by July 22.

Rehabilitation of Emigrant Trail between Foothill Road and Woodfords will begin today and continue through July 29.

This project will include removal of failing asphalt sections, application of oil, and placement of a new rubberized asphalt overlay.

The rubberized material uses recycled tires and is expected to provide a more durable road surface that resists cracking. All roads will remain open for traffic with controls during construction. Bicycle travel on Emigrant Trail is not recommended during construction.

More information on these projects is available from the Alpine County Community Development Department, (530) 694-2140.

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## Turning backyard weeds into dessert

by Karen Dustman

First you pick weeds. When Wanda Coyan first mentioned her recipe for real marshmallow, the weeds part was a mystery.

Coyan has a knack for finding fascinating uses for the same weeds that are cursed in other gardens. Lambs' quarters show up

in delectable salads, while nettles morph into tasty lasagna filling. Seeds from the white-flowered shepherd's purse that infests our back lot become spicy Indian pepper to Coyan's experienced eye, while yarrow is nature's fever reducer or a poultice for bleeding. So its no surprise that Wanda would know that a pesky weed holds the secret to the perfect marshmallow topping.

Here is her surprisingly easy

recipe for making real marshmallow:

1. Locate a wild mallow weed or three. An extremely common yard pest, the mallow or cheese weed bears tiny pink flowers (tasty in salads, Coyan points out), and is easy to identify by its tiny green fruits resembling miniature cheese wheels. Gather a handful or two of the biggest cheese wheels you can find, pluck off the green outer leaves, and wash well.

2. Cook the cheese wheels in a small amount of water (approxi-

mately  $\frac{3}{4}$  cup) for 15-20 minutes, or until the water thickens to the consistency of egg white. Strain out the cheese wheel fruits with a sieve and discard. Let the liquid cool.

3. Add 1 teaspoon vanilla to the liquid and beat with an electric mixer. As the mixture begins to foam, slowly add 3-4 tablespoons of powdered sugar to taste. Continue beating until the froth triples in size and the marshmallow forms firm peaks. Spoon onto your favorite cake or dessert.



The wild mallow weed.

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# Looking back a good way to appreciate the future

by Marie Johnson

July and the cattle are sleek shiny black as patent leather shoes. Ranchers are cutting hay. You can smell it. Riding around with a car window down, listening to old rock-and-roll, or walking through swaying grasses changing irrigation boxes, you can smell the sweet of summer. Red and white clover, green grasses mixing with wafting fragrance of pink wild roses and mountain peach blossoms. It just plain old smells good out here, except for the dog, he stinks.

Our aging German shepherd losing his hearing and vision, has

## FENCE LINES



by Marie Johnson

stench.

He does this because he is a good dog. If you are irresponsible enough to get out of his range of sight or hearing he wants you to

turned to smells, the ranker the better. If an old hide or fresh offal is cooking in the summer sun, potent enough to turn your stomach, our deaf blind dog takes a full belly up roll in it, covering his back, sides, tail and head in good

know where he is, so you don't get lost. Since the dog stinks, the cattle are good, grass growing and irrigation water flowing I took some days off from the shovel and boots to visit an old college friend in Kansas.

I am not a country western fan even though I live in the country out West. But in the days I lived in a college dorm I listened to a lot of Jerry Jeff Walker. First day freshman year a song, inappropriate to print, was blaring from speakers out my dorm window. This helped me meet the two girls next door, who were wondering who played this kind of music, Those two girls became dear

friends. We traveled Europe together, attended each others weddings, baby namings and now helping with life health issues. Carol, the brains of our trio, has been informed she has stage four uterine cancer. She has been helping her husband, over the last two years, cope with brain cancer, plus raising two great teens. I went to see Carol's smile.

Carol offered plenty of smiles, and some life lessons. Displaying a strength of heart and the value of waking up pain-free. A blessing.

I learned not to heat food in plastic. Heated plastics emit toxic

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escape gases. Think glass when storing, heating and serving food or drink. And Carol's hospital's integrated health services encouraged her, my organic vegetarian friend, to eat organic, grass fed beef, at least through chemotherapy, to keep her strength up.

Research is being done on the omega-3 values in grass-fed beef to see if it reduce cancer tumors. Yet inconclusive, but it made me happy to see a red roast in Carol's fridge the day I left.

The most important thing I brought back home, besides Carol's pink coral necklace she gave me from her high school days, is to really — and this is no cliché — really appreciate every single day. Really.

Sure, sometimes life stinks. Bad things happen, oil flows into the gulf, war, economic hardship. Your husband gets considered an extraordinary brain cancer statistic, but he is not a statistic, he is your husband.

You have stage four uterine sarcoma; but find love in friends and family giving you extreme pleasure while

## Indian Creek campground closing Sunday

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Starting Sunday, the campground at Indian Creek Reservoir will be closed for up to 45 days for reconstruction and paving of the campground's roads and parking areas.

Operated by the Bureau of Land Management, the campground is located in Alpine County.

Access to Indian Creek Reservoir will be available via a dirt access road on the east side of the reservoir.

Campers should investigate vacan-

cies at nearby federal, state and locally managed campgrounds, such as Grover's Hot Springs State Park, Turtle Rock Campground managed by Alpine County, and campgrounds along California State Route 88/89 managed by the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest.

enjoying a small glass of crisp red wine with your organic, grass fed, beef dinner. And tiny white flashing

fireflies grace your dinner table as you sit outside on a heavy humid Kansas night, smelling all the sweet of

summer.

Marie Johnson is a Carson Valley rancher.

## Panel rejects Kirkwood diesel plan appeal

by Adam Jensen

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An appeal aimed at requiring Kirkwood Meadows Public Utility District to consider replacing a diesel-fired power plant with something other than a diesel-fired power plant was shot down on Friday.

Members of the Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District Board denied an appeal by Raejean Fellows, the founder of a group called Kirkwood SMART Energy, to rescind the utility district's permit for construction of a new diesel power plant in Kirkwood Valley.

The board made the decision Friday afternoon at Alpine County Administrative Offices in Markleeville, Calif. More than 50 people attended.

A New Year's Day fire destroyed the valley's previous diesel power plant, which was the lone source of electricity to Kirkwood Mountain Resort and surrounding homes. Portable diesel generators have powered the area ever since.

Utility district officials hoped to have a new diesel power plant built near the remnants of the old one prior to the start of the 2010-11 ski season. Fellow's appeal scrapped a projected Nov. 1 completion date, but getting a new plant operational before the end of the year remains possible, said Tom Henie, the utility district's general manager.

On Friday, Fellows, joined by environmental lawyer Jan Chatten-Brown, argued the utility district should not be allowed to build the power plant under emergency exemptions to the California Environmental Quality Act because the situation is no longer an emergency.

Creating an environmental document through the CEQA process would allow the utility district to examine



Adam Jensen/Tahoe Daily Tribune

Kirkwood Meadows Public Utility District General Manager Tom Henie points to a map displaying a proposed power line project to the Kirkwood Valley at a Friday meeting in Markleeville.

potentially cleaner and cheaper options for providing power to Kirkwood Valley, including a power plant partially powered by liquefied natural gas, Chatten-Brown said.

"It was one thing to build that power plant 30 years ago and another to build it today," Fellows added.

Proponents of the new diesel-fired power plant argued that the lack of reliable power in the valley still represents an emergency, a natural gas power plant won't necessarily be less expensive than diesel and the natural gas option will only provide marginal air quality improvements.

Nearly all of the people identifying themselves as Kirkwood homeowners at Friday's meeting said they supported the construction of a new diesel-fired power plant in the valley.

A CEQA process is likely to find a new diesel power plant is the best option for the area, while adding hundreds of thousands of dollars and at least a year to the construction process, said Richard Shanahan, the attorney representing the utility district.

"At the end of the day all of the money is going to come out of the ratepayers," Shanahan said.

While diesel storage tanks survived the fire, construction of natural gas storage

tanks would also add millions to a new power plant's bottom line, Shanahan said.

The uncertainty surrounding approval of and funding for a power line project to connect the Kirkwood Valley to the national power grid means the power plant built in the valley needs to be designed as a permanent power solution, Henie said.

But anything built in valley should also be available as back-up system if the power line project does come to fruition, Henie added.

A natural gas power plant is not viable as a back-up system, said Brian Powers, the assistant vice president of operations for Clean Energy Fuels, a major provider of natural gas in North America.

Fellows expressed doubts about the success of the power line project and said a power plant in the valley should be constructed as a primary power source.

The possibility that Kirkwood could be on temporary power for months, or even years, loomed following the board's Friday decision.

Chatten-Brown said she

and Fellows will discuss the possibility of filing a lawsuit in response to construction of the power plant.

The utility district is struggling to obtain financing for the power plant and a legal challenge could cause further borrowing problems, Shanahan said.

A lawsuit could push a construction of a power plant back until 2013 or later, Shanahan said.

California law prohibits the use of portable diesel generators for longer than a year in the Kirkwood Valley, and what will happen if the generators are still in use at the start of 2011 is unclear.

Henie said he didn't think the pollution control district would allow the valley to go dark, but said he wasn't exactly sure how the district would handle such a situation. The pollution control district has the option to impose fines, Henie said.

The general manager described the prospect of heading into the 2010-11 ski season using solely temporary generators as "pretty scary."

The draft environmental document for the power line project to connect Kirkwood to the power grid is expected to be released in the next 45 days, Henie said.

The draft document will give the utility district a better idea of the cost of the project, which would likely be paid initially through the issuance of bonds, Henie said.

A 2006 estimate put the cost of the project at more than \$35 million.

Utility district ratepayers would likely be required to pay debt service on the bonds for the next 30 years if the power line project is constructed.

# Tahoe resorts report second busiest season

by Jason Shueh  
and Annie Flanzraich  
Tahoe Daily Tribune

Lake Tahoe ski resorts have tallied numbers from the 2009-10 season, announcing a 17 percent increase in skier visits.

According to a Friday announcement from Ski Lake Tahoe, a group composed of Alpine Meadows, Heavenly, Kirkwood, Mt. Rose, Northstar-at-Tahoe, Sierra-at-Tahoe and Squaw Valley USA — 2009-10 was the second busiest season ever for Tahoe, and more than four times the national average recorded by the National Ski Area Association.

The resorts attributed the visitor influx to the more than 600 inches of snow that fell — double the national average — and a long winter with some ski lifts operating from Halloween through the Fourth of July.

“We had a great ski season,” said Heavenly spokeswoman Aimi Xistra. “The snow conditions were phenomenal and we’re looking forward to next season.”

Consistent snowfall helped, with early season skiing coming from El Niño storm systems and supplemented by snowmaking and spring storms that left resorts with mid-winter conditions and base depths at more than 100 inches to finish the year.

“The combination of reliable snow conditions cou-

pled with unbeatable vacation deals and a totally unique, memorable winter experience has become the trademark of the Ski Lake Tahoe resorts,” said John Wagon, president of Ski Lake Tahoe.

A number of promotions and packages helped draw visitors to Sierra-at-Tahoe, said spokeswoman Kirstin Cattell.

“It was one of our best ski seasons on record and we attribute it partly to the deals we had out in the marketplace,” Cattell said. “People are very conscious of finding ways to save and we had deals that helped them continue to ski and snowboard and follow their passion without breaking their wallets.”

Reno-Tahoe International Airport’s decision to increase its number of airlines and the number of flights into the Lake Tahoe area also helped bring in larger crowds, according to Ski Lake Tahoe.

The Reno-Tahoe International Airport ranked No. 1 in the country in the percentage of flights it added since the third quarter of 2009, according to the Air Transportation Association.

In the past nine months, the airport added 17 new or seasonal flights to its schedule.

The ATA reports that Reno’s 14.7 percent increase in flights leads the nation when comparing third quarter 2009 with third quarter 2010.

## Death rider describes annual bicycle rally

by Nancy Thornburg  
Special to The R-C

"The view from the top of Monitor Pass looking west was absolutely stunning." This was one of the comments made by Chuck Sholtz who rode in the annual Tour of the California Alps Death Ride held on July 10.

This year marked the 30th year that the ride has taken place and it has become quite famous in the world of cycling. It is a ride, not a race, and for all five passes consists of riding from Turtle Rock Park, between Markleeville and Woodfords, first to the top of Monitor Pass and from there down to Highway 395 to the east.

Riders then return over Monitor to Highway 4/89 and ride to the top of Ebbetts Pass and then continue west to Hermit Valley. Next they return to the top of Ebbetts Pass and continue to Woodfords and up Highway 88 to the top of Carson Pass. Finally they return to Turtle Rock Park. The total mileage for the ride is 129 miles and there is a total of 15,000 feet of climbing. And it's all done in one day.

This year 3,500 riders were entered and 2,241 completed all five passes. Others could do one, two, three or four passes.

Sholtz was one of the 2,241 who completed all five passes.

Born in Prague, Czech Republic, in 1960, he came to the United States in 1968. He completed undergraduate work at the University of Michigan, obtained a doctorate at Stanford University and a juris doctor-



Patent attorney Chuck Sholtz completed all five passes at the July 10 annual Death Ride, which saw 3,500 riders enter.

ate from Santa Clara. He is a patent attorney and lives in Palo Alto with his wife, Catherine, and two children, Alex and

Sophia.

"This was a phenomenal experience," Sholtz commented. "There was fantastic,

really amazing support — the best of any ride that I've done. It was also the hardest," he added.

Sholtz said he had biked as a kid in high school, continued in graduate school and then stopped until about three years ago when he started trying to bike every weekend or at least every other weekend. Training for this ride consisted of biking to and from work once or twice a week — 32 miles each way from Palo Alto to South San Francisco.

"The scenery on this ride is spectacular," he said. "The best descents were coming down from Monitor. I was especially impressed with the logistics at the top of Ebbetts where the support people essentially provided valet bike parking."

His family was waiting for him at Turtle Rock when he returned from Ebbetts. He washed off, ate, rested, and donned fresh clothes, and then he headed out for Carson Pass.

The hardest part of the ride, he said, was from Woodfords to Picketts Junction.

"You're so tired at that point and the heat in the canyon plus its steepness plus the fact that you know you have a long way to go," he said.

The best part?

"The ice cream at the top of Carson Pass." It was provided by Schwan's which is a sponsor of the ride.

"That was the best ice cream sandwich I've ever had," he added.

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# THE INSIDE SCOOP

## Valley Realtor to be featured on outdoor reality show

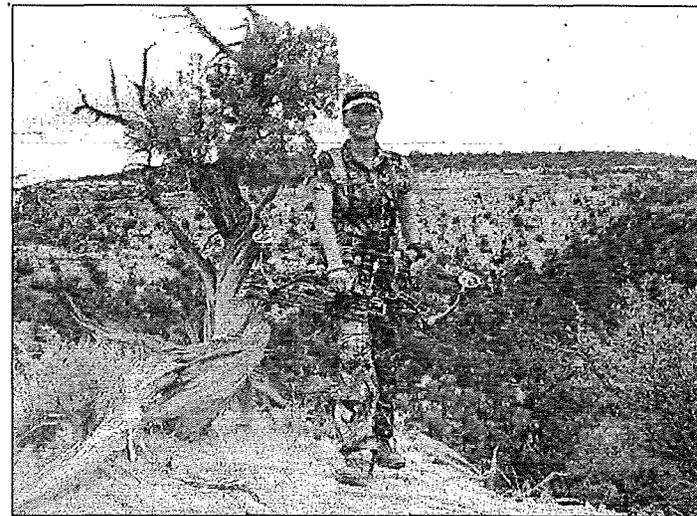
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Coldwell Banker Itildo real estate agent Teddy Carlson-Brown will be featured as one of 12 contestants on an outdoor hunting and fishing reality show called "The Ultimate Sportsman," which will air on the Versus channel, Charter cable 406, beginning 7 a.m. Thursday.

Filming for the show took place over a span of 16 months in 12 different locations around the United States. Events included fishing for king salmon on Lake Michigan, pheasant hunting in South Dakota, elk hunting in New Mexico, turkey hunting in Illinois and Sitka blacktail and sea duck hunting on Admiralty Island in Alaska.

Carlson-Brown competed against eight men and three women who came from all over the U.S. and Canada. Besides the hunting and fishing competitions, the contestants competed in 24 challenges which ranged from giving talks on various conservation organizations to showing their skills on the archery and rifle ranges, to extreme physical agility trials.

Carlson-Brown said that her involvement with this show was a great experience because it pushed her out of her comfort zone. She said she was forced into situations where she had to overcome her fears and just "go for it." With focus, determination, hard work and enthusiasm, just about anything is possible,



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Teddy Carlson-Brown with a bow in a photo taken for 'The Ultimate Sportsman,' a reality program airing Thursday on Versus.

she said.

The show will air every Thursday at 7 a.m. for 30 minutes beginning July 29 and ending on Dec. 22.

Carlson-Brown has lived in Carson Valley since she was 4. She is married to Dr. Steven Brown and has two children, Sarah Chichester and Josh Brown. She and her family are all

outdoor enthusiasts.

"I think my hometown will be proud," she said. "I gave it my all and was pleased with the outcome, but I can't tell you exactly how I did because that would take from the suspense of the show. Hopefully, everybody will watch and see how it turns out."

For more information, visit [www.theultimatesportsman.com](http://www.theultimatesportsman.com).

## Alpine game warden

by Joyce Devore

Warden Erick Elliott is the Alpine County officer for the California Department of Fish and Game.

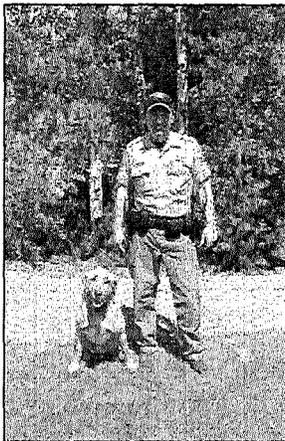
Elliott has been a game warden for 13 years. Before being assigned to Alpine County two years ago, he worked on the North Coast of California doing surveys for salmon and steelhead, then as a warden in Julian, Calif.

When I asked if he liked working here, he said that he always wanted to live and work in this area. He plans on making Alpine County home for himself and his wife and their four sons. He said, "working in Alpine County is heaven sent."

"I always wanted to be a game warden," he stated. "My father was a game warden and the whole family participated because of the nature of the job. We got calls at home about poaching and during the years before policy prohibited such things, I got to go on ride-alongs and even help with job duties," he added.

His favorite childhood memory is when his father took him along on a "spot-lighting job," which means that hunters were illegally shining lights on deer at night so the deer would be immobilized and very easy targets.

"Since my dad was working alone, it was a help to him for me to stay in the vehicle and flash a light around once in awhile. That way the hunters would think that there was another warden in the area. It was a



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Game Warden Erick Elliott and his Labrador retriever partner, Rusty

security measure as well," Elliott explained.

Both Elliott and his younger brother are now wardens in California. The criteria for becoming a warden for California Fish and Game include 60 units of college credit, with 18 units in criminal justice or biological science.

There is regular continuing education in case law, defensive tactics and firearms, wildlife restraint and handling, including using tranquilizer darts, nooses, and other methodology.

Elliott has also completed canine training through a state coordinator. His dog Rusty is a 3-year-old Labrador retriever that will alert Elliott to the smell of trout, deer, firearm odor and other scents.

When I asked about a typical work week, Elliott explained that his "duty is primarily to be a peace officer for the department and to enforce California fishing and hunting regulations."

He works solo about 90

### TO REPORT

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percent of the time. A typical case would be to approach a fisherman and ask to see a fishing license.

"I like to assess the totality of the situation: if an individual does not have a license, I inquire about whether she/he has ever had one before, where the fishing gear came from, and other questions to determine if the fisherman is intentionally breaking the law. After all, fishing licenses have been around for 100 years," he said.

If Elliott issues a citation, the person either pays the fine at the county courthouse or appears for arraignment before a superior court judge.

"I have that although it is up to the judge to impose a fine, the judges and the district attorney have taken my input about cases into consideration. I like to appear at the arraignment because I think it keeps the proceedings more fair and honest," Elliott continued.

His most exciting case was piecing together evidence against a group of "guys consistently poaching deer out-of-season in a state park near Julian. I worked with the department biologists who found the deer carcasses and then patrolled the park for days and days. When I finally spotted the vehicle, the men told me that they were not hunting, they were just using the rest room. There was no hunting equipment in the car, no deer, not backpack full of

# looking for poachers

venison — almost nothing to indicate that they were the poachers. Then I spotted a drop of blood on the pant leg of one of the men. He told me that he had an injury. I asked him to see the injury and found nothing. Then I asked him to cut off the portion of pant with the bloodstain and give it to me. Later as I searched the area I found three backpacks chuck full of venison and a huge buck head. We later found stashed rifles nearby. I sent the venison

and the pant leg to the wildlife investigations lab that found a DNA match between the blood spot on the pant leg and the venison blood. Months later the poachers were arrested, fined and sentenced.”

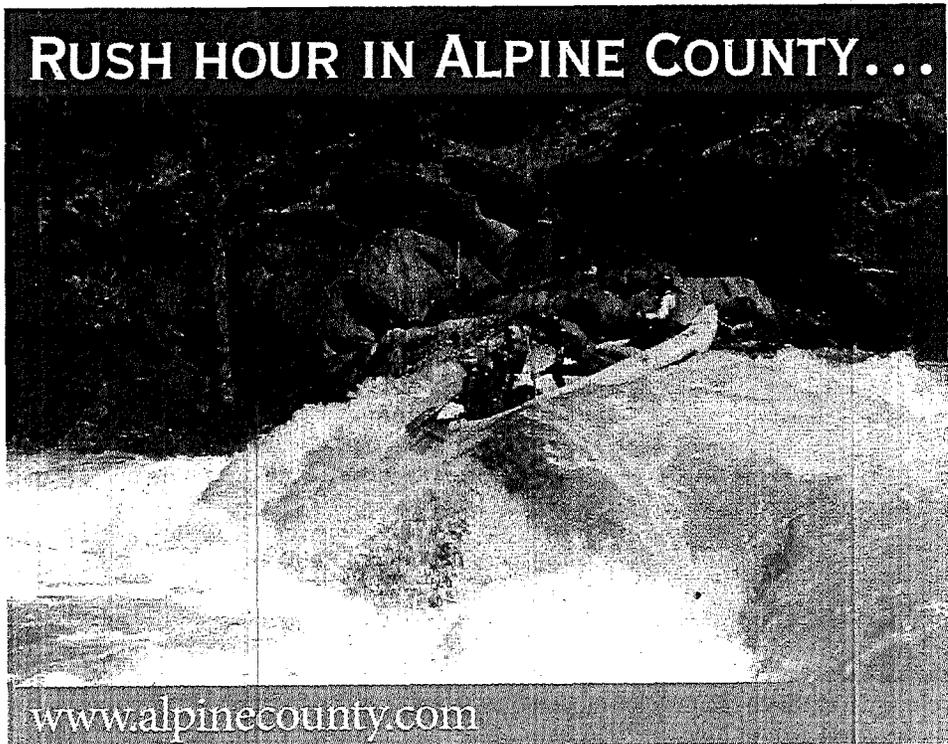
The satisfaction in a case like that comes from protecting our natural resources.

“Wildlife belongs to the people, not to the state. People of all ages enjoy watching deer, bear, and quail,” Elliott said.

He believes that it is all of our responsibility to report poachers. Most arrests do come from people who get tired of a neighbor or acquaintance taking game illegally.

In his career, Elliott has found zero cases of people hunting from the need to feed a family. Elliott said that by the time someone buys gasoline, weapons, and other equipment she/he could have purchased meat or tuna fish at a store.

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# Time to take a walk through the wildflowers

by Jim Donald

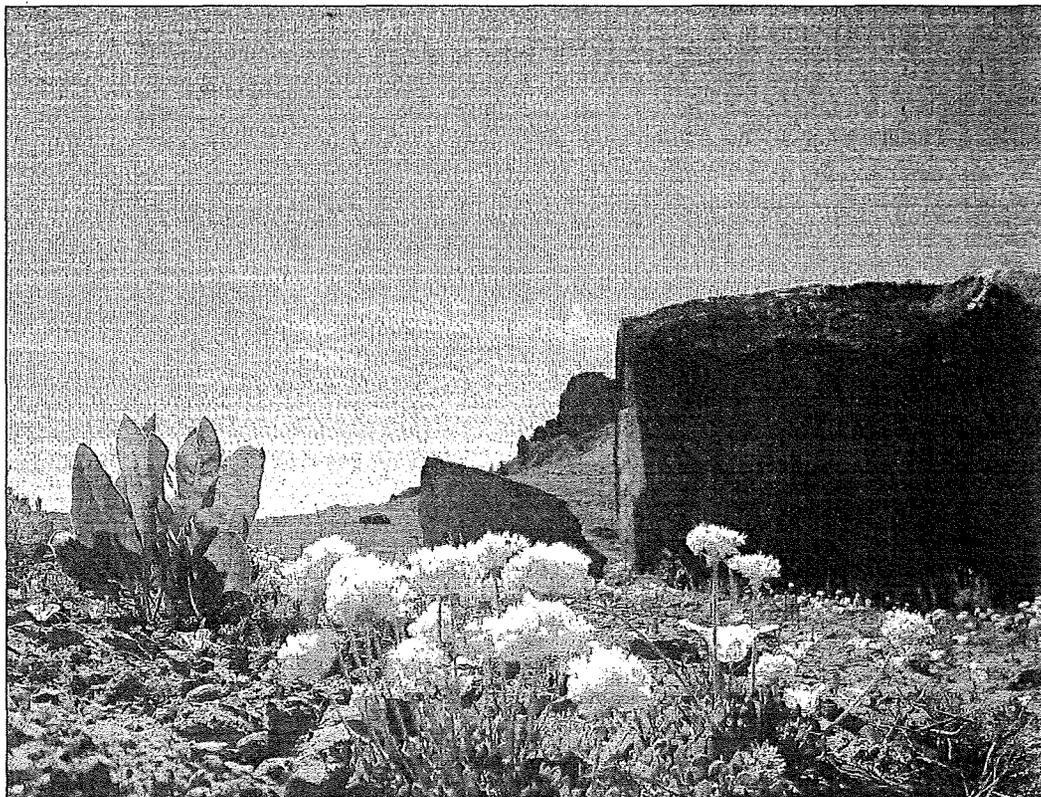
If you've been paying attention then you'll already likely know that, in the Sierra, this summer has been one of the best wildflower displays in recent memory. The good news is that it is still happening and in many areas the annoying mosquito and biting fly populations have dropped somewhat.

Visit any of the high passes in Alpine County. Sonora, Ebbetts and Carson Pass all have fields of gold as well as most other colors that you can think of, while moist seeps and meadows at lower elevations remain decorated with an abundance of flowers.

Don't delay if you want to see this show. It'll continue for a few weeks but shorter days and the drying zephyrs of summer will be its curtain call.

Carson Pass has the most extensive displays. On the Pacific Crest Trail and Tahoe-Yosemite Trail south to the Winnemucca Lake area and beyond is truly sublime. Everyone else seems to know this too, so expect crowds, with some members mumbling scientific names, poking around on the moist slopes. The PCT north to Showers Lake or the Meiss area can be nice, too, with generally fewer people. Winnemucca is an easy 4-5 mile round trip while Showers Lake is a moderate 10-mile round trip.

What makes Carson Pass unique is that it is the northern terminus for many southern species and the southern terminus for many northern species, roughly speaking of course. So the vari-



Wildflowers are blooming along the Pacific Crest Trail and elsewhere in the High Sierra.

ety can be incredible.

Ebbetts Pass has excellent wildflower displays too. Southbound on the PCT for about the first mile has a wonderful abundance and is a relatively easy stroll. After that the trail drops steeply into Noble Canyon and switchbacks up to Noble Lake (newer maps spell this as Nobel) at about 4.5 miles each way. Good flowers in here too but it's a strenuous hike.

North from Ebbetts on the PCT is mostly mixed conifer forest with pockets of wildflowers but at

about 2 miles opens onto the south slopes of the Raymond - Reynolds Peak group where there are abundant displays.

Sonora Pass at 9,600-feet, the highest pass in the Alpine area (but actually not in Alpine County), has great flower shows. South on the PCT, meandering on the north ridges of Leavitt Peak, the trail drops in and out of numerous gullies that harbor creeklets where wildflowers abound. Further on the trail climbs the bare rocky ridges of

Leavitt Peak where what flowers grow hug the ground for survival in the rigorous conditions above 10,000 feet.

Northbound the PCT is mostly on exposed sunny slopes with only isolated gullies that provide good habitat for flowers. At Wolf Creek Lake (about 3 miles) the trail drops into a meadow with flower displays and then begins a long drop with the infant headwaters of the East Fork of the Carson River.

Many other areas offer excellent

flower displays as well. If you don't mind longer hikes pick any area above 8,000 feet that has or had available moisture - usually north to east facing slopes and explore. You'll enjoy wherever you go.

In addition to the ten essentials, one of which is a map, bring a field guide to Sierra wildflowers. If it's not too windy a camera can record images of the best specimens for later identification. Flower photos come out best in light overcast conditions - a rarity in the Sierra at this time of year - or at the margins of the day.

Notice I haven't named any flowers. A good beginning guide like *Wildflowers 3: The Sierra Nevada* lists 300 species while *A Field Guide to Pacific States Wildflowers* lists over 1,500 species. And then there's the *Jepson Manual of Higher Plants of California* (not a field guide) for those who just have to key everything to species level. My advice is to keep it simple, learn scientific names if you want to (many plants have multiple common names depending on locale) and enjoy the show, the smells and the thin light at 9,000 feet. (Yes, I know the air is thin too).

Check the weather before you go. Thunderstorms are a reason to cancel. Read about lightning safety on the National Weather Service Web site.

But go now and enjoy the show. It'll only last a little longer.

Jim Donald is an Alpine County resident.

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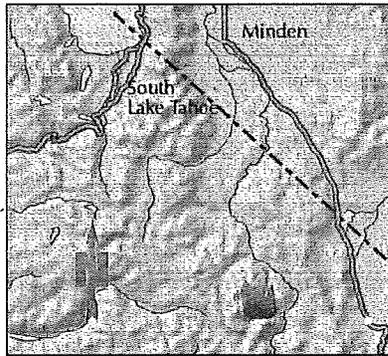
# Alpine fire closes trails, roads

## Staff Reports

All trails and trailheads in the area south of the Wolf Creek Trailhead have been ordered closed as firefighters battle a 463-acre forest fire in the Carson Iceberg Wilderness.

The U.S. Forest Service is encouraging people not to travel Forest Service Road 032, due to heavy traffic from fire personnel responding to the blaze, according to public information officer Danyelle Storms.

Trails closed include the Murray Canyon cutoff trail and the Elder Creek Trail, including the Wolf Creek Drainage and Bull Canyon areas from the wilderness boundary on the west to



the divide between Wolf Creek and the East Carson River on the east.

Six hand crews and five helicopters making up nearly 170 firefighters are battling the blaze located six miles south of Wolf Creek.

The crews have a line a tenth around the fire that is burning mostly lodgepole pine in the Humboldt-Toiyabe Forest.

The fire was set by a lightning strike, possibly during the July 25 thunderstorm and has been smoldering. A crew responded to a report of smoke in the vicinity on Tuesday night.

# Project proposals sought for Alpine

## Staff Reports

The National Forest System is soliciting project proposals for Alpine County for grant funding.

According to information released by the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, \$121,569 is expected to be available for this round in Alpine County.

Successful submissions are designed to improve forest lands within Alpine County, and the economies of its rural communities.

Project funding was made available through Title II funds under the reauthorized Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act.

Completed project applications must be submitted electronically or postmarked by 5

The funds may be used for projects that include

- road, trail, and infrastructure maintenance or obliteration;
- soil productivity improvement;
- improvements in forest ecosystem health;
- watershed restoration and maintenance;
- the restoration, maintenance, and improvement of wildlife and fish habitat;
- the control of noxious and exotic weeds; and
- the re-establishment of native species.

p.m. on Sept. 1.

Projects will be reviewed and recommended at the quarterly Alpine County Resource Advisory Committee meeting at 6 p.m. on Sept. 21 at the Alpine Early Learning Center, on 100 Foothill Road, in

Markleeville.

Projects should be entered directly online. More information may be found at the Secure Rural Schools Web site at [www.fs.fed.us/srs](http://www.fs.fed.us/srs).

To submit a Resource Advisory Committee project proposal, go to [https://www.notes.fs.fed.us/wo/secure\\_rural\\_schools.nsf/](https://www.notes.fs.fed.us/wo/secure_rural_schools.nsf/)

On the bottom of the page, use the drop down menu to enter "Alpine County."

Follow the directions on the page and fill out the proposal form accurately and completely.

Enter "2009 - 2nd year" at the top of the form.

For assistance, contact Resource Advisory Committee Coordinator Daniel Morris at (775) 884-8140, or by e-mail to [danielmorris@fs.fed.us](mailto:danielmorris@fs.fed.us).

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**BIRTHS**

**Madeline Adele Yado**

Gardnerville residents Lauren Hoppe and Armando Yado are the parents of a daughter, Madeline Adele Yado, born Aug. 2, 2010, at Carson Tahoe Regional Medical Center. Madeline weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces at birth. She is the granddaughter of Gardnerville residents John and Adele Hoppe.

**Penny Lane Kittle**

Coleville residents Meagan and Jared Kittle are the parents of a daughter, Penny Lane Kittle, born Aug. 5, 2010, at Barton Memorial Hospital in South Lake Tahoe.

**Kathleen Rose Coker**

Gardnerville resident Mary Coker is the mother of a daughter, Kathleen Rose Coker, born

Aug. 3, 2010, at Carson Tahoe Regional Medical Center. Kathleen weighed 8 pounds, one ounce at birth.

**Ian Manuel Dick Dondero**

Markleeville residents Celeste and Waylon Dondero are the parents of a son, Ian Manuel Dick Dondero, born Aug. 4, 2010, at Barton Memorial Hospital in South Lake Tahoe.

**Ellasyn Hall**

Minden residents Sarah and Tristan Hall are the parents of a daughter, Ellasyn Hall, born July 18, 2010, at St. Mary's Hospital in Reno. Ellasyn weighed 3 pounds, 3 ounces at birth. She is the granddaughter of Minden residents Tony and Lynda King and great granddaughter of Minden residents Ed and Corky Greer.

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## Alpine

### Marijuana grow may belong to cartel

#### Staff Reports

Alpine and federal authorities suspect that between 4,000 and 6,000 marijuana plants seized on Wednesday in a remote area near Markleeville belong to a Mexican drug cartel.

Alpine County Undersheriff Robert Levi said the marijuana farm was planted in a highly organized

fashion on a steep portion of the county.

Alpine County and U.S. Forest Service officials found the grow, which included a large quantity of drying marijuana, a pistol, ammunition and two pellet rifles.

Levi said someone was seen fleeing the area while authorities were at the scene and one man is in federal custody.

"It is believed that there are three more suspects at large that were associated with the marijuana grow," he said.

Levi said that preliminary indications are that the grow is controlled by a Mexican drug cartel.

"These cartels, known for their violence, are of a specific concern to the Alpine County Sheriff's Office and the U.S. Forest Service," he said.



Alpine County Sheriff's Department  
Rows of marijuana plants found by Alpine and federal authorities on Wednesday.

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# Alpine postmaster receives top honor by national organization

by Kurt Hildebrand  
Editor

Longtime Gardnerville resident Margaret Daniels set out to be a flight attendant and even had a job with Continental Airlines before she got married and started her life with Dennis.

What the Markleeville postmaster never expected was to be named postmaster of the year by the National League of Postmasters.

The Daniels arrived in Carson Valley in 1973, fleeing the smog of



Daniels

Los Angeles for the sake of their 4-year-old son Craig's health. Dennis went to work for the Douglas County Sheriff's Office and she got a job at Contel.

“Dennis was a policeman in L.A.,” she said. “We had friends in Yerington so we decided to come up here.”

After a few years at the phone company and a short stint at Bently Nevada, Margaret was hired by Gardnerville Postmaster Dale Bohlman for a part-time position in 1977.

“I worked there for almost 10 years and as things progressed, I ended up running the office in Dale's absence.”

She was hired to take over the Markleeville Post Office in 1986 and remembers her first day was

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## Alpine: Postmaster honors

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Oct. 31, Nevada Day on this side of the state line, but Halloween in California. In those days Northern Nevada would celebrate Halloween a day early and take the 31st off for the annual parade in Carson City.

“The first day I didn't realize what was going on,” she said. “We'd had Halloween the night before. I had to send my husband to the store to buy candy for the trick or treaters.”

In the 21 years since Daniels took over the Markleeville post office, she has seen the town's children go from strollers to weddings.

“I've watched the children grow up,” she said. “I've seen lots of people come and go. People become like family to you.”

Margaret received her award on July 27 in Las Vegas. She points out that the national league doesn't represent all the postmasters in the nation, just about 50,000 of them.

“It is quite an honor,” she said. “I feel like over the years I've been given some jobs to do, given some chores to do and some responsibilities. I feel that God gave me the strength to do this.”

Daniels was named California Postmaster of the Year at the

state convention in May, the second time she's received the honor. She said it was the first time in the history of the league that the national postmaster of the year was picked on the first ballot.

“I'm just dumfounded by it,” she said. “It says a lot that your peers would think that highly of you.”

Daniels said she had 30 years with the post office on June 17, but she's not quite ready for retirement.

“I'm a little more active than a lot of people and I come from a family of long livers,” she said. “My father didn't retire until he was 82. I don't think I'll stay quite that long.”

Daniels has been a member of the league for 20 years. She has held several positions in the organization. While serving on the national membership committee, she received its highest honor, the MB Morrison Blue Blazer. During her service on the national legislative committee, Daniels traveled to 30 state conventions helping members with issues and raising funds for the political action committee. Daniels also received the First National Spirit Award, The Airlines Advisory Branch Leadership Award and a National Editor's Award for best state

convention program.

She served as a Little League coach, and participated in Cub Scout Pack 195, youth soccer, organization committee of the Douglas County Fair Board, founding member of the Douglas County Parent Faculty Club, chaperone for the Douglas County Ski Club, Beta Sigma Phi Laureate Omega chapter, National Association of Retired Federal Employee, Alpine County Chamber of Commerce, California State Fair representative, Friends of the Library, Historical Society and was nominated Alpine Woman of the Year in 2004.

Daniels holds many Postal Philatelic Station events in the Markleeville area and is known internationally for the “Death Ride Station.” Postal awards also include many certificates of appreciation, many outstanding merit evaluations, perfect attendance awards, western area award for performance, Nevada Sierra District Snowshoe Thompson Award, Pacific Area Top Performer for years 2005 and 2006.

Daniels survived a bout with cancer 12 years ago. Her husband Dennis ran for sheriff against Jerry Maple in the 1980s and served governors Robert List and Dick Bryan.

# ALPINE

## Outdoorswoman opens new business in Markleeville

by Joyce DeVore

We have a lovely and talented local woman on television. Teddy Carlson-Brown appears 7 a.m. each Thursday for 30 minutes on the show "The Ultimate Sportsman."

"I thought the people in Alpine County would want to know that the show is finally on because so many of them helped me practice archery, shooting, hiking, outdoor cooking, and more. It's fun to see the final product," she said.

The show airs on Versus through Dec. 22.

An outfitter who hunted with Teddy and her husband Dr. Steven Brown encouraged both of them to apply for the show, which is a series of hunting and fishing competitions combined with physical agility trials, knowledge-based, conservation talks, and archery and rifle range competitions. Both she and her husband made the first cut, "but I'm sure that the producer had many more applications from men and many less from women, so I feel that the odds were in my favor," Carlson-Brown explained.

Since Carlson-Brown has a full

time job running a real estate business in Markleeville and a husband, and two children, she mentioned that she almost hoped that she would not make the second cut, but only Teddy made the final 12. She did and met the first challenge of leaving home for seven to 10 days at a time over a period of 16 months in 12 different locations to film the show, which was completed in December 2009.

At an early age, Carlson-Brown camped with her family in Alpine County every summer for up to two weeks at a time.

"I learned to not only enjoy the fun of fishing, but also the peace and solitude that came with it," she added.

Her first big game hunt was only about eight years ago, when she and her husband went on an archery elk hunt in Colorado. "Elk hunting is physically demanding. It wasn't about the kill for me, but about experiencing nature close up and pushing myself physically," Carlson-Brown continued.

She has since hunted mule deer, moose, whitetail deer, Sitka black-tail deer, antelope, elk, and plains game in Africa.

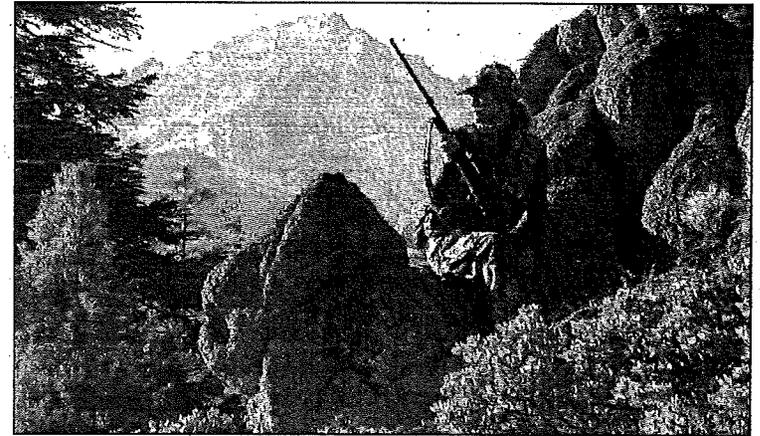
"I will not harvest an animal that I won't eat. I do not believe in trophy hunting. I feel fine about hunting when I know that it has a conservation purpose to thin herds and when the meat is enjoyed by my family and friends," she explained.

She did not hesitate to say that the competition was fair all-around: there were two eliminations early on based on group votes, but the rest were performance-based.

"I do have to admit that the men became very competitive, but that didn't really surprise me and it actually made me try even harder," Carlson-Brown added.

When I asked her about being in "all male" camps, she told me that she has never had a bad experience and that women are joining the hunt camps with more frequency. Her husband, daughter Sarah, and son Josh are "hooked" on fishing and hunting and love the outdoors, so the experience is a family passion, too.

Her family is also supportive of her new business in Markleeville, Intero Real Estate Services. The new office building is nearing completion and is located next to



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Teddy Carlson hunting with Raymond Peak in the background.

the Markleeville Art Gallery. Local resident, Nick Hartzell, is the contractor of the project which will house the real estate office downstairs and a 600-square-foot apartment upstairs.

Carlson-Brown has been selling real estate in the area for a number of years and "has a sincere appreciation for what the area has to offer. I truly believe that it is one of the most beautiful places on earth," she said.

Carlson-Brown investigated many franchises before opting for Intero. Intero is well known in the Bay area, Silicon Valley and Santa Clara County, which is where most Alpine County real estate buyers reside. The company is growing worldwide, offering cutting-edge technology and leadership. Carlson-Brown explained that Intero people "are proponents

of overall healthy living, going green and giving back to the community."

Carlson-Brown and business partner Dennis McDuffee, along with their team, including Beth and John Cressaty and Christy Canatsey-Malarchuk, are already planning community events that promote the area's businesses and provide local fun for families.

"We're hoping to have music, wine-tasting, food and fun for the entire family. The idea is to cooperate with the chamber of commerce, local businesses, the artists, and the general public to promote and showcase the area," Carlson-Brown added.

Carlson-Brown and McDuffee also have an Intero office under construction in the Waterloo Center in Gardnerville.

# There's someone else out in the woods

## Markleeville artists host annual open studio tour Oct. 2 and 3

Staff Reports

The eighth annual Markleeville Artists Autumn Open Studio Tour is 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 2 and 3.

Work by 14 artists will be on display in the free Art in the Aspens tour. More than 400 people attended last year's two-day event.

Artwork on the tour includes watercolors by Peter Chope and Sandy Baenan, creative confectionery of Debra Esteban, oil paintings by Charles Muench, and topiary by Jeff Brees, and sculpture, pottery, textiles and stained glass.

Maps with directions to the Markleeville-vicinity



homes and studios are available at the Alpine County Chamber of Commerce in Markleeville. Artists' studios will be marked with yellow and gold banners.

Information, [markleevilleartists.com](http://markleevilleartists.com)

### Artists participating in Art in the Aspens tour

Sandy Baenan  
Suzanne Barr  
Jan Brees  
Jeff Brees  
Peter Chope  
Debra Esteban  
Kaye Jobst  
Russel Ketenjian  
Dianne Mitzner  
Charles Muench  
Richard Shokouh  
Mark and Carolyn Vaughn  
Evelyn Yonker

It's hard to believe that Mexican drug cartels have invaded our neck of the woods to grow marijuana, but that's what authorities believe is happening.

Tending to 40,000 plants in the Alpine County wilderness does not sound like a weekend project for a couple of slackers.

According to the Alpine County Sheriff's Office, the plants were cultivated in neat rows and cared for by people living at the scene.

Alpine is California's least populated county with fewer than 1,100 people. We agree that it seems unlikely that the residents have established a \$30 million pot farm.

That sounds like major agribusiness, and there's not that many outfits that can conduct illicit business at that level, so the cartels seem like a good bet.

We figure that the folks who are running these grows are pretty happy to avoid detection or confrontation, and there's no sign that anyone has been harmed.

Campers, hikers and hunters need to maintain a level of awareness about their surroundings when out in the wilderness, anyway.

Now, besides having to watch out for threats of the four-legged variety, they may have to be a bit more wary of strangers, which probably isn't a bad idea in any case.

# ALPINE

## Diamond Valley's new team

by Virginia York

It was a hard decision for Becky Rugger to leave Diamond Valley School. She loved the children, the staff and the community. She would not have traded the time she spent in Alpine County for anything. However, seven years ago, when she left Meneley Elementary School, her dream was that one day she would return. Late this summer, the principal of Meneley resigned and the position was offered to Becky.

With about two weeks before the start of school, Alpine County District Superintendent, Lisa Fontana, asked Howard Bennett and Cris Etchegoyhen, both retired educators with whom Lisa has had a long association, to fill the role of principal as a team for one year. Lisa thus avoided the crisis of a last-minute search; she and the school board now have the freedom to seek candidates at their leisure.

This is the third time Howard Bennett, who retired in 2008, has returned to work, but not because he finds retirement dull. A practical southern Ohio farm boy, he enjoys, among other projects, his

35-year involvement with the restoration of Virginia City's first Presbyterian Church where he is also the organist.

Howard was a social studies teacher at Whittell High School for 24 years. He was then Carson Valley Middle School's vice principal before returning to Whittell as principal. At Douglas High School he was co-vice principal then joined the Western Region Professional Development Program.

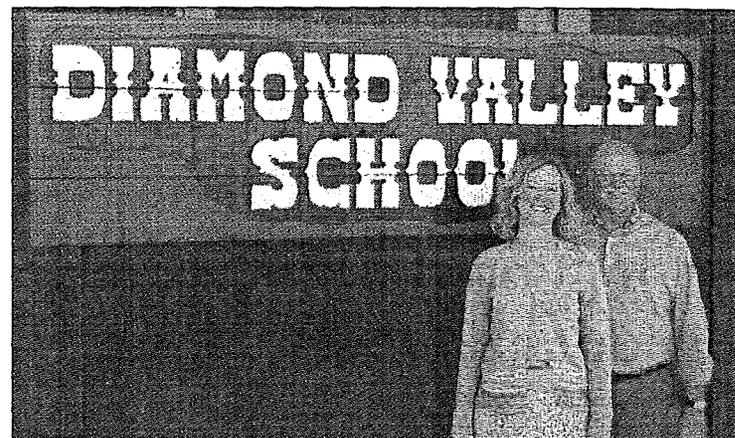
His chief passion is coaching, mentoring and supporting administrators and teachers. He is especially interested in establishing good relationships among the teacher and student populations and between teachers and students. Over the years, he has developed strategies to save students from collapsing into boredom by keeping them actively engaged. He finds frequent, short observations of teachers followed by a debriefing of the highest value.

For Cris Etchegoyhen working in Alpine County is coming home. Cris and her brothers used to spend all their summers in a summer home in Woodfords, built by their grandparents in the '30s. In

the early '70s Cris' father, Hilary Cook, the bow-tie judge, had the opportunity to move to the county as superior court judge. Her parents built a house across the street from the summer home and live there still. Cris went to school in the rock school on the hill in Woodfords. Later she worked at Coyan's Cones and Markleeville General Store. She now lives in Minden.

Cris started her career as an aide at Carson Valley Middle School while she was studying for her teaching credential. Her first teaching job was at Douglas High School where she taught English. She was vice principal and later principal at Gardnerville Elementary School. She has worked as a teacher trainer at the Professional Development Center, as a district curriculum coordinator, and as an educational consultant. Cris has also taught writing classes at university level.

Howard and Cris have served together on various committees and communicate well. It is beneficial to have both a male and female in the role of principal especially when they complement each



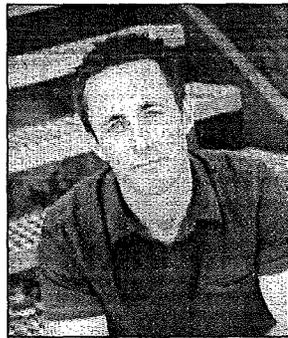
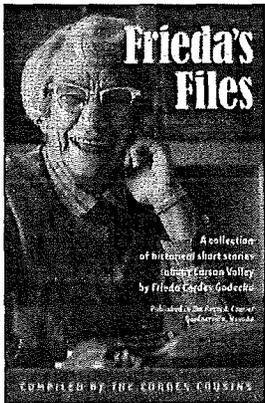
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Cris Etchegoyhen and Howard Bennett are serving as co-principals at Diamond Valley School.

other's strengths; Howard's background is mostly in secondary education while Cris' is mostly in elementary. They describe the team as a synergy. Each will work three days a week, overlapping on Wednesday. Neither of them requires a benefit package. They do not have an agenda to change anything in their year at Diamond Valley but will be moving forward what Becky Rugger has already put in place, to make the school safe, productive and happy. They intend to be visible to the children, interacting with them in the classrooms, helping sometimes with playground duties and possibly accompanying them on field

trips. They stress that the more they work in cooperation with parents the more the children will grow.

The new principals express huge appreciation for administrative assistants, Susan Price and Dawn Riddle, without whose guidance they would have been lost. It bodes well that one comes away from an interview with Cris and Howard smiling and energized. We shall miss Becky Rugger for her kindness and sense of fun (and for many other reasons!) and we welcome Cris and Howard, as we eagerly anticipate the year ahead.



Shawn Grady, and left, the cover of 'Frieda's Files.'



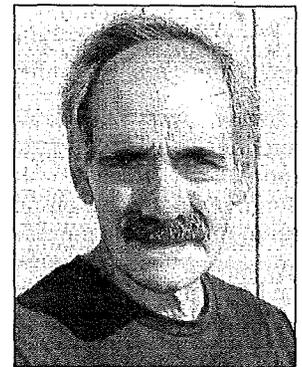
Graceann Deters



Irving Krauss



Mark A. Johnson



Rich Pace

## Authors gathering Saturday at Minden library

### Staff Reports

Authors meet readers, sell their books and sign autographs at A Gathering of Local Authors, 2-4 p.m. Saturday, at the Douglas County Public Library in Minden.

The free event features the Cordes Cousins, Shawn Grady, Graceann Deters, Mark A. Johnson, Irving Krauss, and Rich Pace.

The Cordes Cousins, Terry Lundergreen and Shirley Jones share the history of their Carson Valley family in "Frieda's Files," a col-

lection of stories written by Frieda Cordes Godecke and published in The Record-Courier nearly 40 years ago.

Nevada firefighter and paramedic Shawn Grady is the author of the novels, "Through the Fire" and "Tomorrow We Die." He was named Most Promising New Writer at the 39th annual Mount Hermon Writers Conference. Grady lives in Reno with his wife and three children.

Graceann Deters' book, "Divine Betrayal," is her story of growing up in Brazil as the

child of missionaries from 1939 to 1952. Deters has run a business with her husband, taught nursing, and counseled inmates. She lives in Incline Village.

Alpine County resident Irving Krauss credits education as the key to his successful career. His memoir, "The Insiders Journey," reveals the inner workings of higher education and describes his experiences of traveling the world with his wife.

Nevada native Mark A. Johnson is a graduate of Carson High School. He started writ-

ing children's stories when his daughter was young. He realized writing was his passion after his first book, "Little Fish Lou," was published.

Rich Pace retired from his job as an engineer and moved to Nevada with his wife Elaine. His first book, "Talos: Crossroads of the Galaxy," is a family affair: Pace wrote it, his wife edited it, and Elaine's sister did the artwork.

The Douglas County Public Library is at 1625 Library Lane in Minden. Information, douglas.lib.nv.us or 782-9841.

# Alpine County collecting fuels, hosting cleanup

Staff Reports

The Alpine County fall 2010 fuels reduction collection, formerly known as the burn pile, will be held weekends from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. beginning Oct. 9 through Nov. 14, weather permitting.

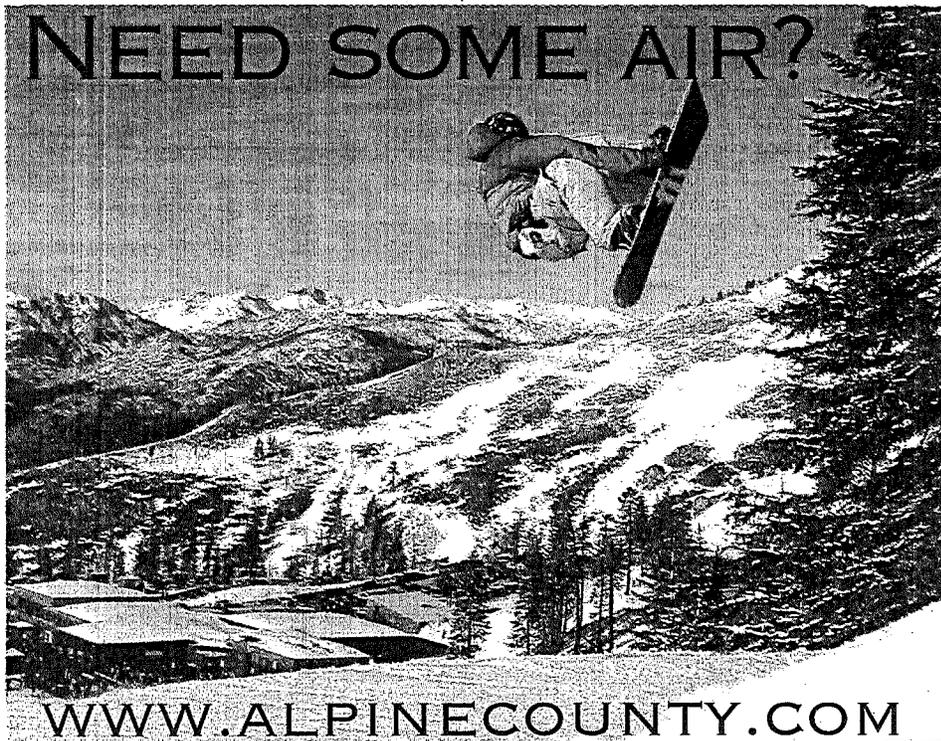
This fuels reduction is held for Alpine County residents only and is free of charge.

For more information visit [www.alpinecountyca.gov/public\\_works/](http://www.alpinecountyca.gov/public_works/)

[recycling\\_fuels\\_reduction\\_collection\\_and\\_county\\_cleanup](#) or call Alpine County Community Development at (530) 694-2140.

■ The Alpine County Fall 2010 cleanup weekend will be 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 16 and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 17 from or until containers are filled each day.

The county cleanup is provided to Alpine County residents only and is free of charge.



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**OBITUARIES**

**Melody Ann Hines  
1962-2010**

Burial will be in Oklahoma City for Melody Ann Hines, 48, who died in Gardnerville Sept. 28, 2010.

Born Sept. 6, 1962, in North Carolina, to William A. and Rosalie A. Gentile Brown, she was a school teacher.

Mrs. Hines moved to Gardnerville in 2003.

She was preceded in death by her parents and both brothers.

She is survived by son Daniel of Oklahoma; sisters Pat Thompson of Minden, Jeannine Iles of Oklahoma, and Margaret Warren of California; grandson Chance of Oklahoma; and numerous nieces and nephews.

FitzHenry's Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

**Albert C. Rasberry  
Jr.**

**1948-2010**

Albert C. Rasberry Jr., 62, of Dayton died Sept. 26, 2010.

He was born Jan. 10, 1948; in Compton, Ga., to Albert C. Rasberry Sr. and Adele (Belcher) Rasberry.

Mr. Rasberry is survived by wife Gloria Jean, sons Jacob of Gardnerville, Paul and Robert, both of Dayton; brothers Wayne Rasberry of Hemet, Calif., and Wayde Rasberry of Dayton; sisters Sue Elden of Dayton, Kathleen Baker and Linda Seymour, both of Conway, S.C.; and Rosalie Starkey of Colton, Calif.; five grandchil-

dren, 10 nieces and nine nephews. Autumn Funerals & Cremations is in charge of arrangements.

**Ninga Anthony**

**1926-2010**

A funeral is 1 p.m. today at Fitzhenry's Carson Valley Funeral Home in Gardnerville for Paynesville resident Ninga Anthony, 84, who died Oct. 2, 2010, at her home.

She was born Aug. 28, 1926, in California.

Viewing was Thursday at Fitzhenry's Carson Valley Funeral Home, Gardnerville.

Burial will take place in Woodfords, Calif. Fitzhenry's Carson Valley is in charge of arrangements.

## Enjoying fall hiking

by Jim Donald

The days are noticeably shorter, in fact the time of official sunrise is about 90 minutes later and sunset is some 90 minutes earlier than at the summer solstice. This, along with cooler temperatures, has begun changes that will lead us slowly into winter.

Blackbirds, in response to age old genetic instructions and who, just a few short months ago, were defending territory from each other, are forming flocks. Group behavior enhances survival rate by providing security from predators, increases the likelihood of finding food and ensures that migration patterns that have worked for millennia are followed.

Other species are engaged in their own fall patterns. Teach the young, stock up on food now and get ready. Humans are no different; kids are back in school, we are enjoying and preserving garden harvests and warmer clothes are being readied.

For outdoor enthusiasts fall brings some of the best times of the year. Flycasters present their offerings to large trout in now cooler pools. Hunters assemble their gear. Hikers go out with more energy and a season's worth of conditioning.

All go out with the lessening sun angle and thinner light that October brings hoping to enjoy those last perfect days of cool crystal clarity that metaphorically and physically lead us to new focus. Peak bagging requires a concentration beyond the humdrum of daily

thought.

Alpine County provides the place. All you have to do is show up, with preparation of course.

Stevens Peak (elevation 10,061), overlooking the fall colors of Hope Valley, is a good choice. Like most peaks, there are several ways to the top, but I'll describe a route that I like.

Turn right on the dirt Crater Lake Road off Highway 88 exactly one mile west of Blue Lakes Rd. You'll need a high clearance 4wd that you like to punish to make Crater Lake, so I just recommend parking at the wide level area about a mile in where the road forks.

At this point you'll walk about 2.5 to 3 miles to the top depending on your meanders and switchbacks and the total elevation gain will be just under 2,000 feet. It's a class 2, moderate to strenuous, off-trail hike.

Stay on the left fork and follow the road as it switchbacks westerly some 500 vertical feet up to Crater Lake. Note the large red firs and hemlocks in the shady glades and up near the lake there are some nice western

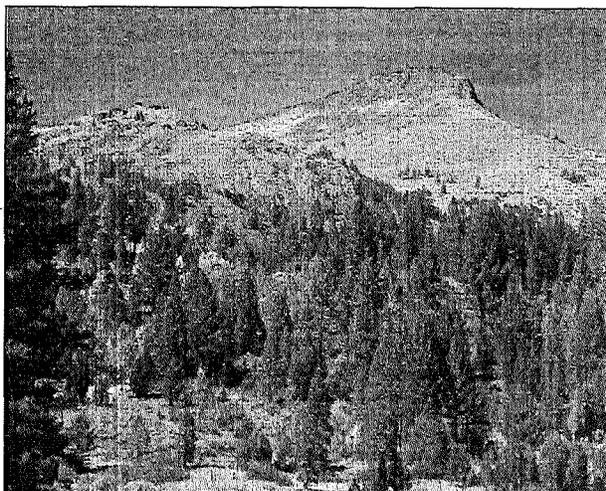
white pine.

At the Crater Lake go north along the shoreline, cross the dam and start climbing the slope immediately in front of you. This section is steep and out of the forest, so pick the path of least resistance and switchback as necessary. The gradient lessens as you gain an easterly shoulder of this ridge after 400 feet of elevation gain.

Arc west-northwest keeping the ridge you just climbed on your left and set up a long climbing traverse toward the obvious low saddle at the top of a poorly defined cirque. Your destination is now in full view across the small valley and you'll follow a long J-shaped route to the top.

This avoids the very steep slopes on the south side of Stevens Peak.

A steep scramble up to the saddle leads to a final push north up to an east-west summit ridge where a leisurely stroll eastbound brings you to the high point. Sign the register and relax. The views from this volcanic peak are among the best in Alpine County. Hope Valley, in fall splendor,



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Stevens Peak rises over Hope Valley. With a 10,061-foot elevation it offers a nice view.

fills the view some 3,000 feet below, the peaks of the Carson Range spread northeast, north lies a panorama of Lake Tahoe, and the Sierra crest fills the view in the west and south.

Retrace your steps to the vehicle or with good route finding skills and a topo (a must anyway), go off the north ridge, arc east after passing the cliffs and drop-offs, to Scott's Lake and descend on the road to a second vehicle.

You'll absolutely need the 10 essentials and study the weather forecasts thoroughly beforehand. Thunder,

snow or ice should cancel this trip. This peak is a wonderful climb on a nice day but it's not an easy peak to get off of in a hurry should the weather deteriorate.

Many people start from Carson Pass and bag Red Lake peak on the way to Stevens and then descend either to Crater or Scott's Lake.

Study the topo — this route essentially follows the ridgelines and there is, now, a use trail much of the way. You may want to follow this strenuous route if it's hunting season.

## Highway 4 to be closed next week

### Staff Reports

South Tahoe Towing with the U.S. Forest Service will salvage a wrecked tractor-trailer from over the embankment at the Cadillac Curve in Alpine County

Highway 4 will be closed in both directions 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday from Ebbett's Pass to the junction with Highway 89.

The lane closures are necessary to ensure the safety of motorists and workers in the area.

Motorists and trucks should consider an alternate route. Highway advisory radios and changeable message signs will be activated to assist motorists.

This work is scheduled to begin as listed, but is subject to change based on weather conditions.

# Intero offices open in Gardnerville, Markleeville

by Scott Neuffer  
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Two former Coldwell Banker Itildo agents have teamed up and brought a new kind of real estate company to the Eastern Sierra just in time for a potential rebound of the market.

Teddy Carlson-Brown and business partner Dennis McDuffee, both Carson Valley natives, are hosting a grand opening of their Intero Real Estate Services office in Gardnerville's Waterloo Center, 5-8 p.m. Thursday.

A second office will soon open in Markleeville as well.

"We're not just going to provide good service, but great service," Carlson-Brown said. "I feel like we're hitting the market at the right time."

McDuffee reported that home sales in Douglas County have picked up in the last two months, with 71 closings in August and 91 in September.

"We're going from single-digit numbers up to this," he said. "Numbers speak."

He also said the commercial vacancy rate, which he estimated at 30 percent, is on the decline.

"Commercial has been lagging, but things are now starting to be absorbed," he said. "We're starting to see consistent numbers."

Ready for the new market, the partners said the difference between Intero and other real estate companies is its relatively small operational size and its focus on technology.

"Most of the offices are paperless and wireless where we can do pre-

sentations right there on the big screen," McDuffee said, pointing to a 42-inch plasma TV hung in the Gardnerville office. "Ninety percent of all buyers today are on the Internet. Our buyers know more about the properties they want than the Realtors do, and our Web site gives them the tools to do virtually everything they want to do."

An Intero iPhone application, McDuffee said, allows users to browse listings and find directions within a 5-mile radius of their physical location. And instead of huge piles of paperwork, the company transports, signs, and stores documents digitally.

"We've found a niche in the market through technology that allows us to capitalize without a huge office or huge overhead," McDuffee said. "There's still that personal touch, as we have a handful of really good agents, but we're miles ahead of the competition technologically. And because we don't have huge overhead, we also offer a higher commission for our agents. We're getting away from that huge, shining, expensive office that costs a lot of money."

Founded in 2002 in California's Silicon Valley, Intero now includes more than 1,800 agents in 40 offices. The company was among the first real estate agencies in the country to distribute listings to sites like Google Base, Yahoo, Trulia and Zillow, and to embrace environmentally friendly practices through an alliance with EcoBroker International.

Intero reinvented the real estate office with a new concept called Intero Andare: a small, technologically advanced and ecologically



Scott Neuffer

Dennis McDuffee and Teddy Carlson-Brown at the Intero real estate office in Gardnerville on Monday.

friendly space designed for mobile agents. Intero's first Andare office opened in 2008, but the company has also been aggressive in launching Intero International to extend the brand to Europe, the Middle East, Latin America and the Asia-Pacific region.

The Eastern Sierra Intero team includes Christy Canatsey-Malarchuk, Beth and John Cressaty,

John Hamer, Joanne Snarr, Vicki Hone, David Wasick, John "JP" Pilkinton, Jill Nichel, Ashley Coleman, Phil Sullivan, Theresa Guimont and Janet Gookin.

"We have an incredible staff," Carlson-Brown said. "We have fun, but we work very hard."

The new Gardnerville office is located at 1362 Highway 395, Suite 112. Business hours are 8:30

a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The office can be reached at 783-5330.

The Markleeville office, with the same business hours, is located at 14831 Highway 89 and can be reached at (530) 694-2794.

For more information, visit [www.interoalpinesierra.com](http://www.interoalpinesierra.com).

*R-L, Wed. Oct. 13, 2010*

## Complaints sought for Alpine grand jury

### Staff Reports

The 2010-11 Alpine County grand jury has convened and residents may submit requests for investigations.

The grand jury is an investigative body created by the Fifth Amendment and the California Constitution, working as a watchdog agency. Any resident may contact the grand jury.

The grand jury may be contacted by completing and mailing a complaint form to:

Foreperson, Alpine County Civil Grand Jury, P.O. Box 102, Markleeville, Calif.,

96120. Complaint forms are available online at [www.alpine.courts.ca.gov](http://www.alpine.courts.ca.gov) under the grand jury tab.

Forms also are available in Markleeville at the Alpine County Court House, county library and county clerk's office in the administration building; Kirkwood Public Utility District, Kirkwood; Alpine County Sheriff's Substation, Bear Valley.

The grand jury is required by law to operate in secrecy. All complaint forms and investigations are secret and confidential.

The 12-member jury is in session through June 30, 2011.

## CRIME & COURTS

# Suspect pleads guilty to Lampe Park stabbing

by Sheila Gardner  
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A 21-year-old Dresslerville man faces up to 10 years in Nevada State Prison after changing his plea to guilty, admitting he stabbed a 26-year-old man last spring in an altercation at Lampe Park.

"I was basically defending myself," Brandon Brown told District Judge Dave Gamble on Tuesday.



**Brown**

He admitted that he knew the victim, Brandon Robertson of Markleeville, and caused substantial bodily injury with the knife at

"It's really important for me today in taking your plea to know the bad stuff," Gamble said.

"I stabbed somebody with a knife," Brown said.

Lampe Park on May 14.

He pleaded guilty to attempted battery with a deadly weapon causing substantial bodily harm.

The crime carries a punishment of 1-10 years. Brown could be eligible for probation.

In a plea agreement, both sides are free to argue for punishment and may present witnesses and victim impact statements at the sentencing Nov. 30.

Brown originally pleaded not guilty to battery with a deadly weapon causing substantial bodily harm. He was set for a three-day trial Dec. 6.

Robertson testified at a preliminary hearing in June that the men were arguing over allegations that Brown was involved with the victim's wife.

Robertson was taken by Care-Flight to Renown Regional Medical

Center and spent five days in the Reno hospital.

Since the knifing, Robertson said he had difficulty breathing, bending, running, and is in constant pain. He said he has limited movement of his left arm.

Brown has been in custody in Douglas County Jail on \$10,500 bail.

## Didn't require much angling to land beauty of a lifestyle

by Joyce DeVore

The man found his passion early.

Todd Sodaro, manager and partner of Carson River Resort, began fishing on the East Fork of the Carson River at age 2.

His parents, Roger and Jackie Sodaro, bought property in Markleevillage in 1962, and Todd walked the banks fishing and learning behind his father. Love of the area and the sport fishing were in his blood.

"From the age of 12, I wanted to live on the river and be involved with the fishing resort," Sodaro said. A career in electronics took him to the Bay Area for 19 years, but he has relocated and made a home and sensational success of the Carson River Resort over the last nine years.

The first impression of the resort is of an immaculate rustic campground, with towering pines, flowers, mowed lawns, picnic tables, and a welcoming general store. Sodaro calmly discusses the housekeeping with

one employee, welcomes a family of anglers with the exciting news that just yesterday, Alpine County Fish & Game Commission and Alpine County Chamber Board planted rainbow trout, weighing up to 9 pounds, and brown trout weighing up to 6, and answers a few of my questions in-between.

"I'd put this fishing against any," Sodaro beamed.

There were four extra fish plants this year because fish & game and the chamber of commerce funded the plants and bought the "best fish you can buy in the country. The fish are a breed of the best fighters and the best eating, half steelhead and half rainbow," Sodaro said excitedly.

While he was tending his two cats that were perched on the ladder leading to the store's attic, Sodaro allowed me to look through an immense photo album of snapshots with beaming men, women, and children holding double arms full of enormous fish.

"That was her first fish, and you can tell how excited she was," Sodaro explained

one of the photos.

"The family you just saw in here comes three or four times a year. It is like having family and friends here and sharing the best fishing around. I love it," Sodaro affirmed.

"People come from all over to stay here and fish. There were people here from Alaska recently. The resort was 98 percent booked for the last five months. We already have over 100 reservations for next year. The reason we are so popular is because the prices are good and the fish are great," Sodaro proudly explained.

Besides his more than full-time occupation at the resort, Sodaro is on the board for chamber of commerce and a member of the fish and game commission. His goal is to increase the occupancy of the resort by opening more RV sites and building more cabins.

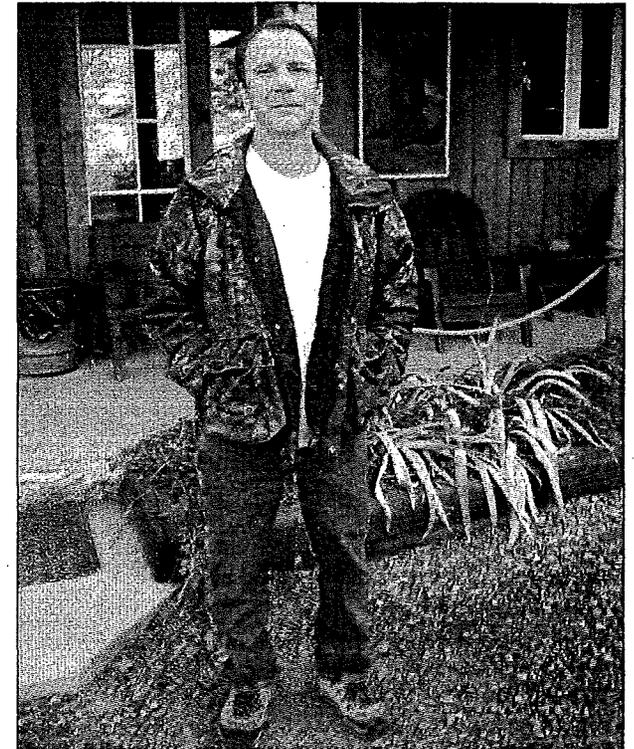
The resort is located on highways 4 and 89, 2.5 miles south of Markleeville. There are seven cabins equipped with beds, bedding, showers, kitchens, picnic tables,

and propane heaters or wood burning stoves.

The River Cabin was the setting of a 1927 romantic novel, "The Looted Bonanza," The Miner's Cabin was moved from a mining camp in Loope Canyon more than 60 years ago, and four of the cabins are classic 1940s Sears and Roebuck kit cabins.

The RV park has full hook-ups, and there is a campground on the river for dry camping.

For more information, call toll free (877) 694-2229, e-mail [carsonriver@gbis.com](mailto:carsonriver@gbis.com), or visit the website at [www.carsonriverresort.com](http://www.carsonriverresort.com)



Joyce DeVore/Special to The R-C  
Todd Sodaro, manager and partner of Carson River Resort.

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## Complaints sought for Alpine grand jury

### Staff Reports

The 2010-11 Alpine County grand jury has convened and residents may submit requests for investigations.

The grand jury is an investigative body created by the Fifth Amendment and the California Constitution, working as a watchdog agency. Any resident may

contact the grand jury.

The grand jury may be contacted by completing and mailing a complaint form to: Foreperson, Alpine County Civil Grand Jury, P.O. Box 102, Markleeville, Calif., 96120. Complaint forms are available online at [www.alpine.courts.ca.gov](http://www.alpine.courts.ca.gov) under the grand jury tab.

Forms also are available in Markleeville at the Alpine

County Court House, county library and county clerk's office in the administration building; Kirkwood Public Utility District, Kirkwood; Alpine County Sheriff's Substation, Bear Valley.

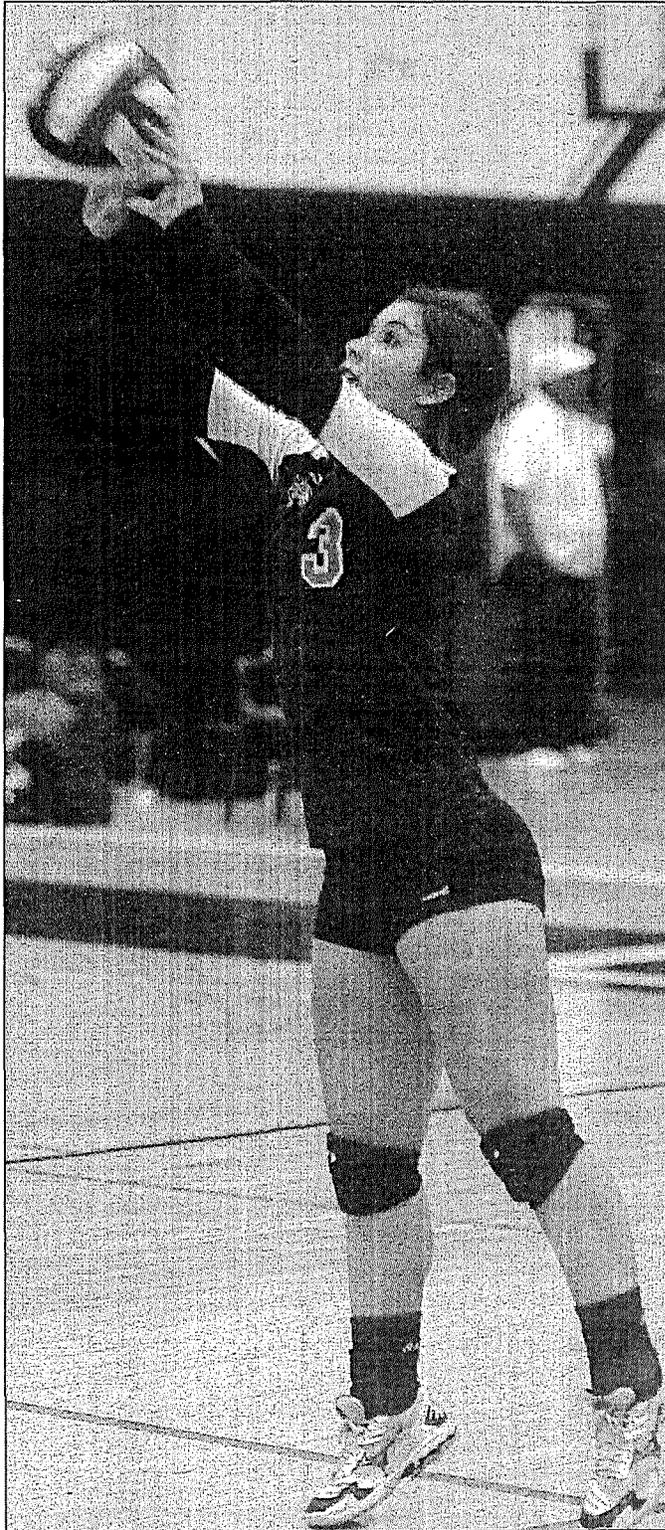
The grand jury is required by law to operate in secrecy.

The 12-member jury is in session through June 30, 2011.

*R.E. - Fri; Oct. 29, 2010*

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# SCOREBOARD



Shannon Litz

★ Nikki Chavez receives a serve earlier this season.

## Tiger spikers top Damonte Ranch

### Staff Reports

The Douglas High volleyball team wrapped up a perfect Sierra League season Thursday night, beating Damonte Ranch 25-13, 25-12, 25-19 in Reno.

Douglas improved to 31-2 overall and 16-0 in league play with the win.

Shannon Dugan had a team-leading nine kills to go with a team-leading 13 digs and 10 service points.

Keely Latham led the blocking line with four blocks while Erin Allison had three, Brenna White and Savannah Wood each had two and Jackie Harper had one.

White had eight digs, Allison and Latham each chipped in six, Carly McCullough had three, Wood had two and Cassi Uhart had one.

Mia Townsell shored up the defense with seven digs, White had five, Chavez had four, Wood had two, Wartgow had two and Trujillo, Latham and Allison each had one.

Townsell served up three aces, Dugan and Allison each had two and White, Chavez and Latham each had one.

Harper led the team with 29 assists.

Douglas will host McQueen in the first round of the regional playoffs Wednesday at 6 p.m.

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## Donation benefits Diamond Valley School

Staff Reports

Thanks to a donation from Albert and Diana Del Masso, the new literacy library at Diamond Valley Elementary School in Alpine County is ready to expand for the new school year.

The Del Massos have a long history of helping children and families in Alpine County. The couple lives in the Bay Area, but vacations in Alpine County and have family ties that go back many years.

According to Jane Starratt, literacy coach for the Alpine



Special to The R-C  
Antonia Burt and Justin Vroom look over books with Literacy Coach Jane Starratt in the new Literacy Library at Diamond Valley Elementary School in Alpine County.

County Unified School District, the Del Masso Literacy Library provides teachers with up to date materials for teaching students to read, write and speak.

These include materials to assess students to determine their individual reading level as well as leveled classroom sets of books in the areas of poetry, fiction, nonfiction,

and plays.

"We are thrilled to be the recipients of a generous gift from the Del Masso family," Starratt said. "These funds will enable us to widen our selection for all kids, in terms of interest and readability of classroom materials and allow greater choices for teachers."

## Open studio tour this weekend

Staff Reports

The natural fireworks show that is the turning of the leaves in Alpine County is the theme for the eighth annual Markleeville Autumn Open Studio Tour this weekend.

The annual event, that

attracts more than 400 people, will be 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

"Art in the Aspens," tour will features watercolors of Peter Chope and Sandy Baenan, the creative confectionery of Debra Esteban, the oil paintings of Charles Muench, the topiary work of

Jeff Brees, one-of-a-kind jewelry by new artist Erin Kelly and many others.

Bright yellow and gold banners will be hanging throughout town, marking each artist's studio.

Visit [markleevilleartists.com](http://markleevilleartists.com) for more information.

## Home Health and Hospice return to Alpine County

by Virginia York

At the end of summer I joined a small group of women in helping a mutual friend take care of her friend who had been diagnosed with a life-limiting disease. When he decided to leave the hospital after eight weeks of treatments and a prognosis of 48 hours to live, our friend offered to look after him in her home.

Round-the-clock care was required and our small group was spread far too thin to provide adequate assistance. For one month our friends made a heroic effort to give high-quality care. During that time we longed to be able to draw on volunteers who could spell the primary care-giver by sitting with the patient and helping with cooking. We bewailed the absence of Home Health and Hospice services in Alpine County. We now visit the patient in a long-term care facility.

Unknown to us, Alpine County Public Health Officer, Dr. Richard Harvey, had been negotiating with Barton Hospital since May to restore these services

which were withdrawn from the county about a year and a half ago because of the expenses of time and travel. In October, the Barton Board of Directors approved reinstating the programs on a trial basis until Jan. 1, 2011. They acknowledge that residents of this county use Barton Hospital; we are part of the hospital's service area. It costs more to readmit people to the hospital than to provide Home Health for them. Barton would like the programs to break even.

Home Health care offers professional and technical services delivered in the home. It can be used whenever a person needs assistance that cannot be easily provided by family members. Professional staff assess the patient and develop a plan of care. Home Health services include: rehabilitation services, wound care, I.V. therapy, education in diet, self-sufficiency and medications and diabetes and geriatric management. The Home Health team is made up of registered nurses, therapists, medical social workers, nutritionists and



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Easing those final steps.

aides. There is 24/7 on-call nursing care.

Hospice care provides palliative care (relief of pain and symptoms) rather than curative care to those who are terminally ill and expected to live no longer than six months. The Hospice team includes: a medical director, the patient's physician, registered nurses, Home Health aides, therapists, dietitians, medical social workers, volunteers, bereavement counselors and spiritual counselors of the patient's choice. Hospice care is available to people wherever they live: private homes, Hospice centers, hospitals, nursing homes and other long-term care settings. The family or physician, with the permis-

sion of the patient, may initiate Hospice care.

In a recent survey of Hospice patients, five major needs were identified:

- Adequate treatment for pain and other symptoms and to feel awake, not drowsy, after medication.

- Avoidance of the prolongation of life.

- A sense of control.

- Not to burden the family.

- To strengthen relationships with loved ones.

Until the late 19th century most Americans took care of their dying family members. By the mid 20th century most people in the United States died in a hospital or a nursing home.

Death had become a medical event often with treatment continuing after death was inevitable. In 1967 Cicely Saunders established the first modern hospice, St. Christopher's near London, England. She experimented with offering pain medication "by the clock" rather than waiting for the pain to return. In 1968, Dr. Elisabeth Kubler-Ross published "On Death and Dying," challenging us

to take a closer look at the American way of dying.

In this book Kubler-Ross asserts: "If a patient is allowed to terminate his life in the familiar and beloved environment, it requires less adjustment for him. His own family knows him well enough to replace a sedative with a glass of his favorite wine; or the smell of a home-cooked soup may give him the appetite to sip a few spoons of fluid which, I think, is still more enjoyable than an infusion."

Last Wednesday 11 prospective hospice volunteers gathered in the library meeting room to watch the first two hours of the training tapes. Kate Harvey, a local nurse, introduced the

materials. She is currently studying to be a hospice nurse. At our next meeting we will be joined by chaplain from Carson Valley, who is our volunteer group's coordinator. He also runs "Memory Dish" bereavement groups every third Wednesday of the month and a Grief Support Program every other Thursday, both in the Valley. Call (530) 543-5832 for more information. Anyone interested in using the Home Health or Hospice program, call (530) 543-5581.

Thanks to Kate and Richard Harvey and to Alpine County Library for promoting the programs and training.

## Clothing exhibit at Dangberg Home Ranch this weekend

### Staff Reports

Nevada State Parks hosts an exhibit of historic clothing from the Dangberg Home Ranch collection during this weekend.

The exhibit features clothing

worn by three generations of the Dangberg family.

Included are the 1898 wedding gown worn by Gertrude Dangberg, casual and formal clothing worn by Gertrude and her four daughters in the 1920s through the 1960s, and

children's clothing from 1910 to the 1930s worn by the daughters and Gertrude's grandson C. Stephen Achard Jr.

Also included in the exhibit is the christening dress first worn in 1866 by Fred Dangberg Jr. recently

donated to the park by Achard.

Visitors will also see a range of men's and women's hats, shoes, jewelry and accessories from the 20th century. The historic clothing exhibit is noon to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at the Dangberg Home

Ranch Historic Park, 1450 Highway 88, a half mile south of the Carson Valley Swim Center. Cost is \$3 for adults, free for children under 13. Map and information at [parks.nv.gov/hr.htm](http://parks.nv.gov/hr.htm) or 783-9417.

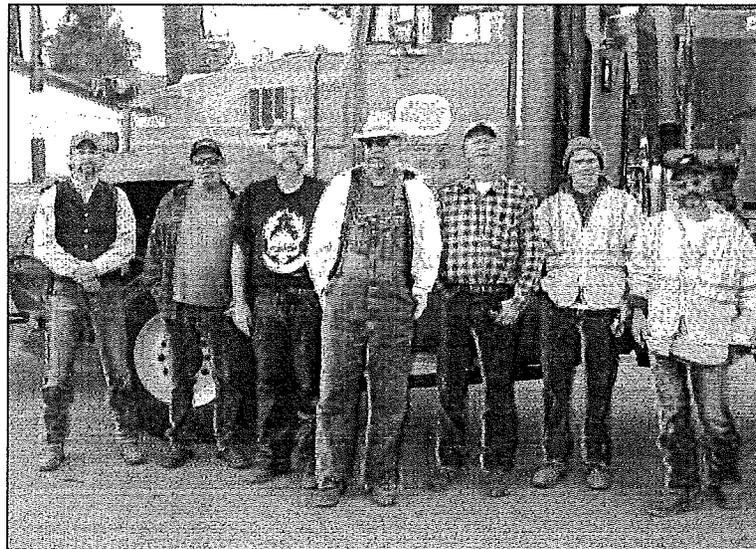
## Alpine Caltrans crew reminds motorists to be careful

by Joyce Devore

Chris Gemmill has worked 17 years at the California Department of Transportation, commonly called Caltrans. Last year, Gemmill's first year as supervisor, Gov. Schwarzenegger awarded him the Governor's Employee Safety Award.

During an interview, Gemmill stated ensuring safety of workers on the highway is the most difficult part of the job. He said that "One hundred seventy-four Caltrans employees have died while performing their jobs. Our jobs involve limited vision during snowstorms, icy roads, drivers going too fast in winter conditions, inattentive drivers, etc. We have protective equipment but that can't save us from inattentive drivers."

He continued, "when we have traffic control, we put up four signs: 'Road Work Ahead,' 'One-lane Road Ahead,' 'Flagman ahead,' and 'Prepare To Stop,' as well as using approach cones. The signs are placed at specified distances and are supposed to give drivers plenty of warning. We try to have our flagging station at the end of a straight-away for better sight distance. But, sometimes a car will come speeding up to the flagging station, slam on the brakes, and then tell us that he/she never saw the



Alpine County's Caltrans crew with their truck.

signs." Caltrans people face a major problem in winter when drivers run the chain signs or drivers simply don't use chains when required. Gemmill reinforced that, "cars and big rigs get stuck in the canyon, on Red Lake Grade, which is an avalanche area, and Caltrans personnel have to deal with it."

Our Caltrans crew works out of a station on Highway 88, just east of Woodfords Canyon. Gemmill and his crew are responsible for "landscaping, potholes, graffiti, signs, lit-

ter — everything except the electrical on and near State Route 89 from the top of Monitor to Luther, State Route 88 from the state line to Red Lake Creek, and Highway 4 from Monitor to Ebbetts," a public information officer in Sacramento named Chantelle Miller told me.

During summer months there are seven people on the crew, each working 40 hours or more. Dec. 2 is the beginning of the winter shift, which adds four permanent intermittent people who are on storm call.

According to Gemmill, "most people are courteous to the flagman, although a small number do get upset. Usually people ask what we are doing and, of course, how long is the wait. We try to keep wait time to a minimum."

For Gemmill, the best part of working for Caltrans is being able to work outdoors, and he finds the variety of work involved with road maintenance challenging. Among his favorite spots to work in the county are Monitor and Ebbetts passes. He also recognizes the dedication and fine work of the Woodfords crew, which makes it enjoyable working with them.

When I inquired about littering, Gemmill told me that, "I believe we have less litter and we still need everyone to help by not littering."

Our Adopt a Highway volunteers, including Woodfords Auto Service and Towing, Alpine Christian Community Church, Sorenson's Resort, Alta Alpina Cycling Club, Ben Bertholf Transportation and Alpine Watershed Group, do an excellent job of picking up litter."

There are some sections of highway that can be adopted for volunteer litter control, interested parties can contact Kathy Cockayne, Adopt A Highway coordinator, at (209) 948-7462.

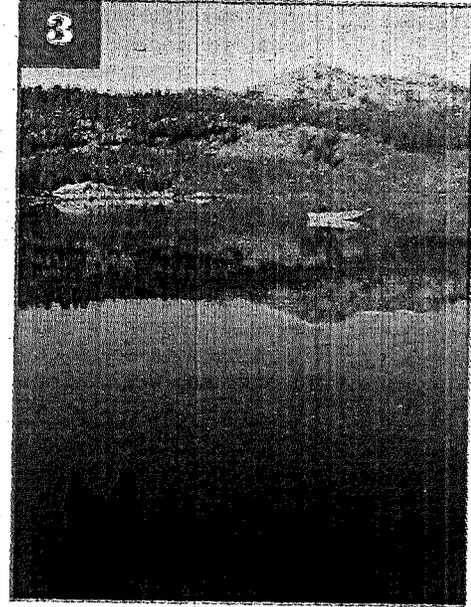
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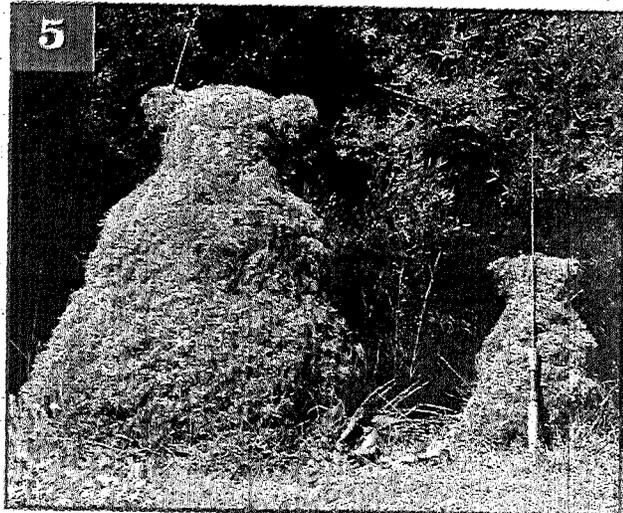
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### 3. MIRROR POND

The fishing starts early at Upper Blue Lake in September.



Submitted by Marion Daniels



Submitted by Linda Keel

### 5. ART IMITATES WILDLIFE

"Bears" fish at Sorensen's Resort.

# Lake Tahoe restoration plan gains key approval

BY ADAM JENSEN  
AND MATTHEW  
RENDA

TAHOE DAILY TRIBUNE

While some officials are rallying around a landmark water quality restoration plan designed to aggressively restore Lake Tahoe's historic clarity, others are leery of its massive price tag and its still-to-be-determined effect on taxpayers and local jurisdictions.

The Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board on Tuesday unanimously approved incorporating the Lake Tahoe Total Maximum Daily Load into its guiding document at a meeting in South Lake Tahoe.

The restoration plan focuses on the need to dramatically reduce the amount of fine sediment reaching the lake to restore its historic clarity. Fine sediment particles are smaller in diameter than a human hair and are often swept to the lake in stormwater runoff.

Returning Lake Tahoe to 97.4 feet of average clarity is a component of the federal Clean Water Act, which required states to compile lists of water bodies that do not meet water quality standards and develop plans to correct such problems. The lake was clear to an average depth of 68.1 feet in 2009.

Incorporating the TMDL into the water board's basin plan will give the agency the ability to regulate fine sediment as a pollutant.

## THEY SAID IT...

*"Using science to get the biggest bang for the restoration buck is not only good for Lake Tahoe but shows that agencies are being responsible with public and private funds."*

Joanne Marchetta, TRPA Executive Director

Nitrogen and phosphorus contributing to algae growth were long considered the major cause of clarity decline, but scientists began to understand fine sediment's influence on clarity starting in 1999, said John Reuter, associate director of the UC Davis Tahoe Environmental Research Center in Incline Village.

He lauded Tuesday's decision.

"The approval of the TMDL means, for the first time ever, agencies around the lake (will have) a specific target regarding how many restoration projects will need to be performed to begin reversing clarity," Reuter said. "I would say it is one of the most important water quality decisions in decades."

Tahoe Regional Planning Agency Executive Director Joanne Marchetta also supported Tuesday's action.

"The Tahoe TMDL is a culmination of 10 years of collaborative work that will provide a science-based framework to prioritize restoration efforts and erosion-control projects," Marchetta said. "Using science to get the biggest bang for the restoration buck is not only good for Lake Tahoe,

but shows that agencies are being responsible with public and private funds."

## Reserving celebration

Some representatives from local jurisdictions around the lake that may be responsible for implementing costly measures to reduce sediment and nutrient load are awaiting implementation specifics before they celebrate.

"We are currently unsure of what the specific implications of the TMDL passage means for Washoe County and other local jurisdictions," said John Breternitz, Washoe County commissioner and TRPA governing board member. "We just don't know if this will require investment on behalf of the counties, whether the (Nevada general improvement districts) will have to supply a proportionate share. There are a lot of questions to be answered."

Reuter identified the following three different methods of reducing fine sediment, nitrogen and phosphorus loading into the lake:

- More comprehensive street sweeping mechanisms capable of picking up small particles pulverized by cars as well as larger sand grains.

- Erosion-control measures installed on private and public properties throughout the basin with the ability to filter stormwater, ensuring the water that reaches the lake is relatively pure.

- Creek restoration projects, which focus on stabilizing the banks and slowing the flow of the many tributaries surrounding Tahoe, which naturally filter sediment and nutrients on their course to the lake.

## Future implications

Fine sediment, phosphorus and nitrogen loads entering Lake Tahoe must be reduced by 65 percent, 35 percent and 10 percent, respectively, during the next 65 years to achieve 100 feet of clarity, according to the Final Lake Tahoe TMDL Report, released in June.

An interim goal of reaching about 80 feet of clarity is expected to take 15 years and \$1.5 billion, but water board staff has acknowledged the estimate is extremely rough.

Large contributions from federal and state government will be needed to reach the pollutant-reduction goals, said Robert Ehrlich, South Lake Tahoe's stormwater coordinator, in

a September letter to the water board.

"While the city and its residents will continue to contribute to pollutant load reduction projects and programs, it is unlikely that local government and residents can pay for the programs and projects needed to meet pollutant load reduction targets without continued major funding support from state and/or federal sources," Ehrlich said. "If large amounts of federal and state support are not available, load reduction targets are unlikely to be met."

South Lake Tahoe City Councilman Hal Cole has expressed concerns the TMDL is an unfunded mandate subject to state

review.

But Breternitz stopped short of making that assumption.

"It's too premature to classify it like that," he said.

Incorporation of the TMDL into the Lahontan water board's basin plan still requires approval from the state Water Resources Control Board.

The Nevada Department of Environmental Protection as well as the U.S. Environmental Protection agency also need to sign off on the water quality restoration plan.

Final approval of the plan could come as soon as summer 2011.

# Valley rancher killed in So. Cal car crash

by Sheila Gardner  
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Rancher Ted Bacon was remembered Wednesday as a private man with a passion for cars and the Carson Valley.

The 83-year-old Gardnerville rancher and car collector was killed Tuesday in a head-on crash north of Los Angeles.

According to initial reports,



**Bacon**

Bacon's sports utility vehicle veered into oncoming traffic on Highway 138 and hit a truck carrying members of an inmate fire crew.

One inmate firefighter was killed, and four inmate firefighters remained hospitalized in critical condition Wednesday. Seven inmates and a Los Angeles County

firefighter were treated and released.

A coroner's spokesman said Bacon was heading to Santa Barbara when the crash occurred.

Bacon's neighbors and friends in Carson Valley and Northern Nevada were saddened by the news.

Laurie and Dan Hickey became neighbors of Bacon's Jubilee Ranch when he moved into Carson Valley in the 1950s.

"He was a very good neighbor,"

Laurie Hickey said. "He was a very nice, honest, straightforward fellow. He was a very nice and charming person."

Hickey said Bacon allowed her to include the Jubilee Ranch barn on the historic barn tour.

"He was tremendously easy to work with. Anything we wanted, he was willing to do. He was hoping it (the barn tour) would raise a lot of money."

See Bacon on page 5.

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## Bacon

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Hickey said Bacon didn't attend the most recent barn tour because he was at a class reunion.

Bacon attended a June fundraiser for Dan Hickey who is recovering from a ski accident.

"He didn't have to do that," Laurie Hickey said. "He always did the right thing. As neighbors, we didn't see each other every day, but we would honk when we passed each other."

Jackie Frady, executive director of the National Automobile Museum in Reno, said Wednesday the board, staff and volunteers were "deeply saddened" by Bacon's passing.

Bacon was instrumental in creating the museum, which opened in 1989 to house William Harrah's car collection.

"He was highly respected as a knowledgeable director, judge of collectible automobiles and a true gentleman in everything he did. He will be missed in many, many arenas," Frady said.

"Bill Harrah influenced Ted in becoming a collector and Ted was instrumental in forming the museum," she said.

Bacon served on several committees before the museum opened and officially joined the board of trustees in 1993.

"I've known him for 29 years," she said. "He was the dearest man. He deserves to be

recognized and remembered, Ted will leave a real absence in the world. He was a model to many of us. If we could live to the standards Ted lived in caring for his fellow human being — he was passionate about the things he believed in — the world would be a better place."

Minden Town Board Chairman Bob Hadfield said he came to know Bacon in the last few years. Bacon housed his extensive car collection on County Road.

Hadfield referred to Bacon as "a new old-timer."

"He came and purchased all this property. He wasn't born into it. He chose it. He loved this place so much."

He said Bacon's car collection and land holdings were more than just a hobby.

"Everything he did, he had a passion for. He had a real passion for the land, this area, and, obviously, collecting cars," Hadfield said.

He said Bacon enjoyed his privacy.

"He was a very quiet, little-known prominent citizen of this community. You didn't see Ted out stomping the bushes or jumping up and down. He was very dignified, very honorable and led by example," Hadfield said.

Hadfield said Bacon enjoyed talking about Minden, but never complained.

"I never saw him disrespectful of anything," Hadfield said. "He was a very private person, just like Brooks Park. Men like that never lost their common connection and never forgot where they came from. They were self-made men."

# CRIME & COURTS

## Man receives six-year prison term in Lampe Park stabbing

by Kurt Hildebrand  
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A Dresslerville man was sentenced Tuesday to up to six years in prison in connection with a May 14 stabbing that occurred last spring in Lampe Park.

Brandon C. Brown Jr., 21, asked Judge Dave Gamble to give him probation, but Gamble said the level of violence in the crime called for a harsher penalty. Gamble sentenced Brown to 16-72 months in prison in the incident which resulted in substantial bodily harm to the victim.

"The level of violence prevents me from doing what you just asked me to do," Gamble said. "The violence, the injury to the victim, the recklessness and use of this weapon makes it so I'm unable to give you probation."



**Brown**

Brown said he felt he was defending himself.

"It's time to grow up and take care of myself," he said. "If I get probation I will do whatever it takes to get my life in order."

Defense attorney Kris Brown told Gamble that her client wasn't looking for a fight when the incident happened.

She said Brown thought the victim had a knife and that he was protecting himself.

"He believed that (Brandon)

Brown read a written statement to the court apologizing for the incident.

"I'm very sorry for what happened," he said. "I would take it all back if I could."

Robertson was going to pull a knife, and that's why he did," she said.

Kris Brown said evaluations of her client indicated he suffered from fetal alcohol syndrome, which was exacerbated by his drug and alcohol use.

She said Brown required extensive support to counteract the effects of the syndrome.

Prosecutor Erik Levin said he didn't see the case as one of self defense.

While it's true the victim challenged Brown to fight, there were several opportunities to de-escalate the confrontation before the stabbing occurred, he said.

"This is not a rehab case," Levin said. "This attack involved multiple stab wounds and calls for severe punishment. In the end someone makes a choice about their behavior. This merits the maximum sentence."

# Diamond Valley School observes Veterans Day

by Joyce DeVore

Joe Voss, teacher at Diamond Valley School, orchestrated this year's Veterans Day observance.

The school children file onto the front yard and formed a semi-circle around the flag pole. The superintendent, principals, teachers, staff, and many community members stood behind the children.

Voss invited the JROTC from Douglas High to perform a flag raising ceremony. Junior ROTC instructor retired U.S. Army Master Sgt. Gary M. Collier brought five members of the Tiger Battalion to the school for the ceremony. The high school students wore full dress uniforms and performed an impressive and solemn flag raising.

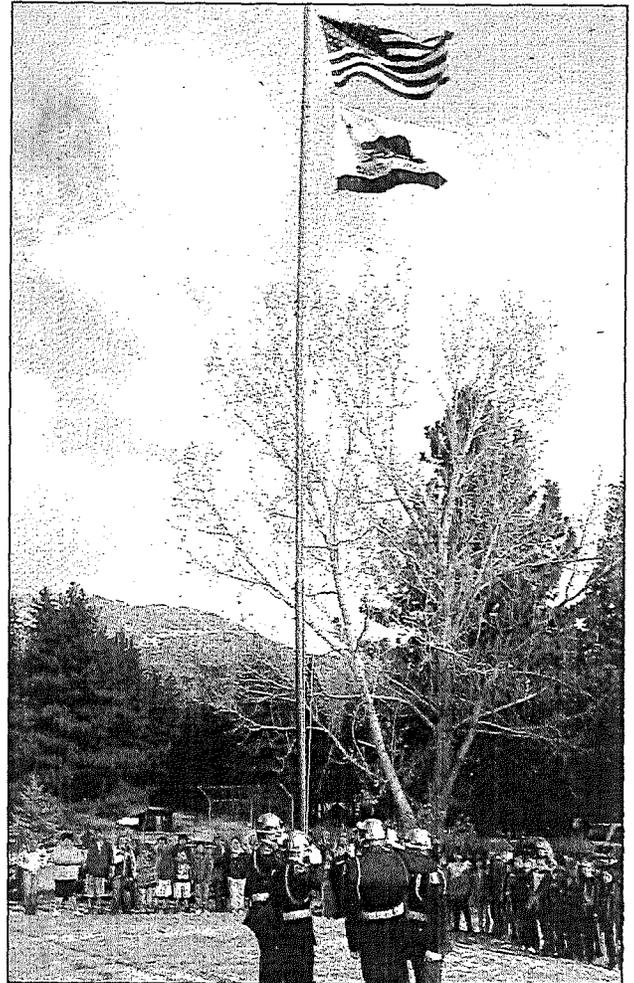
The Douglas High Battalion representatives were Seniors Cadet Staff Sgt. Melissa Holcom and Cadet 2nd Lt. Weslyn Hamilton; Juniors Cadet 2nd Lt. Aidan McMackin and Cadet 2nd Lt.

Shawn Judd, and Sophomore Cadet Corporal Kevin Kauffman.

After the flag was raised, the cadets stood at attention in formation at the flag pole. The moment of pause had an effect on all. Posture improved, hands quieted, and the ice-cold morning at the elementary school was eerily still. All focus was on the flag and what it means to serve our country.

Voss introduced selected students to present the pledge of allegiance. Leonna Mortimer led the pledge verbally while Kendall Ornellas used American Sign Language. Dion Mortimer and Katie Hill provided interesting history of Veterans Day and facts about our Veterans. Voss concluded by thanking the Douglas Battalion and the community for its support.

I would like to thank Dawn Riddle and Superintendent Lisa Fontana for their help and diligence following the privacy laws of the students.



Special to The R-C  
An honor guard raises the flag during Veterans Day at Diamond Valley School in Woodfords.

## Alpine County avalanche victim recovering in Reno

by Kurt Hildebrand  
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A Carson City skier is recovering at Renown Medical Center in Reno after being buried in an avalanche on Sunday.

Darren Johnson, 47, was skiing with a partner near Crater Lake when he triggered the avalanche.

"When the friend didn't see him

come out, he knew something was wrong," said Alpine County Sheriff's Office Lt. Ron Michitarian. "He skied down and found his poles stick out of the debris field."

Michitarian said it took about seven minutes to dig Johnson out. Johnson was conscious, but unresponsive and had a head injury. The avalanche occurred at about 9:30 a.m.

Johnson's partner left him at the scene and skied nearly two hours to get to Highway 88, where he flagged down a deputy near Crater Wash at about 11:20 a.m., just east of Red Lake.

Michitarian said deputies on snow patrol in the Blue Lakes area responded on snowmobiles.

By 12:20 p.m. a Calstar helicopter spotted Johnson and by 1:30

p.m. the California Highway Patrol's H-20 helicopter lowered a paramedic to the scene, who checked Johnson out. Johnson was loaded into a Bowman bag and airlifted by the CHP to Blue Lakes.

CalStar then flew Johnson to Reno where he is stable in the intensive care unit.

In addition to CalStar and the California Highway Patrol, units

from the Alpine County Sheriff's Office, Alpine County Search & Rescue, Woodfords Volunteer firefighters and the South Lake Tahoe Fire Department responded to the incident.

The Sierra Avalanche Center of the Tahoe National Forest is reporting isolated pockets of moderate avalanche danger on steeper, northeast slopes above the tree line.

by Jim Donald

After an October with precipitation levels over six times average, according to the National Weather Service (they like to call it normal but really, what's normal?), winter came in with a taste on Nov. 9, followed by two weeks of warmth, then heavy snow accompanied by an Arctic experience and, as I write, another period of somewhat milder weather.

For winter recreationists this has been a delight. Lots of cold dry powder encouraged people to get out there and experience the back-country. Now, with warmer temperatures and continuing high elevation snow, that powder is compacting and becoming more stable which will provide a good base for future storms.

December and January usually bring the best powder skiing of the year and those of us who look forward to such stuff hope that this year will not be the exception.

An area that's pretty reliable in early season is Grass Lake on Luther Pass (Highway 89). Access is easy – park at any of the wide turnouts – and it is usually ski-able despite changing snow conditions.

The terrain is flat, flat, flat...but variety can be added by skiing across the meadow to the gentle lower slopes of Waterhouse Peak. These slopes are, for the most part, forested at the western end of the meadow there

are nice open slopes. Climb as high as you want and ski down or, if the snow is sufficient, just tour through the forest.

A two car point to point falling off into Hope Valley is a great way to wind up a ski day after limbering up on Grass Lake meadow. Park a second car at one of the turnouts on Highway 89 in Hope Valley and follow the old road from the east end of the meadow. You'll break out of the trees about three quarters of the way down to find nice open slopes left and right of the road. Elevation loss and mileage are about 600 feet and two miles.

If the snow is powder or soft beginners can do this trip but hard-pack or icy conditions require a little experience on your skis. As a conditioning alternative, start in Hope Valley and ski up the old road and then return. If the powder is deep and you are adventurous ski the trees to the right of the old road.

A deep powder alternative for experienced skiers is Waterhouse Peak. Ascend this peak, using skins, from either the east, middle or west end of Grass Lake meadow. Unless you're first out after a snowfall the trails are usually obvious on this well used peak. Boarders and skiers populate this area's very steep mixed conifer slopes.

The area encompassing Grass Lake and Hope Valley offers, for people of all abilities, some of the best winter recreation around. From early season thin cover to



Grass Lake on Luther Pass near Highway 89.

mid-season deep there is something for everyone.

As usual, for the ten essentials, you'll need to carry a snack, water, sunscreen, a topographical map, compass, clothing appropriate to conditions, waterproof matches, a signaling device (whistle or mirror), emergency shelter

(large garbage bag) and a first aid kit. Throw in a repair kit for whatever type of recreation you do and you're all set.

And since pre-trip planning is the single most important thing that ensures your safety, check the forecast from the National Weather

Service, the avalanche forecast from the Sierra Avalanche Center (click on the incidents tab to see a report on the recent injury avalanche above Crater Lake) and road conditions at the Caltrans website. Bookmark these sites.

Many people rely on bat-

tery powered devices in everyday activities. Keep in mind that cell phones won't have reception in most areas and that GPS batteries will run down quickly in the winter cold.

But above all have fun. That is, after all, why you're out here.

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## ALPINE

# Fall brings great winter weather to Alpine

Friday, December 10, 2010

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## Alpine museum officers gather for quarterly meeting

### Staff Reports

The election of officers, a report on Alpine County Museum's Basque-type oven, the presentation of an historic oil painting, a talk on the history of the Dangberg Home Ranch in Minden and a potluck highlighted the quarterly meeting of the county's Historical Society on Nov. 18 at Turtle Rock Park.

Conducting the meeting was the outgoing president, Superior Court Judge Richard Specchio, who will retire when his term ends in January. Irving Krauss was elected president with John Super as vice president. New directors are Rick Dustman and Marylyn Kolpacoff, members-at-large with continuing member-at-large Dolores Clark and Secretary Ernestine Fogarty and Treasurer Karen Robinson.

Wanda Coyan continues as curator and director of the museum, assisted by Joanne Ohlerking.

Dustman described the Herculean efforts by Society members and friends in transporting the brick oven to the museum from its location in the former shepherders ranch in Hope Valley.

Emeritus Museum Director Dick Edwards and wife Ruth drove from their home in Poway, near San Diego, with the oil painting by Alpine artist Walt Monroe. The painting will be on display in the museum.

The main event was Mark Jensen's talk on the Dangberg Home Ranch and Dangberg family members, illustrated by an array of interesting slides. Jensen is with the Nevada Division of State Parks and a park interpreter at the ranch.

## Hard rock mining brought supervisor to Markleeville

by Virginia York

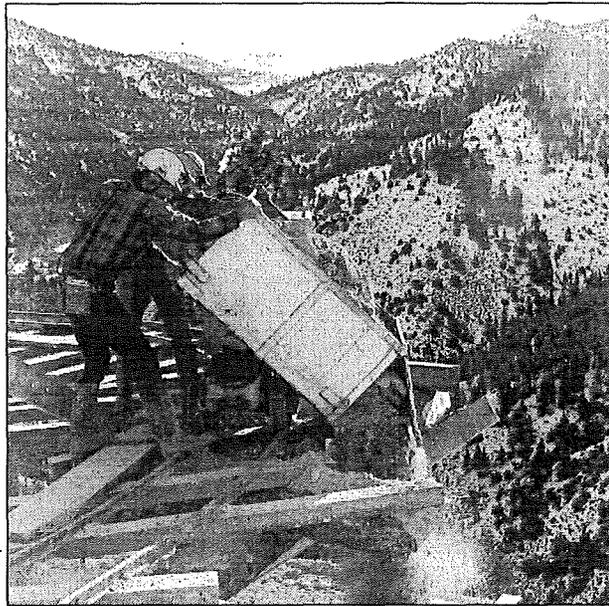
A person with a gap between the front teeth is supposed to be a traveler. Don Jardine fits this description, but there came a time when he'd had quite enough of traveling; in fact, as if to make up for early wanderings, Don has not strayed beyond a five mile radius of East Fork for year 38 years.



**Jardine**

Don Jardine was born in Ottawa, Canada in 1950, the first child of

Vera and Donald Jardine. Don's father came to the United States in 1955 as a mining surveyor working for the Netterland Company near Boulder, Colorado. The following year Don Sr. was joined by his wife, and their two sons. Although Don Sr. started his mining career as a surveyor he quickly embraced the dream of getting rich through mining. With father now a miner, the family moved to Searchlight and from there to Silver City. During this period Vera and the two boys worked as extras in "The Misfits".



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Don Jardine Jr. and Don Jardine Sr. work on the Zaca Mine in the early '80s. In the background is Monitor Pass.

When Don was eleven they returned to Ottawa, where Vera and her children, now four, stayed with her parents. Don's father went gold and silver mining in Newfoundland for a year. Don recalls the culture shock the children experienced in Ottawa. They were used to living in rural areas; they were outsiders in a neighborhood which had become poor and predominantly

French and they were teased at school for their American accents. However, they did have the opportunity to develop family relationships, especially with grandparents and cousins.

When Don was 12 his dad launched them all on the next adventure. He got a job with Claude Lovested at the Zaca Mine, two miles up Highway 89 towards Monitor Pass. Don Sr. traveled

ahead and later met his family off the train in Reno. They stayed in Brown's Motel before occupying a house in Crystal Springs belonging to the Merrills. In this neighborhood Don Sr. befriended Gilbert Bennett also a miner at Zaca Mine and father of Phillip D. Bennett, who, with Don Jr., now serves on Alpine County's Board of Supervisors.

The Jardine family then lived in the trailer at the mine for three years until they needed more room and moved into the cabin which was built as a bunkhouse in the thirties.

The road was plowed up to the gate just beyond the mine to allow the miners access. Vera used to drive the children into Markleeville to meet the school bus driven by Gary Coyan. Don attended the old stone school in Woodfords for 7th and 8th grades, and the high school in Douglas County for two years. He graduated in St. George, Utah, where Don Sr. was employed in mine exploration. Don observes that the passion for sports, shared by the brothers, had a stabilizing effect during those

many school changes.

In 1969, one week after graduating, Don joined the Marine Corps. He spent one year in Vietnam, working on supply. In June 1972, after an honorable discharge, he returned to Markleeville and worked at the store, owned then by the Eggers. That September he started to work with his dad at the Zaca Mine.

In 1980 California Silver bought Zaca Mine. Claude Lovested continued to lease the mine but soon pulled out after a disagreement with the new owners. Don Sr. left with Claude to help him set up a new mine and subsequently to chase other rainbows. This time, however, Don stayed put, and, except for two years at college, he has continued to live in this area. Zaca Mine closed down in 1986. Since then Don has been working for Cal-Trans.

While Don was at Zaca Mine, he became concerned about what mining did to the earth. During his 24 years as a member of the Board of Supervisors his happiest moments have included victories for the environment. He lists these examples:

■ After the Acorn Fire of 1987, the immensity of which resulted partly from the policy of fire suppression, encouraging brush build-up, the county passed a resolution to support returning the forest to its natural state prior to European settlement.

■ The 1990 transference from private to public ownership of Hope Valley and other property, initiated by the Friends of Hope Valley and supported by the Board of Supervisors, preserved 15,000 acres for posterity.

■ In 2008 he was appointed by the governor of California to the nine-member Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board. He applied for this appointment after the board had allowed the fish below Llewellyn Falls to be poisoned by rotenone, which Don had strongly opposed.

Don looks forward to the building of a beautiful courthouse, to be appreciated for many generations to come.

Don lives in Marklee Village with his wife, Sharon. He has a grown-up daughter, Sarah.



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Carol Morissette took this photo of a rock that came down Sunday just east of Hope Valley Resort on Highway 88.

## Snowpack up after wet winter

### Staff Reports

It looks like Santa will have a lot of goodies in his snowpack for the Sierra this winter.

The Sierra snowpack is more than double average in the Carson River basin for this time of year.

According to data released by the Natural Resources Conservation Service, the basin is at 234 percent snow water equivalent.

Some spots, like Blue Lakes, are up

to 286 percent of average. There is 21.3 inches of moisture locked into the snowpack at Ebbetts Pass, 207 percent of average.

Wet weather has also prompted warning of avalanches in the Sierra. Highway 88 was closed for much of last weekend for avalanche control.

A rock fell off a cliff in Woodfords canyon onto Highway 88 on Sunday.

No other major slides were reported from the weekend's storm.

BIRTHS

**Julisa Alana Emery**  
Markleeville residents William and Shannon Emery are the parents of a daughter, Julisa Alana Emery, born Dec. 9, 2010, at Barton Memorial Hospital in South Lake Tahoe.

# Keeping a sharp eye out for the bright side

And a Happy New Year to you too. The old blue feed-truck is up and running. After replacing the transmission, drive-line, fuel filter and putting 27 shiny bolts into the sheet-metal-fabricated-floor under the gas pedal, my live-in handyman made that truck almost as good as new. Still a little trouble with the carburetor though, but hey, it is a brand new year. One should look at the bright side.

Received a holiday card from one of the cowboys involved with our ranch over the years. John,

## FENCE LINES



by Marie Johnson

ers, but half of the ranch won't

who sold us the bay mare, now long gone, sent a card writing, "This last year, it's been pretty good at the H Ranch. The weather and cattle market have been ideal."

He continued writing the ranch he leased had been sold to tree-farm-

support trees so he got hired back to build fences to keep cattle from the trees and leased back the rest of the ranch. He is looking at the bright-side.

Good cattle prices make it easier to get up and load hay in the cold. Bright-side. But if you don't get to work out in the snow you can drive a little up the mountain to see snow almost covering the top of the fenceposts along the highway, it could be a great snow pack. Water worries may not be a problem this year. A bright-side.

thought while shoveling out mangers and breaking trough ice.

Snow at our place is heavily tracked up by animals looking for grass, seed, or anything for feed. Mice are hiding in the hay. Coyote tracks show where their best hiding spots were. Small birds share low bushes with the neighborhood rabbits, but neither care too much for the owls nesting above in the pole barn. Hawks living high in the trees display soaring on blue-sky days, taking their

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time picking up breakfast, lunch or dinner all over the ranch. Everyone seems to be dining well.

The new calves are eating well too. A few cases of scours need to be watched. Mothers with plenty of milk can have the disease set

in quick. These calves came early this year because the bull we sold last fall was a tenacious fellow. He never saw barriers only opportunities.

So his calves came in mild fall weather. I figured the chances of 100 percent calf survival rate would be good. But no, already lost one.

He was up when checked while feeding, but he did look a little off. Hunched back, a

sign of stress, so knew to watch him. But the day he was found lying down and had to be carried into the mud room was his last.

Maybe if had drenched him a day sooner. Maybe should have given him a shot of LA200 sooner, maybe, maybe, maybe. It's a new year, should look for a bright-side.

Keeping a close watch on the remaining calves. New little black No. 117 has a dirty

backside, the green smear mark of scours. But he is standing up, alert and watching me close.

If I have trouble catching him it will be a good sign that he will be fine. Always a lot going on, it is best to keep a sharp eye open while looking for the bright side.

Marie Johnson is a Carson Valley cattle rancher.

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## Why does Minden sewer plant stink?

EDITOR:

I have two totally unrelated questions which perhaps your readers can shed some light upon.

First, why does the Minden sewer plant emit such a terrible sewage stench so often, and why can't something be done about it?

And second, what on earth is going on with the Ormsby House in Carson City?

Why don't they finish whatever they are doing and open?

We miss the old Corner Saloon and its delicious French dip sandwiches.

**Nancy Thornburg**  
Markleeville

# ALPINE

## New deputy working in Markleeville

by Joyce Devore

Tyree Holdridge is Alpine County's recent addition to the Sheriff's Department. He is a graduate of Feather River College and has almost completed his coursework for a criminal justice degree at Western Nevada Community College.

"I was hired on a federal grant, so I strive to serve the community well and earn my salary," Deputy Sheriff Holdridge explained. "My training in Sacramento was challenging because I had to live in Sacramento for six months and I've always lived on a ranch. Rancho Cordova, where we trained, is area known for car theft."

"Physically, it was easy and I broke many of the records at the academy. The coursework was not too difficult, but the schedule was grueling. We arrived at 4 a.m. to polish our boots and make sure that our uniforms were immaculate. Training began at 6 a.m. and ended at 5 p.m. After 5, we had cleaning duty, then I did physical training and studied. Some of the less motivated trainees caused our group to suffer, which is always difficult."

After graduation from the Academy, Holdridge began a 12 week field training on-the-job program. Officers Tom Minden and Chris Hartoonian guided

Holdridge through a manual covering a wide variety of duties, including financial issues, legal issues, use of force tactics, domestic violence, and community policing."

When I asked if Alpine County is as bucolic as it appears, he replied "There is more going on in Alpine County than I thought. I knew that Kirkwood has some seasonal-employee type problems, but I didn't know that there are so many other interesting types of people wandering around. It surprised me to find an older man wandering all alone way out near Monitor Pass. He looked like he had been out there for quite a while, but he was harmless."

The best part of the job for Holdridge is the variety of work experiences.

"We don't get as many calls as Reno, but we get to ride quads and go off-roading. When the marijuana fields were discovered last summer, I worked more than 60 hours some weeks, but I loved it. I hiked up the mountain loaded with gear and loved every minute."

Holdridge knows almost every square inch of the county. His family moved to the Neddriennipp Ranch in Alpine County from a ranch in Valley Center when Holdridge was entering sixth grade in 1997. He stated that, "I was so into sports that I

made friends throughout the Valley. I played outside linebacker on the football team, catcher on the baseball team, and I wrestled. My high school career was not typical, though. I really had a good time at Douglas High because of the camaraderie. My friends and I were incredibly active during and after school. We went off-roading, shooting, hiking, back-country snow-boarding at Blue Lakes, snowshoeing in Hope Valley, and of course, snowboarding and skiing at the resorts."

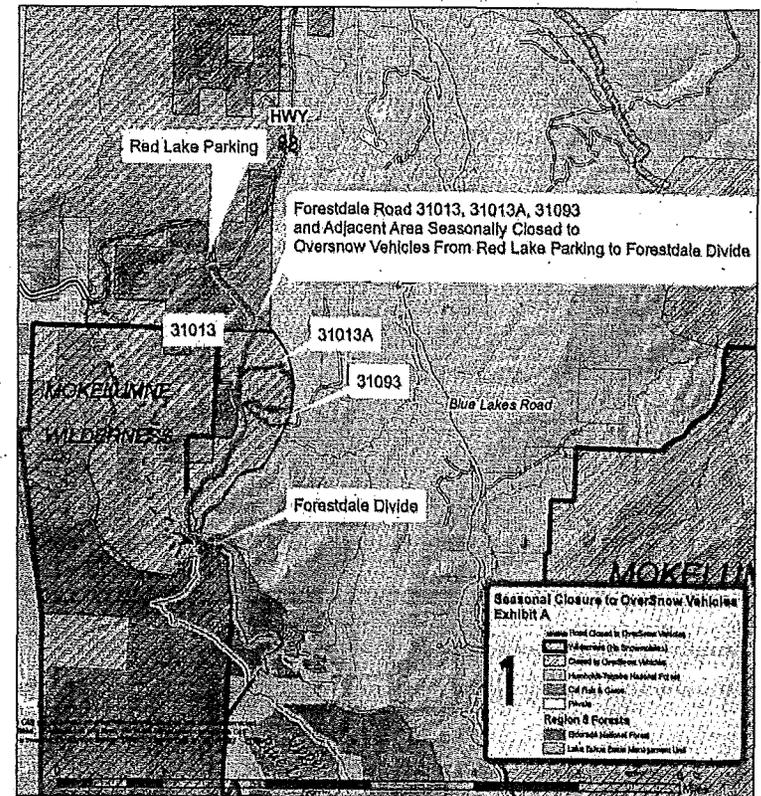
He is as tough as he sounds. Holdridge shyly said, "At Feather River College, I was riding bulls but my parents made me stop after I had a severe broken arm and a fractured face from the bulls."

His family has a long history of service to the community, Holdridge said.

"My dad is the president of the board of education, my uncle Jim was a firefighter, and there are nurses in the family, too."

His mother, Angie Holdridge, is a nurse specializing in cancer treatment. His twin aunts are nurses in Benicia.

Soon there will be another nurse in the family, since Holdridge is recently engaged to a young woman who wins triathlons and is completing her nursing degree.



U.S. Forest Service

## Forest Service closes Forestdale Road in Alpine to snowmobilers

Staff Reports

The U.S. Forest Service has issued the formal closure of Forestdale Road to motorized traffic, including snowmobiles.

District Ranger Ginny Wilson said the forest service has been working on the closure for some

time.

"We have done a winter recreation plan to separate uses between motorized and nonmotorized," she said.

Now if a snowmobile rider is stopped on the road, they could be cited, Wilson said.

# Playing hide and seek, Alpine County style

by Virginia York

One day, the summer before last, my dog and I were hiking on Poor Boy Road when a number of people on quads caught up with us. They were members of the search and rescue team who were looking for a missing woman. One of the group, Stacy James, questioned me for clues in their search. This was my first encounter with Alpine County Search and Rescue.

The next encounter came on Jan. 18 at Pickett's Junction where the search and rescue was holding a public winter safety awareness day next to the yurt of Hope Valley Outdoors, the cross-country ski shop of Joyce Coker who had invited the group to hold their event there and had provided them with skis. Joyce rents out skis and snowshoes to adults and children. There are 60 miles of trails, about 25 of them groomed. She offers lessons and tours of which the most popular is the full moon tour.

The Alpine County Search and Rescue is comprised of two sheriff's deputies, sheriff's department coordinator Tom Minder, and Chris Harootuian, and about 20 civilians including civilian coordinator Lance Lopes. All are medically trained as first responders. There are also trained dogs on the team. Members are Alpine and Douglas county residents.

Rescuers hold monthly meetings and weekend training days conducted by the four trainers in the membership. All-season training topics include building lean-tos, using map and compass, starting fires with wet wood and water rescue. Recruitment is mostly by word-of-mouth. The group is funded chiefly by the Alpine County Sheriff's Department. Cooking breakfast for the Death Ride is



Alpine County Sheriff's Search and Rescue members Lance and DeAnna Lopes in front of the ice hut during Safety Day in Hope Valley.

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the major fund-raising opportunity; last Saturday's event, where a donations box was displayed, was partly to assess the possibility of holding an annual ski day to raise money. Opening such events to the public also attracts new members.

One focus of this day was on Nordic skiing proficiency. The intention is to develop a Nordic team capable of rescue. Another aspect of the training was avalanche rescue using beacons. Dummy Bob, acting as victim, was buried with a beacon, and searchers used their beacons in search mode, to find and retrieve him, working with probes and shovels at high speed because, generally, anyone buried in an avalanche has between fifteen and thirty minutes to live. Skiers and snow-

shoers in avalanche country are advised to turn on their beacons before leaving their cars and to keep them on.

On display in the area was an ice hut which can be hauled to the site on a sled pulled by a snow mobile. The ice hut, originally designed for ice fishing, is set up over the injured party. Once a Coleman stove is fired up the temperature rises rapidly. Lifting the victim off the snow onto a pad or brush provides further warmth.

The rescue team has an impressive list of resources at its disposal. It works in cooperation with El Dorado and Douglas counties search and rescue teams, sharing equipment, manpower and the same radio frequencies. Helicopters from Gardnerville and Auburn provide care flights to hospitals and the California Highway Patrol helicopter can drop rescue workers and equipment as well as transport the injured. The team owns snow-

mobiles and quads. It has access to the sheriff's department's command trailer at the county yard. The command trailer is equipped with satellite phone, ham and aircraft radios, a full weather station, multi-laptop computers and satellite television among other gadgetry suitable for use in fire, flood and other disasters. The rescuers carry Sheriff's Department two-way radios. The department is working on putting a repeater on Hawkins Peak to afford better reception for cell phones.

Verizon cell phones work well in certain wilderness areas and failing voice connection, texting may work. Cell phones also help pinpoint the location of the user. The new smart phones offer a wealth of rescue-related information such as details of topographical maps.

At the event I learned about the 10 essentials for backcountry travel, which include:

- Navigation
- Sun protection
- Insulation (extra clothing)
- Illumination (at night the beam of a small flashlight shows up greatly magnified on a helicopter search screen)
- First Aid supplies
- Fire
- Repair kit and tools
- Nutrition (extra food)
- Hydration (extra water)
- Emergency shelter

The SAR meets at 6 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month in the brick building next to Woodford's Auto. The group welcomes volunteers willing to do paperwork as well as to work in the field. There is also a group in Bear Valley. The volunteers not only do good work; they also have fun.

Thanks to Lance and DeAnna Lopes, Tom Minder, and other SAR volunteers.

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# Nice weather eating away at snowpack

by Jim Donald

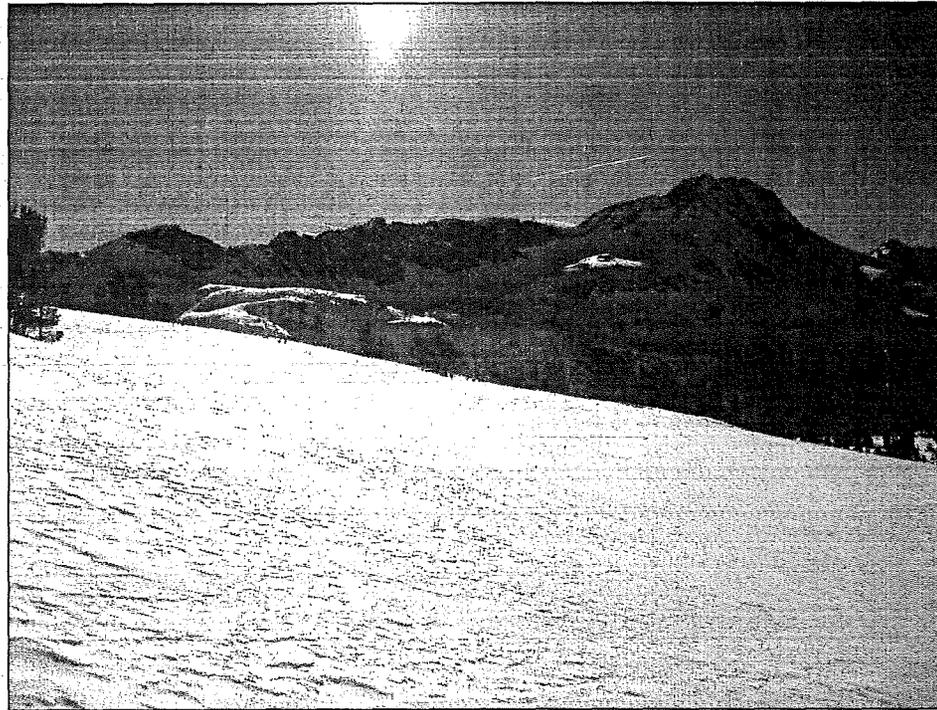
Late fall and early winter brought huge amounts of precipitation to the Sierra. As you may know, Department of Water Resources measured the average snowpack at year's end and found it to be 198 percent of normal.

Indeed there is a lot of snow at Carson Pass. Huge snowbanks more typical of late March line Highway 88. But as I write this it is dry and warm, topping 60 degrees here in Markleeville. The weeklong forecast shows dry but cooler later in the week. More troubling is the three-month outlook calling for the dry weather typically associated with our current La Niña event.

But outlooks and forecasts are best guesses based on complex analytical modeling of atmospheric conditions and as such contain significant chance for error. By the time this column makes the paper conditions may be entirely different. But, for better or worse, we live with what we get.

Earlier in the season we saw some of the best cross country skiing in memory but the snowpack has become icy and hard, only softening on south aspects at midday on sunny days. Snowshoes or good timing is what you need for the following outing at the Carson Pass snowpark area on the south side of Highway 88. Snowpark permits are available at the Alpine County Chamber of Commerce, Woodfords Station, Sorenson's Resort and many US Forest Service offices.

Pick up the trail heading south at the east end of the parking lot, make a short traverse of a steep slope and continue, following the



There's still plenty of snow in Alpine County, but the sun has taken its toll.

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wiggles and undulations, descend gently to a hemlock grove and climb again under a north facing wall. As you climb note that the forest is changing to a lodgepole and western white pine mix and thinning considerably.

The obvious trail continues south leveling and then descending slightly through an open area where views of Elephants Back, Round Top and the peaks surrounding Kirkwood be-

come visible. Just below Round Top is Winnemucca Lake and this trail will take you there.

Climb again on switchbacks, enter the whitebark pine region and note the occasional views of Caples Lake and, on a clear day, the coast ranges in the west. Whitebark seeds are an important food source for many birds and mammals in this area, and according to

scientists in Yellowstone are a major part of that area's grizzly bear's diet. Early settlers however made sure that the animal on our state flag didn't survive to enjoy these seeds.

Continue generally south, enter an open bowl where the wildflowers grow abundantly in summer and track a gently climbing arc southwest, top a rise and descend to the west shore of Winnemucca Lake. Round Top fills the view with its breathtaking chutes and steep slopes. At this point you will have climbed about 600 feet and travelled 2 miles. Stop here for lunch, practice tele-turns into the gully just west of Winnemucca or head up to Round Top Lake by making a mile climbing traverse to the west to gain the divide between the American and Mokelumne River drainages. Fourth of July Lake lies about 1,100 vertical feet down and perhaps 1.5 trail miles further, a trip best left for summer or expert skiers.

The slopes coming back from Round Top Lake make for wonderful telemark practice and are varied enough for all skill levels except beginners. Trace your tracks back to the car or vary the route as much as snow conditions and terrain familiarity allow.

If the snow is really hard and icy you may want to try a sunny aspect at a lower elevation.

Do not forget to check the weather ([www.wrh.noaa.gov/rev/](http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/rev/)), avalanche conditions ([www.sierraavalanchecenter.org/advisory](http://www.sierraavalanchecenter.org/advisory)), road conditions ([www.dot.ca.gov/cgi-bin/roads.cgi](http://www.dot.ca.gov/cgi-bin/roads.cgi)) and make sure your pack contains the 10 essentials.

*Lenore "Lennie" Josephine Olds Bergevin (95)*

*3 November 1915 - 13 January 2011*



Lenore Josephine "Lennie" Bergevin, 95, passed away 13 January 2011 at Evergreen Convalescent Care Center after a short illness. Before moving to Evergreen 3 years ago, she lived in Gardnerville, NV, living in that residence for well over 60 years. Lennie was born in 1915 in Fredericksburg, Alpine Co., CA to Merritt J and Martha E (Stuard) Olds, one of four children. Lennie came from pioneering stock as the Olds family moved to Nevada in the late 1850's. She was a 1933 graduate of Douglas County High School, Gardnerville, NV.

She was asked by the local telephone company to go to work for them at the age of 15. Upon graduating from high school she started working full time for the telephone company and after 34 years of service, with a time out to raise children, she retired as Chief Telephone Operator in 1975.

She was preceded in death by: her husband Ted Bergevin; daughter Donna Steele; sons Phillip Bergevin and Teddy Bergevin; a grandson Paul Curtis; and a great-granddaughter Jessica Curtis; sisters, Louise Olds Averill and Jessie Olds Averill; and brother Merritt Olds. She is survived by daughters Marcia Bernard (David) and Linda Curtis (Michael) both of Carson City, NV; 7 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, 2 great-great-grandchildren, one niece and one nephew.

She was a member of Carson Valley United Methodist Church for over 64 years, Esther Chapter No.3 Order of the Eastern Star for over 63 years, Board member for Carson Valley No 13 International Order of Rainbow for Girls, Charter member and first Worthy High Priestess of the Sierra Sage Shrine, White Shrine of Jerusalem, Ammon-Ra Temple No 56 Daughters of the Nile, Independent Telephone Pioneer Association, Sierra Silver Wheels trailer club, and Sierra Nevada Good Sam trailer club.

She was a devout Christian and dedicated many years of her life to her family, church and fraternal organizations. Besides a very successful career, she will be remembered fondly by many people who worked for and with her during their high school years and many through their working careers. She spent happy years traveling in her RV where she and Ted made lasting friendships. She will be remembered as a gracious, caring and loving person throughout her entire life.

The family is extremely grateful to the staff at Evergreen for their love, care and dedication to Lennie during her stay there. Thanks is also extended to Hospice during her End of Life Care.

A memorial service will be held at the Carson Valley United Methodist Church in Gardnerville, on Saturday, February 5th, 2011 at 2:00pm. Walton's Chapel of the Valley is in charge of arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, Lennie requested that Carson Valley United Methodist church be remembered.

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# Adventures in bull purchasing

February, all our calves are on the ground. Bald eagles have finished fighting over and carried off the last of the afterbirth. The grass is still too cold to jump up and show itself, so still feeding everyday. Which gives a good opportunity to take a close, long look at the cattle. The calves are fine, but the cows act like they are looking for love. Time for the spring bull sales.

This year the 45th annual Cattlemen's Association Bull sale will be held in Fallon, Feb. 19. Snyder's in Yerington have their 11th annual sale in March. And the famous Red Bluff, Calif., Bull sale, organized in 1942, happened already. Sale catalogs pile up in the

mailbox.

Buying a bull, one should

## FENCE LINES



by Marie Johnson

know the importance of a bull's birth weight, EPDs, semen test, brucellosis, trichomoniasis, PI-BVD shots and tattoos. But for that information you are going to have to get your own catalog. This is about the tire.

Years back when I knew even less than I do now about cattle ranching I rode with my future husband to the Red Bluff Bull sale. Google maps

indicates Red Bluff is only 4 hours and 19 minutes away. It took a lot longer than that back then when one is in a ranch truck pulling a 20-foot stock trailer. But when you are young and in love time goes by quickly. Telling your truck partner everything you think about while he sits, quietly trapped, listening and probably thinking about what kind of bulls to buy, how many, with limited funds, passes time.

We had been driving since predawn to get to the bull sale early to look over the livestock before the auction. At the auction after anxious moments of decision making and bidding four bulls are finally purchased; some black

ones, some red ones. We load the new to each other, big fat, bulls with minimum rodeo action into the trailer and start home with little daylight left.

Glad the auction tension is over, we are giddy on the road home thinking things worked out well. The bulls in the trailer behind remind us they are there when they move and shift their weight. We feel it all the way in the front of the pick-up. In our jovial mood we both suddenly laugh out loud when we see a tire roll past us on Highway 5 just as darkness comes.

How funny — Someone has

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## Bull

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lost a tire and it has passed them on the road. Then a second later we realize that was too large to be a car tire and the shifting of bull weight may be more than that. Fortunately a 20-foot gooseneck trailer has weight distributed to the pick-up bed and two wheels on each side. It was a stock trailer wheel that passed us rolling down the highway.

This was ages ago, before cell phones, GPS and On-Star 24-hour towing. We sheepishly drove slowly into the first town off the highway. Found a gas station just closing and asked if they could help us find someone

who could get a heavy duty tire for a stock-trailer full of bulls.

We were not too far from Red Bluff. Folks in this small town were familiar with agriculture, its animals, equipment and people. A phone call was made. Well after dark a man drove up to the gas station with a tire. He helped put it back on our jacked-up trailer with curious bulls, thankfully, quietly looking on. No credit card machines available, no cash on hand. The helpful tire provider gladly accepted an out of state check from someone he had never met before wishing us well on our late night drive back home.

Marie Johnson is a Carson Valley rancher

# Woodfords firefighter of the year chosen

by Joyce DeVore

Michael Gard is Woodford's Volunteer Fire Department's choice for 2010 Firefighter of the Year. He has been a volunteer at Woodfords Fire Department for about 10 years.

"I didn't even realize that there was a selection in progress," stated Gard, rather shyly.

His background includes volunteering at Lake Valley Fire Department, service in the United States Marine Corps, and management at Harrah's and Harvey's Casinos, and being a husband, father, and grandfather.

"While we didn't train directly on medical procedures in the Marine Corps, we did learn how to take care of ourselves," Gard explained. "We gained confidence in the Marine Corps and learned what it takes to handle extreme situations." One can understand how those qualifications would be an asset to a fire department.

As for his casino experience, Gard remembers a quotation credited to Bill Harrah that sums up what makes success in any situation. The Harrah saying goes, "The reason we are successful at this casino is that we could close the doors at any time and staff a university." Gard explained that, like the casino, the

level of experience and education in the volunteers at the firehouse translates to a "there is hardly anything we can't figure out" attitude. Adding that attitude to Woodfords is another of Gard's assets.

Being a family man adds yet another asset to Gard's long list.

"Helping each other means that we are like a big family," Gard said. "We don't have a motto, but a saying that we use frequently is 'We volunteer because it is the right thing to do.'"

Like some jobs within a family, "somebody has to do it," laughed Gard. "It is not always fun, but it is always rewarding."

"My wife Janna has been extremely supportive. Of course, calls come at all times and sometimes at the most inopportune times. Janna just says, 'Dad has to go, kids,' and everyone accepts the situation," Gard said.

He added that all the volunteers have the same superb support at home; otherwise they could not make the commitment to the fire department.

"Sometimes the men and/or women have to bring their children to our meetings. It is a safe place to be and we enjoy the children," Gard said with a smile.

Gard is a family legend in the

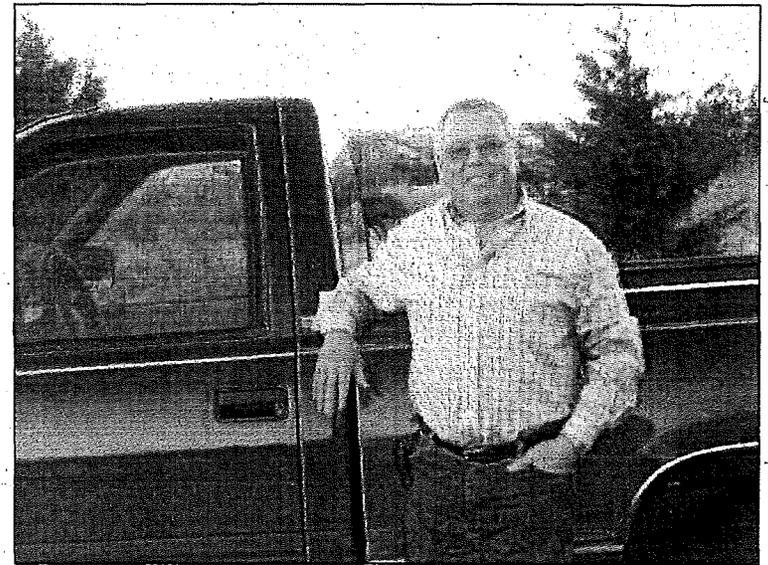
kitchen. While he attends every training possible, he often makes dinners for two dozen or so people on training nights. When the firehouse remodeled, Mike and Janna Gard volunteered to design the kitchen.

"Working with contractor Steve Martin, Janna and I drew up plans for a functional kitchen. Large sinks, storage, and good basic equipment were the most important factors. It works out real well," he said.

Gard remembers a night when he was serving spaghetti and meatballs to the volunteers and a knock came at the door.

"It was a group of five guys who had ridden their bikes from Placerville on their way to the East Coast and needed a place to camp for the night. We could not allow them to camp on county property, but we did invite them to share our supper and later a sheriff's deputy escorted them to Turtle Rock Park Campground. I told them to check out the Chamber of Commerce and the Death Ride information, which they did the next day. Those bikers ended up helping Teresa with some project she had going on," Gard told me.

He has thousands of great stories, many about the amazing spirit of



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Woodfords volunteer firefighter Michael Gard was named the department's firefighter of the year for 2010.

community service.

Gard wanted Alpine County residents to know that the volunteers want to be a part of fire safety training in our community. Recently, volunteers went to Diamond Valley School to demonstrate the use of a fire extinguisher.

Since I have never used one, I asked Gard what I should know about using a fire extinguisher. He said, "Most of the faculty and staff at the school, with all of their educa-

tion and experience had never used a fire extinguisher, either."

He explained the process to me, but it would be more effective if we had one for demonstration. Gard said that he and other firemen would be happy to give a demonstration to any interested group.

Congratulations to Mike and a huge thank-you to all the volunteers at the Woodfords and Markleeville firehouses.

## Markleeville courthouse architect announced

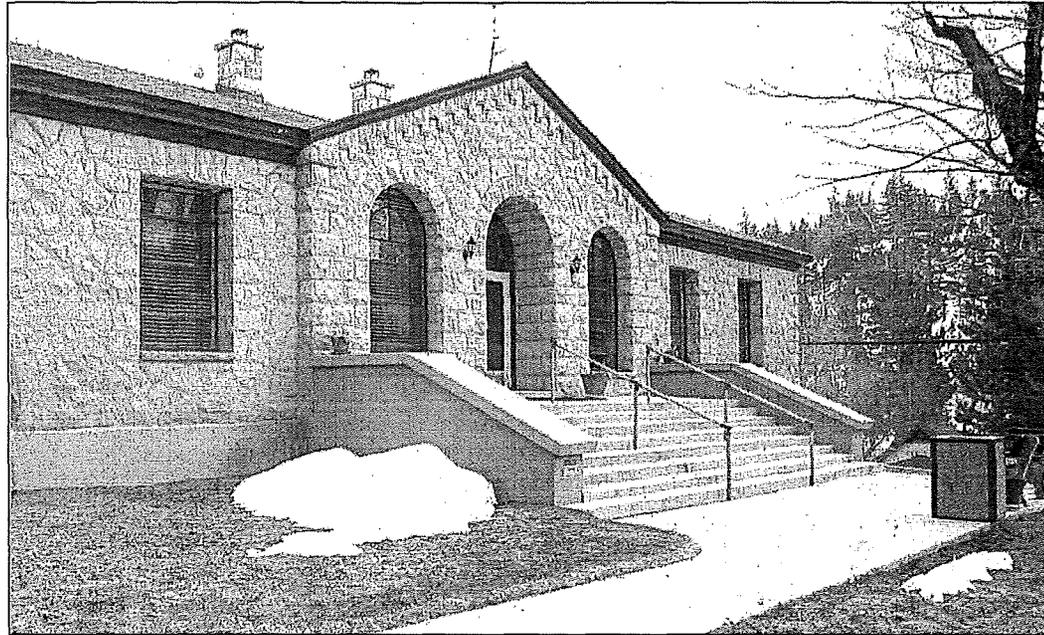
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The Northern California architecture firm of Siegel & Strain Architects has been selected to design the new Markleeville Courthouse.

The proposed project, which is in the earliest phase of site selection, will replace the court's space in the current historic courthouse with a modern, secure, adequately sized building, and provide the court with more space for jury assembly and deliberation rooms, a self-help center, and more. The current courthouse, which is owned by and shared with Alpine County, does not meet modern operational and security requirements and cannot be renovated or expanded.

The new courthouse is budgeted to cost \$24.37 million.

This project was ranked in the "critical need" category of the judicial branch's capital-outlay plan, making it among the branch's highest-priority infrastructure projects. The project is currently in site selection. The local court, AOC, and a project advisory group that includes members of the local community are reviewing potential sites. Once engaged, the architecture team can begin preliminary space programming, but architectural



The historic Alpine County Courthouse was built in 1928.

Dan Thrift/Tahoe Daily Tribune file photo

design must wait until a site is selected and acquisition is approved by the State Public Works Board. Site selection and acquisition typically take a year or more. The project is scheduled for completion in late 2014.

Emeryville-based Siegel & Strain Architects brings expertise on civic and community buildings, education facilities, and other building types. The firm has a strong commitment to innovative green design and his-

toric preservation, and has won more than 50 design awards since the early 1990s. Sample projects include an environmental education center in Yosemite, city halls in Orinda, Yountville, and Portola Valley, and The Presidio Stewardship and Sustainability Center in San Francisco.

The new Markleeville courthouse is among 41 projects to be funded by Senate Bill 1407, which finances critically needed courthouse construction, renova-

tion, and repair through a portion of judicial branch fees, penalties, and assessments, without reliance on the state's General Fund. To date, 36 architectural firms have been selected or hired for trial court capital projects in the AOC's courthouse construction program. The overall program will create thousands more jobs in local communities as the projects proceed through design and construction over the next five years.

## Care Flight trains with avalanche dogs at Kirkwood

### Staff Reports

Four of Kirkwood Mountain Resort patrollers and avalanche dogs and one dog and handler from El Dorado Country Search and Rescue completed their annual orientation and training with Care Flight in January at Kirkwood Mountain Resort.

To expedite transportation, Care Flight has been working with avalanche dogs and their handlers at various ski areas and with search and rescue teams for years.

This year Care Flight worked with Kirkwood patroller Kip McCarthy to provide orientation for their avalanche dogs and handlers to ensure both dogs and people are comfortable and familiar with the flying in the helicopter.

"Access is a big deal in the backcountry and sometimes more dogs are needed at a resort," said Andy Peek, Care Flight Pilot. "There is really only one fast and efficient way to get these dogs to where they are needed, and that is by helicopter."

Care Flight can also provide search capabilities from the sky and will participate in search and assist efforts once the avalanche dogs and their handlers are on site.

"It is also nice to have an emergency medical helicopter on scene should victims be located and need medical transport," said Temple Fletcher, operations manager at Care Flight.

# MEMORIAL SERVICE



## Lorraine Price Kirkpatrick

11:00 a.m. Saturday February 19 - St. Gaul's Church

Lorraine died peacefully at home February 12 in the company of her beloved husband, Alex Kirkpatrick.

### OBITUARIES

**Lorraine Marie Price  
Kirkpatrick**  
1965-2011

A celebration of the life is 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Gall Catholic Church in Gardnerville for Carson City resident Lorraine Marie Price Kirkpatrick, 45, who died at home Feb. 12, 2011.

Born Feb. 26, 1965, in Santa Clara, Calif., she grew up in Alpine County and attended Douglas



**Kirkpatrick**

niece, McKenzie Price and nephew, Cameron Price.

High School.

Mrs. Kirkpatrick is preceded in death by sister Lesly.

She is survived by her husband Alexander; parents Gerald and Jeannine Price; brothers Gary (Beth) Price, Gregory (Cheryl) Price, and David Price;

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## Supervisor session drives lively budget discussion

by Joyce DeVore

Supervisor Tom Sweeney held his monthly meeting on Saturday to answer questions and inform the public about the issues before the Board of Supervisors. Sweeney holds this forum the second Saturday of each month at the Early Learning Center from 9 am to 10 am, or longer if necessary. This week's meeting was so lively that we spent almost two hours sharing information and concerns.

Library Commissioner Jim Dunn shared a brief history of funding and staffing of the library. The county has been generous to support the library, and volunteers have added invaluable time and skills to its operation. We are advancing technology-wise, with high speed internet access, computer classes on Saturday morning, and plans for more electronic media. Sandy Bryson thanked Jim and the library staff for its important presence in the community.

The Hawkins Peak project is a huge concern for the county due to mounting costs. It is a communications project for the Sheriff's Department that began about seven years ago, that was initially to be funded by grants. It has grown into "an amorphous, mysterious project," commented Sweeney. The board has shifted



Sweeney

monies from various designated budgets to fund expenses of the project. The cost to the county so far "is something between \$600,000 and \$1.5 million," Sweeney noted. "Some money for the project is promised but has not yet been released to us," he continued. Sweeney has pushed for a more business-like approach to the project, and with the help of the county executive officer, the next phase of the project is going out to bid shortly. "We need to know what this project is going to cost so we can budget responsibly," Sweeney noted. "This is serious money," said Sandy Bryson, and we would like to know exactly what the project is going to provide." Sweeney said that he would ask the Undersheriff responsible for initiating the project to write a letter explaining the costs and benefits of the Hawkins Peak Project. The project is now in the hands of Community Development Director Brian Peters. Rick Dustman inquired about the vandalism at the tower site and Sweeney explained that people on snowmobiles broke the security doors at the cement building and stole tools. The company hired for the job did not intend to

leave the tools there, but the heavy snows prevented them from retrieving the tools. Sweeney did not know if there is insurance on the project at this point.

In other county concerns, Sweeney said that there is now a 10-year plan, written by Brian Peters, to replace worn road maintenance equipment. "It is the responsible thing to do, to have a plan so we can budget for the upcoming expenses and maintain public safety," Sweeney added. The plan is expected to pass at the next meeting.

One section of last year's Grand Jury report is being investigated by a group, including Shirley Taylor, who was present at the meeting. The investigation concerns the county's financial and legal responsibilities to South Lake Tahoe Public Utilities District and a review of the contract provisions to supply storage for the effluent from Tahoe. STPUD pays the county a fixed amount annually, which pays for much of the fish planting in our area. In addition, a percentage of hook-up fees from Tahoe buildings is paid to our county. The committee is investigating how the hook-up fees are counted. For example, if a large motel counts as one hook-up or several. As far as the purity of the effluent, Sweeney noted that "La-

hontan Water Board keeps a strict watch on the water, testing and analyzing the water often. We have a strong voice on the water board in Supervisor Don Jardine, so our interests are protected."

Questions about the new county courthouse were fielded to those present. Former Planning Commissioner Bill Morgan adds that the two most likely sites for the courthouse are Sandy Matlock's property downtown or the Gigli property on Hot Springs Road. There is a citizen's advisory committee, headed by Presiding Judge David DeVore that meets with the Administrative Office of the Court to ensure that citizens have a meaningful voice in the selection of a site and design of the new courthouse. As reported in The Record-Courier, an architectural firm has been selected to plan the building once the citizens decide on the site. Questions and concerns about the appearance of the new courthouse should be addressed to Judge DeVore at 694-2113.

Of great concern to our economy is the decision of California Fish and Game to issue fishing licenses via high-speed computer, which limits most local vendors from selling the licenses. The Board has requested that a representative from CA Fish and Game

come to a board meeting and explain why our businesses cannot sell licenses without the expense of maintaining high speed Internet, which is not even available in some areas of the county.

I e-mailed Sweeney a question on our budget covering a great deal of medical insurance for county employees, including board members and school board members. Sweeney explained that during better times, employees were awarded generous benefits. As far as the school board members benefits, Sweeney answered that the schools are given a certain percentage of the county budget, then the school board decides how that money is spent.

At a recent board meeting, Gail Day was recognized with a plaque for 25 years of service assisting with county elections. The board also approved hiring a second building maintenance person, as one person was not able to complete work involving lifting or ladders

Sweeney reminded us that the board of supervisors meetings are open to the public, that agendas may be viewed online before the meetings, and that anyone with internet service at home may listen to the board meetings by logging in at the county site.

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# Snowshoe Thompson event on Saturday

## Staff Reports

The 12th annual Snowshoe Thompson Cross Country Ski and Snowshoe Tour is 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the yurt at highways 88 and 89 in Hope Valley.

Snowshoe Thompson (1827-76) carried the mail on skis from Placerville to Genoa twice a month for 20 years during the winter.

The event features a two-hour 10k ski tour on Burnside Trail to Secret Meadow led by Nina MacLeod, and a 5k showshoe tour at Picket Junction Meadow and Burn-

side Trail.

Demonstration of longboarding the way Snowshoe did it by Frank Tortorich. Fiddle music by Vicki Hass. Refreshments by Hope Valley Café and Market. 1850s dress encouraged.

Cost of \$10 adults, children free.

The event benefits the Friends of Snowshoe Thompson group who promote his history and maintain his statue in Genoa, [www.snowshoethompson.org](http://www.snowshoethompson.org).

Information, Nina, (530) 573-8940, or Sue (775) 315-7777.

## Stonefly: Markleeville's new downtown restaurant

by Virginia York

"Delightful ambiance," "Beautifully built and decorated," "Delicious food," "Very pleasant service," "A great addition to Markleeville," "Ali is a wonderful cook."

These are a sampling of the comments of customers who have been flocking to Stonefly every Friday and Saturday night since the restaurant opened on Feb. 11.

From Markleeville's snowy main street one crosses a magical threshold into an embrace of warmth and light. On every table there burns an array of votive candles in holders made from the staves of oak wine barrels; the oven's wood fire glows and sparks as Ali Bornstein shifts a pizza from the wooden paddle onto the oven's stone floor; light plays on glass, silver and on the faces of the participants of this night's feast. Friends and neighbors greet each other, talking and laughing over their delectable food and drink and winter travelers are quickly included in this atmosphere of affection.

Bornstein came to Alpine County in 1997 to help her college friend, Linda Merrill, with a bed and breakfast, The Mountain and Garden in Woodfords. Bornstein and Nick Hartzell, a local contractor, met shortly afterwards and were married in 2004. Bornstein has worked for many years in restaurants,



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Ali Bornstein putting a pizza in the oven at Stonefly.

mostly as a waitress and recently spent several months cooking and baking in Hope Valley Café.

When Villa Gigli went on the market, Hartzell and Bornstein began to entertain the idea of buying the property and continuing the tradition of offering good Italian food, adding other wholesome menu options. Although they did not buy Villa Gigli, they did meet Teddy Carlson-Brown, the Giglis' real estate agent, who later proposed the couple that they split the two lot property that was Molly's Boardwalk and that Nick build a real estate office and a restaurant with apart-

ments above both buildings.

Construction started in May and the town rejoiced to see the emergence of two wood-framed, two-story buildings in perfect harmony with the architecture of the town. A visitor to Markleeville commented, "It's great that you're fixing up these old places," an unwitting tribute to the sensitivity of the design.

In the months preceding the opening, Bornstein, assisted by Alpine County Library staff, immersed herself in research into Italian cookery, and restaurant decor and management. She made dough every day experimenting with a variety of flours and recipes, finally settling on a combination of tipo 00 flour (very finely milled, talcum powder soft, used by Italian pizzaiolos) and Giusto's unbleached high performer, high protein flour.

She lets the dough rise for three days in the refrigerator; slow rising produces a more flavorful dough. She makes the pizza on marble according to pizzaiolo guidelines. The wood-burning oven, imported from Italy, cooks the pizza in two minutes at 800 degrees. By the next morning the oven temperature has dropped to 475 degrees, just right to bake bread, crunchy on the outside, chewy on the inside (not to be missed). As the eagerly anticipated date drew closer, Bornstein invited groups of friends to rehearsal dinners.

One of the restaurant's lintels, embedded with cow hair, was found in a pasture. The counter is made from ipe, a South American hardwood. The walls have warm-colored Venetian plaster. Paintings of local artist Jared Manninen form the art exhibit, which will rotate.

Bornstein expresses deep gratitude for her team, Linda, salads and pantry, Luis, grill and saute, Whitney and Dana, waitresses, and Brandon and Gabe, dishwashers. Nick is host, provider of practical and moral support and sampler of the latest delicacies.

As far as possible, Bornstein uses vegetables in season, currently various root vegetables and winter greens. The potatoes are mashed with celery root and parsnips. All the food is created in-house. At least four antipastos are offered and five entrees, including fish, a variety of meats and at least two pizzas. Vegetarian fare is served. There are house wines and wines to excite the connoisseur. Long Board Lager and Sierra Nevada Pale Ale are on tap. French press coffee and teas are available. Dinner for two starts at around \$40.

Stonefly is open 5-9 p.m. Friday and Saturday evenings. It may be open on more evenings during the summer. Reservations are recommended; call (530) 694-9999. The restaurant will close from mid-April until Memorial Day weekend.

# Alpine marijuana farmer convicted in federal court

## Staff Reports

A man who was arrested Aug. 11 watering plants in a major marijuana grow in Alpine County faces at least 10 years in prison after he was convicted by a federal jury on Wednesday.

Patricio Garcia Reyes, also known as Agustin Vasquez Garcia, 47, of the Bay Area, was convicted of conspiracy to grow marijuana and of carrying a firearm in a drug trafficking offense.

More than 5,000 plants were found growing in a remote area of the national forest in Alpine County during aircraft fly-overs while fighting the Wolf Creek fire near the Carson-Iceberg Wilderness.

A few days later, a team of U.S. Forest Service and Alpine County Sheriff's deputies went into the site to investigate the grow operation and located the defendant.

At the time of his arrest, Garcia Reyes was armed with a 9 mm Beretta semi-automatic handgun and over 50 rounds of ammunition. An illegal campsite at the grow location showed that three or four persons had likely

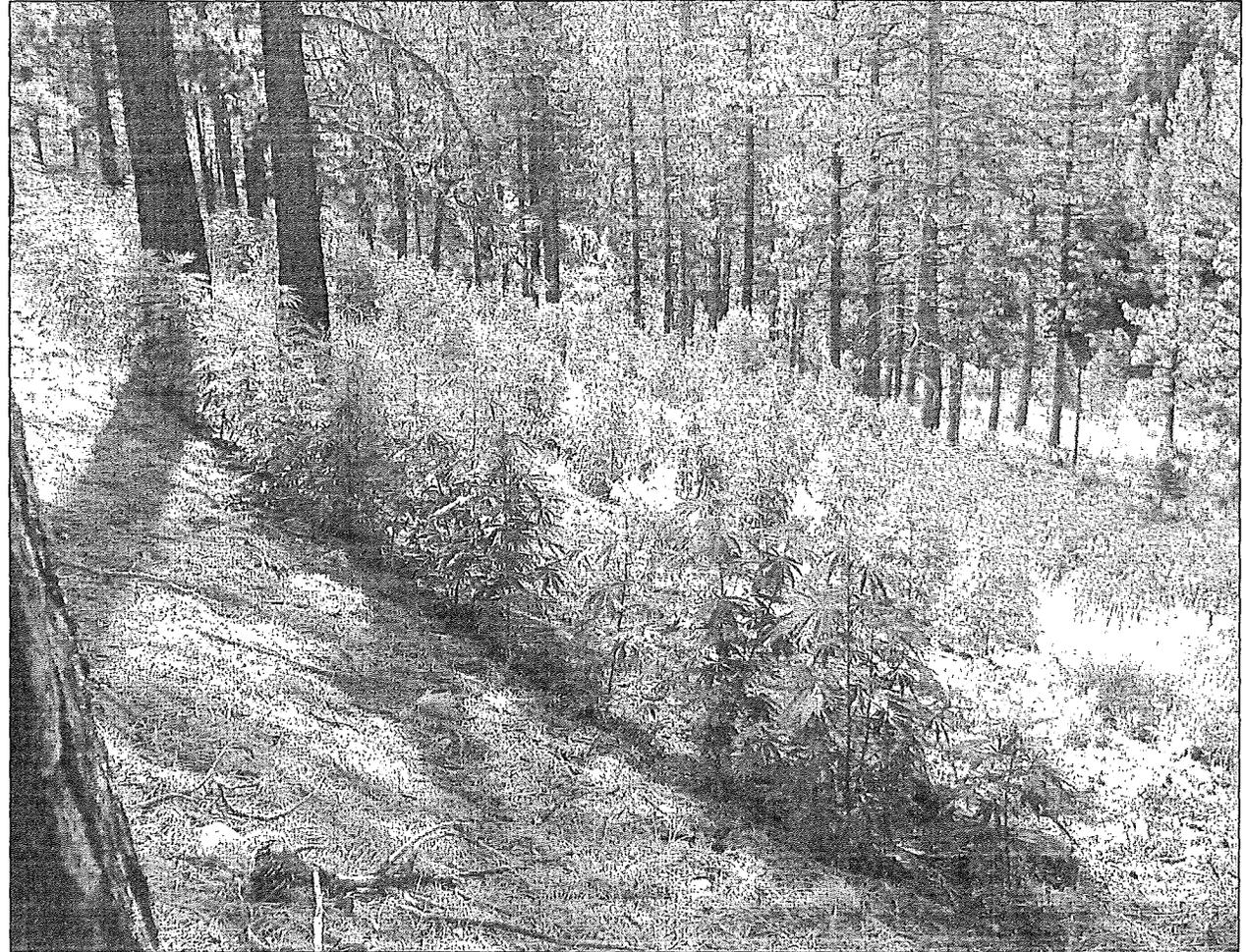
been working at the grow site. It was estimated that each plant would have produced about 1 pound of marijuana when mature, with a street value of approximately \$5 million. However, the plants were about a month away from maturity when located and eradicated.

The jury returned the verdict after a two-day trial before U.S. District Judge Kimberly J. Mueller.

U.S. Attorney Benjamin B. Wagner said the case is the result of an investigation by the U.S. Forest Service and the Alpine County Sheriff's Department. It was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard J. Bender.

U.S. Forest Service law enforcement officers with experience cleaning up marijuana grows estimated the eventual cost to clean up the trash and materials left behind, including removal of an earthen stream dam, campsite, thousands of feet of irrigation hose, trash and debris, to be about \$40,000. Because of the remote location of the site and rugged terrain, helicopters were used to bring out much of the material.

Garcia Reyes is scheduled



Rows of marijuana plants found by Alpine and federal authorities.

Alpine County Sheriff's Department

to be sentenced on May 19. He faces a statutory mandatory minimum sentence of five years in prison on the marijuana conspiracy charge, and a mandatory consecutive five years in prison on the gun charge.

# Introducing the Alpine County auditor

by Joyce DeVore

Michele McLelland became Alpine County Auditor eight weeks ago. Today she said, "My husband Buck and I wouldn't want to live and work and raise our girls anywhere else. We love it here."

I asked her to explain in simple terms what she does as county auditor.

"An auditor makes sure that taxpayer funds are spent according to county policies and state or federal laws or account standards. We keep track of the cash coming into the county," she said.

"As grant reimbursements, revenue from other government agencies, property taxes, business license fees, court fines, and other revenues come into the county, we account for them and distribute the monies appropriate to the budget. We then write the checks to pay the county's bills and payroll. The auditor's office is also responsible to compile the budget that is approved by the Board of Supervisors and prepare financial statements that are audited by a Certified Public Accountant."

The "we" she refers to is the Assistant Auditor, Nani Ellis, and Fi-

nanial Officer Sara Center.

Ellis has been working in the auditor's office for 16 years, and McLelland warmly said, "Nani is the best."

Center recently moved to Gardnerville from Susanville, where she worked in the Lassen County Auditor's Office.

McLelland appreciates the experience both Ellis and Center bring to the office.

"We don't have the volume that other counties have since Alpine is tiny population-wise, but we only have a few people to do all the jobs," acknowledged McLelland.

"We are responsible for a multitude of reports," she said.

The state controller and an outside auditor require frequent statements and reports from the county office. Each report has specific forms and deadlines.

"Thank goodness for the help of former auditor, Randi Makely. She spent a couple of months helping me before she left and I would have been lost without her. Makely left her calendars, spreadsheets with notes and they have been very helpful," McLelland added.

McLelland has been familiarizing herself with volumes of material from the Government Auditors



Alpine County's Sara Center, Nani Ellis, and Michele McLelland.

Standards Board.

A brand new volume containing some 700 pages was sitting on her desktop.

"I had a basic government accounting class at the University of Nevada, but the standards change so I have to keep reading."

Risk management is occupying a good deal of McLelland's time, since she had little background in that department.

She explained that risk manage-

ment means "getting county insurance, working with our claims adjuster if claims are filed against the county, and ensuring that our employees and visitors on county property are safe."

McLelland has already attended a few conferences on Risk Management for Auditors and will attend another one this month.

I asked what her focus is for the moment and she answered thoughtfully, "Our big focus in the

county is to gain consistency in financial transactions. We want everyone doing things according to policy, which means everyone in every department follows the same policy. We are getting ready for the next fiscal year budget and for the changes that occur mid-year in the current budget."

The biggest surprise for McLelland was, "going from being a staff member at the Sheriff's Department where I worked for four years to having staff. Before I was able to ask questions of my supervisors about how things should be done. Now I am the one who has to find the answers."

She refers to her life at home as "crazy busy."

Her husband Buck is studying to be a financial advisor and together they are raising two beautiful daughters, Camryn, 4, and Marissa, 2.

"Thank goodness we have my parents and Buck's mother who all live at Lake Tahoe to help us out," she said with a smile. "Tonight is dance lessons and Buck is taking the girls so I don't have to rush."

Thank you to the Auditor's Office for taking a few minutes for an interesting interview.

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#### BIRTHS

##### **Elliot Kenneth Knapp**

Markleeville residents Danielle and Gaelen Knapp are parents of a son, Elliot Kenneth Knapp, born March 10, 2011, at Carson Tahoe Regional Medical Center. Elliot weighed 7 pounds, 1 ounce at birth.

##### **Colten Tyler Banes**

Gardnerville residents Jessica and Matthew Banes are parents of a son, Colten Tyler Banes, born March 11, 2011, at Carson Tahoe Regional Medical Center. Colten weighed 8 pounds, 1 ounce at birth.

##### **Grant Benjamin Carman**

Minden residents Stacy and Gregory Carman are parents of a son, Grant Benjamin Carman, born March 11, 2011, at Carson Tahoe Regional Medical Center. Grant weighed 8 pounds, 7 ounces at birth.

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## Thomas, Tinseth engaged

### Staff Reports

Kristin Thomas and Ross Tinseth are engaged to be married April 2, 2011 in Sparks.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Steve and Joyce Thomas of Reno.

She is a graduate of UNR and works at Renown.

The groom-to-be is the son of Scott and Lenny Sue Tinseth of Woodfords, Calif.

He is attending Truckee Meadows Community College and works at Trader Joe's.



Thomas-Tinseth

# ALPINE

## Young artist displays work at Alpine County Library

by Virginia York.

Where do artists find their inspiration? Surely the impulse to create springs from innumerable sources.

Reena Spansail calls her exhibition in Alpine County Library "Auditory Visions." Five of the works displayed were inspired by contemporary music and lyrics and one from the sound of her mother's voice as she read "The Chronicles of Narnia" (C.S. Lewis).

Reena, a senior at Douglas High School, spent her first 12 years in Alpine County in a small house on the Mesa. During that time she was an only child (she now has a brother) and created her own country on the eight acres, among trees, miniature valleys and a make-believe island. She thrived in her times of introspective solitude. She attended Diamond Valley School where her mother, Anna Maria Colletti taught language arts and science. There were nine students in her eighth-grade graduating class; she valued the individual attention possible with such a small group.

At the end of the summer following her eighth-grade graduation Reena experienced a moment of insight. In her words:

"I was prancing cheerfully along when my flip-flopped foot struck something other than a prickly



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Reena Spansail calls her exhibition in Alpine County Library "Auditory Visions."

weed. It was a paintbrush. I looked around quickly in an attempt to find its owner, but there was no one in sight. As I turned the shining, supple wand over in my fingers, the oddest sensation swept over me. I felt like this brush was a gift, a key to a secret garden that held all of my potential talent within. It was at the precise moment, staring at the unremarkable brush and feeling the heaviness of the humid air, that I realized the depth of my love and need for art. It was at that moment that I realized that

I wanted to be a connoisseur of beauty — I wanted to become an artist."

At Diamond Valley School, Reena had enjoyed the art projects but it was not until this day that art became a significant part of her life. In the following fall, at Pau-Wa-Lu she had the good fortune to have a no-nonsense art teacher who urged the students not to indulge in self-doubt, exhorting them: "Don't think about it, just do it," and "Don't give yourself a pity party."

Reena was doing a pencil draw-

ing of Audrey Hepburn, her first ninth-grade art project, and asked the teacher to show her how to draw lips. She was told, in no uncertain terms: "No. You do it." She did, and when the resultant drawing really looked like her subject, lips and all, her confidence took a joyful leap.

Reena has discovered that art is a way of saying something one wants to say at a particular time, a visual diary. When she steps back from a finished piece she is surprised to see that a bit of truth about herself has leaked out. She is interested in how others interpret her art, even, perhaps especially, when what they see is not what she was intending to portray. She likes her work to spark discussion, acting as a catalyst to profound inquiry.

Currently Reena is especially fond of working with acrylic paint and mixed media. She also enjoys the fluidity of pen and ink. She is exploring watercolor techniques and is looking forward to experimenting with oils. She embraces the constant learning which art offers. Among the artists she most admires are Salvador Dali for his attention to detail and his penchant for the disturbing and Vincent Van Gogh for the color, strong contrasts, texture and his way of draw-

ing in the viewer.

Among the pieces Reena is displaying are:

"Narnia Narrated" acrylic on canvas. An enchanting painting of the lamp-post which shone night and day in the Narnian forest. One expects at any moment the arrival of Mr. Tumnus complete with red scarf and packages.

"I Think I'll Go to Boston" acrylic on canvas. A particularly poignant depiction of a young woman looking towards a distant city skyline. The picture has the inscription: "You don't know me and you don't even care."

"Silver and Cold" watercolor and acrylic on paper. A pretty but expressionless (perhaps resigned) young woman walking along with a rabbit, suggestive of a daemon from Philip Pullman's His Dark Materials.

"Hate Me with X Amount of Words." pen and ink on paper. Less personal more experimental. A man releasing a volley of angry words. The song-writer is a recovered drug addict recalling the energy of that dependence.

The exhibition is emboldening other talented, young, local artists to show their art. Reena's work will be on display at the library in Markdeeville until Saturday.

# Tiger baseball falls to Manogue,

by Joey Crandall  
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With some good weather finally in the forecast and a roster coming close to full strength for the first time this season, the Douglas baseball team was left in search of just one thing Monday afternoon at Manogue.

A clutch hit.

Douglas fell 4-3 in Reno to the Miners, favored by some to win the Northern 4A this season, in a makeup carryover from last week's snow storms.

The loss dropped the Tigers to 0-2 in league play with five league games scheduled in a week's time.

"We put ourselves in a hole early, battled back and had our chances to win, but we just could find that hit to get us going late in the game," Douglas coach Bruce Jacobsen said. "We just haven't got the run support we've been looking for yet.

"Once that comes into line, we'll start winning some games. It was something to build on heading into a tough week."

Indeed, it's a week unlike any other in recent memory for the baseball program.

Because of the newly-reformatted league schedule, teams must play postponed games on the first available date after the postponement. With the recent inclement weather, the Tigers need to make up three games along in addition to the two normally-scheduled games this week.

Fresh on the heels of the Manogue loss, Douglas traveled to McQueen Tuesday afternoon (the game was played after The R-C's press deadline but results are available online at recordcourier.com). The Tigers host Manogue again today, face Wooster Saturday and host Reed Monday.

Douglas finishes the Wooster series the next day, meaning the Tigers will have



Nikki Chavez makes a catch against Reno two weeks ago.

Shannon Litz

## softball thumps Hug

Kelly Sonnemann went 2-for-3, Kalee Duryee went 2-for-2, Naomi Roberts went 3-for-4, Brenna White drove in three runs, Nikki Chavez

went 3-for-5, Katie Kluever had a run scored and McKinnon went 2-for-3 with two RBIs.

Douglas improved to 3-2-2 overall with the win and 1-1 in league play.

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played 30 percent of their regular-season league schedule in nine days.

"It's definitely a unique situation," Jacobsen said. "It's nothing different than what the other teams in the league are going through. It was one of the risks with having this new schedule, but no one anticipated the kind of weather we've had. Hopefully that is behind us now."

Against Manogue on Monday, Kameron Van Winkle bounced back from surrendering a three-run home run in the first inning to record seven strikeouts with only one walk.

"He threw well against one of the top lineups in the region," Jacobsen said. "It's just a shame we couldn't back him up at the plate. He threw a great game."

Junior Jackson Ketron hit a solo home run in the top of the second inning to cut the score to 3-1 but Manogue brought another run across in the bottom of the fifth after a pair of Douglas errors.

Ketron slugged a two-run homer in the top of the sixth, to cut it to 4-3, though.

"He's really having a strong start to the year for us," Jacobsen said. "He's been swinging it well, playing in the outfield for us and even doing some pitching. He's done real well."

Douglas had runners on second and third with two outs in the top of the sixth but an infield pop-up ended the inning. The Tigers then got the leadoff man on in the top of the seventh but went down in order from there.

"We had chances to go in front, or at least tie it up, but we're still looking for those clutch hits," Jacobsen said.

Ketron and Leo Trebotich each went 2-for-3 and Van Winkle, Tanner Egan and Cody Lommori collected one hit each.

"Everything counts these next two weeks," Jacobsen said. "We have to get after it and start winning some baseball games."

### SOFTBALL

Douglas spotted itself 10 runs in the first and 11 runs in the third while cruising to a 24-1 win over Hug in Minden Tuesday afternoon.

Morganne Wright picked up the win, striking out three and walking none in four innings. Taylor McKinnon had a strikeout in one inning of relief.

Amanda Caras doubled twice and drove in five runs, Illiana Brown went 4-for-5 with two doubles and three RBIs, Aaliyah Paxson went 3-for-5 with a double and three RBIs and Jenna Geyer went 3-for-4 with a double and two RBIs.

# SPORTS

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Jim Grant

Illiana Brown throws out a Wooster batter from third base on Tuesday.

## Lady Tigers blast Wooster

by Joey Crandall

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Faced with playing nearly half of its league schedule in eight days, the Douglas High softball team responded by winning the first two in convincing fashion.

The Tigers followed up a 24-1 blasting of Hug to open the week with a 15-3 win over Wooster at home Tuesday.

"It's good to see (the offensive production)," Douglas coach Andy Mitchell said. "With the combination of the layoff and no practice, we weren't sure what to expect."

Douglas pounded out 14 hits against Wooster, getting production from the top of its order to the bottom.

The Tigers scraped together a run in the first inning after Aaliyah Paxson walked, was sacrificed to second, stole third and scored on a single from Kelly Sonnemann.

Outside of that, though, Douglas largely struggled its first time through the order.

"We weren't having great at-bats and their pitcher was capitalizing on it," Mitchell said.

The Colts brought three runs across in the top of the third to take a brief lead, but Douglas woke up in the bottom half, unloading five runs to retake the lead.

The Tigers brought nine across in the bottom of the fourth to push ahead for the blowout win.

"They adjusted heading into that third inning and really had a great game the rest of the way," Mitchell said.

Kalee Duryee struck out three and walked three while scattering three hits and three runs in four innings of work to pick up the win.

She helped out her cause at the plate by going 2-for-3 with a double and four RBIs.

Her two-run single in the third proved to be the game-winning hit, putting the Tigers up 4-3.

Paxson went 3-for-3 with two RBIs, Katie Kluever went 2-for-2 with an RBI, Jenna Geyer went 2-for-3 with a double, a home run and two RBIs and Sonnemann and Amanda Caras each drove in a pair of runs.

Brenna White collected two hits, Nikki Chavez drove in a run and Illiana Brown scored a pair of runs.

Douglas suffered a setback Wednesday, getting swept by Galena 5-4 and 7-3 in Reno.

Chavez hit a grand slam home run in the top of the third to give Douglas a 4-1 lead in the first game.

Galena chipped away at the lead though, tying it in the fifth and winning in the bottom of the seventh inning.

Chavez went 3-for-4, as did Katie Kluever, leading the Tigers at the plate.

Jenna Geyer went 3-for-4 with two RBIs in game 2, Kluever doubled and Amanda Caras had an RBI.

Douglas dropped to 4-4-2 overall and 2-3 in league play.

## Turtle Rock Park gets facelift

by Joyce DeVore

Turtle Rock Park Community Center was fast deteriorating, inside and out. Monies from various grants were secured about six years ago to make permanent improvements to the center and the adjacent campground.

The funding was delayed due to our struggling economy, but in September some grant money came to Alpine County for Turtle Rock Park. The challenge Mark McCreary, Senior Building Maintenance Worker, took on was to complete the project in just six months because that is the time frame allowed by the grant.

Outside construction is risky during winter months in Alpine County. "We had to replace 5,000 square feet of concrete patio. The outside walls were severely damaged due to our severe weather, so we put up rock work all around the outside. We had to put up plastic sheeting to protect the workers during bad weather. We just went like gangbusters," McCreary explained.

With just six months to complete the work, McCreary said that there just wasn't time for committees to discuss the details. "We got lots of advice," he said, "but in the end we just did our best and hoped that the county was pleased."

"Our family is fifth generation in the valley, and we have been coming to Alpine every summer for fishing and camping. I know the area and understand how the locals feel about Turtle Rock Park," McCreary explained.

McCreary had the help of Cameron Dopke, a local builder. "He helped us lots," McCreary said. The county also contracted with a company from Lake Tahoe for the masonry.

"I am very proud of the new barbecue," he added. The crumbling concrete barbecue is now covered in natural stone, providing a more welcoming entrance at the north end of the building.

"We are going to install two permanent shade structures. I checked with Teresa at the Chamber of Commerce since the Death Ride uses Turtle Rock Park as its main staging area. She is thrilled with the new concrete patio and shade structures," McCreary noted.

Inside the building, the changes are even more remarkable. The kitchen has new cabinetry and an efficient new refrigerator-freezer. A beautiful new granite countertop allows more space for serving food at the many pot-lucks and trainings held at Turtle Rock Park.

The new flooring is a gleaming commercial grade

laminated. The main room is freshly painted and new wainscoting installed. The single pane windows were replaced with double pane for energy efficiency. Both bathrooms have been totally remodeled and are now ADA compliant.

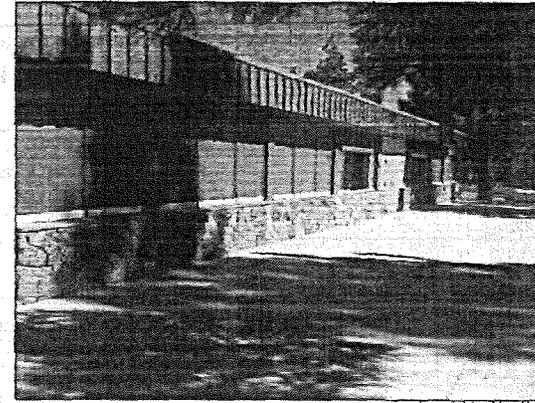
The storage room is now neatly organized. New lightweight tables and new chair racks make setting up for events much easier.

Since the facility is designated an evacuation center

in case of fire or other local disasters, a generator was installed.

"We also got new tables for the campground and 15 additional bear boxes so campers can stow their food," McCreary added.

The nearly completed-remodeled-facility has already been used for trainings, pot-lucks, and other social events. The public will be invited to an open house to be held in April.



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Rock work at Turtle Rock Park is just one of the improvements done to the Alpine County site.

# Indian students receive awards

## Staff Reports

The Washoe Tribe is honoring area Indian youth for their success in school. They will be honoring elementary school students in Gardnerville at 6 p.m. May

11 at CC Meneley Elementary School and Woodfords' Diamond Valley School at 5:30 p.m. May 26 at the Community Wellness Center.

The Gardnerville middle school program will be at 6

p.m. May 12 at the Native Youth Resource Building.

Indian high school youth who stayed in school and completed a year will receive an invitation to the annual High School Recognition Dinner where out-

standing seniors will be recognized for completing four years of high school. The dinner will be at 6 p.m. May 5 at the Douglas High School Commons.

For more information call 265-8600.

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# Alpine resource council seeking proposals

*R-C SUNDAY, April 10, 2011*

## Staff Reports

Project proposals are now being accepted by the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest for the Alpine County Resource Advisory Committee's recommendation. Successful project proposals will be designed to improve National Forest System lands within Alpine County and the economies of rural communities within the county. Around \$50,000 is expected to be available in Alpine County.

Portions of the Humboldt-Toiyabe, Eldorado, and Stanislaus national forests are within Alpine County.

Completed project applications must be submitted electronically or postmarked by 5 p.m. May 1. Projects will be reviewed and recommended at the quarterly Alpine County RAC meeting at 6 p.m. May 24, at the Alpine Early Learning Center, at 100 Foothill Road, in Markleeville, California. Projects should be entered directly online. It is recom-

mended that the form is first downloaded, printed, and filled out, before entering directly on-line to prevent mistakes.

More information may be found at the Secure Rural Schools Website at [www.fs.fed.us/srs](http://www.fs.fed.us/srs).

To submit a project proposal, go to: [https://fsplaces.fs.fed.us/fsfiles/unit/wo/secure\\_rural\\_schools.nsf](https://fsplaces.fs.fed.us/fsfiles/unit/wo/secure_rural_schools.nsf).

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# Tigers hold on against Wooster

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A leadoff man is supposed to set the tone for the game, but in Shane Fencil's case Saturday morning, he pretty much decided the game from the top of the order for Douglas High.

Fencil led off with a double in the top of the first against Wooster and advanced to third on a bobble in right field. He scored two outs later on a deep fly to right from Kameron Van Winkle and that proved to be the only run of the day as Douglas held on for a 1-0 win in Reno.

"We are ecstatic to get out of there with a win," Douglas coach Bruce Jacobsen said. "Wooster's a good team, they do the right things and they really played a great game."

Van Winkle picked up the win on the mound, striking out nine and scattering four hits in the complete game shutout. He got out of a bases-loaded, one-out jam early on with a pair of strikeouts and cruised from there.

"Kameron was tremendous today," Jacobsen said. "The score was close, but we felt like he was in control the whole game. He was just dominant at times."

The Douglas offense was slowed by Wooster pitcher Dalton Malone. Malone kept the Tigers off balance with a steady diet of curves and changes, scattering four hits himself.

"He's a guy like no other I have seen, just in the low velocity of his pitches and the amount of off-speed stuff he throws," Jacob-



Jim Grant

Right fielder Leo Trebotich makes a running catch in foul territory against Reed on Monday.

sen said. "He gets outs. He probably threw less than 70 pitches in seven innings and he gets the job done. A lot of teams in the league are going to struggle with him this year."

Fencil was the only Tiger to advance past second base. He finished with two hits and Walker Gemmill and Tanner Egan each had one.

Douglas had little trouble with Reed Monday, winning 14-4.

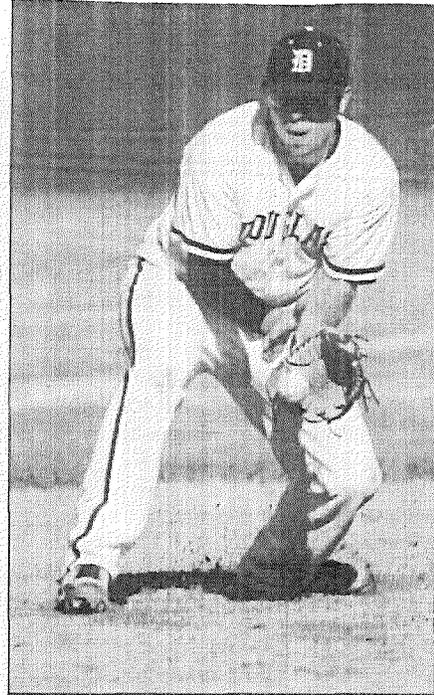
"All these guys we've been playing -- Wooster, Reed, McQueen -- they're all like

us, having to make up seven games in nine days," Jacobsen said. "We're all thin on pitching and I think it kind of got to Reed in this one."

"It's taken its toll on everyone, but we've been fortunate enough to get some complete games out of our guys so we didn't have to abuse our bullpen too much. Our starters really did us great service with that."

Douglas got a solid appearance out of Matt Thomas on the mound as he scattered six hits over six innings while striking out seven.

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Jim Grant  
Kameron VanWinkle fields a ground ball for an out against Reed on Monday.

Cody Lommori was 3-for-5 with three doubles and five RBIs to lead the Tigers at the plate.

"He had a big two-run double in the bottom of the sixth to end it for us and he just had an excellent day," Jacobsen said.

Van Winkle had an RBI single to score Fencil in the first to get things going and Douglas cruised from there.

Scott Rudnick finished 1-for-3 with a double, Thomas collected two hits and Tanner Egan and Leo Trebotich each had a hit.

Van Winkle had an RBI single in the first to score Shane Fencil to get us going.

Douglas improved to 8-5 overall and 4-3 in league play on the year.

#### SOFTBALL

The Lady Tigers dropped a doubleheader

to Damonte Ranch Monday afternoon, losing 12-1 in five innings and 3-0 in a complete game.

Douglas' lone run of the day came when Kelly Sonnemann singled in the bottom of the fifth of Game One to score Morganne Wright.

Wright, Illiana Brown and Kalee Duryee each collected singles in the loss.

Damonte did all of its damage in Game Two on three unearned runs in the top of the third inning.

Duryee was the hard-luck losing pitcher, tossing a complete game with two strikeouts and one walk. She scattered seven hits in her effort.

Nikki Chavez doubled and triple in the loss to lead the Tigers at the plate. Aaliyah Paxson had two hits and Sonnemann added another.

Douglas dropped to 4-7-2 overall and 2-6 in league play.

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# A season of records for Kirkwood Mountain Resort

## Staff Reports

Kirkwood Mountain Resort got off to a flying start this season after an 11-foot November dump made it possible for the resort to start turning on lifts for Thanksgiving.

This season has continued to produce near-record snowfall, leading the resort to extend its season on and push back their closing date. Kirkwood will remain open until May 1.

Record breaking seems to be the theme of this season. The November opening was the resort's earliest opening since the 2004-05 season and the snowiest November since the 1983-84 season.

The February storms put Kirkwood at the top of the list for "Most Snowfall in the World," according to Skiinfo.com, a worldwide snow reporting website.

When most skiers and riders were

preparing for goggle tans and slushy spring turns, March storms brought mid-winter conditions back, and Kirkwood received upward of 200 inches during that month alone.

To date, Kirkwood stands only two feet shy of the overall season snowfall record of 63 feet, posted in the 1982-83 season.

Historically, April snowfall is unpredictable and has ranged from less than a foot to more than 10 feet in the last decade. Long term forecasts suggest a strong probability of above average precipitation in Northern California as La Niña finally peters out over late spring. Models suggest Kirkwood may be in for below-average temperatures, as well, giving skiers and riders hope for a handful of powder days.

Assuming normal spring and early summer weather patterns (temperature and thaw rates, specifically), resort operators are optimistic that the snowpack will hold up for one last ski

weekend — July 4. Substantial storms and cool temperatures in late spring 2010 allowed skiers and riders lift-accessed, upper-mountain runs as a complement to the opening weekend of Kirkwood's summer mountain bike operations.

The mountain operations team will re-evaluate as the date nears, but prospects of a repeat in 2011 are promising.

For more information, call (209) 258-6000 or visit [www.kirkwood.com](http://www.kirkwood.com).

## Minden yoga studio offers 'attunement'

The 02 Wellness Yoga Studio in Minden is offering "Frequencies of Divine Union: An attunement through Gongs, Bowls and Voices" 7 to 8:15 p.m. April 30 at their studio, 1557 Zerolene Place.

Cost is \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door.

# ALPINE

## Early Learning Center bringing the magic

by Joyce DeVore

Merlinsky the Magician isn't the only one who works magic for the children in Alpine County.

The teachers and staff of The Early Learning Center, including director Bernie Combs, teachers Kelly Rauhut and Natalie Ritter, and assistant teachers Angel Gabriel-Ray, Amber Bennett, Amanda Craft, and Paula Rose, are the full-time magicians for parents of the children under 5-years-age group.

Those parents formed the Parents Club to support the school by raising money.

"The money we raise goes for the extras at the school," said Nani Ellis, the parent of preschooler Lila and a club board member. "We fund a Christmas and a graduation party for the students and their families. This year we bought four digital cameras and printing stations for the teachers."

Since the preschool children are developing measurable skills, a photograph of a child doing a puzzle or building a block structure helps the teacher explain the child's progress to the parent.

"We can provide materials for arts and crafts that wouldn't otherwise be available because of the tight budget," said club board



Merlinsky the Magician with Zephyr Godden.

member Michele McLelland, who is mother to preschoolers Camryn and Marissa. "We also bought shade trees for the infant playground, which makes it much nicer for the kids."

The third annual spaghetti feed was held Saturday at Turtle Rock Park, and is one of the fundraisers for the club. Club members sold tickets and pitched in with making desserts for the bake sale, cooking, and serving the meal. Local musicians Steve Hibbs and Jim Dunn performed as a courtesy to the club

and passed the hat around the crowd to collect additional money for the school.

Merlinsky the Magician had a full bag of tricks. Children helped Merlinsky pull a rabbit from an empty box, mysteriously tie and untie scarves, and perform several other amazing tricks.

The Early Learning Center was created seven years ago with First Five funds from the state budget.

The property, located at 100 Foothill Blvd., was the campus of Mount Sierra Private School. The

school district bought the property and First Five is repaying the district incrementally, Combs said.

"We have 36 children enrolled, ages 2 months to kindergarten age. The ratio for infants is one teacher to four infants and for preschool the ratio is one teacher to eight children. Both of those ratios are unheard of (beneficial to the child) in today's schools. Those ratios allow us to curb bullying as well as teach the required skills."

Combs expects the school to earn accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children in the near future.

The school district under the leadership of Superintendent Lisa Fontana fully supports the early learning center. She has made buses available to transport preschool children, to get children from early morning daycare to kindergarten, and additional bus service to bring healthy meals and snacks to the Early Learning Center from the kitchen at Diamond Valley School.

Combs realizes that many childcare centers do not offer benefits to the workers, but the teachers at the Early Learning Center do get benefits.

"The teachers stay because they are well-treated," Combs said. "It is a marvelous place."

## Carson River tour May 16-17

Staff Reports

The Carson Water Sub-conservancy District will host a Carson River Watershed tour from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. May 16 and May 17.

The tour will go from the headwaters in Alpine County to the terminus at Stillwater National Wildlife Refuge in Churchill County. The tour will begin each day at the Carson City Smith's grocery store parking lot on East William Street.

Speakers will discuss topics such as the history of the Carson River, the Alpine Decree, Wild and Scenic, water quality and quantity challenges, floodplain protection, and many more.

The cost to register is \$100, or \$110 after today, and includes lunch and snacks. To register or obtain additional information, contact the Carson Water Sub-conservancy District at 887-7450.

# ALPINE

## Indian Creek Reservoir campground opens today

### Staff Reports

The BLM campground next to Indian Creek Reservoir will open at 8 a.m. today, according to the Bureau of Land Management, Carson City District-Sierra Front Field Office.

Fees for camping will be the same that they have been since 2005 and are similar with other comparable facilities in the area.

Indian Creek Campground is one of the best federal campground values in the Sierra Nevada with hot showers, flush toilets, an RV sanitary dump station, paved roads and parking sites, and bear-proof storage lockers available at each site.

A BLM maintenance technician and camp hosts are on-site. Other facilities at Indian Creek Reservoir include a boat launching area, day use picnic area, three loop interpretive trail system and over eight miles of hiking trails.

The following fee schedule shows the fees for the 2011 camping season:

- 13 RV/Tent Single Sites — \$20 a night
- 6 RV/Tent Double Sites — \$32 a night
- 6 Tent Area Single Sites — \$14 a night
- 4 Tent Area Double Sites —

\$20 a night

- Group Area — \$50 a night
- Sanitary Dump Station — \$10 per use

The main camp area has 19 sites that accommodate RV and tent campers on a nonreservation basis. Six of these 19 sites are considered double occupancy sites since they have two parking spots, two tent pads and two picnic tables. This area has flush toilets, hot showers and drinking water.

Bear proof-storage lockers are available at each site.

The walk-in tent area, located south of the main camp area, has 10 sites that can accommodate up to 15 tents on a nonreservation basis.

Four of the 10 tent sites are considered double occupancy sites since they have two tent pads and two picnic tables. Sanitary facilities in this area include vault toilets and potable water. Bear proof-storage lockers are available at each site.

With advanced reservations, a group of up to 40 people may camp in the group campsite that accommodates tents only. To make a reservation at the group campsite, or for more information, please contact the BLM-Carson City District Office at (775) 885-6000.



Indian Creek Reservoir offers an excellent hike and some nice scenery during the spring.

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# Alpine burn starts today

## Staff Reports

As part of the Carson Ranger District hazardous fuels reduction project, Forest Service fire crews will begin prescribed fire burning operations near Pleasant Valley Road, Hot Springs Road, and Grover's Hot Spring State Park in the Markleeville area, starting today through May 21, weather and fuel conditions permitting.

"Prescribed fire is an efficient way of removing woody debris, providing ecosystem benefits, and reducing the risk of catastrophic wildfire and risk to firefighters in

the event of a large scale fire," said Steve Howell, district fuels specialist.

Fire crews are currently monitoring weather conditions to identify timeframes that would be suitable for effective prescribed burning of brush and understory vegetation. About 34 acres of understory vegetation will be treated this spring using hand crews and engines. Ignition is expected to take approximately four days with weather and fuels permitting.

Prescribed fire notices have been posted near homes near the project area notifying of the prescribed burn this spring.

# ALPINE

## Alpine volunteers learning to prepare for emergencies

by Joyce Devore

The Red Cross is more than a disaster relief team. Much more.

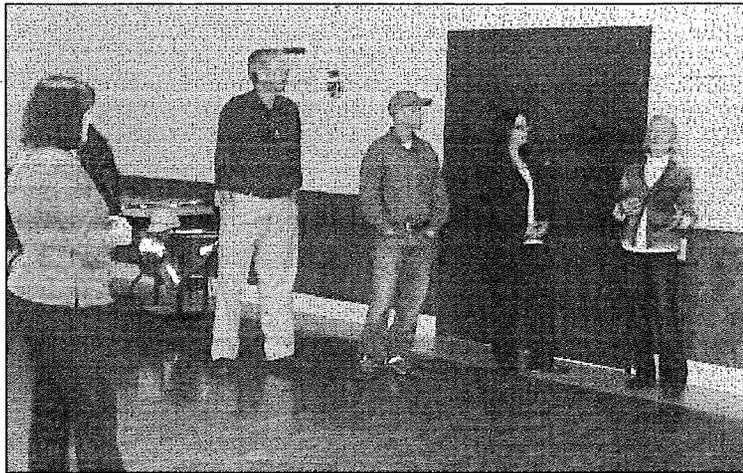
Alpine County volunteers had their first all-day training on April 26.

Dr. Rich Harvey of Health and Human Services gave a summary of how Alpine County's tax dollars are already at work to prepare for emergencies, especially wildfires. The Sheriff's Department has a new-portable-diesel generator that can power a large facility and a state-of-the-art communications trailer which has its own truck, so it can be on the scene as soon as possible.

The Health Department has a mini-hospital at the ready inside Turtle Rock Park, along with labeled and organized emergency food for 35 families and for all first responders.

Harvey introduced Lynn Felsch of the Capital Chapter of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement. The first surprise to me was that there are two names: Cross and Crescent, which Felsch touched on briefly: there will probably be a new name in the future since the symbol of the cross could be interpreted as Christian, which would be offensive to some people.

Felsch stayed focused on the basics: how the Red Cross functions and how each volunteer can play an important part in the organization.



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Alpine County Volunteers conduct their first day of training on April 26.

Acknowledging that the media covers the Red Cross in huge disaster scenes such as earthquakes, tsunamis, and floods, the goals of the movement are much broader.

Felsch began by stressing that the Red Cross has a set of seven universal principles. Principle one is humanity: the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement (as it is known in some countries) strives to prevent and alleviate human suffering without discrimination. Two is impartiality: there is no impartiality by race, religious beliefs, class or political opinion. Three is neutrality: the organization may not engage in controversies. Four is independence:

each national Red Cross or Red Crescent society maintains autonomy. Five is voluntary service: no gain or desire tolerated. Six is unity: there can only be one Red Cross or Red Crescent in any one country and it must be open to all. Seven is universality: all societies have equal status and share duties with each other.

Studying what the first principle means to Alpine County, the group soon realized that even amongst the volunteers, most of us are not thinking and planning sufficiently for the most frequent emergency: house fires. Felsch reported that the Red Cross "is behind the scenes

helping families after residential fires; the Capital Chapter helped victims of 70,000 residential fires in one year."

A big part of the Red Cross work is to keep the public aware of preparedness. Felsch brought the reality home with her questions, "What if you had an hour? Do you have important papers, water, clothing, and food ready to go out the door? Does your family have a plan?"

The best "out-the-door" pack would include your own items, but the Red Cross sells kits with emergency items such as a flashlight and radio, "and remember to keep the batteries separate," Felsch interjected, and basic toiletries and first aid kits. Check out the Red Cross website for purchasing such kits.

Felsch reported that the Red Cross has training courses that help individuals and groups with prevention of and preparation for disasters. For example, people in our area would benefit from Wilderness Training, Canoeing Safety, Workplace Safety Training, Babysitting Training, First Aide, CPR Classes, and so on.

Felsch suggested that "In Alpine County, a Hamm Radio certification would be invaluable in an emergency. After an introductory class, volunteers could help with the Hamm radios at the Death Ride and gain hands-on experience."

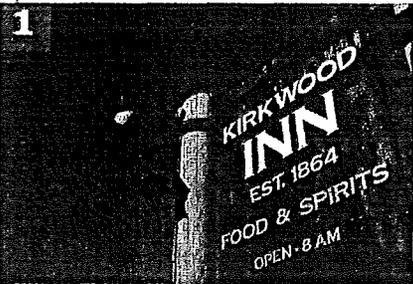
The Red Cross runs a tent at the Death Ride, complete with "ERV," an emergency response vehicle. Volunteers can be certified as drivers, which Felsch says "driving an ERV around can be a rather fun job since the truck is so huge and is so well equipped."

At the moment, our only Red Cross representative in Alpine County is Lynn Doyle. The training last week will qualify several more people to apply for volunteer status.

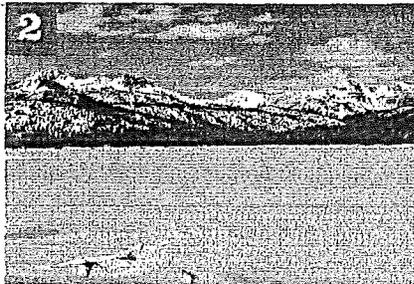
The next step is to apply formally and complete a complimentary background check. Screening is necessary to maintain the ethical standards of the Red Cross.

The volunteer opportunities are endless: the Red Cross supports Armed Forces personnel; there is a need for holiday cards and gift packages as well as support for families of the injured or deceased. The Red Cross needs people who can teach classes, people who can write grants, people to staff shelters in case of emergencies, people who know computers, people who can organize, people who can raise money, people who can translate, and of course, people with medical training.

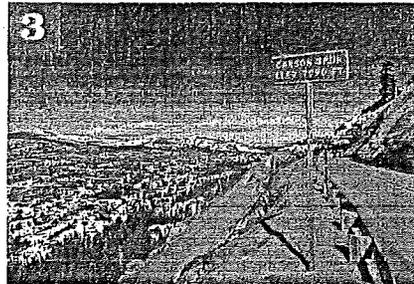
If you are interested in becoming a Red Cross volunteer, contact Lynn Felsch at (530) 391-8234 or e-mail [felschl@sacsierraredcross.org](mailto:felschl@sacsierraredcross.org)



**1** Kirkwood Inn: The rustic stop near Kirkwood Mountain Resort offers a menu full of hearty Western favorites. The building was originally built in 1864 by Zachary Kirkwood.

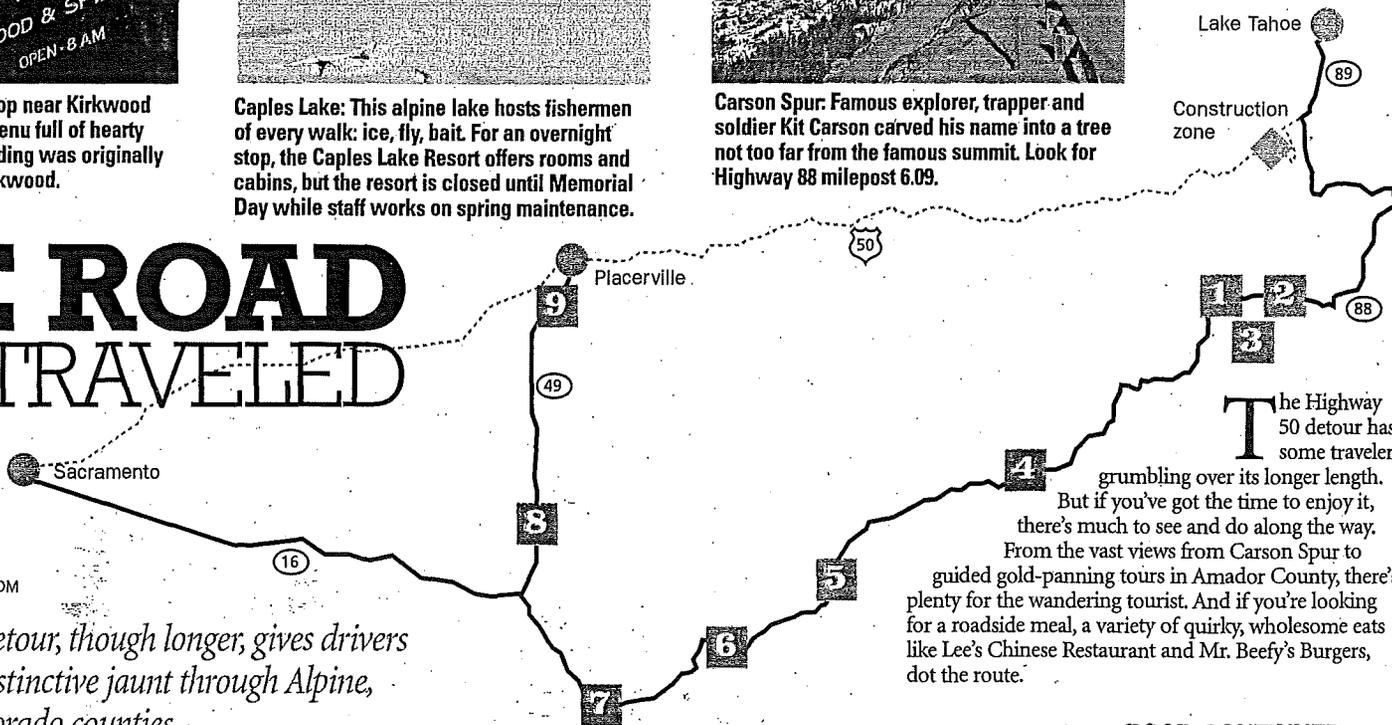


**2** Caples Lake: This alpine lake hosts fishermen of every walk: ice, fly, bait. For an overnight stop, the Caples Lake Resort offers rooms and cabins, but the resort is closed until Memorial Day while staff works on spring maintenance.



**3** Carson Spur: Famous explorer, trapper and soldier Kit Carson carved his name into a tree not too far from the famous summit. Look for Highway 88 milepost 6.09.

# THE ROAD LESS TRAVELED



BY DYLAN SILVER  
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*The Highway 50 detour, though longer, gives drivers picturesque and distinctive jaunt through Alpine, Amador, and El Dorado counties.*

The Highway 50 detour has some travelers grumbling over its longer length. But if you've got the time to enjoy it, there's much to see and do along the way. From the vast views from Carson Spur to guided gold-panning tours in Amador County, there's plenty for the wandering tourist. And if you're looking for a roadside meal, a variety of quirky, wholesome eats like Lee's Chinese Restaurant and Mr. Beefy's Burgers, dot the route.

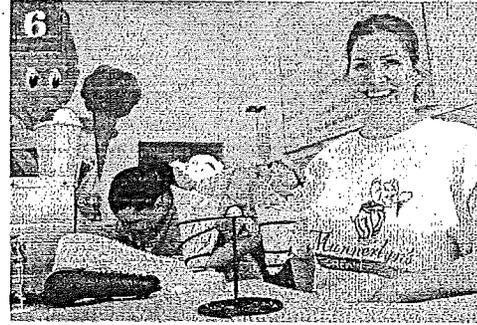
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**4** Ham's Station: "The first place coming down, last place coming up" is what owner Tom Newcomer likes to call his mountain bar. Specialties at the at the 130-year-old stop include the Wilderness Burger and the bar's biting Kamikaze.



**5** Amador Station: This is the first or last gasoline station and convenience store on the detour, depending on which way you're heading. If you're low on gas going up the hill, it's probably a smart stop, said owner Nick Singh.



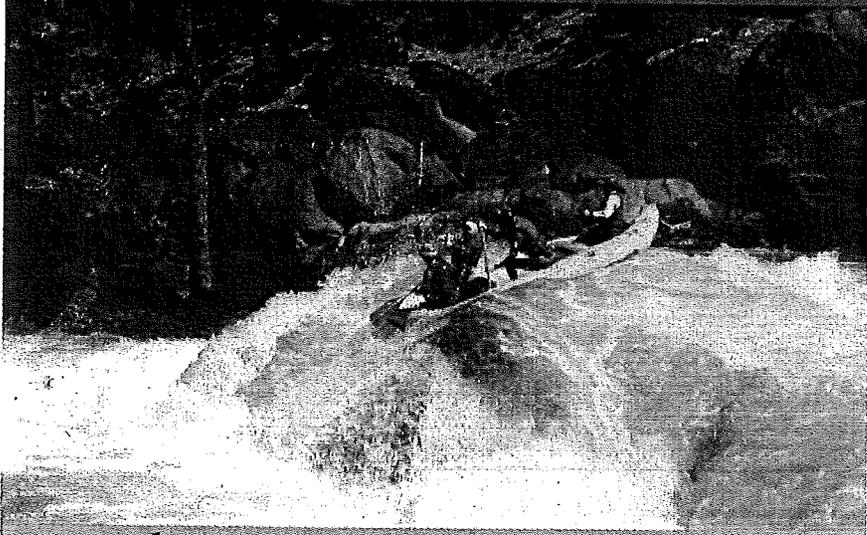
**6** Munneryn's Ice Creamery: Enormous waffle cones and flavors like Kit Carson Crunk and Hotel California Sherbet are all handmade. Owner Stacey Munneryn hopes travelers on the detour will stop in, she said.

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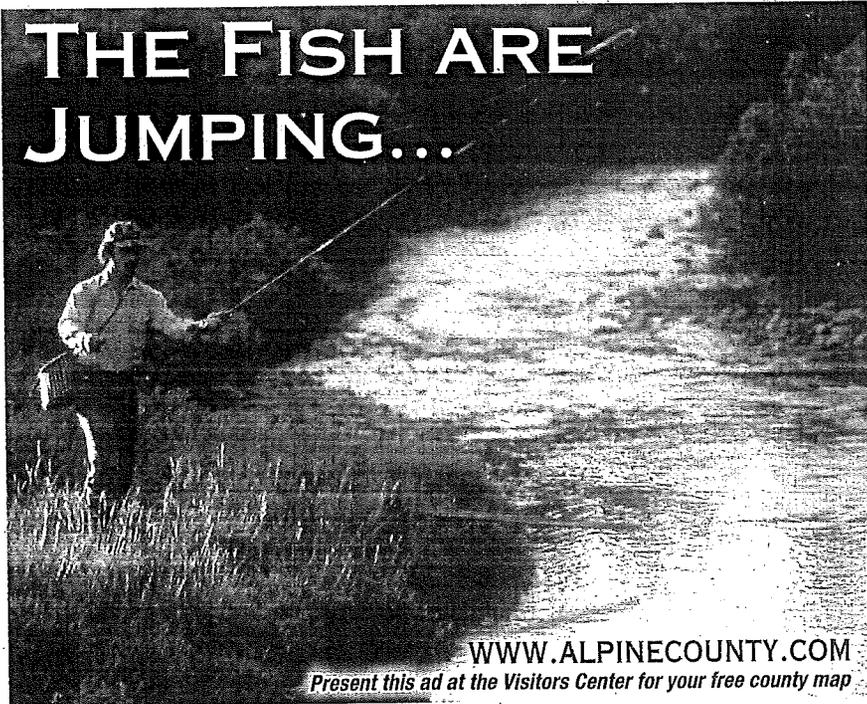


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# Your poor, your hungry, your huddled masses

She is 7-years-old, wearing a hand-knitted dark blue dress with red and yellow stitching around hem and neckline, sitting on a small brown case only big enough to hold a blue-eyed rubber doll. The doll's eyes open and close, a gift from her mother before she died. There is no extra clothing in the case, there was none. She is an orphan in the San Francisco airport, waiting.

For months and months she was told to not be afraid. She was told not to cry. She was going to America. People were going to meet her, take her home, she would be fine. But never lose her case with those papers in it, don't ever cry or lose those very impor-

## FENCE LINES



by Marie Johnson

Hamburg to San Francisco in 1952 took 31 hours. She was a very tired, little 7-year-old, unable to speak a word of English, grateful for the kindness of a stranger, now in the biggest building she had ever been in, waiting.

Sitting quiet, but looking everywhere she holds a little, fluffy brown, musical puppy, whose tail if twisted plays, "How Much Is That Doggy In The Window?" The puppy was given to her by a man in London who admitted, begrudgingly, to speaking a little German and sat by her as the plane flew to New York.

Germany near the eastern border was not prosperous in 1945. Fortunately there was still one milk cow and potatoes, so there was milk and potatoes, and family love. Then in 1950, when the little girl was 5, her mother dies from cancer. There are many people trying to survive after WWII

on a small farm in devastated Germany. America had fought hard against the Germans. America had suffered many casualties during the war. But in America prosperity was returning. The country had achieved a success, there had been kissing in the streets at the end of the war, flags were flown, a victory celebrated. Some remember the hardship of war, the sacrifices, the horrors. There was more to be done.

That little girl, who still has that musical puppy, was waiting in the San Francisco airport in 1952 to be picked up by members of a

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ranching family from Carson Valley. A family with direct German heritage and U.S. citizens, that she too would become. This girl, Angela, slept in the same bedroom, upstairs, on the right, as my oldest son slept in as a boy years later. She says she remembers waiting, sitting, and reminding herself not to cry.

She sees three adults, one

man and two woman walking towards her. The man, who becomes her adopted father, has a big smile, one woman she had known in Germany looks familiar and is smiling too. They are all smiling. The woman she remembers kneels and starts speaking to her in German.

Memorial Day flags will fly. Let there be hugs and kisses, and remembrance of sacrifices. Remember too, the grace of humanity.

Marie Johnson is a Carson Valley rancher.

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## Alpine County's keeper of the books

by Virginia York

On Feb. 15, the Alpine County Board of Supervisors appointed Rita Lovell as county librarian. As a result of budgetary measures, the position had remained unfilled for 2½ years. Members of the community gathered to congratulate Rita and to celebrate the reinstating of this important county position.

In 1988, Rita and husband Andy moved from Wisconsin to explore the Tahoe area. In 1993 they moved to Markleeville where their two children, Kristin and Jake grew up. Originally a Spanish and technology teacher, Rita was hired as the Library Media Coordinator for Diamond Valley School in 2001. She soon realized she belonged in library work which "provides life-long learning, for all ages." She earned a masters degree in library science in 2008, to pursue this passion.

Rita joined the Alpine County Library in 2005 as the information access coordinator. In 2010, she was accepted into the Eureka! Leadership Institute, a highly competitive program designed to prepare library professionals to lead libraries into the future. Funded by the California State Library, the main objective of this program is to keep library services alive in communities by responding to their unique needs. Currently, Rita is



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Rita Lovell is the new county librarian for Alpine County.

teaching a basic computer class to provide residents with core computer skills and to increase confidence in using computers.

"Since we live in an area with dial-up access, many residents are frustrated with computers," she said. "But high-speed Internet will eventually be here, and residents need to be ready."

Rita runs the Markleeville Main Library with the help of one full-time assistant, Lisa Gavon, whose responsibilities include creating artistic displays.

The library also benefits from the efforts of volunteers who assist with bookmobile operations, newsletter production, book repair and processing, and with a variety of projects and events. The library houses the county archives, staffed

by Archives Assistant Nancy Thornburg. In Bear Valley, Thea Schoettgen manages the branch library 20 hours a week, with cataloging and administrative support from Markleeville and some volunteer help.

The local Friends of the Library also play a vital role in the library's development. They fund projects such as the McNaughton best sellers program, the summer reading program, and Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. The Friends organize several fund-raising events throughout the year, such as Wine in the Garden, the sale of coffee mugs at the Death Ride, and murder mystery plays in the library.

Like most organizations in the country, the Alpine County Library has suffered devastating budget

and staffing cuts. Yet, in spite of this, usage continues to rise in both Markleeville and Bear Valley libraries and the Bookmobile. Overall, circulation increased from 20,802 in '08-09 to an impressive 28,167 in '09-10, an increase of over 8,000. Attendance statistics also increased from 19,912 in '08-09 to 25,733 in 09-10. These figures are an eloquent statement for the need of libraries in our communities. They also speak highly of the dedication of library staff, Friends of the Library, and volunteers.

The Alpine County Library offers the following services:

- Five public computers with free high-speed Internet
- 24/7 WiFi access
- Free downloads for audio books, e-books, and music! (OverDrive)
- Printer, photocopier, and fax for public use
- Meeting room facility
- Interlibrary Loan access to the collections of 56 public and academic libraries (through the North Net Library System)
- Books, magazines, audio books, movies and games for checkout
- Newspapers, tax forms, maps, and local interest documents
- Bookmobile service to outlying areas of the county

## Kirkwood founder dead

Staff Reports

Bud Klein, the "founder, patriarch and visionary," of Kirkwood Mountain Resort, has died, according to a Monday statement from the resort.

The 83-year-old Stockton resident died Thursday of complications related to cancer.

"It was Bud's pioneering spirit, entrepreneurial vigor and tireless energy in the early 1970s that converted a remote wilderness outpost at the pinnacle of the Sierra into one of North America's most legendary ski mountains," according to the statement. "Bud saw opportunity where others saw challenges — developing not only the resort, but all the roads and infrastructure that would become our community."

Klein's development of Kirkwood has been chronicled in a book titled "Mountain Dreamers" and the story will be further memorialized in the Kirkwood Inn — the spot where Bud first put together what became Kirkwood.

"Bud loved his views of the Kirkwood Meadow from his Sun Meadows unit and in his honor, that meadow will be renamed in a conservation trust bearing his name."

"Bud Klein represented all things Kirkwood and he will be deeply missed."

## Kirkwood fire under investigation

by Kurt Hildebrand

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The cause of a Monday night fire that damaged one of Kirkwood's most popular slopeside properties is under investigation.

The fire was reported 10:19 p.m. on the top story of the Mountain Club located in the Kirkwood Village Plaza, according to resort spokesman Michael Dalzell.

There were two people staying in the condo at the time, who have since been relocated.

More than two-dozen firefighters from the Kirkwood Fire Department

were aided by Woodfords Volunteers, East Fork Fire District and Lake-Valley Fire Department.

"There was a swift response and the fire was brought under control in the early hours of the morning," Dalzell said.

The building has suffered smoke and fire damage, and is uninhabitable.

Dalzell said the loss of the Mountain Club won't have a serious effect on Kirkwood's reopening for Memorial Day weekend.

"We had some people booked there, but we are in the process of moving them," he said. "It will have no major effects on the operation this weekend."

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## Plein Air event comes to Markleeville

by Joyce DeVore

Fifteen of the best artists in our area are coming to Alpine County to capture some of our local beauty in their paintings.

From June 21-25 the public is invited to the Markleeville Plein Air Event. "En plein air" is a French term meaning "in the open air," or out-of-doors.

While many artists make sketches while outdoors and use photographs to work from, the plein air artist sets up an easel in a desirable spot and works each of the many steps involved right there — out-of-doors. All of the artists at this event will be capturing landscapes while dealing with the winds, heat or cold, wildlife, changes in sun and shadow, and friendly people watching over their shoulders.

So how do I locate the artists when I come to the event? The host and organizer Evelyn Yonker will help you find the artists at various key locations in the county. She will have a map and information available at the Markleeville Art Gallery, located at 14841 Highway

89, next to the Markleeville Post Office. Location information will also be posted on their website, markleevilleartgallery.com.

Many artists prefer the light conditions of early morning or evening, as that light lends more color than the noon-day sun. There will be opportunities throughout the day to watch the plein air artists.

Some of the favorite spots will be Hope Valley and Woodfords Canyon, the East Fork of the Carson River, Markleeville Falls near Grover Hot Springs, and downtown Markleeville. Artists may choose any spot any day, except on Saturday morning when all artists will be working in the town of Markleeville.

On June 25, from 2-4 p.m., there will be a reception at the Stone Fly Restaurant in downtown Markleeville with the artists and art collectors. The cost is \$25 and space is limited, so if you would like to attend, please call the gallery at (530) 694-2787 (694-ARTS) to make a reservation.

All artwork produced will be for sale through the Markleeville Art Gallery. The gallery will exhibit the finished paintings to the public 6-9 p.m. June 25. The artwork will be at the gallery until July 31. It is truly a unique opportunity to see renown artists create artwork onsite in our beautiful county and then to see the finished paintings framed and hung in the gallery. The gallery will be open daily from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. throughout the summer and fall.

Who are the participating artists? All 15 artists are highly talented, hard-working, and professional.

They include: Charles Muench, who shows in galleries throughout the West, recently won the Southwest Art Magazine award for his painting of Markleeville entitled "Winter Orchestration, Markleeville Coda" at the California Art Club's 100th Anniversary Event.

Thaleia Georgiades, Randall Tillery, and Michael Bagdonas have all participated in the prestigious Carmel Art Festival.

Lady Jill Mueller, another

well-known artist, will be painting in her impressionistic watercolor style.

Bonita Paulis uses pastels to vividly capture Sierra scenes.

Ray Freeman, formerly a forensic artist for the police department, now teaches oil painting when he is not busy painting in our area.

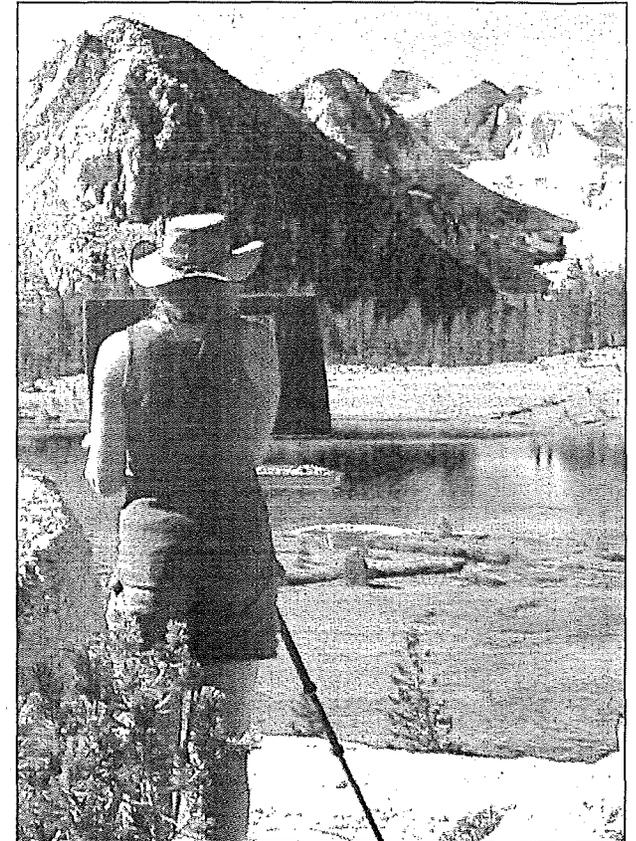
Ron Schlorff has won many awards and his paintings have been accepted in prestigious art shows. He is an avid traveler and fisherman, likely to drop a line into the river as his painting dries.

Sandy Baenen and Peter Choje, founding members of the Markleeville Artists Autumn Open Studio Tour, have been successful locally as well as at their gallery in Tubac, Ariz.

Kit Night has a wide variety of oil painting styles, including landscapes and still-life.

Ida Glazier works with oil, pastel, and watercolor. Her works have won awards in many local contests, where she has captured her beloved equines and Sierra settings.

Erik Holland loves paint-



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Thaleia Georgiades captures an Alpine County scene on canvas.

ing buildings, including urban landscapes and is also a cartoon artist.

Emma Auriemma-McKay designs residential architecture as well as paints. The design element in her work is outstanding.

Greg Drinkwine is a sig-

nature member of the Student Art League in New York.

Many of the artists have Web sites where you can preview some of their work and learn more about them. Many of these artists teach art classes and workshops.

# A word for graduates: Bend, don't break

Graduation season is upon us. Time to give lofty words of wisdom to the graduates. Someone already gave the clever "Wear Sun Screen" speech, and countless others have offered the follow your dream approach. Here is a suggestion. Allow yourself to shift.

## FENCE LINES



by Marie Johnson

Recently 57 mph gusts caused our over 45 foot tall pine trees to bend rather than sway. The trees'

bending lifted their shallow roots causing the ground to heave like the chest of an old sleeping giant. Slow deep breath in raises the garden dirt. Then a slow exhale releases the ground back down leaving crackle patterns. Then again, another breath slowly raises the ground. Difficult to see, but standing with feet wide apart you shift to keep your balance while riding the rise and fall. Shifting to stay in balance.

Like expecting summer in June, but snow happens instead. Weather patterns shift. Moisture in any form is always welcome here. Snow does slow the grass down a

bit. But the cattle are fat and fine, so adjusting my perception of June this year is an easy shift.

The strong winds are not really appreciated though because they throw dust in your face, grit in your teeth and grate across your eyes. The cattle bunch up for shelter against it behind the willows or under the trees in the owl place. I use it as an excuse to go back into the house. Maybe read up on the news before another 6 foot branch breaks off and falls near me.

Inside the house another shift occurs. I have never smiled about or applauded anything the Klu

Klux Klan has ever done. Yet, there they are at Arlington Cemetery protesting against the Westboro Baptist Church's protest. Reading about the situation I smile and begrudgingly applaud their effort. Even appreciate the irony that Westboro's right to say mean, hurtful things about fallen soldiers is protected by a Constitution those very soldiers had sworn to uphold.

Support an activity of the KKK, never thought I'd do it. But did, this one time. And glad the Supreme Court protected the

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## Fencelines

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Westboro's right of freedom of speech included protests, even if it is at soldiers' funerals. Not that I like things like that.

Weird shifts.

Then closer to home, with regards to this uproar about immigration. During the Clinton administration we sponsored a man for citizenship through an amnesty program. Helping someone become a citizen of the United States of America is an interesting experience. But how do the

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Wahoe People feel about this whole issue? Is it like inviting strangers into another man's house? Have to think about that.

So to summarize, as they say in good commencement speeches, and to think about while irrigating in this terrible wind. Develop good principles. Hold on to them. But do not become dogmatic in

your beliefs. An open mind can help you appreciate irony. That and humor make for an interesting life. And finally, stay aware of what is going on in this world. It is a big, wonderful place. It shifts all the time. Now go follow your dreams.

Marie Johnson is a Carson Valley rancher.

## Book signing at Dangberg Home Ranch this weekend

### Staff Reports

"Lost Legacy of Carson Valley, The Rise and Fall of the H.F. Dangberg Ranching Empire," by Steve Achard and Conrad Buedel is the first comprehensive book about the history of Henry Fred Dangberg and his family. The book will be available for sale 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at the Dangberg Home Ranch. Achard and Buedel will give a presentation at 1 p.m. Saturday detailing the extensive research on the family. The Dangberg Home Ranch Historic Park is located at 1450 Highway 88, one-half mile south of the Carson Valley Swim Center.

The Dangberg Home Ranch Historic Park operated by the State of Nevada is scheduled to close June 30 due to budget cuts. A group of volunteers have formed a nonprofit corporation, Friends of the Dangberg Home Ranch, in an attempt to keep this historic site open to the public. The authors will donate \$3 for each book sold this weekend to the Friends of the Dangberg Home Ranch.

Steve "Dink" Achard is the only child of Ruth Dangberg Achard. He is the last male surviving from the family tree of H.F. Dangberg Jr. The book presentation will coincide with a "Treasures of Dangberg Home Ranch" exhibit.

Selected items from the park's large collection of artifacts will be displayed in an open-house setting. Featured items include an 1898 wedding gown, an 1866 christening gown, Chinese ceramics, Maxfield Parrish art prints and children's books, and items from the 1893 debut of the Ferris Wheel. The only known photograph of the 1896 Nevada State University (now UNR) graduating class, and additional photographs and documents connected with the early history of Carson Valley, will also be on display, along with additional unique artifacts. For more information call 267-6676, or 783-9417.

## Kirkwood offers snow cat skiing

Staff Reports

With record-breaking snow through May and cooler temperatures, Kirkwood announced today the launch of resort-based cat skiing available through the month of June.

The cat skiing is open to intermediate and advanced skiers and must be booked in groups of 12. The Cat Skiing is a fully guided day of skiing with access to varied terrain through the resort area and includes full safety briefing, lunch and up to 8 runs of skiing and riding. The first cat trip took place on Sunday and trips are available any day throughout the month of June based on availability.

"We had an incredibly successful Memorial Day weekend with over 3,200 skiers and riders," said Kirkwood Mountain Resort CEO Dave Likins. "The cat skiing concept is like having your own private mountain and with the abundance of snow and phenomenal conditions, this was the perfect time to launch it."

Cat Skiing cost is \$225 per person and is available



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A skier participates in Kirkwood Ski Resort during their spring Jammin' celebration.

any day through the month of June. Reservations must be by 1 p.m. at least one day in advance and is based on availability and snow conditions.

Trips must contain a minimum of 11 skiers and is coordinating group space daily.

If you are interested in joining a group, please contact Coop at (530) 307-9264 or by e-mail at coop@kirkwood.com. Finally, you can visit the Kirkwood Facebook page or at www.kirkwood.com for more information.

### JULY 4TH WEEKEND

With all of the snow, Kirkwood Mountain Resort will be open again this season for skiing and riding on July 2 and 3. Ticket prices are \$35 for adults and all 2011/2012 season passes will be honored for that day. Other July 4th weekend events include the annual Kirkwood Volunteer Fire Department Family BBQ, Kids Carnival, Live Music in the Plaza followed by a firework display on July 3.

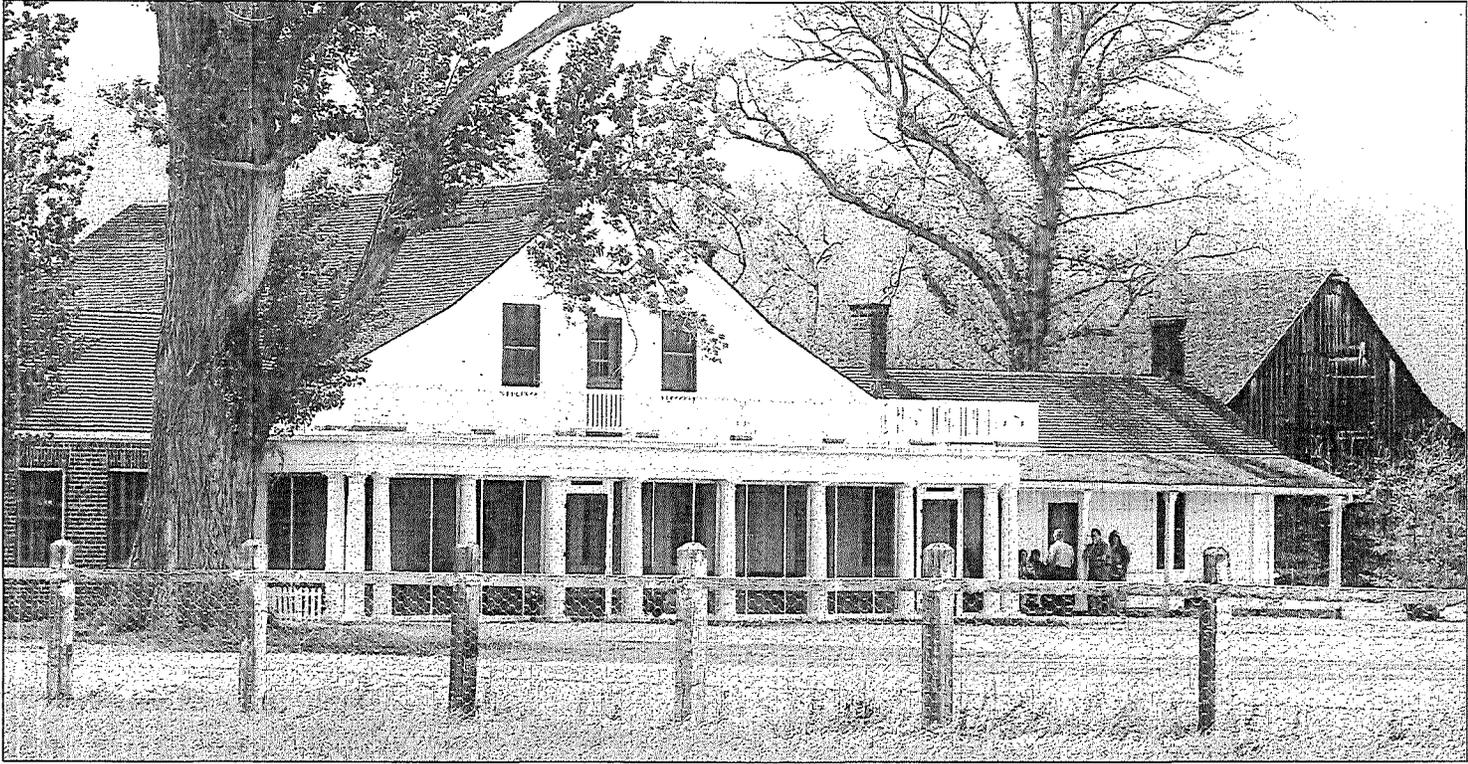
## Alpine County pet vaccination clinic Wednesday

Staff Reports

The Alpine County Sheriff's annual pet vaccination and licensing clinic will be held 4-6 p.m. Wednesday at the Wood-

fords Firehouse on Diamond Valley Road just off Highway 89.

Call (530) 694-2231 ext. 330 with any questions.



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Jim Grant

A tour group visits the historic Dangberg Ranch recently.

# Experiencing Valley ranching history

by Caryn Haller  
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Wearing blue shoe booties, six friends walked through Carson Valley ranching history last week on one of possibly the last Dangberg Home Ranch tours.

Due to budget cuts, Nevada State Parks is ending its operation of the ranch June 30. Douglas County, which owns the property and a portion of the collection, also could not continue the operation.

"I have great personal and professional attachment to the Dangberg Home Ranch, so it was disconcerting to learn that state parks would not operate the site in the future," Park Interpreter Mark Jensen said.

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State park employee Mark Jensen, right, talks to a tour group about the furnishings in the formal dining room inside the Dangberg ranch family home.

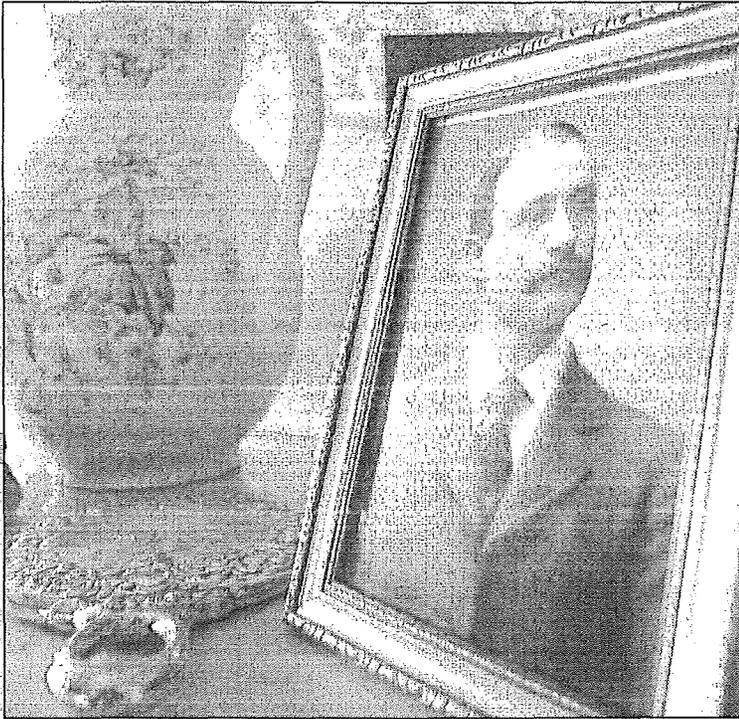
## DETAILS

**What:** Dangberg Home Ranch Historic Park tours through June 30  
**When:** 10 a.m. Wednesday-Friday, and 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday  
**Where:** 1450 U.S. Highway 88, one-half mile south of the Carson Valley Swim Center. Turn at the Park Cattle Ranch sign.  
**Info:** Free, reservations required, 783-9417

To join Friends of the Dangberg Home Ranch  
 E-mail [dangbergfriends@gmail.com](mailto:dangbergfriends@gmail.com)

## SPECIAL EXHIBIT

**What:** Treasures of the Dangberg Home Ranch  
**When:** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday  
**Where:** Dangberg Home Ranch  
**Info:** Free, 783-9417



Jim Grant

# History

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"The worst fear is that neither the historic artifact collection nor the buildings would be cared for after so much time, money and effort has been put into preserving them."

The Dangberg Home Ranch was established in 1857 by H.F. Dangberg. The property is 5.5 acres consisting of the main house, laundry, stone cellar, carriage house, cooks' house, slaughterhouse, hide storage house, bunk house and barn, which are all on the National Register of Historic Places.

Displayed in the outbuildings

and the 15-room main house are close to 39,000 items all original to the Dangberg family. The collection includes books, photographs, dishes, antiques, furniture, letters, clothes and a 1906 edition of *The Record-Courier* reporting on the San Francisco earthquake.

The 90-minute guided tour focuses on the main level of the house, but visitors are allowed to tour the grounds on their own afterwards.

Minden resident Linda Hafele has lived in Carson Valley for 33 years, and had never visited the ranch before last week.

"It's a nice tour, and it's good to hear the stories of the family," she said.

For first-time visitor Sylvia

A guided tour group walks the grounds of the Dangberg ranch to the family home. At left, a portrait of H.F. Dangberg, Jr. sits on a dresser in a bedroom of the historic family home.

Willadsen, the kitchen was the room she enjoyed the most.

"The history is unbelievable," she said. "I loved all those gadgets, the appliances, the packaging of all the old food containers and such."

Jacks Valley resident Karen Reinhardt said the tour was fabulous.

"The tour guide is very informative, and interesting to listen to," she said. "He makes this come alive."

Jensen has lead hundreds of tours since 2008, and estimates the park has welcomed more than 5,000 visitors.

After June 30, Jensen's position

will be terminated with the state, but he will continue working as curator for The Friends of the Dangberg Home Ranch.

President Mike Hall said the nonprofit organization has submitted a proposal to Douglas County to operate the park and preserve and protect the artifact collection. The proposal would include continuing tours.

"When I first visited Dangberg Ranch, I was struck by how much of the history of Carson Valley is represented by its contents and family history. It is a record of the agricultural history of Carson Val-

ley, that may soon vanish," Hall said. "The history of the Dangberg family is not only their history, but a representative history of all the pioneer families that settled this area."

Free tours of the Dangberg Home Ranch are 10 a.m. Wednesday-Friday, and 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Reservations are required. For more information or reservations call 783-9417 or e-mail dangberggranch@parks.nv.gov.

To join the friends of the Dangberg Home Ranch e-mail dangbergfriends@gmail.com.

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# Douglas rescuers receive calls on two incidents

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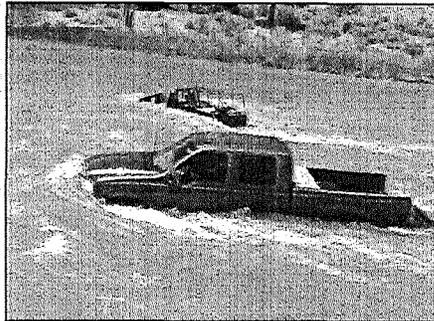
At least two four-wheel drive vehicles stalled while trying to ford the East Fork of the Carson River near Leviathan Mine Hot Springs on Sunday.

The incident occurred in Alpine County, where people often cross the river when the water is lower.

A F-350 pickup and a Toyota pickup were both trapped. According to a witness, the Toyota turned and rolled several times on its way downstream.

Douglas County Sheriff's Search & Rescue was called, but didn't have to conduct a swift water rescue, because all the occupants were able to get out before the vehicles were washed downstream, according to Sgt. Jim Halsey of the Douglas County Sheriff's Office.

At least one of the vehicles was re-



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Two trucks stalled in the East Fork of the Carson River on Sunday.

moved from the river on Monday.

Both the east and west forks of the Carson River are near flood stage.

Forecasters with the National Weather Service are warning residents that most

area streams and rivers are running cold, fast and deep with snowmelt.

■ A 31-year-old South Lake Tahoe man was rescued Sunday evening after becoming lost in Desolation Wilderness.

A dozen foot teams, including search and rescue members from El Dorado and Douglas counties, responded to the wilderness area Saturday afternoon after friends reported the man did not return as planned from a trip between Echo Lakes and Eagle Falls, said El Dorado County Sheriff's Lt. Les Lovell.

The man was eventually able to get cell phone service and contacted his friends. Search and rescue personnel located the man about 5 p.m. Sunday near Loon Lake, several miles from his intended destination, Lovell said.

The man was flown, uninjured, by the National Guard to safety, Lovell said.

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# Douglas High School awards announced

**Editor's Note:** This list was submitted by Douglas High School.

**Alpine County Parents Club Scholarship**  
 \* Chavez, Nicole  
**American Legion Carson City/National Oratorical**  
 Ritger, Amelia  
**John Ascuaga's Nugget**  
 Clark, Michael  
 Freitas, Natalie  
**Barton Memorial Hospital Auxiliary**  
 Zuniga, Jazmin  
**Raymond H. Memorial Berner**  
 Barth, Kyra  
 Dressler, Samantha  
 Hotho, Devyn  
 Miller, Patrick  
 Nicholson, Nolan  
 Romaneschi, Nicole  
 Romanowitz, Adriana  
 Swisher, Jacob  
 Vega, Jessica  
 Zuniga, Jazmin  
**Best Buy**  
 Montana, Sierra  
**Beta Sigma Phi**  
 Demaree, Shannon  
**Block D Alumni**  
 Freitas, Natalie  
**Block D Football Alumni**  
 Fellows, Spencer  
 Miller, Patrick  
**Block D Leadership Class /Molly Memorial**  
 Lombino, Rose  
**Block D Memorial Scholarship**  
 McCullough, Carly  
 Parks, Brett  
 Ritger, Amelia  
 Sturgess, Shannon  
 Vega, Jessica

**Carson Valley Masonic**  
 Bell, Shaelby  
**Carson Valley Photo Club**  
 Summersgill, Elspeth  
**Carson Valley Sertoma/Memorial Book Club**  
 Barth, Kyra  
 Bertolone-Smith, Sierra  
 Parks, Brett  
 Vega, Jessica  
**Century 21**  
 Knight, Jeff  
**Character Counts - Ethics**  
 Lombino, Rose  
 Trujillo, Dani  
**Comstock Sports**  
 Laing, Alex  
 Vega, Jessica  
**DHS 2011 Student Athlete of the Year/Female**  
 Ritger, Amelia  
**DHS 2011 Student Athlete of the Year/Male**  
 Parks, Brett  
**DHS Leadership Awards**  
**ASB President**  
 Lombino, Rose  
**ASB Representative**  
 Romanowitz, Adriana  
**ASB Secretary**  
 Argon, Margaret  
**ASB Treasurer**  
 Menicucci, Marissa  
**ASB Vice President**  
 Trujillo, Dani  
**Senior Class President**  
 Khongkhatitham, Suthida  
**Senior Class Representative**  
 Rauber, Rachel  
**Senior Class Secretary**  
 Gilbert, Madison  
**Senior Class Treasurer**  
 Burnside, Brianne  
**Senior Class Vice-President**  
 Gervais, Shawna  
**Douglas County 4-H**  
**Norm Sharkey Memorial**  
 Nelson, Amanda

Rinasz, Nicole  
**Gardnerville Women's Literary Club**  
 Argon, Margaret  
 Gates Millennium  
 Montana, Sierra  
**Great Basin College /Oswald Endowment**  
 Glocknitzer, Rebecca  
**Greater Nevada Credit Union**  
 Babbitt, Rachel  
 Lee, Joshua  
 Lewis, Brittney  
**Robert Z. Hawkins Foundation**  
 Bertolone-Smith, Sierra  
 Freitas, Natalie  
**Heavenly Valley Resort**  
 Bertolone-Smith, Sierra  
**Hussman Land and Livestock**  
 Parola, Lauren  
**Jacks Valley Elementary**  
**PTSO and Student Council**  
 Fastabend, Cassandra  
 Harper, Jaqueline  
 Zuniga-Perez, Jazmin  
 Kauffman, Alice  
 Hotho, Devyn  
**Knights of Columbus**  
 Clark, Michael  
 Menicucci, Marissa  
**Let us Never Forget**  
 Peck, Matthew  
**Gerd Lindeck, CTE**  
 Chitwood, Steven  
 Cullen, Katy  
 Demaree, Shannon  
**M.S. Society**  
 Nybloom, Megan  
**MEFIYI "Molly" Awards**  
 Burnside, Brianne  
 Garcia, Emily  
 Menicucci, Marissa  
 Thomas, Matthew  
**Minden Elementary**  
 Bertolone-Smith, Sierra  
 Neilander, Christian

**Minden Fortnightly**  
 Reed, Ben  
**Miss America Organization**  
 Swails, Shalynn  
**National Merit Finalist**  
 Miller, Patrick  
 Nicholson, Nolan  
 Niday, William  
**Nebraska Alumni Association**  
 Nelson, Amanda  
**Nevada Agricultural Foundation**  
 Wilson, Sophie  
**Nevada Energy**  
 Knight, Jeff  
**Nevada Energy / 2011 Powerful Partnerships**  
 Kaffer, Selena  
**Nevada State Education Assoc.**  
 Knight, Jeff  
**Nevada State Golf Association / N.N. Golf Association**  
 Wurster, Bethany  
**Outstanding Senior / AP English**  
 Nicholson, Nolan  
**Outstanding Senior/Art**  
 Summersgill, Elspeth  
**Outstanding Senior/Band**  
 Swisher, Jacob  
**Outstanding Senior /Brit. Lit.**  
 Nelson, Amanda  
**Outstanding Senior/Choir**  
 Chitwood, Marlan  
**Outstanding Senior/CTE**  
 Sugden, Cody  
**Outstanding Senior/Drama**  
 Padovanni, Valerie  
**Outstanding Senior/English**  
 Freitas, Natalie  
**Outstanding Senior /Foreign Language**  
 Kelly, Courtney  
**Outstanding Senior/JROTC**  
 Sonneman, Cole  
**Outstanding Senior/Math**

Nicholson, Nolan  
**Outstanding Senior / P.E.**  
 Granado, Damian  
**Outstanding Senior /Science**  
 Nicholson, Nolan  
**Outstanding Senior /Social Studies**  
 Chitwood, Tara  
**Outstanding Senior / Speech and Debate**  
 Dornbrook, Roy  
 Ellery, Molly  
 Frost, Megan  
 Ritger, Amelia  
 Romaneschi, Nicole  
**Pau-Wa-Lu Middle School**  
 Bertolone-Smith, Sierra  
 Freitas, Natalie  
**Piñon Hills Elementary**  
 Greth, August  
 Hotho, Devyn  
**Reno-Tahoe High School Senior Tennis Scholarship**  
 Ritger, Amelia  
**Retired School Employees**  
 Gervais, Shawna  
**Violet Richardson/ Soroptimist**  
 Dressel, Haley  
**Phyllis Robison Memorial**  
 Gorton, Jennifer  
**Ronald McDonald House Charities**  
 Van Cleave, Heather  
**Scarselli Elementary**  
 Freitas, Natalie  
 Lee, Joshua  
 McCullough, Carly  
 Olivera, Taryn  
 Smith, Savannah  
 Swisher, Jacob  
**Siemens Award for Advanced Placement**  
 Niday, William  
**Sierra Nevada Ear, Nose, and Throat**  
 Nicholson, Nolan  
**Nicole Snyder Softball**

\* **Scholarship**  
 Chavez, Nicole  
**Nicole Snyder Sports Scholarship (Boys)**  
 Gonzalez, Rogelio  
**Nicole Snyder Sports Scholarship (Girls)**  
 Lombino, Rose  
**Sorenson's Resort/ Enviromental Scholarship**  
 Kaffer, Salena  
**Timken-Sturgis Foundation**  
 Olivera, Taryn  
**Topaz Sagehens Club/ Academic**  
 Freitas, Natalie  
 Nicholson, Nolan  
 Ritger, Amelia  
**Topaz Sagehens Club /Trade/Vocational**  
 Martin, Justin  
 Matthews, Kyle  
**University Women of Carson Valley**  
 Dressler, Samantha  
 Zuniga, Jazmin  
**UNR College of Liberal Arts / Reach for the Stars**  
 Knight, Jeff  
**UNR Music Scholarship**  
 Conlin, Kevin  
**Wendel, David I. Memorial**  
 Zuniga, Jazmin  
**Wennhold / Smalley Prevention Award**  
**Sponsored by Partnership of Comm. Res. and the Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids**  
 Chabot, Brittany  
 Ical, Ann-Rose  
**Western Nevada Cattlewomen**  
 Wilson, Sophie  
**Women Entrepreneurs of the World - Carson Valley Chapter**  
 Zuniga, Jazmin

# Douglas High School Awards

## **Block D Scholarship**

Barth, Kyra  
Burnside, Brianna  
Chitwood, Tara  
Fastabend, Cassandra  
Gilbert, Maddy  
Harper, Jacqueline  
Lundergreen, Daniel  
Menicucci, Marissa  
Trujillio, Dani

## **Block D Swimming Class /Molly Memorial**

Bertolone-Smith, Sierra

## **Borda, Pete Memorial**

Gilbert, Maddy

## **BurgerKing Scholars Award**

Gervais, Shawna

## **C.C. Meneley/Eki Weigel**

Menicucci, Marissa

## **C.C. Meneley Nicole Snyder**

Dressler, Samantha

## **Carson City-Storey County 4-H**

Russell, Kimberly

## **Carson Valley Art Association**

Chitwood, Steven

Spansail, Reena

Swails, Shalynn

## **Carson Valley Art Association/Elizabeth**

## **Johnson**

Summersgill, Elspeth

## **Carson Valley Inn**

Bertolone-Smith, Sierra

Khongkhatitham, Suthida

## **Carson Valley Kiwanis/Key Club**

Ritger, Amelia

## **Carson Valley Kiwanis**

## **4-H Scholarship**

Montana, Sierra

## **Carson Valley Kiwanis**

## **Agricultural**

Wilson, Sophie

## **Carson Valley Kiwanis Jack**

## **Knapp Educational Career**

Gorton, Jennifer

## **Carson Valley Kiwanis**

## **Michelle Drew Business**

Harper, Jacqueline

## **Carson Valley Kiwanis**

## **Vocational**

Romanowitz, Adriana

## **Carson Valley Lions**

Babbitt, Rachel

Barth, Kyra

Summersgill, Elspeth

## **Douglas County**

## **Administrators Association**

Parola, Lauren

Swisher, Jacob

## **Douglas County Democratic Women**

Freitas, Natalie

## **Douglas County Farm**

## **Bureau**

Mathews, Kyle

Reed, Ben

## **Douglas County Memorial**

## **/Wells Fargo**

Dornbrook, Roy

Gorton, Jennifer

Kaffer, Selena

Vildzius, Jennifer

## **Douglas County Professional Education Association**

Dornbrook, Roy

McCullough, Carly

## **Douglas County**

## **Republican Women**

Gervais, Shawna

Peck, Matthew

Ritger, Amelia

## **Douglas County Sheriff's**

## **Mounted Posse**

Reed, Ben

Wilson, Sophie

## **Douglas County Sheriff's**

## **Protective Association**

Harper, Jacqueline

Salas, Monica

## **Edgewood Companies**

## **(Park Ranch)**

Parks, Brett

## **Elks 2011 Past Exhaulted**

## **Rulers Nursing Scholarship**

Barth, Kyra

## **Elks Local and Regional**

Freitas, Natalie

Hotho, Devyn

Ritger, Amelia

## **Elks Most Valuable Student**

## **/MVP National Runner Up**

Ritger, Amelia

## **Elks Most Valuable**

## **Student/State**

Parks, Brett

## **Elks Nevada State**

## **Association / Vocational**

Chitwood, Steven

## **Gardnerville Elementary**

## **PTSO**

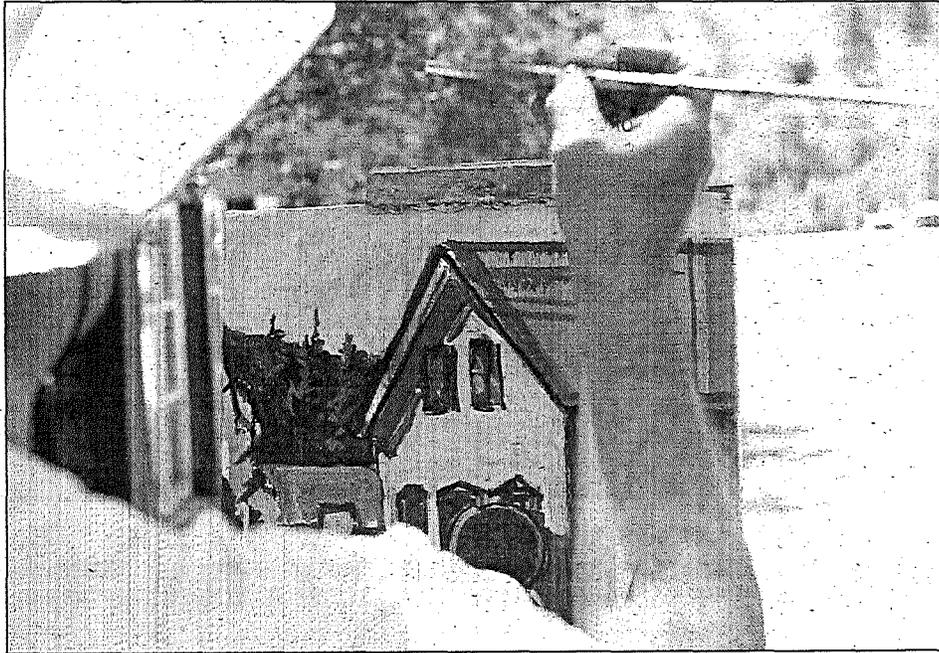
\* Chavez, Nicole

Clark, Michael

Peters, Annelise

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## INTO PLEIN AIRE



Erik Holland of Reno works on a painting in Markleeville on Thursday.

Clayton Litz

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# Plein Air event this week

### Staff Reports

Fifteen regional artists have arrived in the Sierra and are capturing the colors of the high country for Markleeville Plein Air 2011.

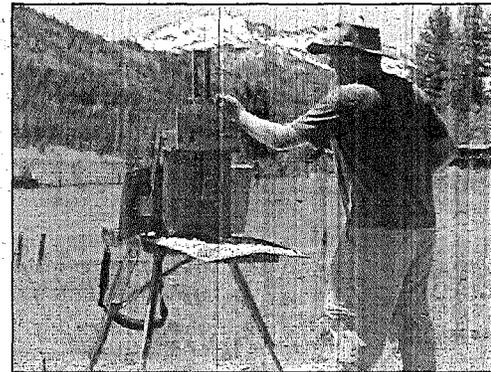
Through Saturday artists will be painting outside in Markleeville, Hope Valley, Monitor Pass, and various places in between. Each day, artists will contact The Markleeville Art Gallery with information about where they will be painting. On Saturday, all artists will be painting in the town of Markleeville from around 8 a.m. to noon. The public is invited

to come watch the artists painting.

All paintings created by the artists during the week will be on display at the Markleeville Art Gallery at 10 a.m. Saturday.

This event is open and free to the public. A meet and greet with the artists at Stone Fly restaurant in Markleeville will begin at 2 p.m. and end at 4 p.m. Appetizers, desserts, and wine will be served. Tickets to the meet and greet are available for \$25.

Complimentary tickets available with the purchase of a painting.



Special to The R-C  
Charles Muench painting Raymond Peak in Markleeville.

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# OPINION

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## PLEIN AIRE PAINTING



Artists Kit Night, Bonita Paulis, Randall Tillery, Markleeville Art Gallery owner Evelyn Yonker, Mike Bagdonas, Ron Schlorff, Emma Auriemma-McKay and Erik Holland at the gallery on June 23.

SHANNON LITZ/NEVADA APPEAL

# Pau-Wa-Lu Middle School spring honor roll announced

## Ninth Grade

Bachman, Austin Lee  
 Barnum, Kristina Marie  
 Belanger, Danielle Joy Marae  
 Bohannon, Samuel Thomas  
 Howe  
 Brockhage, Elaine Claire  
 Byington, Megan Rhae  
 Cassity, Joshua Steven  
 Cauley, Sullivan Troy  
 Chen, Rachel  
 Cooley, Daisy Joy  
 Craighead, Cira Susan  
 Cruz, Elizabeth Gertrudis  
 DeGiovanni, Trent Allen  
 Downs, Mariah Nicole  
 Dunkelman, Grant Joseph  
 Eichhorst, Wyatt Alan  
 Falanga, Luke Anthony  
 Fillmore, Cigo gomhuHale Bopp  
 Gard  
 Freitas, Kassidy Anne  
 Grant, Kaysie Marie  
 Grisell, Dalton Daniel  
 Grove, Emily Catherine  
 Hergenrader, Kellie Christine  
 Heydman, Leah Marie  
 Higginson, Hannah Cheyanne  
 Hughes, Sierra Marie  
 Hundley, Wesley James  
 Jacobs, Marcous Wayne  
 Jara, Andrea Mireya  
 Jaramillo, Jessica  
 Johnson, Patrick Michael  
 Jordan, Molly Ellyce  
 Krull, Kacie Lynn  
 Landolt, Louisa Carrol  
 Lawrence, Brycen Dee  
 Legaspi, Candice Victoria  
 Lera, Tyler Martin  
 Lopez-Simms, Taylen Russell  
 Lowther, Savannah Danielle  
 Markwardt-Abrigo, Corey Edward  
 Martinez Jr, Paul David  
 Mason, Edward Leo  
 McCullough, Kathryn Anne  
 McKimney, Courtney Laine

✱Medicine Crow, Isaac  
 Memro, Kylie Marie  
 Mendoza, Molly Noreen  
 Meza, Rocio Alexandra  
 Meza, Yaseth Jessalyn  
 Millar, Richard Quinn Wade  
 Miller, Zoya Alexandra  
 Mills, Marissa Nicole  
 Montes, Jovita  
 Munoz, Gabriela Robles  
 Munoz, Maria Robles  
 Murphey, Rachel Anne  
 Osborn, Chelsea Nicole  
 Padilla, Jan Erin Del Rosario  
 Parodi, Maizey Lynn  
 Peck, Cole Charles  
 Peters, Keaton Evan  
 Phillips, Ryan Hunter  
 Pintler, Sage Augustine  
 Pruitt, Cierra Renee Lee  
 Robbins-Still, Tanner Colton  
 Roefer, Frederick August  
 Scardi, Isabella Francesca  
 Seamans, Mattie Patricia  
 Seamons, Taylor Wesley  
 Seamons, Tyler Scott  
 Souza, Taylor Michael  
 Spaniol, Melanie Sue  
 Steinbuck, Haley Kathryn  
 Swisher, Joseph Michael  
 Testa, Alexandria Ashley  
 ✱Van Den Berg, Tyler Wilson

## Eighth Grade

Abbott, Olivia Ann  
 Adams, Lindsey Gabrielle  
 Allmett, Savannah Rae  
 Arthur, Taylor Dawn  
 Avila, Cassandra A.  
 Bilger, Collin Ronald  
 Brockhage, Andrew Frank  
 Brown, Lara Noel  
 Carranza, Joseph Michael  
 Davies, Zachary Michael  
 Davis, Katherine Anne  
 DelFiorentino, Shasta May  
 DeWitt, Symon Christopher  
 Downes, Melissa Marqaurite

Forvilly, Jake Maxmillian  
 Frank, Taylor Dawn  
 Frogget, Jason Tyler  
 Gunnell, Morgan Alexis  
 Hatley, Ross Michael  
 Hedgecock, Courtney Judith Lynn  
 Hellwinkel, Ashley Brooke  
 Herman III, Jack Robert  
 Hoyt, Candace Noel  
 Hoyt, Johnathan Andrew  
 Hudnall, Braden William  
 Irving-Peterson, Riis Anthony  
 Isherwood, Ian Mackenzie  
 Jensen, Andrew Eric  
 Knowles, Jordan Nichole  
 Krug, Maya Ashana  
 Lalonde, Logan Terrence  
 Lawrence, Holly Carol-Marie  
 Lera, Kaitlyn Tamily  
 Lewis,  
 Katellynn  
 Reanna  
 Liddell,  
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Leann  
 Lopez, Carlos Guadalupe  
 Marquez, Michael Paul  
 Mattison, Skylar Kenneth  
 Mejia, Michael George  
 Meza Armendariz, Karla Elizabeth  
 Oleshak, Brett Austin  
 Parodi, Mason Thomas  
 Rea, Heli Odett  
 Rodriguez, Blake Anthony  
 Rutherford, Jordyn Ashleigh  
 Sahleen, Spencer Riley  
 Schweigert, Hannah Renee  
 Seamans, Malcolm David  
 Severns, Haley Michelle  
 Shaw, Carmen Marie  
 Sheets, Megan McKensie  
 Spurgeon, Grant Lee  
 Stoll, Kai Mercedes  
 Sullivan, Dylan Troy  
 Terada, Nicole Keiko  
 Toskin, Emily-  
 Chevaun Lia-  
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Vondruska, Katarina Marie  
 Wallis, Celeste Nicole  
 Watters, Mark Allen  
 Westre, Amy Noelle  
 Whittemore, Cooper Taylor  
 Wilkinson, Nicholas Easton  
 Williams, Kasey Lee  
 Worley, Montrashay Garnet

## Seventh Grade

Angelo, Mark Mathew  
 Battcher, Kaycee Makaela  
 Bidart, Caitlyn Marie  
 Blakemore, Alana Jewel Lee  
 Brewer, Cory Daniel  
 Brooks, Colin McCarthy  
 Brown, Holly Rae  
 Campbell, Joseph Scott  
 Cassity, Trace Ian  
 Caughron, Taylor-Shay  
 Cervenak, Nicolett Millie  
 Coleman, Desyrae Lyn  
 Cotton, Sydney Rose  
 Cronin, Alessandra Zephyr  
 Cruz, Anais Diana  
 Darby, Tessa Ann  
 Diaz Gomez, Karina Briseida  
 Dolan, Alexander Michael  
 Downes, Sarah Marie  
 Eckert, Christian  
 Eisele, Sarah Taylor  
 Filbin, Connor James  
 Flores, Jennifer Hernandez  
 Forbes, Hannah Jean  
 Frankiewich, Leah Lynn  
 Garcia, Juliana Elisabeth  
 Garcia, Miguel Angel  
 Gilbert, Joel Noy  
 Gomez, Kelly Jean  
 Gonzalez, Kelly  
 Hansen, Christian Taryn  
 Hargreaves, Kenneth  
 Harris, Adam Nathaniel  
 Hart, Jace Raymond  
 Hedlund, Jonah Muir  
 Hergenrader, Cassandra J  
 Hinnant, Koby James  
 Holley, Alissa Renee  
 Howe, Chandler Michele  
 Ingrey, Zachary Tobias  
 Jacobs, Eric Oliver  
 Jacobsen, Joseph Gilbert  
 Johnson, Amber Alene  
 Johnson, Carly Anais  
 Johnson, Michael Anthony  
 Jordan, Erika Michelle  
 Kellar, Zachary Thomas  
 Kobold, Hunter Michele  
 Koontz, Shelby Lynn  
 Kulik, Katherine Elise  
 Leitenbauer, Tomas William  
 Littrell, Sasha Johanna  
 Long, Ryan William  
 Lopez Alvares, Andy Alexis  
 Lowther, Jason Mark  
 Lynch, Taylor Victoria  
 Martin, Rebecca Riley  
 McCComb, Zackery Ryan  
 McCormick, Samuel Quinn Boyer  
 Melhus, Samuel Krist  
 Miller, Dalton Robert  
 Mora, Jared Steven  
 Morgan, Emma Mayumi  
 Morris, Kaleb Scott  
 Muller, Audrey Lynn  
 Olsen, Lukas David  
 Parmeter-Jones, Paige Lynn  
 Perez, Alexis  
 Phillips, Cody Lane  
 Robinson, Shaena Jean  
 Satterfield, Alyssa Nicole  
 Snooks, Wayne  
 Sperry, Emma Elizabeth  
 Stevenson, Jordan Lee  
 Stokes, Anthony Michael  
 Swayne, Tyler Johnathon  
 Teeuwen, Ashlee Michelle  
 Thompson, Claire Margarita  
 Tierney, Trevor Richard  
 Torres, Alexxaz Nicole  
 Vo, Heather Elizabeth  
 Voss, Jordyn Lindsey  
 Walker, Amy Kathrine  
 Whiteley, Landon Reed  
 Wright, Patricia Ann  
 Zieroth, Demaris Lolia

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# Spring arrives just in time for summer

Out here we've finally flung open our doors and windows letting summer rush right in. If you lived around here this past sprinter you know winter stayed 'til summer. Snowed June 1. Warm weather stayed away on vacation wherever it was. But June-uary is over. Heat feels good. Grass growing fast. Time to remind everyone to take it slow, relax. Enjoy summer. Let the slow moving hay equipment go safely down the road.

That said, let me tell you about something else. Recently, my spouse told me I pound fence sta-

## FENCE LINES



by Marie Johnson

It all started standing near our wide open backdoor, hearing the neighbor's swather hum, cutting

ples like a girl. After all these years together you would think he had noticed my gender before. Probably because of the look on my face, and clasping my hand that had held the hammer earlier, he quickly added, "But that is OK."

his hayfield half a mile away. Started cutting a little later than normal this year because grass stayed low most of spring, drawing heat out of the ground. But now that the days are hot, and unusually humid for around here, the grass has jumped up. Waving its long skinny green arms in the wind saying, "here I am, pick me."

So our cows do. And although they are only eating pasture grasses with some clover, timothy, and stray alfalfa, they are fat. Almost worryingly fat. They have fat rings on their tail-heads two and three deep. Their calves are growing fat

on rich milk.

The lowest wires on some of our pasture fences, spanning irrigation ditches, leave enough space for a cow, eating along the ditch, standing in the water, to innocently wander into another field and then become surprised and annoyed to find her calf on the other side.

The other day a cow got into the horse pasture. The grass high enough to brush against my arms and so thick, tangled around my legs, continually pulling me off

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balance. The cow would not turn to the gate. Finally both of us sweating she walks into the irrigation ditch and back to her calf.

We will move our cattle to the bone-pile pasture before putting them into our cut hay field.

Knowing cattle ditch graze we will need to fix gaps across the irrigation ditches.

Only sagebrush and sparse grass are offered in the bone-pile.

It will put the cows on a diet. It will be good for them. But they won't like it. They will look for an out.

So spouse, in the backhoe, drags a 24-foot log to the bone-pile fence. He chainsaws off over 10 feet. I position this piece low across the ditch, hold it in place, pushing against it. Spouse leaves the backhoe cab and pounds in a few staples along the length of the log connecting it to the barbed wire. The water is low, flowing around my ankles. Spouse jumps from ditch bank to ditch bank, keeping dry.

Then spouse, in backhoe, drags the remaining 13-plus foot section to the second ditch crossing. It is surrounded by heavy willows. The backhoe pushes and shoves its way to the ditch wide with water from the West Fork; which I later checked was running over 400 cubic feet per second. This ditch water was snow hours earlier.

In cold, fast, near hip deep water, with barbed wire over it, I stand awkwardly pounding staples into a heavy log, held in place by the backhoe. Whose operator, in the cab, was keeping dry.

Sunday afternoon we finish securing the log. My spouse announces the backhoe needs a rest. It has been going all day. I agree to stop. On the way to Tahoe for dinner my husband pronounces I pound staples like a girl. And that is OK.

Marie Johnson is a Carson Valley rancher.

RC FRI, JULY 8-2011

# Report for high altitude spots in Alpine County

Hello fellow anglers.

Here is a high altitude report for Alpine County lakes, rivers and streams.

With all of our late spring run off, all of the lakes are full, but not all are accessible.

## MAC-THE-NAW



by Doug Busey

For example, as of June 29, Highland Lakes, Burnside Lake, Pleasant Valley, Schneider Cow Camp and Woods Lake roads were still closed due to snow, mud and excess run off.

On the other hand, Wolf Creek is open as well as Blue Lakes Road to the

fourth gate.

I have to tell you the truth, I did not know they had a fourth gate. From what I have found out, the fourth gate is up to the lake and you can walk in to fish.

But no vehicles allowed and the campground is still closed. Now let's check out the fishing conditions.

**SILVER LAKE:** Open and ice free. Fishing well for shore anglers using salmon peach powerbait or inflated crawlers. Average rainbows have been from 1 to 2.5 pounds. The ramp was to open last weekend.

**CAPLES LAKE:** Open and ice free, fishing very good. Robert Schaupp from Woodland, Calif., caught a 5-pound mackinaw trolling a rapala. Elon Goldman from Moorpark, Calif., caught a 4-pound rainbow on a silver flat fish from shore.

Justin Brown caught an 8-pound mackinaw, Brodie Quishinberry from Lincoln, Calif., caught a 3-pound brown. The resort is open with the docks in the water for launching and boat rentals. One thing this year, they have moved the general store into the lodge this year. And best of all, they will start serving lunch very soon at the restaurant. Cabins and lodge rooms are available, but I do recommend a reservation as they do fill up fast. The county ramp was scheduled to open last weekend. For more information, call the Caples Lake Resort at (209) 258-8888.

**RED LAKE:** Free of ice and has been fishing fair for rainbows and brook trout. Powerbait has been most successful. Some anglers have done good with small spoons or spinners in a rainbow or gold color.

**MOSQUITO LAKES:** Both upper and lower were planted this week with catchable rainbow trout by the CDFG.

**CARSON RIVERS:** Water level is still



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Elon Goldman of Moorpark, Calif., caught this four-pound rainbow trout July 7 with a silver flat fish casting from the shore off the Caples Lake Dam.

high, but the water has been clearing in the morning and getting muddy towards the afternoon. Debbie with no last name caught a 5.5-pound rainbow, Tyra Heidt from Grass Valley caught a 2.15-pound cutthroat with salmon eggs. The CDFG is scheduled to plant catchable rainbows next week. The Alpine County Fish Commission is scheduling a plant, also next week.

But we all know that Alpine County plants 2 to 8 pound fish. Remember to use extreme caution right now near any river or stream as the waters fluctuate with the snow melt. For more info call the Carson River Resort at (877) 694-2229.

**INDIAN CREEK RESERVOIR:** Waters are still high and will remain that way this entire season. Last week the CDFG planted 3,000 pounds of catchable trout. David Valdez caught a 3.8-pound rainbow trolling blades and a night crawler. The campground is open for tent as well as RV camping. Note that the RV area does not have hook ups but they do have a dump station, and both have clean bathrooms.

And I have to tell you, very reasonable rates in both areas. The launch ramp is open, and if you have ever launched your boat there, this year you are in for a treat. The water is up to only 20 feet from the top of the ramp.

Good luck in your fishing adventures, if you have any questions or if you have a report in our local waters call the Naw line at 775-267-9722. You can send your photos to jcrandall@recordcourier.com.

Good fishin' and tight lines.

Doug Busey is The Record-Courier fishing columnist.

# Memorial for Kirkwood founder is Aug. 6

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A memorial with full military honors is 2 p.m. Aug. 6 at Kirkwood's Village Plaza for resort co-founder and Gardnerville resident Richard Frederick "Dick" Reuter, 88, who died July 4 in his Kirkwood home.

A D-Day veteran, Reuter was born Dec. 9, 1922, in Hamlin, Kan., and spent his early years on a farm in Nebraska.



Reuter

He was a Boy Scout and participated in Future Farmers of America. The family moved to California when he was 12 to escape the Dust Bowl.

His wife of 51 years, Jeanne, said he joined the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in May 1943, and participated in the invasions of Normandy and Omaha beaches. He was a skillful machine operator building air strips, and an expert M1 rifle marksman.

After the war, he returned to California, where he settled in the Mineral and Mill Creek area outside Lassen Park, ranch caretaking, trapping martens, logging for Collins Pine, building hand-split rail fencing, fishing and hunting. Later, he skied across the Sierras doing snow surveys for

Reuter's mountain resort career began in the late 1950s in Squaw Valley after a long career as a trapper and logger in the Lassen Park area.

Reuter helped fell trees to clear ski runs at Alpine Meadows and Squaw Valley and worked as a ski patrol leader at Squaw Valley during the 1960 Winter Olympics where he met his wife, Jeanne, and started a family.

After the Olympics, Reuter became mountain manager, cutting many legendary runs, running the avalanche control and building and maintaining the ski lifts.

Reuter moved his family to Kirkwood to start cutting runs and putting in lifts and implementing Kirkwood's master plan in 1972, Dalzell said.

The stories of Reuter's efforts and accomplishments have been chronicled in several books, including "Mountain Dreamers" and the "Avalanche Hunters" as well as numerous trade journals and articles.

"Dick Reuter was a mountain man's mountain man," said Dave Myers, vice president of operation for Kirkwood Mountain Resort. "A real pioneer and tough as nails, Dick basically single-handedly installed chair No. 11, 'The Reut,' of which the lift is named after him."



Dick Reuter was the co-founder of Kirkwood Ski Resort.

After retiring from Kirkwood in 1991, Reuter continued his Reuter Tree Removal business, went fishing, collected and read many kinds of books, and even helped his wife with her licensed baby care busi-

ness. He served on the Kirkwood Meadows Public Utility District Board for 25 years.

He is preceded in death by his grandson Brandon.

He is survived by wife Jeanne; children Eric

Reuter, Carolyn (Kevin) Cooper, Ernest (Elisa) Reuter and Sheila Reuter; grandchildren Rachele, Christopher, Katrina, Zack, Tina, Jake, and Rachele's brother Bradley Fons.

Donations in his name

may be made to the American Avalanche Association, P.O. Box 2831, Pagosa Spring, Colorado 81147 or by donating to the Northern CA/NV Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk 2011, Team "Reuter's Rooters."

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# Douglas High senior honor roll

Douglas High School recently announced its honor roll for the spring semester of 2011. All of these students achieved a second semester GPA of 3.25 or better.

## Seniors

Erin Allison  
Courtney Appleton  
Margaret Argon  
Rachel Babbitt  
Jaimee Bannister  
Bruno Gabriel Barros  
Kyra Barth  
Eugene Bedow II  
Shaelby Bell  
Sierra Bertolone-Smith  
Marissa Boyd  
Zachary Brady  
Brianna Burnside  
Mitchell Campos  
Alexander Cerny  
\*Nicole Chavez  
Taralyn Chitwood  
Steven Chitwood  
Joseph Clark  
Michael Clark

Kevin Conlin  
Riley Cooper  
Johnnalyn Covey  
Kyle Cranney  
Brock Crawford  
Donovan Cudney  
Katy Cullen  
Colton Dean  
Shannon Demaree  
Tori Dickey  
Joshua Donaire  
Roy Dornbrook  
Christopher Downs  
Justin Draper  
Haley Dressler  
Samantha Dressler  
Justin Dry  
Kevin Duarte  
Erika Duarte  
Kassie Dunlap  
Molly Ellery  
Sarah Epstein  
Alexandra Fagan  
Cassandra Fastabend  
Spencer Fellows  
William Fitch  
Gavin Fitzhugh  
Justin Floyd  
Andrew Forest

Angela Forster  
Kendra Foster  
Natalie Freitas  
Megan Frost  
Emily Garcia  
Lynsie Garcia  
Veronica Garcia Limon  
Shawna Gervais  
Madison Gilbert  
Jennifer Gorton  
Katelyn Grady  
Dayne Graham  
Robert Grant  
August Greth  
Sierra Haggard  
Weslyn Hamilton  
Caitlyn Hamrick  
Jacqueline Harper  
Nicolas Harris  
Daniel Harrison  
Cole Heideman  
Shelby Heiman  
Louis Hernandez Rea  
Faith Herron  
Brianna Hinson  
Devyn Hotho  
Caitlin Hutchings  
Ann Rose Ical  
Tyler Ingstad  
Luke Isherwood

Victoria Jackson  
Marlan Jongsma  
Richard Jorgenson  
Sarah Joy  
Selena Kaffer  
Emily Keele  
Courtney Kelly  
Karly Ketron  
Suthida Khongkhatitham  
Briana King  
Janelle King  
Patricia Kirby  
Jeffrey Knight  
Tyler Kobold  
Sarah Koontz  
Emilie Labadie  
Nolan Lackey  
Dylan Lane  
Keely Latham  
Jonathon Lawrence  
Joshua Lee  
Eva Leon Mendoza  
Brittany Lewis  
Richelle Littlejohn  
Cody Logan  
Rose Lombino  
Cody Lommori  
Danielle Lozano  
Daniel Lundergreen

Briana Manning  
Reid Martinez  
Grant Mason  
Carly McCullough  
Brian McElrath  
Carson McFadden  
Kalie McGill  
Karly Menicucci  
Patrick Miller  
Sierra Montana  
Asher Moody  
Karen Moreno  
Austin Neddenriep  
Christian Neilander  
Amanda Nelson  
Jamie Nelson  
Rebecca Nelson  
Nolan Nicholson  
William Niday  
Megan NyBlom  
Derek O'Connell  
Taryn Olivera  
Janelle Ordenez  
Erolinda Pacheco Duarte  
Valerie Padovani  
Ryan Paiz  
Laura Palmer  
Brett Parks  
Lauren Parola

Matthew Peck  
Anneliese Peters  
Samantha Phillips  
John Potter  
Gared Prax  
Jordan Pruitt  
Kegan Rahe  
Rachel Rauber  
Benjamin Reed  
Nicole Rinasz  
Kendyl Rioux  
Amelia Ritger  
Bianca Rodway  
Nicole Romaneschi  
Adriana Romanowitz  
Daniel Ruben  
Scott Rudnick  
Kimberly Russell  
Monica Salas Dominguez  
Victoria Salas Forteza  
Kathleen Salazar  
Katherine Sawicki  
Clay Sedgwick  
Jacob Sellers  
Meagan Slater  
Colt Sliva  
Chauntelle Sloan  
Savannah Smith  
\*Reena Spansail  
Shannon Sturgess

Cody Sugden  
Elspeth Summersgill  
Kaylee Super  
Shalynn Swails  
Jacob Swisher  
Bailee Taylor  
Matthew Thomas  
Zachary Tierney  
Savannah Timperio  
Mia Townsell  
Dani Trujillo  
Heather Van Cleave  
Kameron Van Winkle  
Andrew Vardas-Doane  
Jessica Vega  
Serena Vigen  
Jennifer Vildzius  
Chase Weatherbee  
Cecilia Webster  
Christopher Wetzel  
Matthew Wetzel  
Brenna White  
Kaleigh Williams  
Matthew Williams  
Heather Williams  
Sophie Wilson  
Amanda Woods  
Bethany Wurster  
Jazmin Zuniga Perez

# Grover Hot Springs finds some friends

by Virginia York

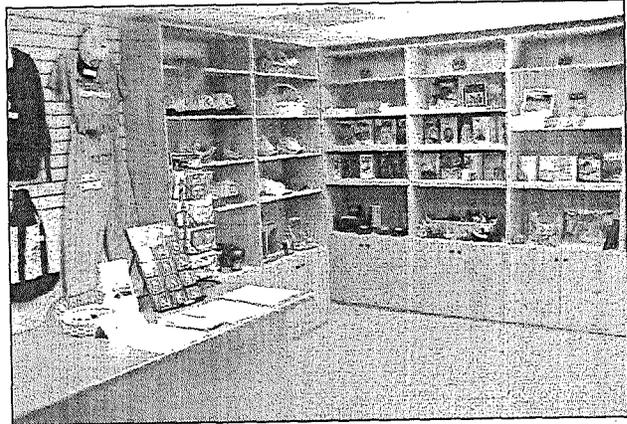
On Memorial Day weekend, the Friends of Grover Hot Springs opened a visitors' center and gift store at the entrance to Grover Hot Springs campground. The fledgling group comes under the umbrella of the Bodie Foundation, a non-profit cooperating association founded in 2009, "dedicated to the preservation, interpretation and public enjoyment of Bodie Historic Park, Mono Lake Tufa State Natural Preserve and Grover Hot Springs State Park." The board members are all volunteers, putting in countless hours to the benefit of these parks. The only paid position is that of business manager; nearly all of the funds raised support the parks directly.

Recently the state parks have been suffering heavy budget cuts. May 13 it was announced that 70 parks would close to meet 2011/2012/2013 General Fund reductions. If the financial condition of the state worsens, there could be further adverse impacts on state parks. In the 2010 November elections, Proposition 21 read as follows: "Establishes annual vehicle license surcharge to help fund state parks and wildlife programs. Grants surcharged vehicles free admission to all state parks..." The proposition did not pass, though it did get over 40 percent of the vote. The \$18 surcharge would have been used as a stable source of funding for the state parks, independent of the California General Fund.

Nonprofit cooperating associations were originally intended to support parks in the area of interpretation. However, that role has expanded, by necessity, to include fundraising, through planned capital campaigns, memberships, donations, stores and special events. The funds cover such needs as seasonal staffing, collections management, and ongoing maintenance programs.

At Grover Hot Springs State Park, the seasonal life guards are currently paid by the Bodie Foundation which also funds interpretative programs, such as the Junior Rangers, and enhances the experience of camper and pool visitor by assisting park staff to develop educational publications and facilities.

Jeanne Sisson, acting superintendent of the Alpine-Mono sector of the Sierra District and supervising ranger of Grover Hot Springs State Park, is the liaison between the Bodie Foundation and the State Park. In these times of increasing reliance on non-profit cooperating associations, Jeanne insists on the importance of a good working relationship between park and foundation. Brad Sturdivant, president of the Bodie Foundation, and Terri Geissinger, business manager, have had extensive experience working in the California State Parks system. In 1973 Brad worked for an organization that was hired to stabilize the buildings in Bodie. He was employed by California State Parks from 1974-2008, which includes four years as the Supervising Ranger at Grover Hot Springs. Terri was hired in 2001 as a Bodie park interpreter. She has been managing the museum in Bodie for the last seven years and has now assumed the additional responsibilities of the Friends of Grover



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The gift store at Grover Hot Springs.

Hot Springs store. Brad and Terri's understanding of the California State Parks and work with other non-profit organizations serve them well in their current cooperative endeavor with parks.

Unlike some public lands, state park land is not grazed nor harvested for timber. The land is preserved for the enjoyment of natural and cultural resources. Grover Hot Springs is significant in the lives of both locals and visitors. Some locals have been soaking at Grover's for over forty years. It is the major tourist attraction of our area, bringing support for our businesses. Many visitors announce with pride the number of years that they've been coming to Grover Hot Springs. On Fourth of July weekend, Lesley Gale, (nee Eide) of Sacramento visited the Grovers store with her husband, Mark, and son, Weston. Les-

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ley has been coming to the park every year for 37 years, since she was nine years old. The number of family members and friends converging on the park for the annual gathering has increased over the years. This year the group of 25 included four generations of the Eide family and occupied six river camp-sites.

They traveled from Northern and Southern California, Utah and Idaho. Together they ate, hiked, told stories around the campfire and played patriotic jeopardy. A special activity was to share memories of Lesley's grandfather who would have been 100 years old this year.

# Careful with those camp fires in the wilderness

Hello fellow anglers. The haze in our sky is a grim reminder of what can happen, when one is not careful in our wilderness areas.

Last week as many are aware, 80 acres of timber burned in our local area. I talked with an information officer from the BLM about the fire in the Indian Creek area.

## MAC-THE-NAW



by Doug Busey

Luckily, no one was injured and no structures were lost. The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

It started near the road that leads into the campground and headed up the hill towards the airport. It could have been started as simply as a broken bottle or someone throwing a cigarette out the window. We all need to be aware of the fire danger no matter where you are.

Did you know that it is illegal right now to use charcoal in a barbecue or have a campfire outside of a designated camping area, and even then you must have a fire ring?

Whenever you decide to go camping, you cannot forget the most important things to pack with you — A rake to clean the area around the fire ring before you start, a shovel to break down any existing embers and a five-gallon bucket to fill with water. Now, even though you have doused your fire the night before you went to bed, do it again before you leave the next morning.

If on your way out of the campground you see that someone else has not done this and the fire ring is still smoking, don't say, "what an idiot," and drive on. Take

the time to put some water on it. Because if you don't, who's the idiot now?

Now lets check out our local fishing area, because it is really heating up.

**LAKE TAHOE:** The mackinaw bite has been tough the last couple of weeks. Maybe it is because of the 10,000 cutthroat trout they planted at Cave Rock over the last few weeks, or maybe the nutrients are slowing down in the lake due to the decreasing runoff into the lake.

Gene St. Denis has been averaging two to five fish per trip. Gene has been fishing the Cal/Neva and Dollar point areas in 150 to 190 feet of water.

The mackinaw have been six to 9.5 pounds, lower numbers but bigger fish.

Gene reported he has caught a couple 12- to 15-pound macks also.

Early morning has been the most productive time. For more information, call Blue Ribbon Charters at (530) 544-6552.

**CAPLES LAKE:** The water level is still high and the fish have come on strong over the last week or two. It may have to do with the grant from Eldorado Irrigation District through the Kirkwood Public Utility District. They have promised to bring Caples Lake back up to the fishery that it was before the work that was done to repair the dam two years ago. Average catch has been in the two- to three-pound class. Here are some results of that plant. Ellen Males from Olive Branch, Miss. a 3.5 rainbow, Mady Mathew a four-pound brown, Joe Rizzo from Belmont, Calif., 16 pound mackinaw (naturally a hold over).

Anglers using worms to rapalas to kastmaster lures have been doing well around the Woods creek area. And most fish have been caught in 5 to 10 feet

of water. Take a break from the Valley heat and cool off at Caples Lake. For more information on fishing, boat rentals or want to spend the night on the lake in a cabin, call Caples Lake Resort at (209) 258-8888.

**CARSON RIVERS:** The CDFG planted last week along with the Alpine County Fish Commission. Both rivers have been producing some nice fish. James Kaiba from Mountain View, Calif., 7.11-pound rainbow on the West Carson, Roger 6.6-pound rainbow from Pebble Beach in East Carson, Rosa Shea from Los Gatos, Calif., 7.2-pound rainbow. Anglers have been using salmon eggs to small spinners to catch pan size to trophy-sized rainbows. The Carson River Resort also has designated tent camping sites as well as R.V. sites.

For those that do not own a tent or an R.V., they have log cabins to stay in right on the East Fork of the Carson River, right next to the general store for all the other things you don't have or may need.

For more information, call the Carson River Resort at (877) 994-2229. Ask for Todd.

**INDIAN CREEK RESERVOIR:** The campground is open, the lake level is still high and the fishing is good. But, you need to find where the fish are. I graphed hundreds of fish in the cove around the camp area. You also might get a strange sight if you are in a boat or a float tube, right out in the middle if the lake. Near the second dam, you will think you have run into two feet of water. There are tules growing out of the water in 25 feet of water. I had to take a double read on the depth finder. I was catching and releasing average sized rainbows trolling a Thomas Buoyant spoon in a frog or a green and orange

pattern. Shore anglers were using powerbait and also doing good. One rule of Indian Creek, if you don't get a bite in a half hour, move down 20 feet. If you are throwing powerbait, keep changing the color until you find what they want that day. The campground area is also a designated with fire rings.

**TOPAZ LAKE:** Chuck Fields from the Topaz Marina said the anglers have been working real hard to get a couple fish. They have been going deeper early or still fishing on the south end

of the lake. The boat ramp is open and they have rental boats available. Topaz Lake also has a designated campground area on the Nevada side of the lake. Campfire rings are available for shore camping only in the park area. For more information, call the Topaz Marina at 266-3550.

CDFG has not planted in the Alpine County area this week. Alpine County has scheduled a plant on the East and West Carson rivers.

NDOW has planted Cave Rock, Truckee River, Baily

Pond and Marilyn's Pond.

Speaking of Baily Pond, Caleb Woodburn from Carson City caught a 4.5-pound rainbow last week, but unfortunately realized after he ate it that he forgot to take a picture. Believe it or not.

Good luck on your next fishing adventure.

If you get a picture of your catch send it to [jcran-dall@recordcourier.com](mailto:jcran-dall@recordcourier.com). If you have any questions in our local fishing world call the Naw line at 267-9722.

Good fishin' and tight lines.

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teacher and coach, influencing many students to excel in sports and academics at Douglas High School and beyond. Many former students would tell Mr. Price, "You were the best teacher I ever had."

**Price** His second career and love was summer recreation director at Blue Lake Springs in Arnold, Calif.; running and organizing all the activities and events for nearly a quarter century.

Nearing retirement, Mr. Price and his wife moved to Smith Valley in 1993, but his love of teaching soon called him back to the classroom at Smith Valley, ROP, and Yerington Elementary, where he taught up until the time of his illness.

An avid automobile buff, Price always owned one show car or another throughout his life, his favorite being the Corvette. He died with the car's emblem tattooed on his ankle, and a shiny, black 2000 parked in his garage. Being a history buff, he also loved vintage aircraft and would not pass up an airplane museum or the Reno Air Races, which he had attended faithfully since 1968.

At age 74, Mr. Price was still doing 40-mile bike rides. He and his wife had done many Rails-to-Trails trips across the country, including the Erie Canal, Michelson Trail, and Hiawatha Trail, to name a few, traveling always with his camera strapped around his neck.

He was preceded in death by daughters Lesly and Lorraine. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Jeannine; sons Gary (Beth), Greg (Cheryl), and David; grandchildren McKenzie, Cameron, and Angela; and son-in-law Alex Kirkpatrick.

A Mass at St. John's Catholic Church in Smith Valley will be announced. Donations can be made to Lyon County School District, 25 East Goldfield, Yerington, NV 89447, by check made payable to "Yerington Elementary Student Activity Account" or "Smith Valley School Activity Account," both of which benefit students with special needs. Walton's Chapel of the Valley is in charge of arrangements.

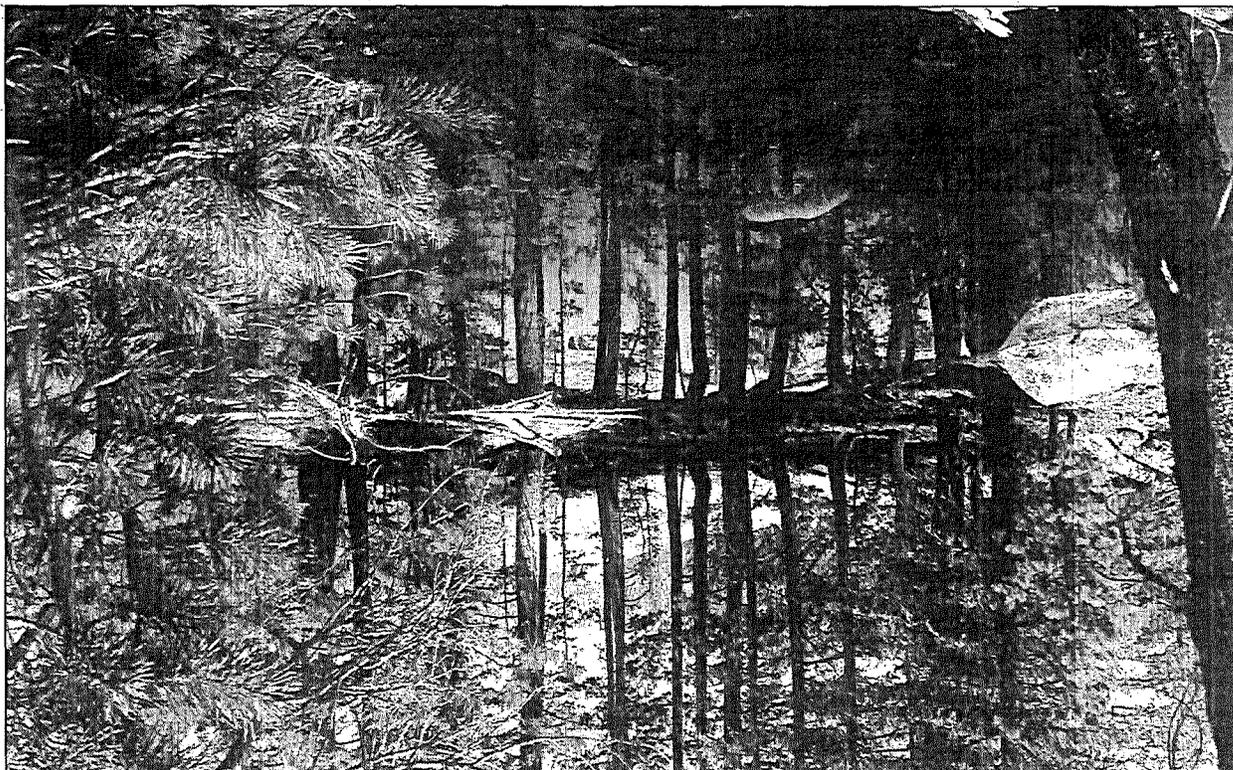
**Gerald 'Jerry' Price**  
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A celebration of life picnic is 2 p.m. Aug. 19 at Dressler Park in Wellington for lifetime educator, Gerald "Jerry" Price. Mr. Price, 75, of Wellington died July 27, 2011, after a brief illness.

Born May 4, 1936, in Chester, Pa., he was a star high school athlete and received a basketball scholarship to North Carolina State. While in the Air Force, he was selected to the All-Europe Basketball Team.

After graduating from San Jose State with a degree in education, he first taught in Sonora, Calif. Thereafter he taught at Diamond Valley School in Woodfords, Calif., for 26 years as

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Topaz Ranch Estates resident John Flaherty shot this photo of trees reflected in a pond near Blue Lakes Road in Alpine County.

# Woodfords Canyon

## A Western frontier for climbers

by Nick Miley  
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Rock climbers around Lake Tahoe have an array of cliffs to choose from when looking for a day of excitement. The problem is that many of these areas are crowded and very few of their features remain unclimbed. In many ways, ascending previously unscathed faces is the pinnacle of the climber's passion.

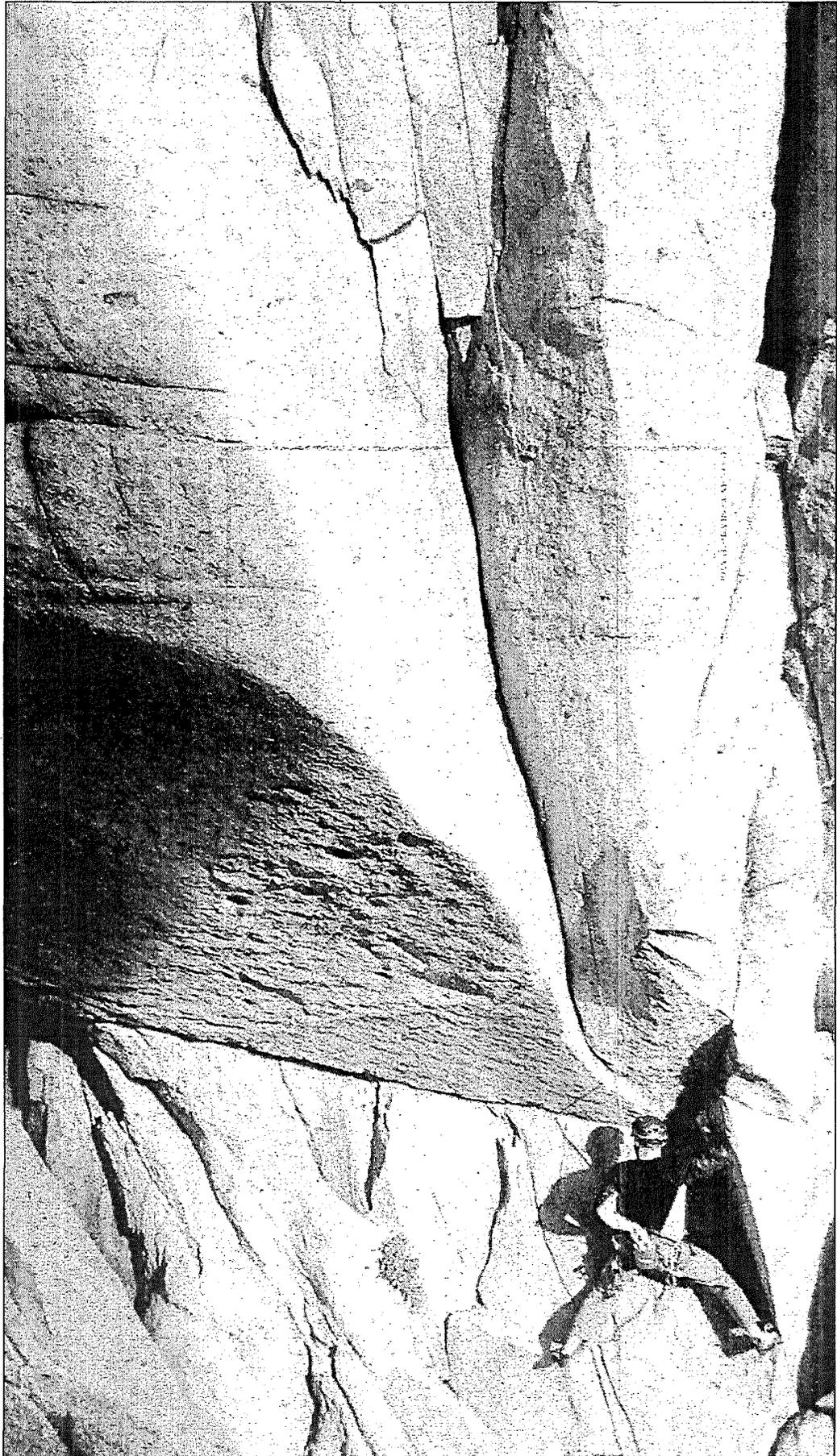
Accordingly, pioneer climbers searching for the new and unknown have made Woodfords Canyon a frontier for first ascents for 30 years.

As I drive east along the west Carson River on Highway 88, it is clear why the highway was built in this deep drainage. Woodfords Canyon cleaves the eastern escarpment of the range, making for a relatively reasonable passage. Searching for the path of least resistance, pioneers and travelers have used this canyon since the mid 19th century.

Looking up the steep, rock-filled gullies that feed the main canyon reminds me of what a gnarly constriction this pass was before the modern road was cut in. As our party hikes up a trail-less, sandy slope, I can't help but imagine the frontiersmen who picked their way up this canyon in the past.

Many readers will recall the name of larger-than-life winter mail carrier John "Snow-Shoe" Thompson. Thompson made his home at the mouth of Woodfords Canyon for more than 20 years in the mid 1800s. During that time he regularly skied through the canyon as his preferred means of crossing the range between Placerville and Genoa.

The Pony Express also maintained a remount station in the town of Woodfords. The company riders would change horses there before making the hard push over the pass. However, in 1860 this station was abandoned after only five weeks of



Ryan Curry climbs on an unfinished project in Woodfords Canyon.

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operation when the line was rerouted over the more moderate Echo Summit.

Now high above the road, I'm huffing and puffing my way up to a distant golden crag. It makes me think that if anyone can comprehend the struggles endured by early settlers, it's arguably first ascensionists who regularly find themselves in a path of resistance. However, when we make our mark, we are rewarded for our efforts. We excitedly point at all the possible lines of weakness in the cliff.

When Ron Anderson pub-

lished a climbing guide that included Woodfords in the early 1990s, he only documented 92 routes. The canyon now boasts more than 300, and counting. Despite continual developments, new adventures still lurk for those willing to seek them out.

Dan Kennedy, a 45-year-old South Lake Tahoe resident, makes it his business to seek out new climbs. With a variety of partners such as Ryan Curry and Mark Bauer, Kennedy has put up more than 150 new

routes since the early '90s. Although he would rather talk about the natural features of his routes, Dan does describe the area as "a place to express yourself. It's nice not always knowing what you're getting yourself into." He followed up with a laugh, saying, "It's dirty work though."

It's true. Removing debris from cracks can be a lot of work. However, the northern side of the canyon is like a desert and produces little vegetation that would otherwise

clog up the cracks. When cooler temps prevail, the north side allows for less gardening on those first efforts.

After my friends decide that I'm going to tie into the sharp end of the rope first, I cautiously head up into the unknown. Progress is slow. There's always the question of whether this or that piece of rock will support my weight, so I carefully test dubious holds and I double-up protection when in doubt.

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# Like some cows, rustling not always black and white

by Marie Johnson

Aug. 15 rotation starts. The latest date we know of out here for this to happen. California ranchers, in Carson Valley, get a week of water, then Nevada ranchers get a week of water. A short time frame for multiple ranchers to cover thousands of acres, but it will have to do. It has in the past. This year has had a good summer with water flowing, cattle prices up, and not much worry about cattle rustlers.

Or should we worry? Cattle rustling is a horrendous thing to be accused of. In Nevada the theft of an animal valued over \$500 is

## FENCE LINES



by Marie Johnson

a felony. Men use to hang for this offense. Now they are tracked, ticketed, possibly jailed and get their say in court. As it should be.

In the United States of America you are presumed innocent until proven guilty, even if the cattle in your possession have another's brand on them. This is because you very well could be innocent. From the findings published and

people talked to sometimes a cow strays across a fence and mixes into another herd. Some calves get dropped and left behind to be cared for by another cattleman. Things happen inadvertently.

Then there are those who purposely rope and rebrand an animal. Others so bold as to go into the desolate back country of Nevada and Oregon and gather up cattle horseback. Herding them to an area accessible to trucks or trailers, then ship them to other states for selling. Branding of cattle is not mandatory in all states and where it is, it is not 100 percent complied with.

Cattle prices are up. The econ-

omy is down. People are resourceful. Deals are made. Fortunately in Douglas County we have a brand inspector, and an enforcement officer. Both diligent and helpful in limiting the rustling of cattle. But it is not just cattle that face rustling, so do horses. The Nevada Department of Agriculture Lt. Blaine Northrop, explained in Douglas County movement of horses between owners and to auction yards in Fallon is the biggest transgression of animal tracking.

Northrop said individuals who sell or swap horses, and do not get

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# Cattle

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a brand inspection recording ownership and health records, are the major transgressors of the Nevada statute that requires this documentation. Horses are regularly trailered in and out of this area. An innocent act if just trailering your horse for a back-country ride. But the brand inspector has the authority to stop trucks and trailers to request ownership documentation. If not available, a ticket can be given and in some cases court appearances necessary.

There is a lifetime permit available for horse transportation you can get information about at the Nevada Department of Agriculture web site. Or Mr. Northrop offered his number, (775) 738-8076, if individuals have questions or concerns. He wants folks to know Nevada's Department of Agriculture is available to assist in anyway to keep livestock in Nevada, safe, healthy and with their proper owners.

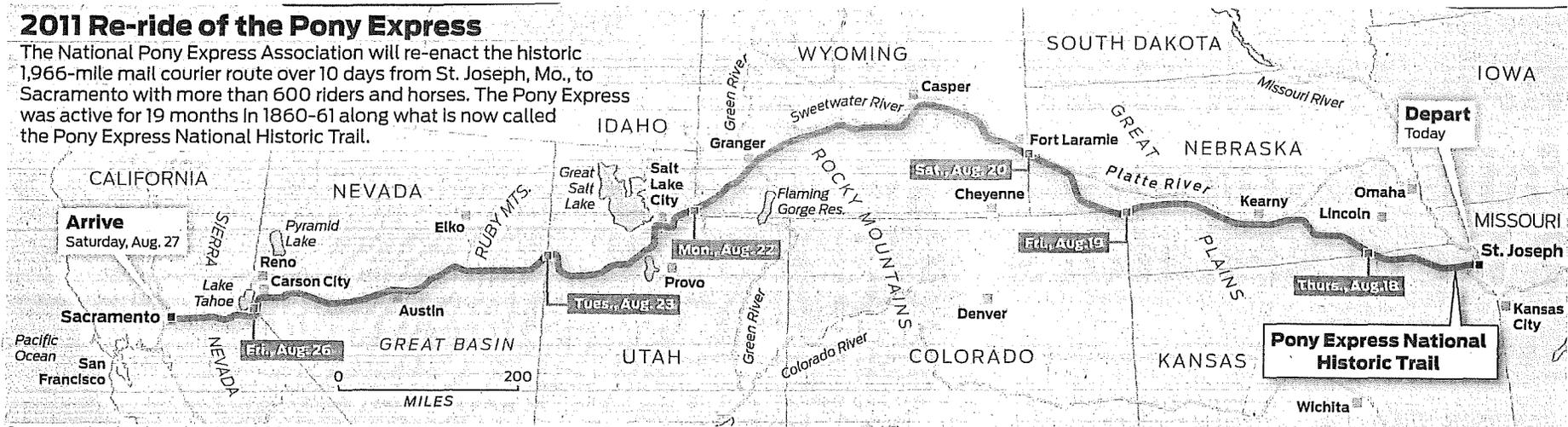
Mr. Northrop was also able to assure me, so far, cattle rustling in this area is none. Not to say it is not happening and did not happen in other areas of Nevada. But that can be a story for another time after court proceedings have concluded.

Marie Johnson is a Carson Valley rancher.

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## 2011 Re-ride of the Pony Express

The National Pony Express Association will re-enact the historic 1,966-mile mail courier route over 10 days from St. Joseph, Mo., to Sacramento with more than 600 riders and horses. The Pony Express was active for 19 months in 1860-61 along what is now called the Pony Express National Historic Trail.



Sources: National Park Services, ESRI, USGS

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# Riders retrace the famous mail route

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cares.

"It gives me a nostalgic chill," said Pool, who owns a Placer County roofing company.

Every summer, more than 600 riders don clothes similar to what the original riders wore and relay letters across the country. A letter can be mailed via the volunteer riders for the 1860 price of \$5.

The group has grown so rapidly that although the original Pony Express riders rode 75 miles apiece, the modern-day participants are allowed stints of just two to 10 miles.

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### Brief moment in time

And soon, the total time the riders have spent re-enacting the route will exceed the entire tenure of the legendary mail service. The Pony Express started in 1860 and ended in bankruptcy after 19 months.

Tom Crews, a professional photographer who has belonged to the historical group for 20 years, said the Pony Express' brief history "blows everyone's minds" because of its impact on the postal system and how significantly it figures in history textbooks.

"It can be credited for keeping California in the Union, it brought the news of Lincoln's inaugural address, and it cut the delivery (time) of mail from the East by one-half," said the Concord resident.

The re-enactment is a "high-stress operation" that requires the utmost dedication and focus, Crews said. The riders are required to take an oath adapted from an almost identical 19th century Pony Express vow, pledging to abstain from alcohol and profanity and to refrain from "quarreling" with



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### Trail tweets

Follow the ride with Twitter updates at @xptomcrews.

one another during the re-enactment.

### Braving the elements

Although the "re-ride" avoids the cold and snow that tested the original riders in the winter, the summer can still present weather challenges.

"Coming through the Midwest, there are horrendous thunderstorms," Crews said. "One year, the mud was up to the riders' hips in Nebraska."

But the group had never canceled or postponed its annual event until this year. Initially scheduled for June, the ride was moved to this week

because of a nationwide outbreak of equine herpes virus-1, which is lethal to horses.

"No one wanted to lose horses to this virus or to be responsible for passing it on," said Jim Swigart, the group's president. "The smartest thing to do is to keep the horses isolated."

Riders make every effort to mimic the apparel, route and lifestyle of their 19th century counterparts, but they don't look a whole lot like them. Legend has it that orphans were specifically solicited for the Pony Express. The historical association discounts that as myth, but the original crew nonetheless was almost certainly younger overall. The re-enactors range from teenagers to a man who rode every year until he died at age 90.

The gender makeup has also

changed. "As far as we know, all original riders were male," Crews said.

Now it's about 50-50, he said, even though women were banned from the ride until 1990.

### Firsthand knowledge

The group's fascination with the operation goes further than a simple appreciation for history. "It is a lot of legend and lore, and that's what I find interesting," Crews said. "There is certainly a lot of history, but a lot of what we know is firsthand from people who knew the riders."

The mystery shrouding the Pony Express exists because there are no official business records or rosters, Crews said.

The re-ride is more transparent. This year for the first time, Crews will post Twitter updates

of the ride at @xptomcrews.

Old Town Sacramento is the final stop, where the mail is turned over to the U.S. Postal Service. This year, riders will arrive Aug. 27 to cheering crowds at about 10 a.m.

While the riders look forward to the fans who meet them in Sacramento, rider Melba Ray-Leal, who led the fight to include women in the ride, said there's also a thrill about riding through the wilderness.

"Especially in the back-country, it's just the rider and the horse — and that's what makes it so exciting," she said. "It's a team effort and an adrenaline rush. Once you've done it, you're hooked."

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Melba Ray-Leal, shown with her horse Allie near her Placerville home, has taken part in the Pony Express re-ride in previous years, but health concerns will prevent her from riding in the event this year. But she enjoys the excitement of the event and hopes to return for next year's re-enactment.

# ALPINE

## Open house for Sierra photographer

by Joyce DeVore

Markleeville Library is hosting an open house for photographer Steve Bradley 3-5 p.m. Saturday. Bradley's exhibit of black and white-silver-gelatin-prints of Monitor Pass will be at the library until Sept. 24.

For the last several years, Bradley has roamed the aspen groves of Monitor Pass to capture the light and enchantment. After discovering the Basque sheepherder carvings, or arboglyths, and learning that they were in danger of disappearing, he began photographing the more striking images to preserve and share them with friends and family.

An arboglyth is formed by etching an image lightly on the bark which then slowly develop over time as the tree grows and scars develop. Some of the arboglyths date back 100 years.

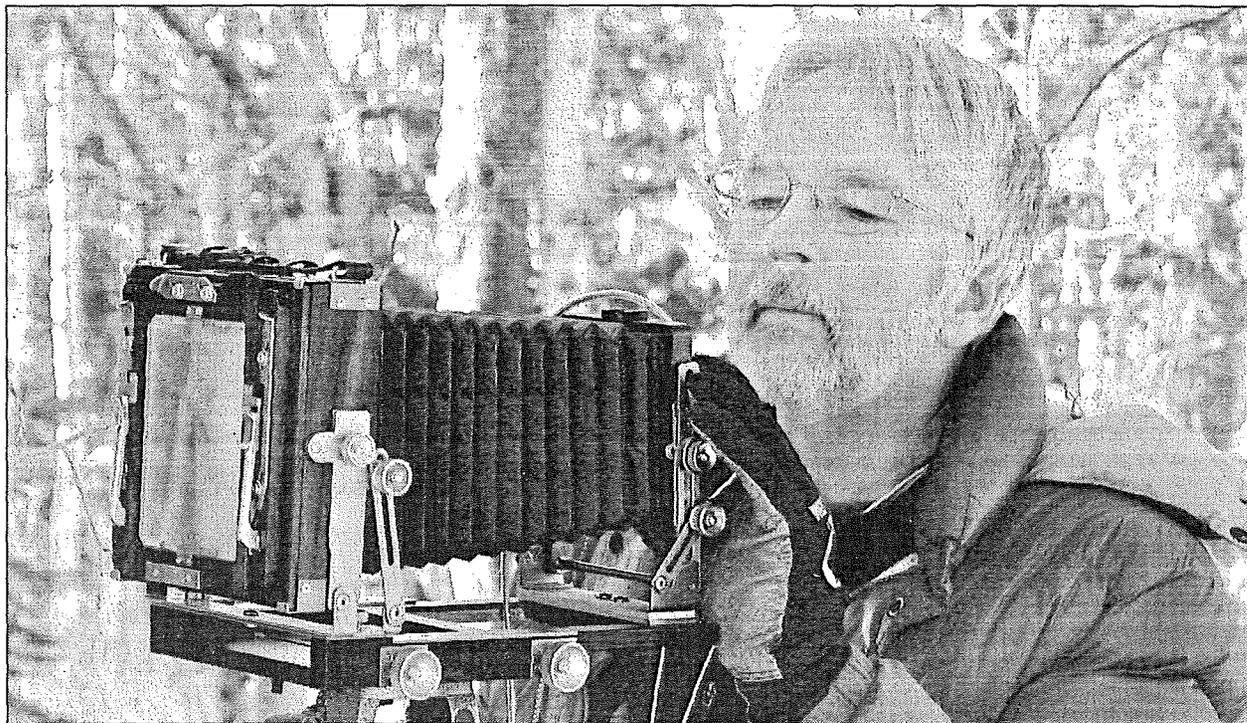
Bradley noted that "For

more than a decade, I have worked diligently to produce B&W silver images that do these carvings justice."

Many of the carvings have fascinating stylized names and creative drawings. Recently Bradley has been experimenting with the abstract images of older arboglyths, whose scarring develops into vague forms like a "Rorschach Test" image. He positions the abstract form in the center of a mat so that the image can be studied from many angles.

Bradley, who now resides in Fremont, spent much of his youth in Alpine County with his family. His parents, Cloyse and Janet Bradley, retired to the family home in Marklee Village so Steve and other family members still enjoy the beauty and outdoor activities in the county.

As a youth, Bradley loved snapping pictures and has been specializing in black and white photography



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Photographer Steve Bradley.

since 1970 when he watched his first image appear in a friend's darkroom. He states, "Through the years, I have improved my darkroom and photography skills, but the thrill of watching an image develop has never changed."

He said that he finds the discipline of traditional large format black and white photography rewarding. Bradley appreciates the history of the discipline and finds it exciting and challenging to com-

pose, execute, and expose images in nature, then develop negatives in the darkroom.

After inspecting the negatives pulled from the fixer, the "final step is creating a fine print with all the nuances visualized before releasing the shutter; this is the ultimate expression of a photographer's vision," Bradley explained.

His goal in photography and life "is to add value.

Whatever I participate in, I like to think I have added value by my participation," Bradley concluded.

An impressive selection of Bradley's photographs will be available for public view-

ing at the reception on Saturday and during regular library hours through Sept. 24. Call the library at (530) 694-2120 for hours of operation and more information.

# ALPINE

## Former Alpine resident earns doctorate

by Virginia York

April 19 was former Alpine County resident Josh Coyan's 35th birthday. It was also the day on which he defended his Ph.D. thesis before a committee of five professors, at the School of Earth and Space Exploration, Arizona State University, Tempe, the culmination of his 31 years of formal education.

His thesis has two parts, which, although ensuring a greater workload, provided the breadth of learning that Josh desired. The first part is entitled: "Eye-Tracking Investigations: Exploring How Students Learn Geology from Photographs."

When Josh was 9 years old he was watching a television program at his grandma's house on how to improve the air traffic controllers' work performance by observing the movement of the controllers' eyes.

This captured Josh's imagination and years later he had the opportunity to implement the approach in an academic context.

Josh, his colleague/girlfriend, Melanie and his advisor wrote a grant to buy an eye-tracking apparatus.

Josh's question was how to improve the students' understanding of geology by having them view a geologically-rich landscape.

Two hundred students of geology agreed to take part in an eye-tracking experiment and receive credit for their participation.

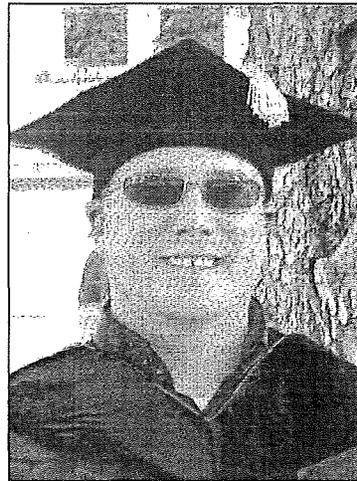
The eye-tracker has one camera which monitors where the eyes go by registering light bouncing off the surface and retina of the eye; the other camera follows the face when the head is moved.

Together the cameras calculate where the student is looking.

During one lesson the participants viewed a photograph of horizontal layers of rock, illustrating canyon formation.

In the photograph, to provide scale, was a man in a boat. It was discovered that the students looked at the man in the boat anywhere from 20-80 percent of the time.

Similarly, in another image in which there were two climbers, required for scale, the students' eyes were fixated on the climbers for an average of half the time the image was displayed. It appears that when humans and animals are present in photographs of landscapes, they claim a high percent-



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Douglas High graduate and Markleeville resident Josh Coyan receives his doctorate from Arizona State University.

age of the viewers' attention. Josh set out to maximize what attracts the students by experimenting with different ways to show them data.

He used techniques such as text bubbles and arrows (these are called "callouts") to direct attention to various parts of the picture.

Statistics, revealed that when items of importance in educational photographs are highlighted, students pay more attention to these and are distracted less by scale objects.

The other part of Josh's thesis, The Structural Setting of Hydrothermal Gold Deposits in the San Antonio Area, Baja California Sur, MX, required that he spend four months working for a mining company an hour and a half north of Cabo San Lucas, determining the location of gold. In this area, as magma rose up into the earth's crust it reacted with circulating fluids.

Commonly, gold was dissolved in the fluids. As the magmatic fluids circulated away from the cooling magma, metals and other dissolved minerals came out of the solution and were deposited, in this case, in steeply dipping faults.

In this place the gold is microscopic; the geologist knows where it is to be found by the presence of gold-bearing rock, stained dark red or yellow by such minerals as hematite and goethite.

Josh is an actor and comedian by nature.

When he was 5 he used to give shows with his toy monkey outside the Markleeville General Store, charging 10 cents admission.

When he expressed an interest in becoming an actor, his parents, Gary and Wanda, suggested he ac-

quire another skill and return to acting when he had a more stable income.

He discovered his audience as a teacher. He teaches with humor, evidenced by the series of videos he produced when he was a T.A. while working for his Ph.D.

The geology videos are extremely informative and very funny even to the uninitiated in the field.

Josh inherits his love of geology from his grandpa, George Coyan who shared his passion for rocks with his grandchildren.

Josh affirms that "It takes a village to raise a child."

He has happy memories of his teachers in Diamond Valley School and Douglas High School where he appreciated his theater studies.

At Diamond Valley he speaks with affection of preschool teachers Jojo and Patti Asay, Ms. Alessio who taught him cursive, Mrs. Parker who introduced him to the number line, Sharon Osgood who gave a demonstration of the conservation of volume using simply a garbage can and garbage bag, and Jerry Price the Egyptology trivia master and basketball coach.

Congratulations, Josh, and good luck in your new job with Chevron.

## Ebbetts Pass festival Sept. 10

### Staff Reports

The Ebbetts Pass Scenic Byway Association will host its 5th annual scenic celebration on Sept. 10.

The byway, which stretches from Arnold to Markleeville, will feature a live music event in Hermit Valley.

Performers will include The Tour Guides, Bill Welles, Grover Anderson and Jens Jarvie. The music begins around noon, powered by a solar generator provided by Sol Sierra, and will officially end at 5 p.m.

There will be food and beverages, a few select vendors and raffle tickets available for sale at the event. The raffle features prizes provided by local businesses including Bear Valley Ski Resort, Bear Valley Lodge, Calaveras Big Trees State Park and others.

Markleeville will be cele-

brating the day with a live fish plant at the Carson River Resort just outside of town at around 2 p.m. The Markleeville Art Gallery at 14841 Highway 89 in downtown Markleeville will have a variety of activities planned.

Grover Hot Springs State Park will be closed for maintenance.

Hermit Valley is located on Highway 4 about 38 miles east of Arnold and 23 miles west of Markleeville on the North Fork of the Mokelumne River at about the 7,000-foot elevation.

The upper portion of Highway 4 between Lake Alpine on the west and Silver Creek on the east is narrow, twisty and steep. The route over the top is not recommended for large RVs or trailers.

Ebbetts Pass was honored with National Scenic Byway status in 2005. It is one of

only seven nationally-designated byways in California. The association developed a guidebook for the area which is available on its website. The 2011 partners and sponsors include the Alpine County Chamber of Commerce, Bear Valley Business Association, Bear Valley Lodge, Bear Valley Ski Resort, Calaveras Big Trees Association, Century 21 Realty, Cedar Creek Realty, Sol Sierra and the U.S. Forest Service.

For more information about Ebbetts Pass, visit [www.scenic4.org](http://www.scenic4.org) or [www.facebook.com/Scenic4](http://www.facebook.com/Scenic4) or e-mail [info@scenic4.org](mailto:info@scenic4.org).

For other events and lodging information, contact the Calaveras Visitors Bureau at (209) 736-0049 ([www.gocalaveras.com](http://www.gocalaveras.com)) or the Alpine County Chamber of Commerce at (530) 6942475 ([www.alpinecounty.com](http://www.alpinecounty.com)).

# Some things can wait, but others you need to fix

There is a tall patch of wild mint just inside the gate to the horse pasture. On a hot, late summer afternoon I walked through it to check the ditch to see if enough stock water to run across the front-

## FENCE LINES



by Marie Johnson

yard lawn. Fresh crushed mint underfoot and the smell of horses, a mix of sweat, hay, warm dust and wet leather could be bottled for lonely cowboys looking for a Saturday night date, never to be lonely again. Late summer out here is still pretty sweet, even if the rest of the map is a bit stinky.

But before one goes on about the condition of the rest of the

world want to address a situation here in the Valley. I want to express disappointment the gas tax failed. Would love to have the resources available to fix the roads I drive on. This gas tax would have been a continuous beneficial source of revenue.

In the paper I read some commissioners thought a gas tax unsustainable. Something to do with renewable and alternative energies. Didn't catch the whole thing because started laughing too cynically hard. A tax on gas unsustainable? Look at the taxes put on it by other entities. What do these other entities not know that Douglas County Commissioners do?

My goodness, then one commissioner said this tax could be more palatable if the tax was a percentage rather than a fixed amount. Even though the fixed

amount is permitted by law. Pretty lame argument. I know this is one dead horse and I hate beating horses, they are such inquisitive, spirited animals. But I wonder at the Douglas County Commissioners and try to figure out what their plan is for fixing roads in the future. Maybe horses and buggies will be used on dilapidated roads.

Call me progressive if you want, because I really don't mind a tax on the things I use if it helps maintain what I am using. I, like many others, usually only ask what tax money is collected be managed properly for its intended purpose, not squandered.

And there are things I am taxed for like medicare, social security, and maybe even a senior citizen center I do not use now, but may need in the future. And like insurance may be good to have around

if I ever do need them. I understand the need for taxation.

Actually don't mind taxes on most things. Kind of use to them. Heck, would even like more. Place them on churches, which I understand are nonprofit organizations, but make a lot of money off of private investments and donate to political causes. A lot of tax revenue waiting to be reaped there. But I know that is a political firestorm of a debate not to be dealt with today. May as well put it off, like the gas tax. But some things can not be put off, like taking care of the horses or the grass. So I will put my irrigation boots back on, go find my hat and shovel and get back out there and make some practical decisions, like one is expected (or elected) to do.

Marie Johnson is a Carson Valley rancher.

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## Better firefighting through cooperation

by Joyce DeVore

The mesa was on fire. It was Tuesday afternoon, Aug. 23. The location of the fire, along Highway 88, borders more than a hundred homes along Emigrant Trail to the east and another handful of homes to the west.

I happen to live in one of those homes and understand the risks of wildfire in our county. I was working outside and smelled smoke. It was only minutes before I heard multiple sirens and the sound of engines racing down the highway.

The Eastern Alpine Fire Department, with Buck McClelland operating the tender, responded immediately to a passerby's call. Next came the East Fork Fire District, the Bureau of Land Management's fire squad, and two firefighting aircraft were in-bound.

The lightning speed and efficient firefighting is not the work of super heroes in capes. Rather it is the story of how our fire department has evolved over the past few years into a "whole different organization," according to Mike Gard, volunteer firefighter.

Going back several years, the county's grand jury recommended hiring an individual to be fire chief, in charge of keeping the two fire departments (then Woodfords and Markleeville) in compliance with

various standards, in training, and operating with the proper equipment.

County Executive Officer Pamela Knorr agreed that consolidating the two fire departments and hiring a fire chief would be the best decision from a fiscal standpoint and from an organization standpoint. The board of supervisors approved the consolidation and the Eastern Alpine County Fire Service plan was adopted.

One of the first changes was hiring Lake Valley Fire Department to conduct training. Terry Hughes was the training coordinator, implementing the consolidation of the two fire departments and the emergency medical services program.

Hughes retired after serving 35 years with the Tahoe-Douglas Fire Department and most recently as volunteer fire chief at East Fork.

"Jeff Michaels convinced me to take the Eastern Alpine fire chief job," Hughes said. He added humorously, "And I can't play golf, a game played by many retired people."

Hughes is not only the fire chief, he is also a volunteer. When a call comes in, he responds like any other member. That leadership and esprit de corps has resulted in many benefits, tangible and intangible.



Eastern Alpine Fire Department firefighters in the station.

"We have a united volunteer fire department that serves the whole community," volunteer John Jackson said. "We have a common goal and clear direction and a qualified leader."

Hughes added, "Since we are unified, we have been able to supply mutual aid to others. For example, we have been to Echo Summit and to Reno on calls."

The intensified training with Lake Valley has created a closer working relationship with the two departments. Additional training

with the East Fork Fire Department, Cal Fire, and The US Forest Service has also enhanced the department. As a result of volunteers taking trainings, our fire department now has a better EMS system in place.

What about Markleeville fire station and Hung-a-lel-ti fire station?

Markleeville Fire Station is still in operation, under the new name of Eastern Alpine County Fire Department. Volunteers work out of both stations, interchanging equipment for the benefit of the emer-

gency situation. Inventory and equipment is managed more efficiently under the consolidation.

The Hung-a-lel-ti community, in District 5, has a staffed fire station. Neil Mortimer is the fire chief. The water tender and brush truck improve response time in that part of the county.

Hughes is also working the Alpine Fire Safe Council to help coordinate fire education, especially defensible space. When I asked what the volunteers need from the community, Al Moss replied "We appreciate the support of the community. There is always something that a volunteer can contribute, and a positive telephone call can truly help the morale of the volunteers. We also like cookies."

Although the volunteer roster is at a record high of 38 members, the department is always recruiting for new volunteers. Call Buck McClelland at (530) 694-2771 for more information.

The annual barn dance is a fundraiser for Eastern Alpine Fire Department. It will be held on Saturday at the home of Al and Patty Moss. For tickets, call the Moss residence at (530) 694-2508.

The changes have been extremely beneficial. Thanks to all involved for implementing the consolidation and the progress it has brought to our community.

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# Markleeville Creek day is Sept. 17

## Staff Reports

The 10th annual Markleeville Creek Day is Sept. 17, when members of the Alpine Watershed Group will work to restore, educate and celebrate stream health and water quality.

The group will meet at the Alpine County Library Park located at 270 Laramie Street in Markleeville, California at 10 a.m.

Participants will depart shortly thereafter to project sites throughout the area.

Projects include invasive weed removal, vegetative protection and restoration, stream bank stabilization, storm drain stenciling, and the Great Sierra River Cleanup.

Children may help their parents with these projects or spend the day in supervised youth group learning about watersheds and water quality with many hands-on activities.

The day will wrap up back at Library Park at 2 p.m. with an ice cream social, face painting, information and education booths.

The group will also hold a tribute to Dan Kaffer, co-founder and on-going supporter of the Alpine Watershed Group.

It is a free event and all

ages are encouraged to participate. Participants are encouraged to sign-up in advance for a specific project. Organizers recommend

wearing work clothes, gloves, and sunscreen. Bring a bag lunch, water, and maybe a camera. The Alpine Watershed

Group thanked Alpine County, Carson Water Conservancy District, and The Rose Foundation, for their contribution to the

event.

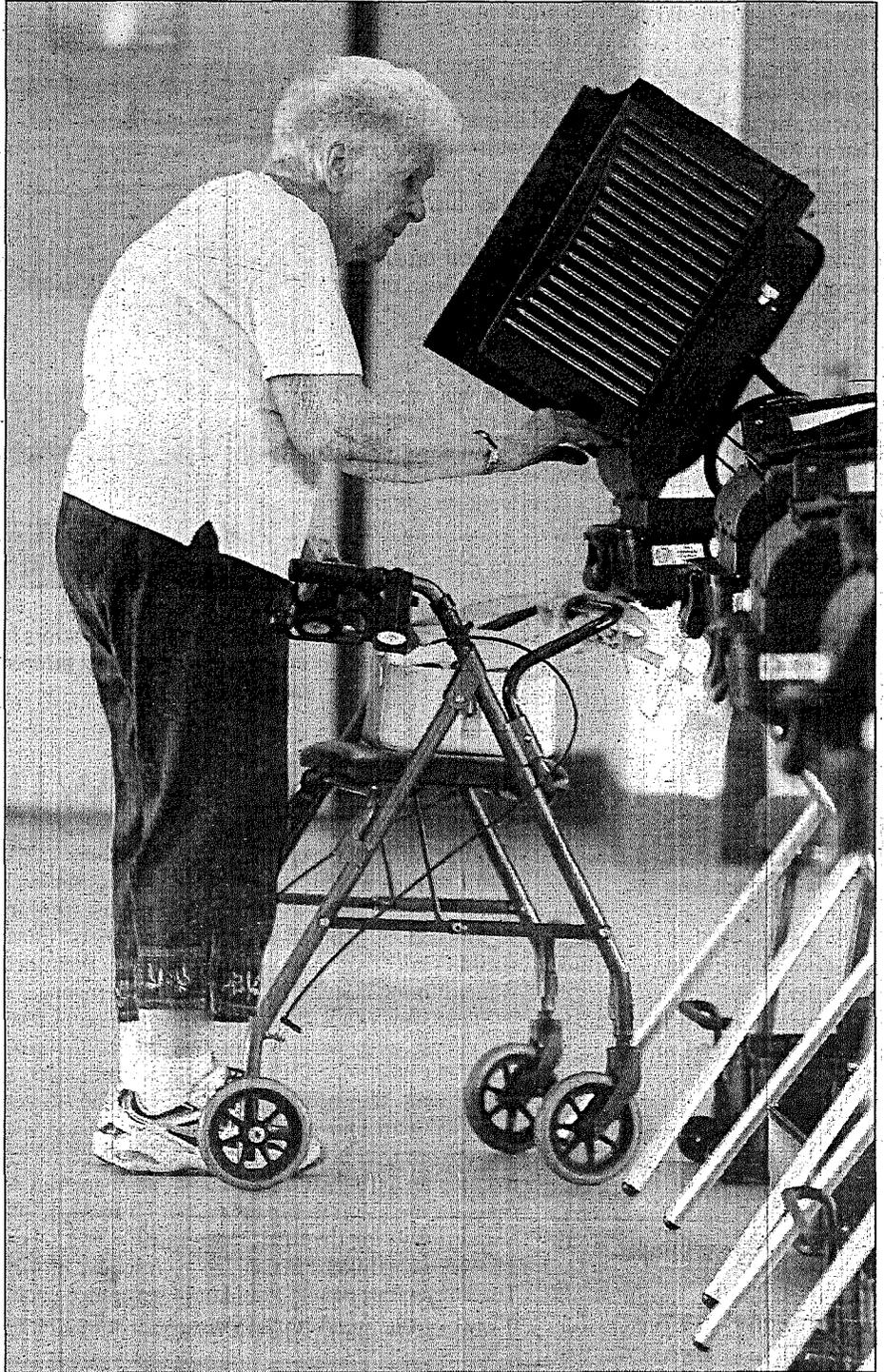
For more information about Markleeville Creek Day, visit our web site at: [http://www.alpinecountyca.gov/watershed\\_group](http://www.alpinecountyca.gov/watershed_group).

To sign up for a restoration project go to

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/markleeville>.

If you have any questions or are interested in hosting an information table, call Lorraine Craik at (775) 781-8898.

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Jim Grant

Ninety-year-old Clare Lovell casts her vote at the Gardnerville Ranchos Fire Station in the special election on Tuesday. Lovell has voted in every election for the past 69 years.

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