

DATE	Newspaper	HEADLINE	Category	PEOPLE
1/1/2012	Fishing the California Alps 2012	Grover Hot Springs finds some friends	Hot Springs/History	
1/1/2012	Fishing the California Alps 2012	STPUD and Alpine County- A relationship that works	Sewage	
1/1/2012	Fishing the California Alps 2012	Indian Creek Reservoir	Fishing	
1/1/2012	Fishing the California Alps 2012	West Carson River	Fishing	
1/1/2012	Fishing the California Alps 2012	A short 15 minute hike	Fishing	
1/1/2012	Fishing the California Alps 2012	Alpine County Fish and Game Commission	Fishing	Dave Zellmer
1/1/2012	Fishing the California Alps 2012	Summit City Creek, 1930	Fishing/History	
1/1/2012	Fishing the California Alps 2012	Fondest memories of East Fork Resort	Business/Biography	Gloria Washam
1/1/2012	Fishing the California Alps 2012	40 plus miles of fly fishing	Fishing	
1/1/2012	Fishing the California Alps 2012	Lamont an cutthroat resource trout - threatened reasource	Fish restoration	
1/1/2012	Fishing the California Alps 2012	Yes, they fished back then, too!	Fishing/History	
1/11/2012	Record Courier	Gardnerville man denies sexual assault of two girls	Courts/Crime	Adelina Osorio
1/11/2012	Record Courier	Dry winter no comfort to ranching business	Agriculture	Marie Johnson
1/18/2012	Record Courier	Family, friends remember music teacher	Obituary/Biography	Chuck Wayne
1/18/2012	Record Courier	13-year-old takes mom's van to Alpine, takes another, wrecks	Crime	

1/20/2012	Record Courier	Charles "Chuck" R. Wayne	Obituary/Biography	
1/20/2012	Record Courier	Census means new lines for Alpine	Census/Government	Barbara Howard, Joyce DeVore, Don Jardine
1/27/2012	Record Courier	Remembering Mr. Wayne	Obituary	Chuck Wayne
2/1/2012	Powder Magazine	California's Bear Valley expands into a familiar southern slope	Bear Valley	Phil Davis, Jim Gentling
2/3/2012	Record Courier	Musicians perform at Hope Valley Cafe	Hope Valley/Arts	Joyce DeVore, Joyce Coker, Leesa Lopazanski
2/17/2012	Record Courier	The Pau-Wa-Lu Middle School honor roll for fall 2011	Schools/Awards	Samuel Brees
2/24/2012	Record Courier	Vail buys Kirkwood, reactions split	Kirkwood	Michael Dalzell, Josh Daniel, Rose Marie Daiek, David Likins, Nathan Whaley
2/24/2012	Record Courier	City, public oppose speed limit increase	Roads/Laws	
2/24/2012	Record Courier	Looking for photos	History	Nancy Thornburg
2/24/2012	Record Courier	Pa-Wa-Lu Honor Roll Addendum	Schools/Awards	
3/2/2012	Record Courier	Markleeville residents talk about wild and scenic plan	Land Use	Joyce DeVore
3/2/2012	Record Courier	Event helps maintain famous skier's legacy	History/Event	Snowshoe Thompson
3/9/2012	Record Courier	Alpine County seeks off-highway grant money	Roads	
3/13/2012	University of California Calisphere	Round Top 1800's	History/Geography	
3/16/2012	Record Courier	Restaurant, new lifts included in Kirkwood plan	Kirkwood	
3/16/2012	Record Courier	Native Americans honored at Women in History reception	Washoe	

3/23/2012	Record Courier	Living with fire sometimes means learning to rebuild	Fire	Virginia York, Heidi Hopkins
4/6/2012	Record Courier	Alpine man devotes time to international program	Biography	Joyce DeVore, Bill Morgan, Elizabeth Lana Hicks
4/18/2012	Record Courier	Alpine resident shoots mountain lion	Wildlife	Robert Levy
4/20/2012	Record Courier	Alpine hosts candidates night in supervisor race	Election	Skip Veatch, Scot Hansen, Letitia Hansen, Earl O'Neal, Philip Bennett, Katherine Rakow, Tom Sweeney, Mary Rawson
4/20/2012	Record Courier	Alpine County watershed group seeks volunteers	Watershed Group	
4/20/2012	Record Courier	Feds plan Markleeville burning	Fire/Safety	
4/27/2012	Record Courier	Opening day features stream fishing, music	Business/Arts	
4/27/2012	Record Courier	Indian Creek campground open	Recreation	
5/4/2012	Record Courier	Alpine residents get wildfire tips	Fire/Safety	
5/30/2012	Record Courier	Hope Valley spring workshop June 9	Arts	Charles Muench
5/9/2012	Record Courier	Springtime on the ranch brings birth, death	Agriculture	Marie Johnson
5/18/2012	Record Courier	WNC to graduate largest class ever	Schools/Awards	
5/25/2012	Record Courier	Alpine library a happening location	Library/Event	Virginia York, Rita Lovell, Ellen Martin, Steve Hibbs, Jim Dunn, Carol Morgan
5/5/2012	Record Courier	Square Dancing	Events	Ron Claridge
5/30/2012	Record Courier	Band and Choir Perform	Schools	

5/30/2012	Record Courier	2012 salute to seniors	Schools/Awards	KaLynn Payne, Mason Jackson, William Rubino, Brandon Crawford
6/1/2012	Record Courier	Being happy with Billy	Schools/Biography	Billy Rubino
6/8/2012	Record Courier	June brings time to wonder about a big hunk of rock	Agriculture	Marie Johnson
6/8/2012	Record Courier	Write-in candidate wins Alpine election	Election	Katherine Rakow, Phillip Bennett, Mary Rawson, Scot Hansen, Ron Hames, Earl O'Neal, Herman Zellmer, Tom Sweeney
6/8/2012	Record Courier	Pau-Wa-Lu Middle School Honor Holl	Schools/Awards	Samuel Brees, Mitchell Menzer
6/8/2012	Record Courier	Events draw artists to Alpine County in June	Arts/Event	Joyce DeVore
6/15/2012	Record Courier	Markleeville Plein Air starts Tuesday	Arts/Event	
6/15/2012	Record Courier	Pony Express eastbound and down	History/Event	
6/27/2012	Record Courier	Sierra cyclist to tackle world's toughest double century	Bicycles	
6/1/2012	Record Courier	Dog licensing vaccination clinic June 14	Health	
6/1/2012	Record Courier	Alpine, Mono voters go to polls	Election	Scott Hansen, Earl O'Neal, Tom Sweeney, Mary Rawson
6/29/2012	Record Courier	Alpine debates construction of government center	Building/Government	Virginia York, Zach Wood, Sandy Bryson, Judge DeVore, John Crawford, John Super, Gary Coyan, Nick Hartzell, Andy Lovell, Kathy Rakow
7/4/2012	Record Courier	11 days in the wild	Lost/Found	
7/6/2012	Record Courier	Alpine woman's efforts paved way for Death Ride	Bicycles	Nancy Thornburg, Orita Keebaugh

7/27/2012	Record Courier	Alpine asks voters to alter county government	Government/Opinion	Nancy Thornburg, David Griffith, Eric Jung, Steve Hibbs, Joyce DeVore, Shirley Taylor, Jim Holdridge, Kris Hartnett
7/27/2012	Record Courier	Markleeville's postmaster hanging up her stamps	Post Office/Biography	Virginia York, Margaret Daniels, Dale Bohlman, Buddy Barrett, Eloise Barrett, Hoke Barrett, Clint Celio, Wanda Coyan, Ellen Martin
7/29/121	Record Courier	Relocated bears killed in Hope Valley	Wildlife, Hope Valley	John Brissenden, Patty Brissenden, Jeremy Magrath
8/19/2012	Los Angeles Times	Nothing but peace, quiet	Travelogue	
8/22/2012	Record Courier	Louis "Lou" Ianni	Obituary/Biography	Louis Ianni, Marlene Ianni
8/24/2012	Record Courier	Bear Valley artist shows work in Markleeville	Library/Arts	Thea Schoettgen
8/31/2012	Record Courier	Payne receives Wilma Rule Scholarship	Schools/Awards	KaLynn Payne, Hazel Payne, Raymond Payne, Marilyn Payne, Raymond Payne Jr., Sari Payne, Ginger Craik, Wilma Rule, Irving Krauss, Virginia York
9/7/2012	Record Courier	New owners and new name for Woodfords Station	Business/Biography	Clint Celio, Jennifer Celio, Hunter Celio, Calvin Celio, Joyce DeVore, Dave Kirby, Lynda Kirby
9/14/2012	Record Courier	Markleeville Creek Day coming Saturday	Watershed Group	Rita Lovell
9/21/2012	Record Courier	Alpine prepares for November elections	Elections	Scot Hansen, Ron Hames, Kim Jackson, Jane Starrett, Tom Sweeney, Jill Wegentein
9/28/2012	Record Courier	Climbers credited with reporting artifact removal	Crime/History	Darrel Cruz

10/5/2012	Record Courier	Artists Open Studio Tour this weekend	Arts/Event	Mark Vaughn, Joyce DeVore, Charles Muench, Sandy Baenan, Noel Bottoms, Linda Bottoms, Peter Chope, Russel Ketenjian, Richard Shokouh, Carolyn Vaughn, Evelyn Yonder
10/5/2012	Record Courier	Alpine County allotments opened to sheep grazing	Agriculture/Land Use	
10/5/2012	Record Courier	Public woodcutting open in Airport fire area	Wood	
10/5/2012	Record Courier	Clarence David McElroy Sr.	Obituary/Biography	Clarence McElroy, Dave McElroy Jr.
10/5/2012	Record Courier	Game	Schools/Awards	Kyle Johnston, Jordan Chappell
#####	Record Courier	What does a cowboy wear on Halloween?	Agriculture/History	Marie Johnson
#####	Record Courier	Three arrested in Alpine pot bust	Crime	John Burchard, Stephen Stiller, Justin Jones
#####	Record Courier	Alpine County develops community fire plan	Fire/Safety	Joyce DeVore, Kris Hartnett, Shirley Taylor, Al Moss, Steve Yonker, David Griffith, Karie Kunich, Evan Mecak, John Jackson, Abby Voss, Emilio Arroyo, Andrew Levy, Isabel Thomson, Mark Franzi, Justin Broom, Jennifer Christensen, Courtney Brothers, Landon Matlock
#####	Record Courier	Teenage hunter dies in snowstorm	Accident	Robert Levy
#####	Record Courier	Alpine ballots should be mailed by Oct. 31	Election	Ron Hames, Scot Hansen, Kim Jackson, Jane Starrett, Tom Sweeney, Jill Wegenstein
11/2/2012	Record Courier	Markleeville Library hosts artist	Library/Arts	Tamia de Luna

11/2/2012	Record Courier	BLM closes Alpine fire woodcutting Sunday	Wood	
11/9/2012	Record Courier	Longtime Alpine public figure ready for retirement	Biography	Skip Veatch, Virginia York, Dave Zellmer, Rita Keebaugh, Mary Ellen Zellmer, Edie Veatch, Jim Clark, Dolores Clark, Stuart Merrill, Chris Veatch, Tammy Shannon Veatch, Cam Craik
11/9/2012	Record Courier	Harvest season time to watch the wild turkeys	Agriculture/Wildlife	Marie Johnson
#####	Record Courier	Cressaty and Abele wed	Marriage	Katherine Cressaty, John Cressaty, Beth Cressaty
#####	Record Courier	Masonry business seeks approval to harvest Alpine rock	Business/Land Use	
#####	Record Courier	Christmas tree cutting season starts	Wood/Permits	
#####	Record Courier	Earth & Fire a modern tintage exhibition	Library/Arts	Carolyn Vaughn, Mark Vaughn, Jennifer Vaughn
#####	Record Courier	Markleeville hosts second annual Christmas Faire	Community/Event	Joyce DeVore, Laura Burt, Virginia York, Marsha Bennett, Dawn Riddle, Mark Vaughn, Carolyn Vaughn, Evelyn Yoker
#####	Record Courier	Bear	Kirkwood	
12/7/2012	Record Courier	Alpine's Sweeney bring service to community	Community/Event /Biography	Ton Sweeney, Jane Sweeney, Virginia York, Don Jardine
12/7/2012	Record Courier	Companion perishes in search for help	Search/Rescue	Rob Levy
#####	Record Courier	A tale of Carson Valley Christmases past	Agriculture/History	Marie Johnson
#####	Record Courier	Dispatch logs detail Alpine search	Search/Rescue	Rob Levy

#####	Record Courier	Alpine gets grant to work on Markleeville Creek	Watershed Group	Sarah Green, Donald Jardine
#####	Record Courier	Dakota Gene Horse	Birth	April Shaw, Ramsey Horse, Dakota Horse
#####	Record Courier	Homecoming	Schools/Awards	Kyle Johnston, Jordan Chappell
#####	Via	He knows snow	Business	John Baker
#####	Record Courier	Fire claims Woodfords home on Christmas	Fire	Rob Levy
#####	Record Courier	Genoa stager decorates the White House for the holidays	Business	Bonnie Foster
1/9/2013	Record Courier	Finding calves no matter where the cows put them	Agriculture	Marie Johnson
1/11/2013	Record Courier	Alpine book features historic driving tour	History/Book	Karen Dustman
1/18/2013	Record Courier	Woman testified defendant put her in fear for her life	Court/Crime	Karen Dustman
1/18/2013	Record Courier	Woodfords sets record in Christmas Bird count	Wildlife	Kate Harvey, Richard Harvey
1/25/2013	Record Courier	Douglas High School Honor Roll	Schools/Awards	Tyler Van Den Berg, Sarah Medicine Crow
1/27/2013	Record Courier	Sierra passes close for the winter	Roads	
1/27/2013	Record Courier	Storm dumps 42 inches of snow on Kirkwood	Kirkwood	Jon Copeland
2/17/2013	Record Courier	Wild and scenic river open houses next week	Rivers	
2/13/2013	Record Courier	A young life hanging by a length of twine	Agriculture	Marie Johnson
2/20/2013	Record Courier	Who was the greatest president?	Opinion	Bill Morgan
2/22/2013	Record Courier	Man who died at Burnside Lake had drugs in his system	Search/Rescue	

3/1/2013	Record Courier	Mushers offer tours of 6-mile Hope Valley loop	Hope Valley/Business	
3/6/2013	Record Courier	Wayward bull means early branding season	Agriculture	Marie Johnson
3/8/2013	Record Courier	Small mountain stream source of life-giving water	Watershed Group	Chris Katopothis
3/15/2013	Record Courier	Alpine open house set for new forest supervisor	Forest Service/Event	
3/24/2013	Record Courier	Replanting begins on Alpine County burn	Fire	
3/27/2013	Record Courier	Washoe Tribe recalls chairwoman	Washoe	
4/1/2013	Fishing the California Alps	Go high to have fun, fish and stay cool	Fishing	
4/1/2013	Fishing the California Alps	Ice fishing the Tahoe area	Fishing	
4/1/2013	Fishing the California Alps	Pleasant Valley Fly Fishing Preserve	Fishing	
4/1/2013	Fishing the California Alps	Grover Hot Springs State Park	Hot Springs/History	
4/1/2013	Fishing the California Alps	Alpine County Fish and Game Commission	Fishing	Dave Zellmer
4/1/2013	Fishing the California Alps	CDFW offers recovering service members reduced fee licenses	Fishing/Regulations	
4/1/2013	Fishing the California Alps	STPUD and Alpine County - a relationship that works	Sewage	
4/1/2013	Fishing the California Alps	Having fun at Indian Creek Reservoir	Fishing	
4/1/2013	Fishing the California Alps	The 4 seasons of highway 4	Travelogue	Adam Washam
4/1/2013	Fishing the California Alps	Take a tour of Silver Mountain City	History	Karen Dustman, Rick Dustman

4/1/2013	Fishing the California Alps	Department name change effective January 1, 1013	Fishing	
4/1/2013	Fishing the California Alps	Discover Alpine's local history - and a mystery	History	
4/1/2013	Fishing the California Alps	Large catch of trout	Fishing/History	
4/5/2013	Record Courier	How many cows could result in many wives	Agriculture	Marie Johnson
4/5/2013	Record Courier	Any volunteers? Alpine seeks helpers	Community	Virginia York, Edie Veatch, Deirdre Wallace, Sarah Green, Laura Parks, Teresa Burkhauser Al Vacek, Amy Broadhurst, Betty Hathaway, Wanda Coyan, Kim Jackson, Terrence Hughes
4/12/2013	Record Courier	Markleeville founder finally gets his due	History	Karen Dustman, Jacob Markley
4/12/2013	Record Courier	Monitor Pass reopens	Roads	
4/17/2013	Record Courier	One dead in accident over embankment at Caples Lake	Accident	Rob Levy
4/17/2013	Record Courier	Indian Creek campground opens April 26	Recreation	
4/26/2013	Record Courier	Marine ID'd as victim in Caples Lake fatal accident	Accident	
4/26/2013	Record Courier	Alpine County Library and Archives: Read on	Library/Event	Karen Dustman, Sherry Sellars, Rachael Brothers
4/26/2013	Record Courier	Come visit Alpine County	Advertisement	
5/1/2013	Sunset Magazine	Find your treasure	Travelogue	
5/3/2013	Record Courier	Enjoying the fruits of a self-sown garden	Gardening	Karen Dustman
5/8/2013	Record Courier	Remembering those who came before	History	Marie Johnson
5/10/2013	Record Courier	Watershed Group seeks coordinator	Watershed Group	

5/10/2013	Record Courier	Alpine remembers founder	History/Event	Jacob Markley, Don Jardine, Steve Hibbs, Ron Hames
5/10/2013	Record Courier	Forest Service to close recreational area	Forest Service/Recreation	
5/10/2013	Record Courier	Tribe must return to the Washo Way	Washoe/Opinion	
5/31/2013	Record Courier	Friends of Hope Valley work day and benefit concert	Hope Valley/Event	
6/1/2013	Record Courier	Bistate sage grouse rules announced	Wildlife	
6/7/2013	Record Courier	Mono, Alpine pet vaccinations this month	Health	
6/7/2013	Record Courier	Finding the Witness Tree	History	Karen Dustman, jSnowshoe Thompson
6/9/2013	Record Courier	Markleeville senior reaches out to tornado victims	Senior/Biography	Gwen McGinley, Diana Mitzner
6/12/2013	Record Courier	Honoring America's founding farmers	Agriculture/History	Marie Johnson
6/14/2013	Record Courier	Big Catch	Fishing	
6/26/2013	Record Courier	Future leaders learn from the past	Schools/Awards	Mitchell Levy
6/26/2013	Record Courier	Pau-Wa-Lu Honor Roll	Schools/Awards	Andrew Voss, Mackenzie Craik, Amanda Process, Beau Medicine Crow
6/28/2013	Record Courier	Another skirmish on the varmint front	Wildlife	Karen Dustman, Rick Dustman
6/28/2013	Record Courier	Friends of Library host fundraiser	Library/Event	Linda Merrill, Evelyn Yonker
7/3/2013	Record Courier	Get out and about, but clean up after yourself	Fishing	

7/5/2013	Record Courier	Silver Mountain City provides window to the past	Museum/History	Virginia York, Karen Dustman, Rick Dustman
7/10/2013	Record Courier	Maynard W. Rakow	Obituary/Biography	Maynard Rakow, Arnold Rakow, Elwood Rakow, Rodger Rakow, Knox Rakow
7/10/2013	Record Courier	Lighting up the Fourth then and now	History	Marie Johnson
7/12/2013	Record Courier	Markleeville as it was before the fire of 1885	History	Karen Dustman, Wanda Coyan
7/12/2013	Record Courier	Man faces burglary, robbery charges	Crime	Waylon Dondero
7/17/2013	Record Courier	Death Ride through the California Alps	Bicycles	
7/19/2013	Record Courier	Woodfords basket maker learned from the best	Arts	Karen Dustman, Paula Pennington, Elaine Christensen, Goldie Bryant
7/19/2013	Record Courier	Four Carson Valley teams dominate state softball tournament	Sports/Kids	Jailene Salciedo
7/26/2013	Record Courier	Markleeville resort gets green light	Development	Tom Abdo
7/26/2013	Record Courier	Fire takes toll on tribal lands	Washoe/Fire	Steven James, Darrel Cruz
8/2/2013	Record Courier	Man seeks funding for defense	Crime	Adelina Osorio
8/7/2013	Record Courier	Archeologist leads excavation at Stewart	Washoe	Darrel Cruz
8/7/2013	Record Courier	Summer time for kicking back	Agriculture/Biography	Marie Johnson
8/9/2013	Record Courier	Local group works to end violence in Alpine County	Social Services	Karen Dustman, Heather Knox
8/14/2013	Record Courier	Man dead in Ranchos shooting	Crime	David Woffinden, Kimberly Woffinden

8/16/2013	Record Courier	Kirkwood skier chases World Tour dream	Kirkwood	
8/16/2013	Record Courier	Kirkwood connecting to the power grid	Kirkwood	
8/23/2013	Record Courier	Alpine boy brings new eye to old things	Museum	Karen Dustman, Leo Coyan, Wanda Coyan, Gary Coyan, Rick Dustman
8/23/2013	Record Courier	Man faces prison in robbery	Crime	Waylon Dondero
8/30/2013	Record Courier	Goats make great mountain haulers, neighbors	Agriculture	Virginia York, Wanda Coyan, Gary Coyan
9/2/2013	Los Angeles Times	Poisoning a Sierra stream to save the world's rarest trout	Fish restoration	Don Jardine
9/4/2013	Record Courier	California SRA fire fee flap flares up again	Fire/Regulation	
9/6/2013	Record Courier	Grapes give out fruit and shade	Gardening	Karen Dustman
9/6/2013	Record Courier	Trails group starts in Alpine County	Recreation	
9/11/2013	Record Courier	Markleeville Courthouse's future	Building/Opinion	Karen Dustman, Nancy Thornburg, Wanda Coyan
9/14/2013	The Inyo Register	Continuum of Care coming to Inyo, Mono, and Alpine	Health	
9/18/2013	Record Courier	Alpine to look at courthouse alternatives	Buildings	Nancy Thornburg, Judge DeVore
18-Sep	Record Courier	Luetta Bergevin	Obituary/Biography	Luetta Bergevin
9/20/2013	Record Courier	Abuse prompts Markleeville outrage in 1874	Health	Karen Dustman

9/27/2013	Record Courier	Fall brings color and artists to Markleeville	Arts/Event	Joyce DeVore, Noel Bottoms, Linda Bottoms, Erik Holland, Peter Chope, Sandy Baenen, Patt Baenen, Charles Muench, Russel Ketenjian, Carolyn Vaughn, Mark Vaughn, Reena Spansail, Richard Shokouh, Evelyn Yonker
10/2/2013	Record Courier	Man sentenced to 15 years for robbery	Crime	Waylon Dondero
10/4/2013	Record Courier	Autumn weather is here, and fishing's great	Fishing	
10/4/2013	Record Courier	Paranormal investigators roll into Markleeville	Museum/Event	
10/4/2013	Record Courier	Reno artist displays work at Markleeville Library	Arts/Event	Virginia York, Erik Holland, Evelyn Yonker
10/9/2013	Record Courier	Fake officer pulls over, attacks woman in Alpine	Crime	
#####	Record Courier	Remembering a friend, Dave Zellmer	Obituary/Biography	Dave Zellmer
#####	Record Courier	Markleeville hosts ghost walk on Saturday	Museum/Event	
#####	Record Courier	Dam fees drain subconservancy	Water	Karen Dustman
#####	Record Courier	Woman recants fake police officer attack story	Crime	Rob Levy
#####	Record Courier	New superintendent of schools for Alpine County	Schools	Virginia York, Patrick Traynor
#####	Record Courier	El Dorado investigating beating case	Crime	
#####	Record Courier	Bear caught in Hope Valley 120 years ago	History/Wildlife	William Merrill

#####	Record Courier	Early Learning Center offers room to grow	Schools	Karen Dustman, Tracy Ikemire, Amanda Craft
#####	Record Courier	Autumn fishing conditions are ideal	Fishing	
11/1/2013	The Flow	A Successful, Rainy 14th Annual Markleeville Creek Day	Watershed Group	Sarah Green
11/1/2013	Record Courier	Grouching about the grouse	Wildlife/Opinion	
11/1/2013	Record Courier	November lecture features Silver Mountain City	History/Event	Karen Dustman
11/1/2013	Record Courier	Alpine Fire Safe Council poster contest winners	Fire/Safety	Joyce DeVore, Aubrie Washam, Raelynn Horse, Tanner Galvez, Laura Klinger, Callen Broadhurst, Camryn McLelland, Isaac John, Eli Sargent, Allen Baker, Emma Klinger, Logan Eros, Patrick Riegel, Antonia Burtt, Alyssa Mortimer, Nikoyah Leggett, Courtney Brothers, Crystal Bennett, Morgana-le-Fae Veatch
11/6/2013	Record Courier	November lecture features Silver Mountain City	History/Event	Karen Dustman, Rick Dustman
11/8/2013	Record Courier	State, Feds announce burn plans	Fire/Safety	
11/8/2013	Record Courier	Christmas tree cutting starts Nov. 22	Permits	
11/8/2013	Record Courier	Building the library of the future in Alpine County	Library	Virginia York, Don Hittenmiller, Rita Lovell, Richard Shokouh
#####	Record Courier	New food, facilities to be featured at Kirkwood	Kirkwood	Dave Myers, Kevin Cooper
#####	Record Courier	Alpine Marine included in honor flight	Armed Services/Award	Glen Kanig, Nancy Thornburg
#####	Record Courier	Bear shooting not a violation	Crime	

#####	Record Courier	Diamond Valley students recognized	Schools/Awards	Courtney Brothers, Amy Mecak, Owen Mecak
#####	Record Courier	Kirkwood kicks off ski season	Kirkwood	
12/1/2013	Mountain News	Local ski resorts mostly measuring up environmentally	Kirkwood	
12/1/2013	Record Courier	Early Christmas news for anglers	Fishing	
12/6/2013	Record Courier	Watch for falling mice	Wildlife	Karen Dustman, Rick Dustman
12/6/2013	Record Courier	James Wallace Ahnlund	Obituary/Biography	James Ahnlund, Elise Ahnlund, Rob Ahnlund, Nels Ahnlund
12/8/2013	Nevada Appeal	Skiers rejoice for fresh powder	Kirkwood	
#####	Record Courier	Douglas girls club unbeaten in tourney	Schools/Sports	Leonna Mortimer
#####	Record Courier	Douglas girls still unbeaten	Schools/Sports	Leonna Mortimer
#####	Nevada Appeal	South Shore area resorts open more ground	Kirkwood	Casey Blann
#####	Record Courier	Douglas may oppose bistate sage grouse listing	Wildlife	
#####	Record Courier	South Shore area resorts open more ground	Kirkwood	Casey Blann
#####	Record Courier	Dot-So-La-Lee Buried With Treasure Basket	Washoe	
#####	Record Courier	Robinsons bid farewell to Alpine County after 35 years	Biography	Virginia York, Karen Robinson, Forrest Robinson, Clay Robinson, Mark Robinson, Scott Robinson, Annie Robinson, Dorothy Johnson, Dina Marie Gigli, George Fernandez, Marie Fernandez, Ruggero Gigli, Gina Gigli, Dolores Clark
#####	Record Courier	Tigers put 6-0 record on line against Galena	Schools/Sports	Leonna Mortimer

#####	Record Courier	Bistate sage grouse comment period extended	Wildlife	
#####	Nevada Appeal	Dot-So-La-Lee Buried With Treasure Basket	Washoe	
#####	Record Courier	A kindness that transcends generations	Biography	Rob Levy
#####	Record Courier	Pedestrian injured in accident Monday	Accident	
#####	Record Courier	Elks donate to worthy causes	Community	Sherri Warrell
#####	Record Courier	Douglas girls move to 8-0	Schools/Sports	Leonna Mortimer
#####	Record Courier	Looking back at the headlines of 2013	Crime	
#####	Record Courier	Hawkins Peak project improves Alpine reception	Communication	Karen Dustman, Rob Levy
#####	Record Courier	Remembering pillar of community Luke Neddenriep	Obituary/Biography	Chris Gansberg
#####	Record Courier	Tis the season for ice fishing	Fishing	

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GROVER HOT SPRINGS STATE PARK

In 1854 rancher John Hawkins took up squatter's rights for Hot Springs Meadow. In 1878, Hawkins sold out to the Grover family, who maintained a dairy there and ran the old Fisk Hotel in Markleeville; the hot springs became a resort for hotel customers. The land twice changed hands in the 1800s—its old-growth pine and cedars were clear-cut—and it was purchased by the State for inclusion into the park system in 1959 for about \$62,000.

The Washoe Indians of antiquity, American pioneers and today's campers have all sought the curative powers and therapeutic effects they believed existed in the hot springs water. The water's mineral content is 74.4 grams per gallon—mostly calcium carbonate, sulphate and chloride. Unlike most hot springs, Grover's contains practically no sulphur.

Leaving the ground at 148° Fahrenheit, the water is cooled to 102–104°.

The complex also includes a full-sized cold pool for cooling off or lap swimming. The pools are closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day and also two weeks in September for repairs.

Several trails leave the park, taking you through forests of incense cedars, Jeffrey pine, Ponderosa pine, Sierra junipers and quaking aspen. Fishermen and cross-country skiers also find plenty to do within the park.

Dogs are welcome in the park, but must be on a leash at all times.

During normal budget years camping is available year-round. An off-season campground is in operation from late fall to late April; water & flush toilets are available, but showers are open only during the summer months. During the winter, maximum

length for trailers and motor homes is 18'. There are no RV hook-ups or dump stations in the campground.

This year both loops of the campground will open on May 20, 2012. Due to budget cuts, there will be no camping prior to that date available at Grover Hot Springs. Reservations are recommended from Memorial Day thru Labor Day, and can be made up to seven months in advance. To make reservations call Reserve America at 1-800-444-7275. After Labor Day weekend we are off the reservation system. At this time, until budget information is released, it is unknown how long the campground will remain open after Labor Day weekend.

The new Visitors Center near the campground entrance is anticipated to open at the same time as the campground. It will be open daily, hours have yet to be determined. Interpretive & other items will be available to purchase. For more information call: (530) 694-2248.

Grover Hot Springs pool fees have increased this year. With this increase in price, you get in and out privileges for the same day, if you receive a hand stamp. You must wait in line to re-enter. The increase in price helps fund Grover Hot Springs pool operation & maintenance costs, thru an agreement with the non-profit Bodie Foundation. To learn more, contact the Bodie Foundation at: www.bodiefoundation.org

Grover Hot Springs has many activities available to the public on a weekly basis, starting usually around June 30th each year and extending through Labor Day.



For Pool Hours Call (530)694-2249

The pool closes for maintenance and repairs some time in September—call before you come.

STUPID AND ALPINE COUNTY - A RELATIONSHIP THAT WORKS

By Dennis Cocking - Public Information Officer



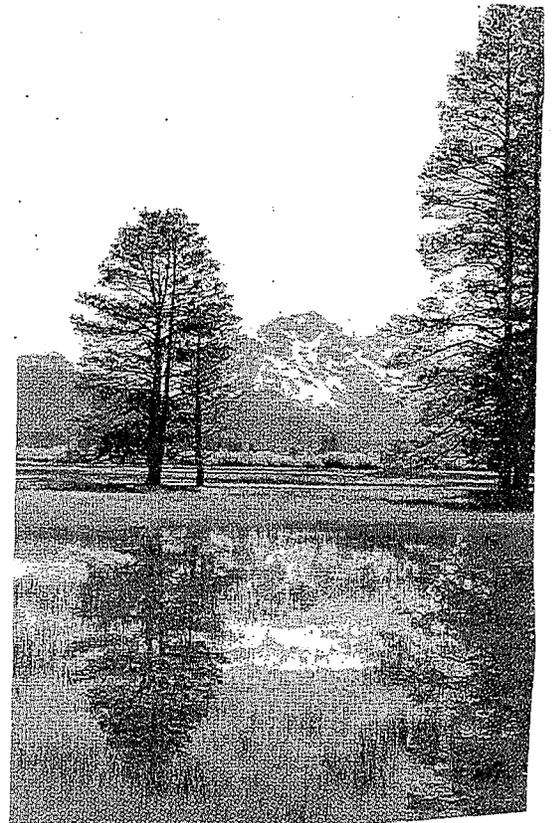
Great fishing along the beautiful shoreline at Indian Creek Reservoir.

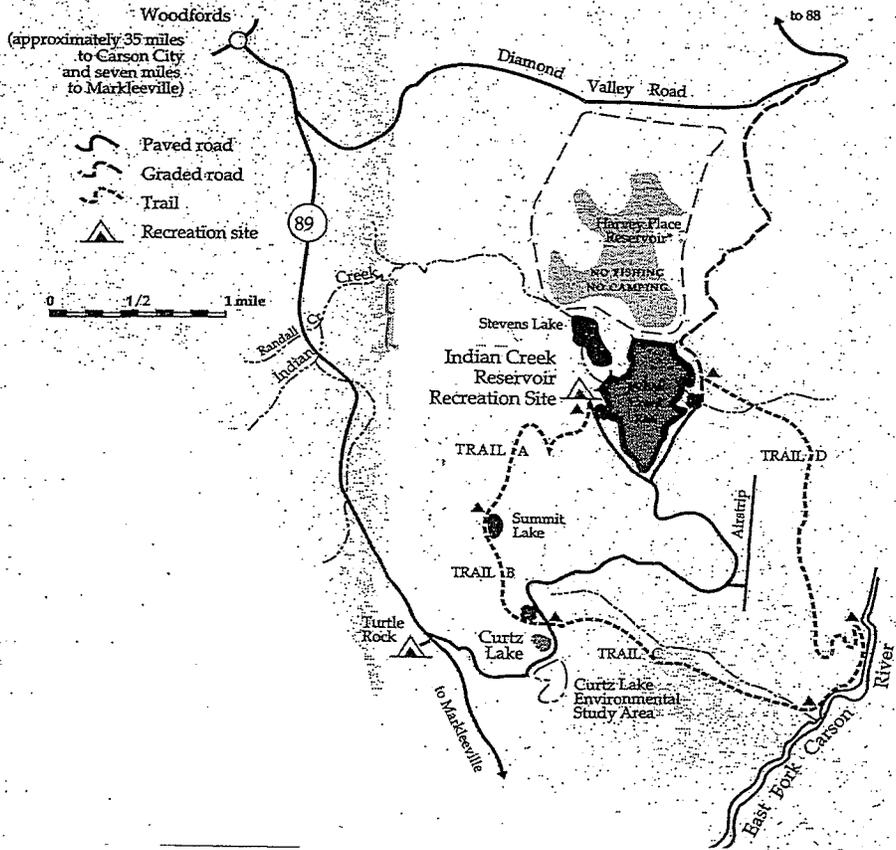
In 1968, California passed the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act, considered by many to be California's premier water quality legislation. Provisions within this act require all wastewater, regardless of the level of treatment, to be exported out of the Lake Tahoe Basin and, in the District's case, pumped to a storage reservoir in nearby Alpine County. The District was the first Basin agency to comply with this regulation necessary to protect the water quality of the "Jewel of the Sierra" - Lake Tahoe. Recycled water began to flow into Alpine County on April 1, 1968. Dr. Charles Goldman, UCD Researcher and renowned expert on Lake Tahoe, has cited the District's 26-mile export system the "most significant environmental project ever undertaken to protect Lake Tahoe's legendary clarity." Although this partnership was not without critics, the District and Alpine county have grown to become trusted friends.

Each year, nearly 2 billion gallons of highly treated recycled water are pumped 1,200 feet over Luther Pass and into the District owned and operated Harvey Place Dam and Reservoir located near the Diamond Valley near Woodfords, CA. This recycled water is stored during the winter months and delivered to ranchlands, under contract, during the summer months in this water scarce part of the eastern Sierra.

Indian Creek Reservoir, a favorite destination for high Sierra anglers, was originally used for storage of recycled water however, is now a fresh water recreational lake including scenic campground, day use facilities, and boat launching facility. In addition to these facilities, the District also provides funding to stock over 15,000 pounds of fish in Indian Creek reservoir and other Alpine County waters every year. Indian Creek Reservoir and its associated facilities are consistently one of Alpine County favorite visitor destinations.

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INDIAN CREEK RESERVOIR:

This man-made reservoir is just off of S.R. 4 and S.R. 89, between Woodfords and Markleeville.

It is reached by a paved road and contains a healthy population of good-sized rainbow and brown trout planted by both the California Department of Fish and Game and a private fish hatchery out of Susanville.

Some of those Susanville trout can go up into double digits in weight!

The fishing can be outstanding from shore, a float tube or a boat.

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) provides a boat ramp and an excellent campground, which is one of a very few that offer hot showers.

For information, call the Alpine County Chamber of Commerce at (530-694-2475)

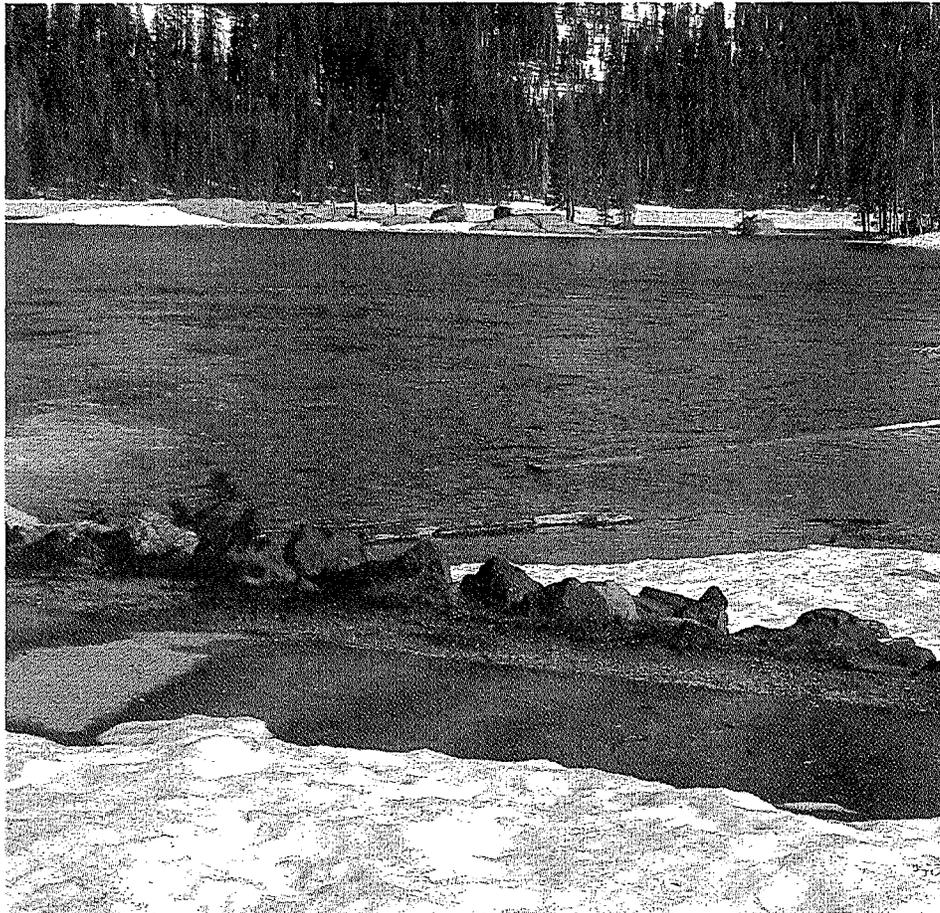
in Markleeville or BLM at (775-885-6000) in Carson City, Nevada.

THERE YOU HAVE IT:

A number of fishing choices, scattered far and wide, where you might be tempted to wet your fishing line while enjoying your visit to a large geographic area covered by "Fishing the California Alps."

FINALLY:

If you have enjoyed your visit and if this publication has been helpful during your stay, why not take a moment to contact Gloria Washam at (530-694-2966) to let her know how much you appreciate all of her hard work in producing "Fishing the California Alps" every year.



Lake Alpine

WOODFORDS AREA:

WEST CARSON RIVER:

This small river begins in the Blue Lakes area, flows through Hope Valley and down the Woodfords Canyon before joining the East Carson River in Douglas County, Nevada.

During the fishing season, it is heavily planted by both the California Department of Fish and Game and a private fish hatchery from Susanville.

If you want to be sneaky, remember that DFG usually plants from the roadway bridges, so fish just downstream from all of the bridges.

Rainbow trout up to 7-8-9 pounds are frequently planted by that hatchery.

There is a handicap access located at the junction of S.R. 88 (to Kit Carson Pass) and S.R. 89 (to South Lake Tahoe).

For information, call Victor Babbitt at the Tahoe Fly Fishing Outfitters at (530) 541-8208.



Kayaking and fishing on Spicer Reservoir is getting more popular. Courtesy of Paul Petersen



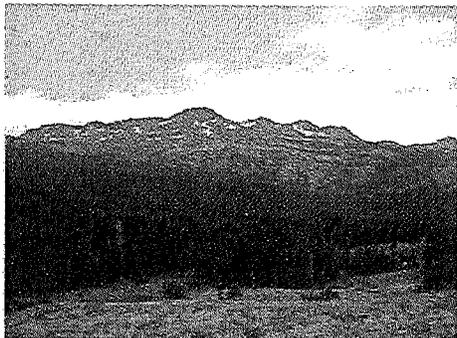
A Short 15 Minute Hike



By Don and Liz Weirauch

When Don and I started fly fishing in Eastern Alpine County, almost 2 decades ago, we would walk into the Angler's Edge, at that time owned by Peter Bauer, and would ask "where do we go?" Pete would then direct us to a lake and the typical directions by Pete would be "Oh, it's a short 15 minute hike." Pete was a fisherman..... all fishermen lie.

One of the most memorable hikes was to Round Top Lake, located to the South East of Caples Lake on Hwy 88 – Carson Pass.



A beautiful early Summer day was forecasted for the Carson Valley, we packed up a lunch, threw it into our day packs, grabbed the rods and took off for the parking lot at Woods Lake. Woods Lake's creek flows into the East end of Caples Lake (a good area for Spring fishing on Caples). The trail head for Round Top is accessible from the Woods Lake campground area itself and we started off on our "15 minute hike" through camp number 13 around 9,025' in elevation. A sign "Round Top" 2 miles showed we were on the right path. The trail starts a winding incline up twisted cedar and tall Jeffrey pines. We pass by an active mining claim with a cabin of old corrugated walls and roof, minding that we do not trespass.

After 30 minutes, I wondered if Pete was a mountain goat and how he was able to do this in "15 minutes." Perhaps he had an affliction like myself, I'm not blessed with an internal compass.. perhaps Pete didn't have an internal clock. Passing the second sign that said Round Top 2 miles, I turned to Don and asked, "Do you think Pete hates us?" We plodded on up the trail, turned the corner and came upon a stream, it's origin; Round Top Lake. Snow and ice shelves covering the little creek that hid a small population of skittish wild brookies and Lahontan cutthroat. A little less than 500' up the trail we reach a wide expanse of open hill top, dotted with wind twisted cedar trees that point away from the winds off Caples Lake. Each plateau of rising hill we await site of the waters of Round Top, it's another 15 minutes.

Round Top Lake, at 10,013' in elevation is dotted along the shore with broken sedimentary rock croppings, wild rose bushes, plum bushes and willows. Stocked years ago with Lahontan cutthroat the fish have struggled to self reproduce and the population is small. We arrived to the lake with a steady 20





mile an hour wind, an occasional white cap on the water in our summer clothes and a wind chill in the mid 30's. Fish were caught on stimulators and elk hair caddis, we never threw a bugger or indicator fished, which would of probably been better in the cold mountain lake. Because of the low population we practiced Catch and Release since the lake is not stocked and will not support the depletion of fish taken.

We ventured back to Round Top the following year doing a nice 45 minute hike, with summer clothes and packs filled with winter clothing only to find a warm, windless day and hearing 4 different languages spoken by the 30 or so people fishing and hiking around Round Top Lake. A tour group or an article in Sunset magazine caused an on-slot of human interaction with the snow field fed lake. For the past years of owning The Angler's Edge, we've not heard of people going to Round Top, it might just be a good "15 minute" hike to explore it again.

A pleasant 15 to 30 minute hike with the family is Crater Lake, located just Southwest of Hope Valley on Hwy 88. In recent years, by sending fishermen to responsibly harvest

fish from the lake, we've managed to reduce the population of stunted brook trout and we are finding good pan sized brookies from Crater.

To get to Crater Lake, leaving Hope Valley, traveling southwest, pass Blue Lakes road on the left, travel 1.85 miles from Blue Lakes Rd., crossing over a small guard rail covered stream, a non-descriptive right hand turn up a small portioned paved road is what you're looking for. The pavement only lasts for 75' or less and turns to dirt. Drive this road up until a fork in the road and take the left fork, the right fork goes to a mine, which again, is private property. Follow this until you reach the large stand of pines and a semi-flat area. If you continue on the road, you will make a tow truck company and a repair shop very happy and rich. Just park underneath the trees and gather up your items and walk the remaining road up, you will then see exactly why you don't want to drive it.

This is a short 15 minute hike, with vista's of Hope and Charity Valleys. You'll end up on top of Crater Lake with the inlet on the southwest side and the outlet on the north end. This lake does excellent on dry flies like a black ant, royal wulff, elk hair caddis, Adams and para Madam X. For nymphs the still water favorites like scuds in olive, zug bugs, prince nymphs, zebra midges all in the 14 -18 size does well. No need for a float tube up here, the fish are cruising and you'll see them. If you do get a stunted brookie, please take it, in-fact you can take 15 of them per your CA license (children under 16 get to take 1/2 the regular limit). If you are fortunate enough to catch a nice well formed brookie, let it go, they're needed in there.

A note on fishing Crater too early in the season. Memorial Day weekend, in the valley it was 81, at Crater it was 70 degrees, though 2' of ice covered the lake and we had crossed several snow fields on the trail all in an effort to fish, we instead road our emergency ponchos down, sliding on the snow above the outlet stream in an effort to leave Crater. So wait until mid June or July to make this great hike.

A pleasing 45 minute hike is Granite Lake, located southwest of Upper Blue Lake. It's an easy hike, and needs to be



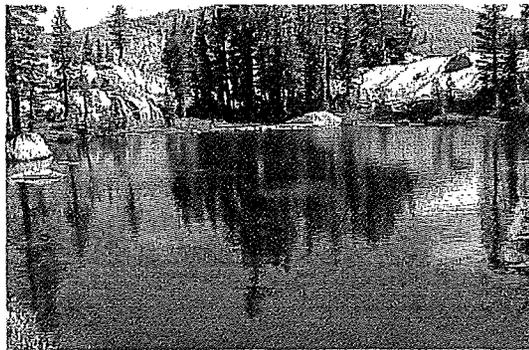


done when the snow is completely gone or you might lose the trail. Granite Lake has Lahontan cutthroat in it and is a fairly cold lake. Another good lake to practice Catch and Release fishing (meaning; don't use bait and pinch your barbs) due to the lack of stocking.

Park your vehicle and grab your day pack with your lunch and other hiking essentials at the parking area nearest the dam on Upper Blue Lake. Follow the trail to the Head wall of the dam, following the stream down to a crossing (might be a log) and pick up the trail along the southwest side of the creek, about 300 yards down or so, the trail will take a westerly direction, this is the trail to Granite. On this easy trail you'll pass by a small pond which we call Mosquito pond (not named on a map), looks very inviting... there are no fish in it. Continue on past the large granite formations with wildflowers of yellow, orange and purple peaking through the cracks of the ancient rocks (good place for

a photo). And make your way to Granite. You'll know you're getting close when the trail abuts a granite outcropping and the brush gets heavy and the trail narrows, this will open up into Granite Lake.

The cutthroats up at Granite range from 10" to 14" and we have found the bigger the dry fly, the better they do. Of course, never miss the opportunity of throwing a dry without some yummy morsel like a hare's ear size 14 underneath it! You should see a few hikers passing you by as they make their way to Grouse Lake, Snow Canyon and the



Mokelumne Wilderness.

With these great "15 minute hikes" remember to leave no trace, catch and release and teach our children and those who travel with us to respect our Public Lands so that others can share these same journeys with their children.

Don and Liz Weirauch are owners of The Angler's Edge in Gardnerville Nevada, serving Alpine County and the Eastern Sierra, the only dedicated Fly Shop in the area, they are Licensed Guides in California and Nevada with waters from Bishop, CA to the Truckee River. Several private water fisheries with limited rods are available. To

book a trip with them or their guides who are licensed, bonded, Forest Service permitted, and professional instructors who ensure that your day on any water in California or Nevada is exceptional, call the shop at 775-782-4734

For more information, stop by or call:
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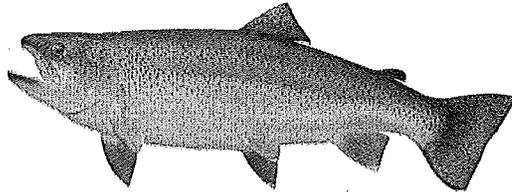
2,000 Fish per square mile and you!

We welcome you and your family to beautiful Alpine County! The 2012 fishing season will begin Saturday, April 28, 2012 thru Thursday November 15, 2012. Anglers are welcome to fish our area lakes, reservoirs and downstream from Hangman's Bridge all year. Hangman's Bridge is located on the East Fork of the Carson River just two miles south of historic Markleeville. You can fish this serene stretch of river all the way down to the Nevada State line. Just keep in mind that this stretch is catch and release, barb-less hooks, flies and lures only.

The Alpine County Fish and Game Commission provides a variety of activities throughout the season. The KID'S free

fishing day is June 9, 2012 at Indian Creek Reservoir. Bear Valley businesses host the kids free fishing day in the summer. For more information visit www.alpinecounty.com and click on our events calendar. Also, gear up for Free fishing days! July 7th and September 8th 2012. No license is required for sport fishing on these days ONLY and all regulations still apply. For the other 199 days of the season you need to obtain a fishing

license. Fishing licenses can be purchased from limited businesses in the area. Contact the Alpine County Chamber of Commerce at (530)-694-2475 for updated information.



Alpine County Fish and Game Commission along with South Tahoe Public Utilities District and the Alpine County Chamber of Commerce fund several fish plants in our lakes, streams, rivers and reservoirs during spring, summer and fall. No deviation from our program will occur during the 2012 season.

So hop in your car or jump on your bike and visit scenic Alpine County! Our general stores and resorts can provide you with all your fishing and outdoor supplies. If you're not planning to stay in one of Alpine County's many campgrounds there are several lodging facilities available and a growing number of dining options for you and your family to enjoy.

For current visitor information and fish plant schedules visit www.alpinecounty.com. And for any additional information call (530)-694-2114.

Dave Zellmer, Chair - Alpine County Fish and Game Commission.

Summit City Creek, 1930



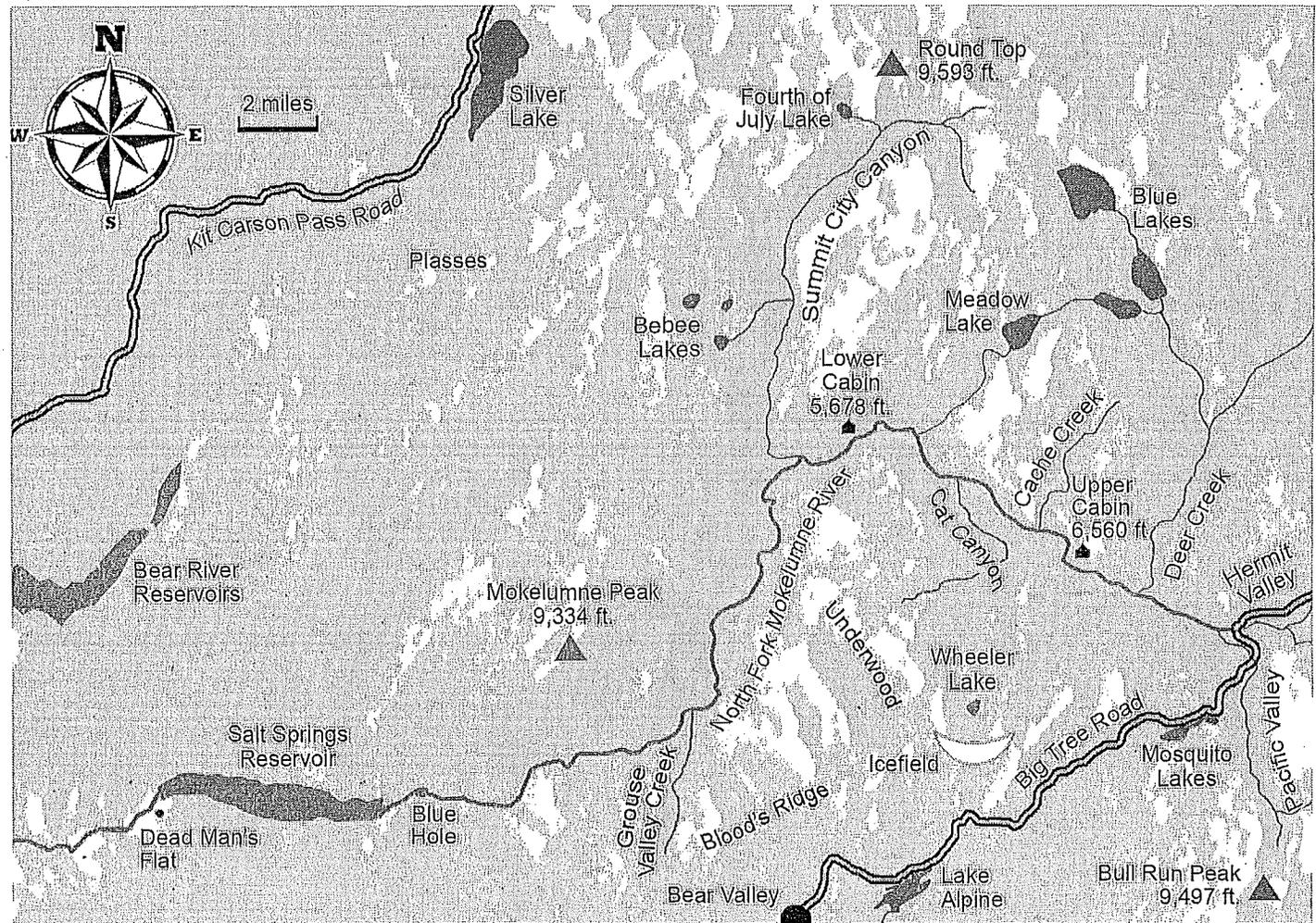
By Donald DeYoung

The two men, angler and guide, met as planned at Bebee Creek where it exits Upper Bebee Lake and followed a game trail along the creek as it descended in a series of parallel, glacier-carved fissures on its course into Summit City Canyon. They planned to fish Summit City Creek down to its confluence with the Mokelumne River. The guide would rather have fished the creek from bottom to top, but they would make it work by hiking well away from the stream between fishable runs. This exposed creek demanded stealth.

The guide explained that Summit City was a deserted mining town that had been rapidly built during the 1860's and at one point had the largest population in Alpine County. An excerpt from the Daily Alta Californian of June 15, 1864 tells the story:

"We have in Summit City about 600 inhabitants and the town is building up as fast as lumber can be obtained to furnish which two mills are now in process of erection. The usual amount of stores, blacksmith shops, bakeries, saloons, etc. are in full blast and a church and school will follow in due time. In the matter of politics we are about a standoff between Union men and Rebels."

The guide said, "Today, the area is completely deserted and all signs of the town are gone, unless you know where to look.



Monte Wolfe's home range

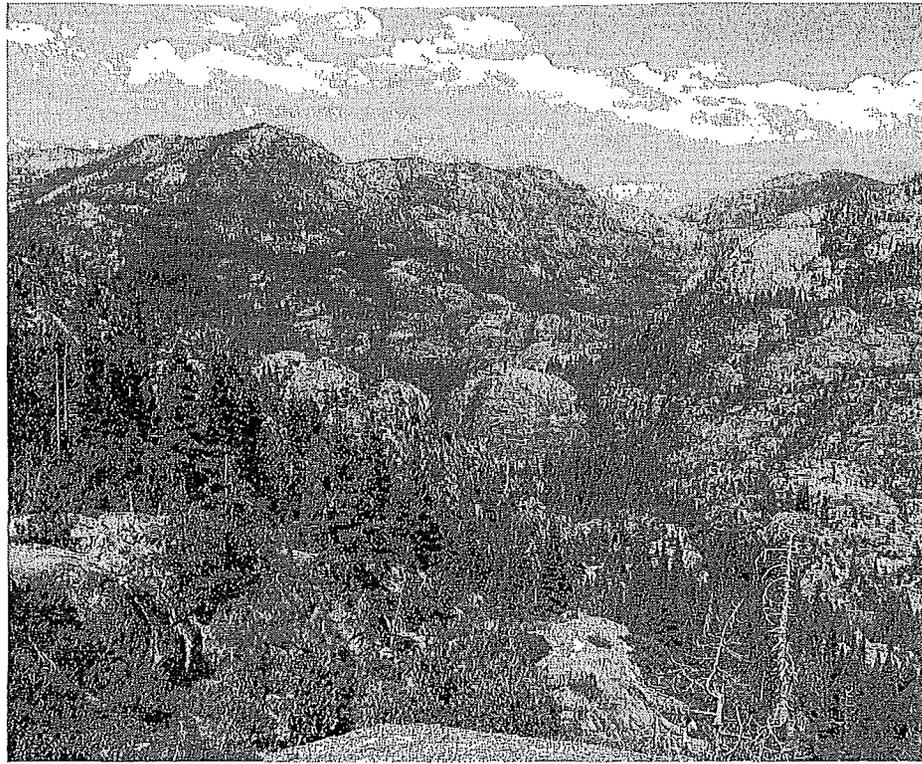
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I'm the only person crazy enough to live around here now," he said with a thin-lipped grin and wink. From their perspective on the canyon wall they had an excellent view of the entire ten-mile length of Summit City Canyon spreading out before them in both directions.

Summit City had been at the bottom of this large glacial hanging valley above the greater Mokelumne River gorge. At its upper end is Devil's Corral, a natural cirque fed yearlong by numerous small creeklets that drain the surrounding peaks. The small streams combine to form Summit City Creek. A bit further downstream, the flow from 4th of July Creek doubles the creek's volume and it now flows with purpose through a wildflower strewn gravel field picked clean of her precious ore by generations past. At the lower end of the hanging valley, another creek joins forces with Summit City Creek at a place called Telephone Gulch. Finally, the stream exits the upper canyon and drops 800 vertical feet in a half-mile, flowing from granite pothole to pothole, then it makes a final rush to the Mokelumne River under a shady canopy of old alders.

The angler, whose name was Leonard "Dutch" Rosenberger, was amazed that a boomtown had once occupied this location. It had taken two hours of hiking over rough terrain in an ankle breaking descent down the steep slope into the canyon. "Gold had been a potent motivator for the canyon's earlier inhabitants," he thought.

Once on the creek, the fishing was good and Dutch netted and released twenty healthy eastern brook trout during the first hour. His guide explained that while the fish-



Mokelumne Canyon below Summit City

ing was good up here, the trophies prowled the lowest end of Summit City Creek where it empties into the Mokelumne River.

As the stream rolled down through Telephone Gulch, the canyon narrowed and ancient first-growth trees began to dominate. The rolling stream began dropping from pool to pool in a terraced, sword fern laden garden. Aptly named, many of the ferns along the trail were six feet tall with an exposed and tangled root matt seeking to trip the anglers into being impaled by the fern's sharp-edged fronds.

Bear signs were everywhere here, but so were some large female brookies. Finally, the stream became largely un-fishable as it steeply descended between the upper hanging valley and the greater canyon of the Mokelumne. Below the creek's narrow gorge the granite moonscape of the Moke spread out in all directions and the trail disappeared. After a long scramble on the unbroken granite batholith, they reached the portion of the stream that Monte had mentioned.

After the creek's rapid descent down the steep south-facing granite face, it collected

in a deep pool at the mountain's base. From there the stream flowed through a heavily wooded flat where alder trees lined both banks and grew to form a shaded grotto above the stream in its final cobble strewn run to the Mokelumne. Monte recommended a nameless dry fly that had produced well for him in the past and both men tied the tiny imitation bugs to their leaders.

Dutch selected a spot where he could approach the stream without being detected by the upstream-facing trout while Monte watched. After a couple of preparatory roll casts, he gracefully dropped his fly just upstream of a large boulder whose trailing edge formed a boiling eddy. As the fly floated in the current it was drawn to the eddy where it paused in the upwelling flow. Then, BANG! Without warning, a monstrous trout took his fly in a flying leap into the air and the battle was on!

He had been retrieving his line in a slow mend between finger and rod when the trout hit his fly. The fish had ripped three feet of his flyline out, burning his right index finger before he could control the release of line with his left hand. "Keep the slack out of your line," Monte said, "This one is a rainbow and he'll shake your hook when he jumps." The acrobatics continued with one, two, three, four successive jumps. Dutch stepped knee-deep into the stream to play his quarry and kept the pressure on as the trout sped upstream. For 20 minutes angler and prey matched tactics, connected by a four-pound tippet.

On the shore, the guide's personality had changed in an instant. Up until now, he had been very focused on the trail, their

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Summit City Creek, 1930

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Monte with Mokelumne Rainbows

surroundings, and insect action around the stream, now he was on his feet jumping and dancing in animated joy, all the while singing to Dutch's fish and chanting to the omnipresent Fishing God.

After a long battle, the trout slowed and allowed Dutch to draw it slowly toward his waiting hand, which he had already dipped into the cold stream in anticipation. The trout was a beautiful combination of black speckles and iridescent reds, greens, and blues and was well over two feet in length. Dutch could see that its lower jaw had begun to grow a decisive upward hook. As it neared his hand, its clear spherical eyes bulged when Dutch expertly slid his index finger into its gill and carefully out through its sharply toothed maw.

He slowly lifted the massive trout from the stream as his fly simultaneously dropped from the trout's lower lip. Both men gasped, then, shared a loud laugh as they caught each other's eye. After feeling its considerable heft and proudly showing the animal to his guide, Dutch carefully lowered it back into the stream and slowly withdrew his finger. The trout sat motionless for a while in the cradle of his hands as it gulped the heavily oxygenated water, then it slowly swam into the current and down into a deep refuge.

It had been an excellent day for the Summit City Creek anglers, and not so for the creek's wily inhabitants. The fishermen



Monte at Tamarack

had kept six of the 150+ trout they had landed during the day for an evening fish fry. They left Summit City Creek behind and followed the larger Mokelumne upstream and over a granite promontory to their day's destination, Monte Wolfe's lower camp. After a short rest and a beer, they prepared a fine dinner of batter-crusted

trout with fried potatoes and onions fresh from Monte's garden while they recounted the excellent fishing of the day, now past.

The preceding is an excerpt from the upcoming non-fiction, "Monte Wolfe: Lone Wolf of the Sierra." by Donald De Young. You can follow the story at: www.montewolfe.com

Fondest Memories of East Fork Resort (now known as Carson River Resort)

By Gloria Washam

As a family in the 1960's living in Southern California at that time, we would travel up Hwy 395 every year and go to the Bridgeport Fourth of July Celebration which always included lots of fun activities - Big 4th of July Parade, Arts & Crafts Booths, Grease Pole competition, Tug of War, the greatest Fireworks, etc.. We would camp, swim and fish at Robinson Creek our favorite place. Our boys would look forward to it every year as we did.



VACATION!! Camping, fishing and a dunk in Robinson Creek.

After moving to Northern California in the middle 60's we would have to take Hwy 4 to Monitor Pass to get to the 4th of July event in Bridgeport, California. As we

were traveling there we would overlook the beautiful Carson River below and decided "what a beautiful river, why don't we stay here next summer." So we did the following year and this is how we discovered the East Fork Resort. From then on we would stay in their quaint green and white cabins. We would call ahead and were helped by the nicest people who ran the resort then (Walt and Virginia Boitano). They knew we would be coming in late in the evening so they would

leave the key under the mat for us (these were the good old days). We would stay there every summer either in the cabins or in our trailer which we left in storage at the resort at the end of the season. We all have very fond memories of staying here and many stories about enjoying the beautiful outdoors, camping right on the river, walking the stream and catching fish and relaxing in front of the campfire in the evening recalling old times and memories.

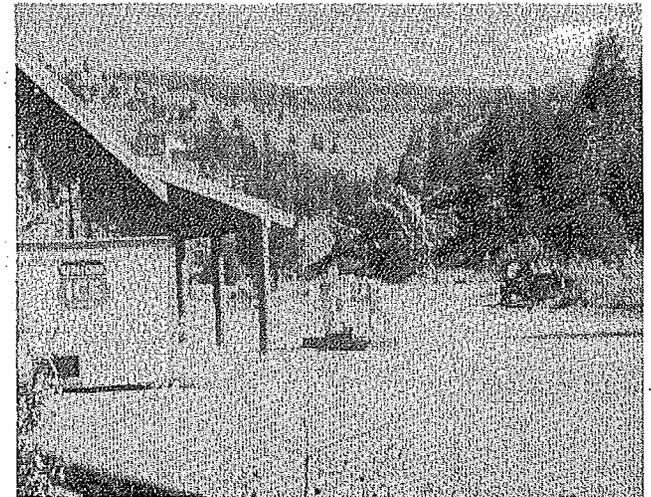
Our boys grew up on the Carson River and to this day love living here. Many afternoons we would spend sitting on the cool grassy area talking with Walt and Virginia about the history of the



The family getting their gear ready to go fishing. The cabins were green and white in those days.

resort and how the cabins were built, days I will always cherish. The store had a wood burner in it, was completely stocked with anything you might need for camping, you didn't need to go anywhere else. **MY FAVORITE STORY** — One day while buying some groceries for dinner, I happened to ask Walt (Now keep in mind - I was not familiar with the area), "Walt, where is the nearest big grocery store?" His reply was, "Oh miles and miles away." I have to chuckle every time I think of his reply knowing now how close we were to Gardnerville!

Many years later, I got the pleasure of working at the store with the Boitano's before they retired. I worked in the store, pumped gas, filled propane tanks, crawled in the ice house and pulled out ice blocks for customers and cleaned cabins. Every summer we would see the returning crowd travel many miles to come up to enjoy the resort and visit with Walt and Virginia. My husband Paul and I and sons Paul and Adam made many good friends. **HAPPY MEMORIES**. To this day many come back to stay and many have moved to this beautiful area to live as we did.



Gas Pumps and Ice House still in place.

40 Plus Miles of Fly Fishing!

The East Carson River and its many miles of diversity!

By Victor Babbitt
Tahoe Fly Fishing Outfitters



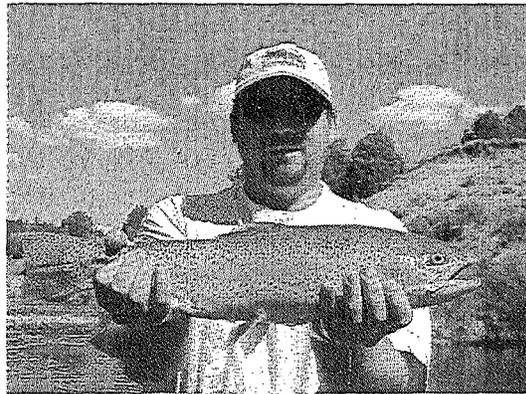
The East Carson River has 40 plus miles of fishable river starting in California in the backcountry of The Carson-Iceberg Wilderness below Carson Falls reaching all the way to Lahontan Reservoir and out into the Nevada desert. From High Mountains down to High Desert the East Carson River gives the fly fisher a lot of options from Trout in the higher elevations to great Carp fishing down in the Valleys and it is one of a few rivers in our country that doesn't make it to the ocean.

The three sections we pay most attention to start below the Carson Falls down to where Wolf Creek flows into the East Carson River. This section is considered the backcountry portion and has mostly wild trout and no road access. Hike in or horse pack in only! This is where the Paiute Trout lives which is one of a handful of Heritage Trout in the Sierra Nevada Mountains. If you like to get away from other anglers, this is the section to fish. *The East Fork and its tributaries above Carson Falls are closed to fishing all year.*

The next section goes from the confluence of Wolf Creek down to Hangman's Bridge and is mostly paralleled by the highway. This area is stocked heavily through out the summer months and can be some of the best beginner water for those just getting into fly fishing. Mostly Rainbows here as well as a few Brown Trout which are stocked on occasion, don't count on catching many wild trout though. You will be sharing this area with a lot of spin fisher-

men but flies tend to work well because the fish do not see them nearly as much as they do down stream in the Zero limit section. *Above Hangman's Bridge, the East Fork of the Carson River is open from the last Saturday in April through November 15.*

The next section is from Hangman's Bridge down to the Carson Valley. This portion is split by Nevada and California and is considered the Wild Trout section and is Catch and Release/Zero Limit throughout the California side. This section is where we do most of our guided fly fishing trips and it is one of the most beautiful rivers as



well as having a Wild and Scenic designation. Rafting can be a fun way to access the river early in the season but don't float below 350 CFS, we see a lot of floaters stuck or carrying there boats out at these lower flows. There are numerous access points along this section including the Airport, the Pad and from Leviathan Mine Road. Get down deep in the canyon for opportunities at Wild Trout! *The Wild Trout Section of the East Fork is from Hangman's Bridge to the Nevada state line. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used and a zero limit applies. Rainbows make up the bulk of the catch, but Lahontan cutthroat and German browns also reside in this gorgeous stretch of river. This section is open to fishing all year. Nevada sections are open year-round as well.*

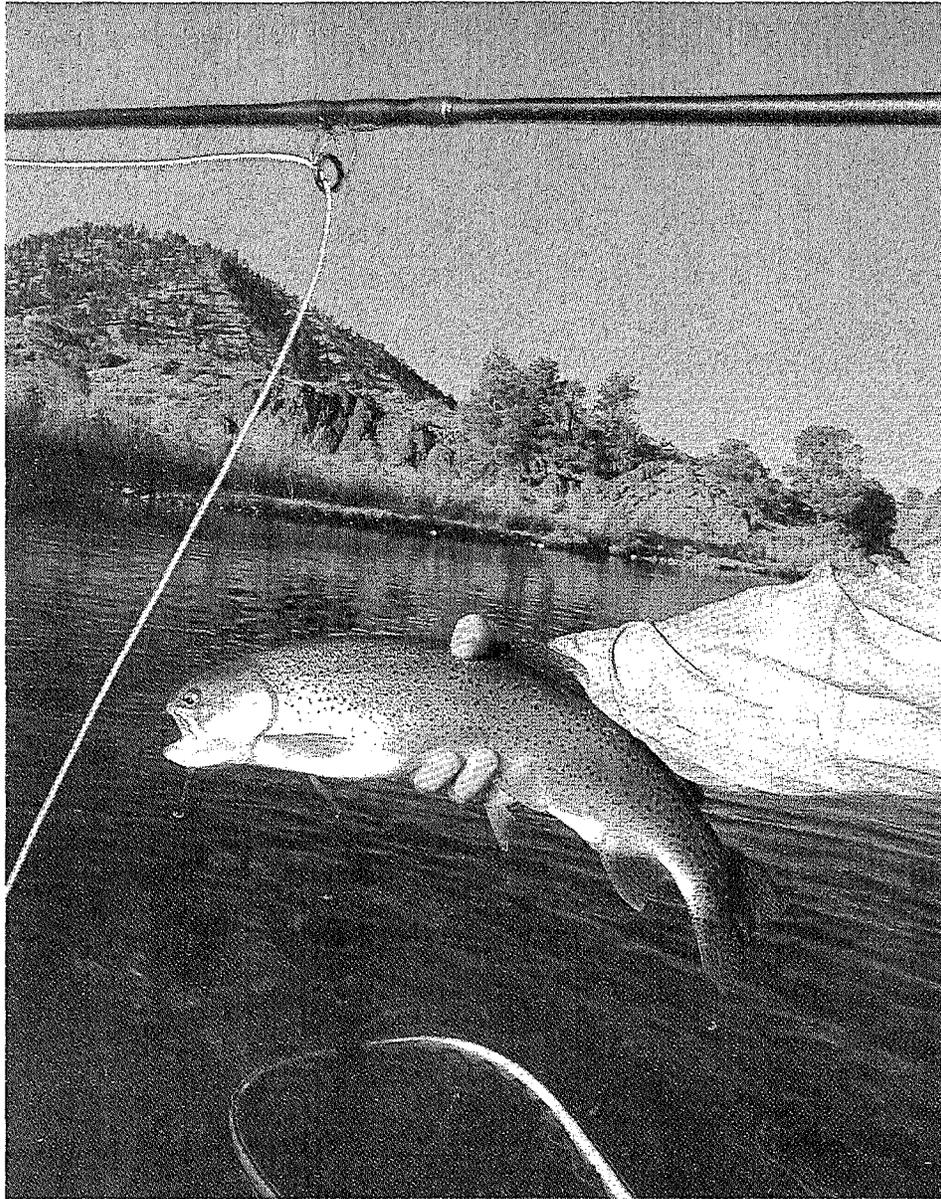
Although we have caught trout as far down as the town of Dayton, there are mostly Carp from the Carson Valley section down to Lahontan Reservoir. Carp are a lot of fun to catch on a fly rod especially when you are sight casting to them. Look

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for cruising Carp in the slow water sections and put the fly on their head and hang on, Carp fight better than just about any fish I know of in the Mountains!

We have been guiding the East Carson River for many years now and it has always

been good to us, join us for a day of guided fly fishing and experience the excitement of one of these three sections of river. Fly fishing the East Carson River will be a memory of a life time!



Lahontan Cutthroat Resource Trout - A Threatened

by William Somer

Senior Fisheries Biologist
California Department of Fish and Game

When the first European settlers came to the Lahontan basin on the east side of the Sierra Nevada, it is widely believed that the Lahontan cutthroat trout (*Oncorhynchus clarki henshawi*) was common throughout over 3,600 miles of river systems and 334,000 acres of lake habitat in portions of California, Nevada, and Oregon. Lahontan cutthroat trout and mountain whitefish are the only salmonids native to the rivers and lakes in these east-flowing waters, and were an important food source for Native Americans. Introductions of non-native trout such as brook, brown, lake, and rainbow during the late 1800's and early 1900's have negatively impacted Lahontan cutthroat trout through competition and interbreeding (hybridization). Logging, farming, cattle and sheep grazing, mining, and stream diversions, in combination with pollution, have contributed to degrade the quality and quantity of habitat for Lahontan cutthroat trout. Lahontan cutthroat trout now occupy less than 1 percent of their former lake habitat and 9 percent of the former stream habitat within their native range.

Lahontan cutthroat trout currently occupy isolated headwater stream segments

of larger river systems with no chance for recolonization. Because these populations are fragmented into small isolated stream sections, biologists believe that these populations may be at a high risk for extinction. The Lahontan cutthroat trout was listed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as an endangered species in 1970. The listing was reclassified to the less restrictive threatened status in 1975 to expedite recovery and management efforts and allow regulated angling.

In eastern California and western Nevada, Lahontan cutthroat trout were thought to occupy approximately 370 miles of the Susan River basin, 650 miles of the Truckee River basin, 400 miles of the Carson River basin, and 570 miles of the Walker River basin. At the turn of the 20th century, both Lake Tahoe and Pyramid Lake supported commercial and sport fisheries. Following the subsequent decline of the Lahontan cutthroat trout, the existing occupied habitat within these basins now total only 28 miles in headwater streams of eastern California. Lahontan cutthroat trout now occupy approximately 0.2 percent of their historic lake habitat in the Truckee River system. Self sustaining populations of La-



Upper Truckee Angler



LGT Upper Truckee

Lahontan cutthroat trout are gone from Lake Tahoe, Cascade Lake, Fallen Leaf Lake, Donner Lake, and the Twin Lakes near Bridgeport. Pyramid Lake Lahontan cutthroat trout fishery is sustained by hatchery stocking. The water quality in Walker Lake has become so poor it no longer sustains even stocked Lahontan cutthroat trout.

The Department of Fish and Game (Department) is working with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and other government and private entities toward the goal of recovering this species. Besides a few remaining historic populations, most streams occupied with Lahontan cutthroat trout are a result of Department restoration projects. Lahontan cutthroat trout have been either introduced into naturally fishless waters or introduced into waters made fishless by eradicating non-native fish. Because non-native trout have generally been stocked in virtually every stream that can support fish in the eastern Sierra Nevada, recent efforts to reintroduce Lahontan cutthroat trout must start with the removal of non-native fish. The removal of non-native fish has been done primarily by chemically treating the stream with a fish toxicant downstream to a natural or constructed fish barrier. The primary fish toxicant tool the Department has for these projects is rotenone, a natural substance contained in the stems and roots of certain tropical plants. Chemical

treatments to remove non-native trout are complex efforts which generally require up to three years of applications. Potassium permanganate is applied downstream of the project area to detoxify the rotenone. Once the stream is believed to be free of non-native fish, restocking Lahontan cutthroat trout can begin. Generally fish are transplanted from donor stream populations within the stream basin. This is done in an effort to maintain the genetic integrity of the fish stocks within the separate basins of the Truckee, Carson, and Walker Rivers. Lahontan cutthroat trout are restocked for one to three years following removal of non-native fishes. During this restocking period, the stream is closed to angling to allow the fish population a chance to rebound.

The use of rotenone to restore native fish populations has become controversial with some groups in that the rotenone can kill non-target organisms such as aquatic insects, and there is also concern with some of the chemicals in the formulation. As previously mentioned, the rotenone is detoxified at the lower end of the project area, and it is generally thought that aquatic insects rapidly recolonize treated streams. Modern chemical treatments use different formulations of rotenone and mitigation measures to minimize impacts to non-target stream life. The Department and other groups are working towards alternate methods

for non-native fish removal where feasible. For instance, non-native brook trout were removed from the Upper Truckee River in Alpine County by electrofishing. Removal of non-native trout using electrofishing is very labor-intensive, expensive, and requires persistent, collaborative, annual removal efforts. The Upper Truckee River trout eradication took over a decade.

More streams need be restored to Lahontan cutthroat trout in the Walker, Carson, and Truckee River basins before delisting the fish as a threatened species can be considered. With current low levels of funding for the Department to undertake these projects, and limited tools available to effectively and efficiently remove nonnative trout from historic Lahontan cutthroat trout habitat, recovery will take many years.

The Department maintains a broodstock of Lahontan cutthroat trout at Heenan Lake, Alpine County, which provides eggs for fish stocking programs throughout California. Heenan Lake is located on the 1,652-acre Heenan Lake Wildlife Area. The Department has also purchased 2,324 acre feet of the total 3,000 acre feet of water storage right in Heenan Lake for the protection of the Lahontan cutthroat trout broodstock. The Department of Fish and Game maintains a spawning facility and fish ladder on Heenan Creek to collect, hold, and spawn the majority of the fish that migrate up from the reservoir. Lahontan cutthroat trout move from Heenan Lake into the inlet creek from mid-May until mid-June, depending upon the water year and climatic conditions. Historically, up to 2 million eggs were collected by the Department from runs of 2,000 to 4,000 fish in Heenan Lake since 1939. In recent years, the Department typically takes up to 1 million eggs for fish stocking programs and maintenance of the Heenan Lake broodstock. Fish from Heenan Lake

have been provided to the Nevada Department of Wildlife and US Fish and Wildlife Service for various programs in recent years, but the bulk of eggs are used by Department hatcheries for their production needs to provide recreational angling. Production of Lahontan cutthroat trout varies by year due to funding and logistical constraints of the hatcheries, but has been as high as 122,000 yearling fish and 202,000 fingerlings stocked in 27 waters throughout California.

The Commission established the Heritage Trout Program in 1998 (now incorporated into the Heritage and Wild Trout Program), such that streams or lakes featuring one or more of the state's native trout, and meeting other specific Wild Trout Water designation criteria, may be designated as Heritage Trout Waters. The objectives of the Heritage Trout Program are to:

- Increase public awareness about the beauty, diversity, historical significance, and special values of California's native trout and their habitats;
- Build public support and increase public involvement in native trout restoration efforts;
- Promote collaborative efforts with organizations and individuals involved with native trout restoration and management; and
- Diversify opportunities to fish for, observe, and enjoy native trout in their historic habitats.

Lahontan cutthroat trout are federally listed as a threatened species but they may still provide fishing opportunities and the waters they inhabit may be designated as Heritage Trout Waters by the Commission where the Department determines angling can be biologically justified. There are a number of waters in our region where you can fish for Lahontan cutthroat trout in their native range, following is a brief synopsis moving from north to south:



LCT Spawning

Independence Lake (Sierra and Nevada Cos.) Independence Lake contains an historic population of Lahontan cutthroat trout. Lands surrounding Independence Lake are now owned by The Nature Conservancy, which provides public access during the summer season (website: <http://www.nature.org/ourinitiatives/regions/northamerica/unitedstates/nevada/placesweprotect/independence-lake.xml#thingsToDo>). Independence Lake is open to fishing all year. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used. Independence Lake tributaries and Independence Lake within 300 feet of the mouths of all tributaries are closed to fishing all year. All

Lahontan cutthroat trout captured must be immediately released. The bag limit is 5 trout per day, ten in possession for other species of trout caught.

Martis Lake (Nevada and Placer Cos.) This reservoir is stocked with Lahontan cutthroat trout. Martis Lake is open to fishing the last Saturday in April through November 15. Fishing is designated catch and release (0-limit), and anglers must use artificial lures with barbless hooks. Martis Lake tributaries are closed to angling.

Fallen Leaf Lake (El Dorado Co.) Fallen Leaf Lake is stocked with Lahontan cutthroat trout by the US Fish and Wildlife

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Service and is a study site for restoration of the fish. Fallen Leaf Lake falls under the Sierra District general trout regulations and is open to fishing all year. The bag limit is 5 trout per day, ten in possession for trout caught.

Upper Truckee River (Alpine and El Dorado Cos.) The Upper Truckee River in the vicinity of Meiss Meadows near Carson Pass contains a restored wild population of Lahontan cutthroat trout and is a designated Heritage Trout Water. The Upper Truckee River can most easily be reached from a trail head at Carson Pass on Hwy 88. The designated catch-and-release (0-limit) water extends upstream from its confluence with Showers Creek, and anglers must use artificial lures with barbless hooks. The Upper Truckee River is open to fishing July 1 to September 30.

Heenan Lake (Alpine Co.) Heenan Lake contains a broodstock source of Lahontan cutthroat trout and is open to catch-and-release (0-limit) trophy trout fishing during Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays

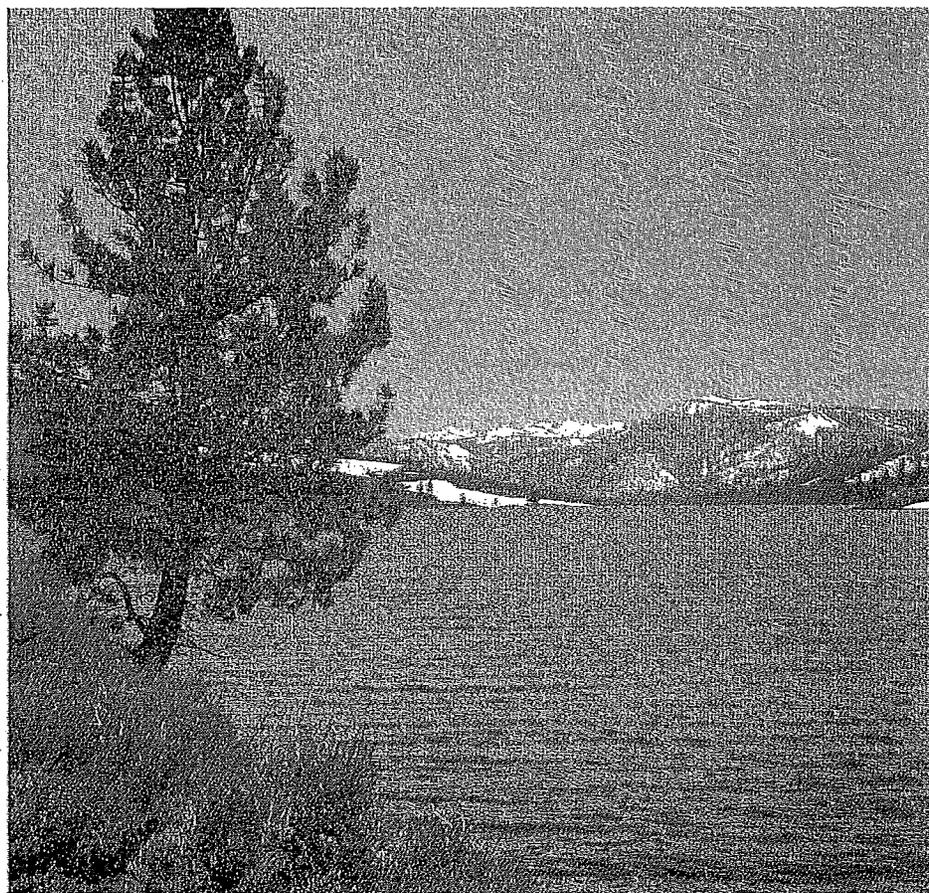
from the Friday before Labor Day through the last Sunday in October. Anglers can land a trout 18 inches or larger in length. Fishing hours are from sunrise to sunset. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used. Heenan Lake is a designated Heritage Trout Water.

Slinkard Creek (Mono Co.) Slinkard Creek contains a restored wild population of Lahontan cutthroat trout. The designated catch-and-release (0-limit) water is open upstream from a Department of Fish and Game cable crossing located about 2.7 miles south of a point on Highway 89 two miles west of its junction with Highway 395 (the cable is located about 600 feet below a rock dam on Slinkard Creek within the south half of section 21, T9N, R22E). Slinkard Creek has a gear restriction of artificial flies with barbless hooks, and is open to fishing August 1 through November 15.

The California Fish and Game Commission established the California Heritage Trout Challenge for an angler to learn about and catch California's native trout from their

historic drainages. By catching six different forms of California native trout from their historic drainages, photo-graphing these fish and then submitting an application to the Department, an angler can receive a

colorful, personalized certificate featuring the art of renowned fish illustrator Joseph Tomelleri. Anglers can learn more by visiting: <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/fish/Fishing/Recognition/HTC/>



Heenan Lake

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Yes, They Fished Back Then, Too!

Fishing, Ranching and More in Alpine's Early Days

by Karen Dustman

Alpine's local silver mines may have attracted the lion's share of investor attention and all of the glory in the 1860s and '70s, but they were hardly the only game in town. Alpine's luxurious meadows had been quickly discovered by sheepmen, becoming a rich temporary home each summer for flocks herded up from the Carson Valley and as far away as San Joaquin, Stanislaus, and Calaveras counties to forage. As early as August, 1868, the *Chronicle* recorded 60,000 head of sheep "grazing in the mountains adjacent to the Big Trees Road between [Silver Mountain] and Murphy's." And by mid-summer 1871, an astonishing 131,000 head of sheep had traipsed into Alpine County by way of Blood's House in Bear Valley. As the local *Chronicle* editors sighed, "Our 'hills' are pretty well filled with sheep now, but we presume there are thousands yet to come."

These migratory sheep were widely represented by locals, who noted that the sheep stripped vegetation from hills and meadows while contributing little to local merchants. And the dust, noise, dung, and general inconvenience of these passing flocks were a seasonal nuisance intruding upon the otherwise peaceful daily life of Silver Mountain townfolk. On a single day in May, 1871, for example, some 2,200 sheep meandered down Silver Mountain's Main Street and right through the center of town, "bound

for the Humboldt."

Herds of cattle and horses from the Carson Valley took similar advantage of the lush Alpine summer pasturage and, like the sheep, could make themselves disruptive guests. In 1878, the *Chronicle* vigorously cheered a legislative proposal for a new "animal trespass law," complaining that Alpine farmers "are yearly run down by cattle and horses from Carson Valley, straying or driven into Alpine for grazing," and expressing fond hope that the new legislation would rid them of this "continual annoyance during the Summer months."

Cattle, like sheep, were often herded along the roads of the county to summer pastures or markets elsewhere. And smaller numbers of animals were imported to provide meat for the local populace, as well. Locals J. Christie and J. Davidson arrived at Silver Mountain with a "band of beef cattle from the other side of the mountains" in 1868, perhaps destined for Kirby's slaughter house on Silver Creek, the Empire Meat Market in Markleeville, or the establishment of "French & Gulickson, Practical Butchers" in Monitor.

Although Alpine's frigid winters offered hardly the most hospitable climate for year-round ranches, at least a few herds were raised locally for meat and milk. One Capt. W.M. Smith of Fredericksburg launched a goat-ranching enterprise in 1869 with 150 sturdy specimens, and just three years later was able to boast a herd numbering 1,400. Wealthy stockmen hundreds of miles away sometimes partnered with locals to their mutual profit. In 1871, Daniel Davidson contracted with Barnard D. Sloan of Contra Costa County to tend Sloan's 2,015 ewes for a period of two years, in exchange for half of the "increase" in the herd and the wool profits.

A handful of dairy farms sprouted in the lush meadows of Hope Valley in the early 1860s, and by 1867 there was talk that "the whole extent of the valley will [soon] be brought into requisition for this purpose." A single dairy could churn out between 350 and 400 pounds of butter a week, much of it

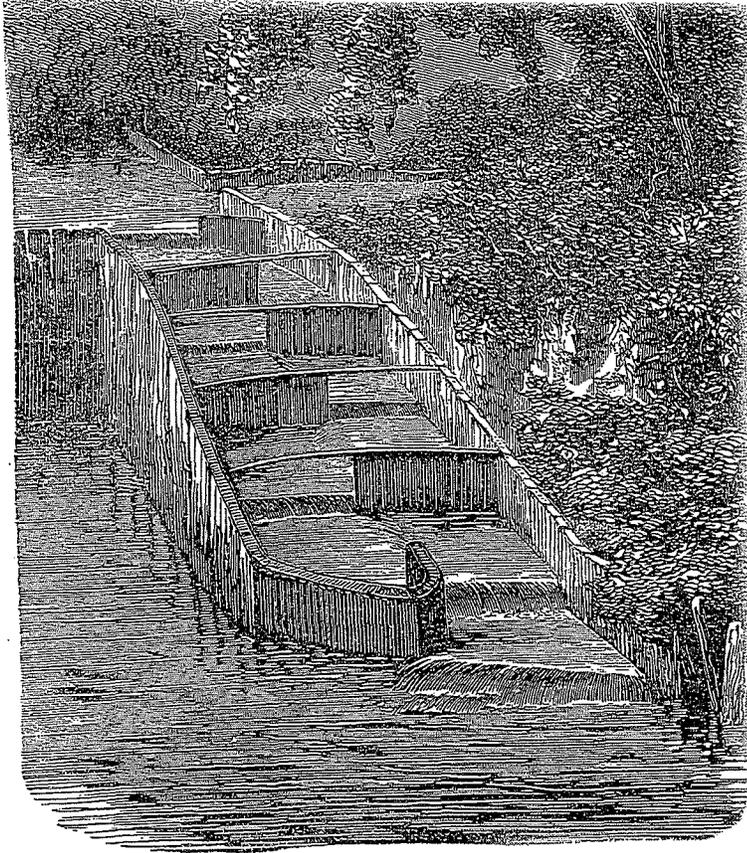


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destined for the booming Comstock markets of Gold Hill and Virginia City. Hope Valley was noted not only for its dairies but for its strong-minded politics as well; one cheeky local *Chronicle* article dubbed it a “hot bed of Republicanism, trout, and good butter.”

At the junction of Alpine, Amador, and El Dorado counties, another small dairy operation was tended by Zacharius S. Kirkwood. Kirkwood had thrown up his original log cabin about 1864 and as one of the few way-stations on the Amador-Carson road, his felicitously-placed homestead soon evolved into a multi-purpose hotel, stage station, and post office. As late as 1895, one traveler wryly reported that the establishment still provided “good rough accommodation, if one is fortunate enough to escape quarters in the corral.”

Dairy and ranching businesses faced some unusual challenges in the emerging

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THOS. J. ORGON,
District Attorney.

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wilderness. With so many forms of livestock dotting the Alpine landscape, the local bear population found it too convenient a dinner to ignore. Thus, news reports from the summer of 1871 indicated that, of the multitude of sheep which had crossed via the Big Trees Road that season, “[b]ears have killed a large number,” while John McColloch was forced to dispatch a 500-pound bear at his dairy ranch about seven miles from Silver

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Mountain, "the Bruin family being a little too numerous in his neighborhood."

Despite the bitter winters and short growing season, at least a few Alpine families tended gardens for home consumption. And if the kitchen garden should fail, local wildlife was abundant — free for the catching, and occasionally even profitable. Mining entrepreneur Lewis Chalmers wrote home almost breathlessly in 1868 about the profusion of local wildlife: grouse, hares, "sage hen" (quail), fox, coyote (which he deemed a "species of wolf"), and the occasional grizzly bear. In letters to his children he described "beautiful lizards, rich green [in] color" and "butterflies . . . beyond anything you can fancy."

Henry Eno, an early Alpine County judge, similarly described the local hare and grouse as "rather plent[iful]" in the vicinity of Silver Mountain, and those staples plus

local venison no doubt graced many a miner's dinner table. One successful Monitor marksman returned after only a few hours on the Silver King Road with 27 pounds of "mountain grouse," suggesting a hearty appetite or a ready market. For those with a knack for trapping, the fur trade offered yet another opportunity; a "white weasel" pelt might net the fortunate hunter a day's wages at \$5, while a single silver fox skin commanded an astronomical \$40 to \$70.

But if there was one free-for-the-foraging commodity most likely to be found on Silver Mountain tables, it was probably what Eno called "speckled trout" — the native Lahontan, which he describes as "abundant". "Trouting" became a "favorite pastime" for early Silver Mountain citizens. Chalmers, too, noted the "good trout (large) fishing," observing "they don't rise to fly," but adding that the locals were successful

using bait.

The disruptive twin forces of wood drives and mining dams soon "demoralized" the local trout, much to the consternation of Alpine citizens. Efforts were launched to require that "fish ladders" be constructed around dams, but such regulatory attempts proved less than successful. The *Chronicle* editors fairly shouted their displeasure over one Monitor mining company's failure to build a fish ladder at its dam, admonishing the District Attorney to pay heed:

[W]e want our streams well stocked with trout next season — which has not been the case since the d— dam has been in existence.

Even when mine owners did take the trouble to build a fish ladder, however, it often suffered in design or execution. At

the Advance Dam below Bulliona, for example, the fish ladder was found to be "not working to the satisfaction of the trout that desire to visit Silver Mountain," as the *Chronicle* lamented in 1878.

Fish nevertheless continued to flourish in bodies of water more removed from the wood drives and mining enterprises. In 1876, trout were so prolific at Silver Lake that one non-ecologically-minded fishing party proudly hauled in over 1,400 of the finny creatures in just half a day. And one proud "excursionist" on the nearby Walker River made a newspaper mention by snagging a 23-inch specimen.

Excerpted from Silver Mountain City: Ghost of the Sierra, by Karen Dustman (©2011). Copies are available for purchase at the Alpine County Museum, the Alpine Chamber, and the Library.

Gardnerville man denies sexual assault of two girls

Staff reports

■ A 56-year-old Markleeville woman is back in custody after being arrested over the weekend for violating bail conditions.

According to court proceedings on Monday, Adelina Osorio was among other parties in a domestic battery incident, during which officers found drug paraphernalia.

No new charges were filed against her.

Osorio has a DUI case pending in East Fork Justice Court.

In District Court, she has pleaded guilty to felony possession of a controlled substance, methamphetamine, in connection with a Dec. 19 incident.

Judge Michael Gibbons set sentencing in that case for April 1.

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Dry winter no comfort to ranching business

"Happy New Year to you too!" I call to the cowboy pumping fuel from the shop pumps this morning while I walk past from feeding the cows.

Adding, "Would gladly trade my running shorts here in for some snow-boots to get snow on the ground". We commiserate about this warm, sunny weather making things too easy. Scary easy. Nothing is broken, frozen, stuck. No early calves born in a blizzard, sick and cold. No machinery broken down in a field of blowing snow. Things are as easy as picking out crazy in this year's Republican primary. Scary too. Things are too dry.

Usually by January the feed truck has gotten stuck in the mud and snow at least once every week. Ice gathering at the edges of the ditches has to be checked to make sure it has not frozen over. Things get jammed up in cold and wet.

FENCE LINES



by Marie Johnson

of reply I was expecting, but no real solace. His family ranched this place for four generations before us. Surely there were times of no water, what did they do?

His reply was, "There was always water. Even in bad years. There will always be some water. Some of the ditches that run across our fields flow from artesian water that seeps through rock from the mountains and into our

There is fussing about feeding and the weight on the cows, stress. But this year there is no snow, or rain, and that is causing its own kind of stress. What happens when no water comes?

Asking my husband that question gets just the kind

high water table. Water always runs, even in drought years, just lighter."

I know that little ditch. It is only one, and not very big. What will happen to the rest of the fields? The space up between the corral and shop usually has enough ground cover to think about cutting for cattle feed in wet years. This year that grass has all been ground down and is now just dull, gray sand.

Strong wind blowing down from the mountain pass creates terrible dust devils that twist by the barn and dance around in the front yard before laying a film of fine dust inside our south facing windows. I am not a fastidious house cleaner, but that dust bothers me enough to take a swipe at it after the wind drops down, even if it is just for a few hours.

It is dry, and from all the reports there does not seem to be

big relief coming. February usually brings in a week of wet storms. I am actually looking forward to those storms, no matter how many times a week the feed truck will get stuck.

But til then, and being that type of person with lots of questions. I ask my husband again, really, what will happen if we get no water? No water at all? Not even just a little? I know how dry and tense things got during our last cycles of drought in the '80s and '90s. I saw brown grass and thin fields. But that was in summer. This is January and things are all gray and brown now with no white in sight.

So he quietly says, "We'll do the best we can." That will be the New Years resolution for the crazy this year is sure to bring. We will do the best we can.

Marie Johnson is a Carson Valley rancher.

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Chuck Wayne performs with his band Exit 22 during a Family Support Council Barn Dance fundraiser. A memorial service is Saturday for the Gardnerville music teacher.

Family, friends remember music teacher

by Scott Neuffer
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A local musician, teacher and shop owner who spent more than two decades spreading the joy of music throughout the schools and churches of Carson Valley died Sunday night at the age of 56.

A service for Gardnerville Ranchos resident Chuck Wayne has

YOU CAN HELP

The Charles Wayne Donation fund has been established at Wells Fargo Bank, account No. 7504899035

been set for 11 a.m. Saturday at Hill-top Community Church, 3588 Romans Road, Carson City.

"He was awesome, the best guy I've ever known," son Matthew Wayne said Tuesday. "He was always

there, always willing to help people. It didn't matter where they came from; he'd just help people the best he could. He would never tell them no. He'd always find a way."

Matthew, a 1999 Douglas High graduate and the oldest of three children, said his parents first moved to Carson Valley in 1986, opening Wayne's Family Music out of their home at the time. A few

years later, the shop was moved to the Haas Center in Gardnerville.

"I helped out around the shop when I was a little kid," said Matthew, who still lives in Gardnerville.

In the early 2000s, the shop was moved back into the family's Gardnerville Ranchos home, where

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"there were guitars and pianos in every room."

"I'm going to miss everything about him," Matthew said of his father. "I'm going to miss him knocking on my door asking if I want to go out for breakfast. I'm going to miss him asking me if I want to see him play."

Matthew said his father was in several bands, an accomplished musician by anyone's standards.

"He used to play ragtime piano in Virginia City," he said. "Besides Yosemite, that was his favorite place to go."

Longtime friend Colleen Nestroyl remembered Chuck sowing the seeds of song in schools throughout the Valley.

"I was a substitute teacher," she said. "I remember that he would bring the kids down to the cafeteria to sing."

She said Wayne oversaw the student-member DARE band



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Karen and Chuck Wayne with their guitars in front of Half Dome in Yosemite National Park.

that played anti-drug songs at local events. He also left lasting impressions on several congregations.

"He'd play on Sundays at Hilltop Community Church, then he'd run down to play at the Episcopal church in Minden (Church of Coventry Cross),

then Sunday nights he'd come to see us at the rest home," she explained. "Every Sunday night he'd play the piano and do a little service for our ministry at Carson Valley Residential.

"He was a very Godly man. He loved the Lord and loved the community. He was always

doing something for the community. He was such a wonderful guy, and we'll miss him."

Matthew said his father got a motorcycle a few years ago, which he attempted to ride everyday, snow or shine.

"Yosemite was the place he wanted to be. He always had a dream of moving there and making a life," he said. "He's being cremated, so that's where we're going to spread his ashes this summer."

Matthew said his mother, Karen Wayne, had been married to his father for 35 years.

"They've actually been together for 40 years. They started dating at 15," he said. "My mom is asking people to bring instruments to the service — friends, family, students — anyone who wants to play. He had about 40 students a week."

Those wishing to make a donation in Chuck's name or to help the family should e-mail Nestroyl at collyflower65@yahoo.com or Matthew at muzik24@gmail.com.

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13-year-old takes mom's van to Alpine, takes another, wrecks

by Kurt Hildebrand
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A 13-year-old Indian Hills boy was taken into custody in California on Monday after he was involved in a traffic accident in Meyers in a stolen vehicle.

The boy's mother reported at 2:20 p.m. that her son had taken her Dodge Caravan and run away. She said the boy was being punished for a previous infraction by being required to do the family laundry.

Deputies heard from the California Highway Patrol at about 5 p.m. that the boy had been involved in a traffic accident at the intersection of highways 50 and 89. By

that time the boy was driving a different vehicle, allegedly taken in Alpine County.

The Caravan was located an hour later on Airport Road in Alpine County and impounded.

■ Douglas County investigators responded to a report of an unattended death of a 23-year-old woman on Pinewood Drive in Minden just before 8 a.m. Tuesday.

Sgt. Jim Halsey of the Douglas County Sheriff's Office said there was no sign of foul play. Cause of death will await the results of an autopsy.

■ Neighbors in Johnson Lane reported hearing what sounded like a dozen shots in the neighborhood just

after midnight on Sunday.

Responding deputies reported finding a firecracker box that was still warm in the middle of the intersection at Jones and Wade streets.

■ A Gardnerville resident reported that someone

pulled all of his brass solar lights out of his front yard and broke them on the street sometime during the evening of Jan. 9.

Other neighbors along Longfellow Lane reported someone pulled up plants and removed yard signs.

■ A Jacks Valley resident reported that someone appeared to have broken into his home while he was away on Friday.

The homeowner said his dog was acting strangely and growling at the front door of

the home, located in the 800 block of Jacks Valley Road. The door frame next to the handle was indented and there was a black scuff mark above the handle. Nothing was reported taken from the home.

Charles "Chuck" R. Wayne May 28, 1955 - January 13, 2012

Charles (Chuck) R. Wayne went home to be with his Lord Friday, January 13, 2012, at the age of 56. Chuck was born in Fort Bragg, N. Carolina, on May 28 1955, the eldest son of Charles R. Wayne Sr. and Joyce Elaine Wayne. Chuck Wayne was very happily married for 35 very short years to Karen Faye Wayne whom he loved dearly. Together they raised 3 children, 2 sons Matthew, Justin, a daughter Michelle, and have 5 grandchildren.

Chuck Wayne is a devout Christian man, an accomplished musician, and the consummate teacher, unparalleled by any other. Chuck saw his musical ability as a gift from God to be used to teach others about his savior Jesus. He ran a local music business called Wayne's Family Music in Gardnerville and Minden teaching music to 40 or more Students a week. Chuck was once music teacher at Douglas High school where he taught music at the high school level to many of our children. Many of his students have gone on to perform professionally in local bands in the area. Some of his high school students have become professional musicians forming their own band called 'Buster Blue'. Chuck was very, very proud of all his students. Chuck was a member of many local bands and has contributed his talents to various artists over the years. He performed the worship music for many churches throughout the area and at the local senior center for the residents there, and rag time music in Virginia City. He will be greatly missed by all of us who knew him.

Chuck is preceded in death by his mother, Joyce Wayne. He is survived by his father, Charles Wayne; brother, David Wayne; and sisters, Carroll McGinnis and Gayle Dickson.

Services will be held at Hilltop Community Church on Saturday, January 21, 2012 at 11am. A pot luck luncheon will follow, all are welcome to attend. For more information contact Bill Harmon at (775) 901-6344.

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after midnight on Sunday.

Responding deputies reported finding a firecracker box that was still warm in the middle of the intersection at Jones and Wade streets.

A Gardnerville resident reported that someone

pulled all of his brass solar lights out of his front yard and broke them on the street sometime during the evening of Jan. 9.

Other neighbors along Longfellow Lane reported someone pulled up plants and removed yard signs.

A Jacks Valley resident reported that someone appeared to have broken into his home while he was away on Friday.

The homeowner said his dog was acting strangely and growling at the front door of home.

the home, located in the 800 block of Jacks Valley Road. The door frame next to the handle was indented and there was a black scuff mark above the handle. Nothing was reported taken from the

Charles "Chuck" R. Wayne May 28, 1955 - January 13, 2012

Charles (Chuck) R. Wayne went home to be with his Lord Friday, January 13, 2012, at the age of 56.

Chuck was born in Fort Bragg, N. Carolina, on May 28 1955, the eldest son of Charles R. Wayne Sr. and Joyce Elaine Wayne. Chuck Wayne was very happily married for 35 very short years to Karen Faye Wayne whom he loved dearly. Together they raised 3 children, 2 sons Mathew, Justin, a daughter Michelle, and have 5 grandchildren.

Chuck Wayne is a devout Christian man, an accomplished musician, and the consummate teacher, unparalleled by any other. Chuck saw his musical ability as a gift from God to be used to teach others about his savior Jesus. He ran a local music business called Wayne's Family Music in Gardnerville and Minden teaching music to 40 or more Students a week. Chuck was once music teacher at Douglas High school where he taught music at the high school level to many of our children. Many of his students have gone on to perform professionally in local bands in the area. Some of his high school students have become professional musicians forming their own band called 'Buster Blue'. Chuck was very, very proud of all his students. Chuck was a member of many local bands and has contributed his talents to various artists over the years. He performed the worship music for many churches throughout the area and at the local senior center for the residents there, and rag time music in Virginia City. He will be greatly missed by all of us who knew him.

Chuck is preceded in death by his mother, Joyce Wayne. He is survived by his father, Charles Wayne; brother, David Wayne; and sisters, Carroll McGinnis and Gayle Dickson.

Services will be held at Hilltop Community Church on Saturday, January 21, 2012 at 11am. A pot luck luncheon will follow, all are welcome to attend.

For more information contact Bill Harmon at (775) 901-6344.

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ALPINE

Census means new lines for Alpine

by Joyce Devore

Last year the Census Bureau sent me a long questionnaire, which I completed, and then I received a call from a census worker inquiring about some of the answers. That was a first for me, and I have been wondering what happens to all that information.

Then I received a notice from Alpine County Clerk Barbara Howard explaining that a citizen committee drew up new district lines, which were approved by the Board of Supervisors, and I would now be voting in a different district for our local election.

Howard graciously took time to explain how the 2010 census, Proposition 20, and a group of my peers worked together to make the changes that, among many other important issues, put approximately 50 Alpine County



Special to The R-C
Alpine County Clerk Barbara Howard looks over Alpine's new district boundaries.

residents into new districts.

Every 10 years the Census Bureau makes a count of all people living in the country.

"That is not just voters, but every man, woman, and child living in each county of each state," she said. "It is so important for people to return the census questionnaires, but many people have the false

belief that the questionnaire is an invasion of privacy."

So, we have everyone in the county counted and we have 1,175 people and 829 voters. There are already five districts in the county, but the population of the districts has shifted.

"We were forced to redistrict to make the number of people in each district more equal," Howard said.

Since California voters passed Prop 20 in November 2010, the power to redraw the districts for state legislature, Congressional Districts, and Board of Equalization, as well as local supervisor elections is given to a committee of citizens. The initiative is designed to prevent gerrymandering and increase the number of competitive congressional races.

If you are interested in Alpine County's new districts for legislature and congress, check the county

website or California Secretary of State website.

Howard sought two citizens from each district to redraw the lines. She gave instructions recommending the committee consider the following factors: (a) topography, (b) geography, (c) cohesiveness, contiguity, integrity and compactness of territory, and (d) community of interests of the districts.

Item "d" indicates that it is best not to divide, for example, a senior citizen community, because then votes on issues affecting that community would be divided and thus unfairly counted.

Our committee met with the Board of Supervisors, who has the final decision to approve the new district lines, and began work. Zack Wood, County Planner III, assisted with a computer map program and the lines were examined with regard to the fore-mentioned population

changes and four guidelines.

The two ski resort populations remained in one district, and the other four districts were redrawn. District 1 now includes more people along Hwy 89.

District 1 Supervisor Don Jardine happened to walk through the clerk's office during the interview, and he said, "I remember when District One included Hung a lel Ti because the census took place before people moved into the community."

District 2 picked up more people who were in District 5, again by using highways and roads as main dividing lines.

District 3 gained more people in the same manner. District 5 had proportionately too many people, so using the highways a boundaries, a few were added to 3.

When the new lines were presented to the

Board and for public comment, they were unanimously approved.

This year we have elections in three County Supervisor Districts: 2, 3, and 5.

"One incumbent is retiring in District 2 and there are two candidates who are in the process of getting signatures on petitions in lieu of fees for filing for office," Howard said. "The incumbent in 3 is running, and the incumbent in 5 has a challenger."

In two more years there will be elections in all the other elected offices in our county, sheriff/coroner, district attorney, superintendent of schools, treasurer, clerk, assessor, and perhaps superior court judge.

"I am retiring (as county clerk) after the current term, and it has been a fun," Howard said.

Thank you to Howard for her time and patience explaining the new district lines.

VALLEY VIEWS

Remembering Mr. Wayne

Staff Reports

The Record-Courier asked its Facebook fans for memories and tributes of longtime Douglas County music teacher, musician and businessman Chuck Wayne, who died Jan. 15.



Wayne

As always, readers are welcome to post photos or comments of any topic to our Facebook page at [facebook.com/recordcourier](https://www.facebook.com/recordcourier), or e-mail them to jcrandall@recordcourier.com

We'll print our favorites in next week's Valley Views section.

Shannon Bishop: I remember them moving onto Galena Court in the Ranchos when he opened his music shop in his house. They lived across the street. Great family.

Mary Powell: I was part of the DARE Band when I was a youngster. I used to hang out at the music store all the time. Chuck was a musical mentor to me and will be very missed.

Sandy Shupe: I remember a wonderful Christian man always had a smile. He also has a wonderful wife and family! He will be greatly missed in this community!

Deejay Bratsch: Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self control. God-centered, serving the community.

Leiga Monge: I used to hang out at Wayne's Family Music after middle school with Michelle. We would go to the laundromat next door and get as much candy as we could afford and then go play every instrument in the shop which was funny because I'm not musically inclined in any way. Chuck would just laugh at us, Karen would make sure we put it away and make sure Matt & Justin weren't bothering us too much. Mr. Chuck Wayne was such a great teacher, friend, influence on this community, husband and parent. He will be missed dearly!

Tammy DeGiovanni: A man who truly loved sharing his passion for music. He was inspirational.

Tammy Knabenshuh Sunderland: When I think of Mr. Wayne, the word "kind" just keeps popping up. I'm praying for his wife and children who will surely miss this beloved man.

Paula Ghione Hennefer: A wonderful teacher who truly saw the best in all his students. His wonderful wife Karen for always supporting him with his crazy hours in teaching his students! Both just wonderful, wonderful people and Mr. Wayne left us all too soon!

Irma Janssen: Forever Young band. My awkward 12-year-old son found a great creative outlet playing with this band and having a safe, fun place to hang out. I don't know what came first, his love for music, children, community? Perhaps none of these could be possible without his love of God first. He embodied the fruits of the Spirit in their fullness. What a lovely and gentle man. He'll leave quite a legacy.

Dahleen Roberts Kendler: I had known Mr. Wayne since I moved to the Valley in 1995. He always made sure kids had instruments and worried about how they would pay for it later if needed. He moved a piano for me, tuned it and even gave my son piano lessons ... and saxophone lessons and got him involved in his band. All three of my boys had some musical interaction with Mr. Wayne. No matter when I saw him, he always asked me about all three of my boys. His love for music helped to form the music programs we are using today in this Valley. We were all blessed to have him touch our lives.



Just another Sierra commute.
PHOTO: JASON BENJAMIN SMITH

A HUGE SPREAD

CALIFORNIA'S BEAR VALLEY EXPANDS INTO A FAMILIAR SOUTHERN SLOPE

Phil Davis has skied home from work every day the last 43 years. First as a ski patroller and now a guide, his route takes him from the top of Bear Valley Ski Resort in California's Central Sierra Mountains to his snow-bound log cabin 1,200 feet below in a small, end-of-the-road town that shares the mountain's name.

Last spring Dundee Realty Development, LCC—the company that owns the majority stake in Bear Valley Ski Resort, Bear Valley Lodge and the surrounding land in the adjacent town since July 2005—received approval from the Forest Service to open 400 acres of steep, wooded south-facing terrain leading from the resort's Bear Top summit to Bear Lake, just a short walk from town. The expansion, slated in the resort's master plan since 1994, increases the resort's skiable terrain to over 1,680 acres, making Davis' sidecountry route home a legit inbounds experience, with a quick shuttle back to the mountain's base lodge.

"I think it's great," says Aaron Johnson, who owns and operates Mountain Adventure Seminars in town. The snowcat operator notes that because the terrain requires a sense of adventure and effort to get through the flat sections near town, most people aren't willing to go off the beaten path. "It sometimes gets lonely back there gobbling up all the powder."

According to Bear Valley General Manager Jim Gentling, the ad-

ditional terrain (accessible via the Kuma and Koala chairs and recently named Dardanelles Vista Bowl through an online naming contest) is the first step in a long-awaited development strategy that will connect the mountain to the town with a village-to-mountain lift. Destination amenities, including new accommodations and retail space, are also in the plan. With an impending Environmental Impact Report, the timetable for construction and completion is unknown, says Gentling.

Yet other Bear Valley locals are leery of the development. "The corporate culture is all that's left here," says the 63-year-old Davis. "That lift has been two to five years away for the last 40 years, and I'd be surprised if they do anything in this economy." Longtime Bear Valley local Thea Schoettgen asserts that the new area is now subject to closures due to avalanche mitigation of the 12 chutes and several tree runs. "This was the place to ride on a powder day while we awaited the opening of the lower mountain (Grizzly Bowl) by ski patrol," says Schoettgen. "Now, there are many powder mornings that you find the gates to the new 400 closed."

Despite the uncertain future of the town and its skiers at the end of Alpine State Highway 4, Bear Valley ski patroller Mattly Trent declares one thing will remain the same: "There will always be first tracks days after a storm."—JUSTIN BROGLIO

ALPINE

Musicians perform at Hope Valley Café

by Joyce DeVore

Hope Valley keeps getting better and better. The scenery is breathtaking, especially since our recent snowstorm.

To take advantage of winter sport in the valley, stop by the yurt to rent snowshoes and tour the valley on Joyce Coker's excellent trail system. Sorensen's is sheer magic for an overnight stay and/or a romantic dinner.

There is one more place that keeps adding more delightful aspects to Hope Valley: The Hope Valley Café.

Now in her fourth year as owner and operator, Leesa Lopazanski has the warmth of personality and artistic talent in the kitchen to surprise and delight the most discerning guests.

Lopazanski has transformed the small store into a must-see rustic café, with a wood burning stove and sofa, hand-crafted log barstools where you will always find a local or two enjoying breakfast or lunch, an intimate dining room, and a tidy market stocked with grocery and camping items as well as gifts made by local artists.

However, the outstanding feature of the café remains the incredi-

ble baked goods that Lopazanski bakes fresh daily. Platters of freshly baked muffins, scones, cookies tempt all comers. The pies are incredible: either by the slice, special order, or a new mini pie to go. Her artistry is gaining quite a following.

It is understandable that other artists like to visit Hope Valley Café: two local musicians are regular customers.

Their names are Larry Nair and Beth Oliveto. You may have already heard them perform at the Brewery Arts Center or at Jethro's. They call themselves Ten Dollar Pony, an acoustic indie folk rock band.

The two have been performing together for about eight years, traveling around the Tahoe area as well as Colorado, Minnesota, and North Carolina.

Nair has recorded three CDs, two with his rock band Playa Papaya, and one intimate collection of duets with Playa Papaya's backup singer, Oliveto.

Nair custom builds guitars and rebuilds vintage ones. His guitar playing is quite extraordinary: he is self-taught and said, "I cannot remember not being able to play the guitar."

Nair is also a song writer. Olive-



Beth Oliveto and Larry Nair are performing as Ten Dollar Pony at the Hope Valley Café on Saturday.

to developed her voice while performing at Lake Tahoe Community College and Nevada Light Opera.

She also plays guitar beautifully.

The following blog taken from reverbnation.com explains the Ten Dollar Pony's style of music, "Based on vocal-centric aesthetic, their lively blend of original and cover tunes encompasses many

styles: folk, pop, blues, and country rock to name a few. Whether delivering intimate and heart wrenching ballads with warm harmonies, or raucous blues, their music ranges from sweet to wryly observant, to perversely funny, all served up with intelligence and wit."

For a preview of the Ten Dollar Pony, try either mspace.com/ten-

DETAILS

What: Ten Dollar Pony performs

When: 1 p.m. Saturday

Where: Hope Valley Café

Info: (530) 694-2323

dollarpony or reverbnation.com/tendollarpony.

A few weeks ago Nair and Oliveto ate at the café, then brought out the guitars for an informal jam session.

Lopazanski said, "Of course I loved the music, and within half an hour there were people coming in from all over just to hear them."

Lopazanski invited them back and The Hope Valley Café is proud to invite you to a concert featuring the Ten Dollar Pony on 1 p.m. Saturday.

There will be no cover charge, so plan on spending an afternoon in Hope Valley enjoying the multiple feasts of nature, food, and music.

Hope Valley Café is open seven days a week, with doors open at 8 a.m.

The super bowl will be featured next weekend, in addition to the bakery goods, gifts, and market items. Call (530) 694-2323 for more information.

**The Pau-Wa-Lu Middle
School honor roll for fall
2011.**

Abbott, Olivia Ann
Brockhage, Andrew Frank
Hatley, Ross Michael
Hellwinkel, Ashley Brooke
Knowles, Jordan Nichole
Liddell, Christine Leann
Meza Armendariz, Karla Eliza-
beth
Pupich, Caitlin Elizabeth

Spurgeon, Grant Lee
Whittemore, Cooper Taylor
Adams, Lindsey Gabrielle
Avila, Cassandra A.
Champlin, Cassidy Jeannine
Davis, Katherine Anne
Jordan, Brennan G P
Stoll, Kai Mercedes
Battcher, Kaycee Makaela
Brown, Holly Rae
Cassity, Trace Ian
Cotton, Sydney Rose
Cronin, Alessandra Zephyr
Garcia, Juliana Elisabeth
Garcia, Miguel Angel
Gomez, Kelly Jean
Hansen, Christian Taryn
Hargreaves, Kenneth
Hergenrader, Cassandra J
Hinnant, Koby James
Ingrey, Zachary Tobias
Johnson, Carly Anais
Kellar, Zachary Thomas
Melhus, Samuel Krist
Mora, Jared Steven
Morgan, Emma Mayumi
Morris, Kaleb Scott
Muller, Audrey Lynn
Sperry, Emma Elizabeth
Torres, Alexaz Nicole
Vo, Heather Elizabeth
Voss, Jordyn Lindsey
Whiteley, Landon Reed
Brees, Samuel Wilson
Brooks, Grace Lily
Coziahr, Kylie Danielle
Gagnon, Kaylin Nicole
Gallagher, Raina Rose
Grisell, Hanna Rose

Gurule, Joshua Thomas
Harmon, Rowan Bryanne
Hillman, Danner Nicholas
Hurtado, Cyrus Evencio
Jordan, Madison Janara
Kyle, Logan Baines
McElroy, Garrett-David
Moore, Jade Gloria Elaine
Muller, Emily Kate
Perry, Gavin Lane
Peters, Madison Grace
Peterson, Isabelle
Ponsness, Lars Alan
Prudhomme, Emilie Grace
Putansu, Aubrey Michelle
Romanowitz, Matthew James
Rothfusz, Brynn Judith
Rouse, Jake Carlton
Souza, Tanner William
Swearingen, Olivia Lorene
Trivitt, Spencer Joseph Horsley
Ward, Cassidy Jordan
Arthur, Taylor Dawn
Frogget, Jason Tyler
Hoyt, Candace Noel
Irving-Peterson, Riis Anthony
Lawrence, Holly Carol-Marie
Lera, Kaitlyn Family
Rea, Heli Odett
Swanson, Lauren Ashlee
Terada, Nicole Keiko
Voss, Melissa Barbara
Wilkinson, Nicholas Easton
Basche, Isabella Lorraine
Cottrill, Tara Dean
Johnson, Amber Alene
Alexander, Wesley Joseph

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Roll

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Allen, Brittany Suzanne
Brown, Kenneth Connor
Buckingham, Hannah Kelly
Deitch, Sarina Lynn
Donat, Mitchell Franklin
Hone, Emily Margaret
McGillivray, Kelsey Starr

Munoz, Cristina Alejandra
Pitts, Aiyana Marie
Ramos, Cheila Esperanza
Ross-Dee, Breanna Cheyenne
Westre, Alexander Evan
Wilkinson, Riley Shane
Williams, Aria Leigh
Wolfkiel, Sean Patrick
Davies, Zachary Michael
Downes, Melissa Margaurite
Hubbard, Kayla Jane
Lalonde, Logan Terrence

Lewis, Katelynn Reanna
Mattison, Skylar Kenneth
Severns, Haley Michelle
Sullivan, Dylan Troy
Brooks, Colin McCarthy
Cervenak, Nicolett Millie
Coleman, Desyrae Lyn
Djaz Gomez, Karina Briseida
Eckert, Christian
Forbes, Hannah Jean
Gilbert, Charles Quinn
Holley, Alissa Renee

Johnson, Michael Anthony
Kobold, Hunter Michele
Phillips, Cody Lane
Tierney, Trevor Richard
Walker, Amy Kathrine
Allmett, Taryn Elyse
Bailey, Jenelle Cathryn
Bodily, Rebekah Lynn
Caruana, John Conrad
Costa, Levi Joseph
Edis, Trevor Lee
Francis, Rachel Shiree

Jackson, Tre Andrew
Johnson, Samuel Raymond
Komp, Angelle Leigh
Lopez, Juan Flaviano
Montgomery, Colby Matthew
Mora, Hannah Sophia
Ramm, Charlie William
Ryan, Brianna Marie
Trauner, Jordan Victoria
Hoggard, Cora Lynn
Aqui, Rogelio Jesus Barrozo
Jensen, Andrew Eric

Krull, Kacie Lynn
Lopez, Carlos Guadalupe
Menzer, Mitchell Robert
Gold, Christopher Allan
Zieroth, Demaris Lolia
Adams, Ryan Philip
DelPrete, Lauryn Olivia
Goodner, Dominic Nicholas
Hallinan, Benjamin Joseph
Ritchie, Bradley Scott
Watkins, Nicholas Anthony
Zivkovic, Cheyenne Michael

HONOR ROLL

The honor roll for Carson Valley Middle School's fall semester.

Seventh Grade

Aleman, Jeremy
Allen, Raychel
Arbuckle, Nefertari
Armstrong, Braden
Atkins, Allison
Ba-Aya, Jasmine
Barnes, Ryan
Barr, Christian
Bera, Demi
Biasotti, Dominick
Brazeau, Raechel
Brown, Hayden
Brown, Joshua
Bullock, Juliette
Burt, Jayden
Cale, Chad
Camara, Kyle
Campagna, Ashley
Carpenter, Brendyn
Christensen, Kaden
Closson, Savannah
Colella, Sophia
Coverley, Payson
Dack, Emily
Davis, Dalton
Dawson, Mariya
DeArcos, Omar
Easley, Brandon
Ellis, Jared
Endter, Jarod
Figueroa, Jesus
Forbes, Jayden
Ghan, Christopher
Gilmartin, Callen
Goode, Matthew
Gransbery, Cianna
Green, Nicholas

Guevarra, Patricia
Harker, Alexander
Harpin, Allison
Harris, Bryan
Harrison, Kimberly
Heinrichs, Luke
Hight, Justin
Hillbrick, Annika
Hothi, Ranjot
Hotovec, Drew
Howell, Courtney
Hubbard, Tyler
Immers, Norman
Jacobson, Jillyan
Jin, Jessie
Jongsma, Emma
Keller, Haden
Kohler, Amy
Kruse, Zachary
Lane, Taylor
Langford, Hunter
Lehrke, Desiree
Lu, Wenny
McTee, Matthew
Meglen, Katherine
Nalder, Corinne
Nunez Funes, Alejandra
Olsen, Amy
Ortega, Adanary
Palaroan, Kaitlyn
Pankey, Cade
Parsh, Misty
Pastones, Anthony
Patterson, Colton
Penny, Joelle
Penwell, Megan
Perkins, Carson
Peterson, Karina
Pierce, Connor
Pinther, Cade
Richardson, Cozette
Roberts, Zane

Rodriguez, Joaquin
Rogers, Guy
Ruffo, Kayla
Ryan, Alyssa
Sanchez, Alejandro
Sando, Megan
Sanotsky, Gregory
Schramm, Jena
Silva, Diego
Smith, Jarred Thomas
Smith, Natalie
Soderquist, Sierra
Stokes, Taylor
Sullivan, Joseph
Thielen, Megan
Thielmann, Brandon
Tompkins, Eric
Tooker, Daniel
Tovar, Nicholas
Valenzuela, Mario
Villegas, Kathleen Anne
Ward, Karina
Weyland, Mary
Williams, Bryson
Williams, Hannah
Withrow, Jessica
Woodward, Sydney
Wright, Tyler

Eighth Grade

Aldredge, Jaden
Anderson-Freer, Travis
Angst Smith, Michael
Ansel, Allison
Ball, Cody
Barrett-Jimenez, Breanna
Bautista, Karina
Been, Terek
Blackmore, Cassandra
Blackwell, Vanessa
Borino, Bryson
Boyd, Kiersten

Browning, Kaitlyn
Byrne, Elizabeth
Byrne, Sophie
Cadaret, Timothy
Caires, Aubrey
Carlson, Kayleigh
Carter, Sarah
Ceballos, Marco
Chappell, Savannah
Christopher, Claire
Conover, Caleb
Cote, Madison
Crumrine, Brianna
Cummins, Kendall
Davidson, Amanda
Dennis, Sasha
Dillon, Kaylica
Duby, Taylor
Eichner, Jessica
Elder, Madison
Ence, Sarah
English, Dylan
Evans, Jacob
Ezell, Lillian
Fellows, Brooklyn
Flanagan, Jessica
Flanders, Spencer
Frayo Laing, Andrew
Frensdorff, Griffin
Galliett, Dylan
Gansberg, Bailey
Gautereaux, Grace
Ginocchio, Leora
Gonzalez, Desiree
Gonzalez Cruz, Jose
Gramenspacher, Coral
Graver, Clayton
Gray, Emma
Greth, Nolan
Grizoffi, Malia
Hamada, Nikki
Hammond, Jenna
Harjes, Macie

Harvey, Madison
Hash, Savannah
Hernandez, Edgar
Hineman, Haley
Hollis, James
Houghton, Luke
Hubbard, Morgan
Iloff, Janelle
Jacoboni, Johnny
James, Bryce
Jongsma, Leland
Kaylor, Jackson
Kerrigan, Megan
Kluvers, Sabrina
Kynett, McKenna
Lehrke, Sabrina
Leiss, Shannon
Long, Stephanie
Lopez, Alexander
Lowe, Madeline
Maaghop, Mary Justin
Maalouf, Zoe
Malarchuk, Dallyn
Martin, Jennifer
Maxwell, Tanner
McCracken, Kayla
McManis, Kyle
Mendez, Ashley
Meyer, Allison
Miller, Brooke
Miller, Logan
Mone, Connor
Moore, Kayla
Mournighan, Savannah
Nanse, Samuel
Nava, Omar
Nolting, Benjamin
O'Connor, Jonah
Paine, Trevor
Patual, Lauremy
Beatriz
Perez, Alexis
Perry, James
Pfaffenberger, Dylan
Pickering, Taylee
Pierce, Patrick
Pimental, Marisa
Pitts, Shea
Pomroy, Anne
Reed, Thomas

Reed, Gabrielle
Reyes, Alex
Rhead, Nicole
Rhoads, Kaitlyn
Robinson, Galen
Rodriguez, Juan Ramon
Romero Gonzalez, Mario
Rose, Mackenzie
Rowe, Nicole
Rushinock, Erick
Ryan, Madison
Saletti, Johnnie
Santos, Aimee
Shaffer, Liam
Shaver, Makayla
Sisk, Isaiah
Sizemore, Whitney
Diane
Smith, Kaitlyn
Smith, Logan
Smuda, Robin
Stiltz, Julia
Syammach, Aziz
Talbot, Logan
Taylor, Breanna
Taylor, Jerry
Thurston, Anne
Clarisse
Tracy, Colbey
Vana, Haley
VanNest, Douglas
Vega Perez, Pedro
Wannemacher, Colleen
Elizabe
Warren, Austin
Watts, Samuel
Weiss, Madison
Whybrew, Cameron
Williams, Tanner
Williams, Terra
Wing, Derek
Ninth Grade
Abreu, Nicholas
Acolino, Blase
Barth, Aria
Bennett, Haily
Boatwright, Kathryn
Bottino, Warren
Laub, Helen
Campbell, Kalvn

Carlson, Ingrid
Chambers, Holland
Chambers, Chelsea
Christanto, Vinsensius
Christl, Matthew
Corbett, Rebecca
Coverley, Hannah
Crawford, Samantha
Croxall, Austin
Cullen, William
Cummings, Cooper
Dack, Adam
Dehnert, K.D. Nicole
Emery, Brooke
Ewbank, Sedona
Floyd, Travis
Ford, Marlana
Fruth, Taylor
Fruth, Tianna
Galloway, Allie
Gervais, David
Godde, Kaitlin
Grabow, Caleb
Gransbery, Shayla
Groffman, Dominique
Gumm, Alexander
Haase, Savannah
Harker, Taylor
Harville, Hannah
Herron, Tyler
Herup, Serena
Hill, Katharine
Huck, Sydne
Hust, Kevin
Ingstad, Kalin
Isaacs, Emily
Ives, Brooklyn
Jacobson, Delaney
Jenkins, Braedon
Johnson, Heather
Jones, Caitlin
Josifko, Katelyn
Kauffman, Dana
Keller, Madison
Kelley, Savannah
Kohler, Elijah
Kratz, Mackenzie
Kynett, Cale
Laub, Helen
Lawrence, Emily

Lee, Shelby
Lewis, Evan
Lister, John
Loshbough, Bradley
Lundberg, Isabella
Lyman, Conner
Lyons, Conior
Morocho Alvarez, Vania
Munoz, Raul
Neumann, Tesla
Newton, Holiday
Norrup, Shelbie
Palaroan, Dominic
Parks, Madison
Pelcher, Jon
Penwell, Benjamin
Pieller, Ian
Pierce, Brandon
Pinther, Cole
Roberson, Paxton
Roundy, Kyle
Russell, Melissa
Sanchez, Andres
Sanders, Lauren
Sando, David
Schmidt, Emily
Seidlitz, Mallory
Shaffer, Casey
Strickler, Andrew
Sullivan, Jordan
Sunderland, Austin
Swan, Carissa
Sweetland, Brandon
Tems, Hannah Beth
Tessmann, Alex
Todd, Bailey
Tuell, Macie
Vardas-Doane, Samantha
Verano, Jewel
vonSchottenstein, Alexis
Waggoner, Layne
Walden, Jamie
Weaver, Amanda
Weston, Jennifer
White, Cassidy
Wilson, Samuel

Vail buys Kirkwood, reactions split

by Adam Jensen
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Add Kirkwood Mountain Resort to Vail Resorts' growing list of Lake Tahoe-area ski resorts.

The Colorado-based company announced Wednesday that it has agreed to buy Kirkwood for about \$18 million.

Effective immediately, Heavenly Mountain Resort and Northstar California season passholders have access to Kirkwood. Kirkwood pass holders will be able to ski and ride Heavenly and Northstar.

Michael Dalzell, vice president of sales and marketing for Kirkwood, said the deal has been in the works for a few months and is good news for the business community.

"It made good financial sense to sell," Dalzell said Wednesday. "It's no secret that Kirkwood has been looking for a buyer for a number of years now."

Vail is purchasing the ski resort, as well as selected commercial development opportunities in the Mountain Village at Kirkwood, according to a Wednesday statement. Kirkwood's shareholders will retain 100 percent of the remaining real estate development parcels in the Kirkwood base area.

The sale, which is waiting for the transfer of the U.S. Forest Service Permit, is expected to close in three to four weeks.

The resort's big lines and big snow totals are unique among the region's mountains, and its acquisition will add "a totally different experience" to Vail's portfolio in the area, said Blaise Carrig, co-president of Vail Resorts.

Online reactions to the announcement have been split, with some people bemoaning the corporation's purchase and saying Kirkwood will never be the same. The possibility of crowding at the resort was on the minds of some, while others said they thought the change in ownership will bring

much-needed improvements to the resort. Many wondered about specific pass and ticket options, and whether lift ticket prices will jump.

"I've got mixed emotions," said professional skier Josh Daiek, who calls Kirkwood home. "I think there's going to be some really good things that happen. But I'm also a little apprehensive about what's going to happen to the core of Kirkwood."

Daiek's sister, professional snowboarder Rose Marie Daiek, had similar feelings about Wednesday's announcement.

"I think Kirkwood needs a sugar daddy," Rose Marie Daiek said. "But I love it for being kind of hoopty, kind of small. I hope it doesn't blow up."

"I just really hope that the Kirkwood family that's been working there for years and years is taken care of, that's a big concern."

Kirkwood's Chief Executive Officer David Likins and Chief Financial Officer Nathan Whaley will no longer be in management positions, but will still be involved in resort and development, as well as real estate, Dalzell said.

Carrig and Casey Blann, vice president of mountain operations at Heavenly, are expected to lead Kirkwood during the transition.

"The rest is still up in the air in terms of VPs," Dalzell said. "It's still too early to tell."

Despite changes in upper management at the resort, Carrig said he expects Vail to retain existing Kirkwood employees.

"The employees here are looking at it as an opportunity to grow and develop their careers here," Dalzell said. "We have a lot of talented young people here, and it opens things up for them."

Vail is an appropriate buyer for Kirkwood because its core values and business model made sense at the resort, according to the spokesman. It brings capital and infrastructure improvement, as well as best prac-

tices to the table, Dalzell said.

"It's exciting for Kirkwood," he said. "We're getting a lot of comments from people who don't want us to be like Northstar or Heavenly, but we're going to stay true to who we are — big snow, big mountain experience with passionate people. We're going to remain core to what Kirkwood is all about."

"I think it's fantastic news for the local community," he added. "Vail is a major player and they're going to add significant value to Kirkwood Resort, as well as the whole Tahoe region."

Andy Wirth, CEO of Squaw Valley Ski Holdings, also said he thought the acquisition would be good for the region as a whole.

Plans for season pass options are expected to be announced mid-March. Heavenly spokesman Russ Pecoraro said he "didn't foresee any huge price changes at Kirkwood."

"The reason we bought Kirkwood is because it is unique and special," Pecoraro said.

Vail officials expect to review the resort's existing plans before moving forward with any development at the resort, Carrig said, noting the company operated Northstar California for more than a year before announcing any investment plans. Vail bought the North Lake Tahoe-area resort in October 2010.

"I think I like the (Kirkwood) master plan," Carrig said. "It's just a matter of what to do when."

Power problems have

long been a concern at the resort, especially following a 2010 fire that destroyed the Kirkwood Valley's previous power plant. The resort sits between two passes and is not connected to the power grid.

Carrig said he was confident a new, diesel-fired power plant that will come online shortly will be a viable power source for the resort long-term. Plans to connect the valley to the grid will still be the responsibility of Kirkwood Meadows Public Utility District, Carrig said.

He said he expected to ease any concerns from longtime Kirkwood skiers resulting from the purchase as the resort moves forward.

"I think the proof will be in the pudding, and I think we'll prove it," Carrig said. He declined to say whether Vail is interested in purchasing any other resorts in the region, but said the company is "growth-minded."

"You never know where that takes us," Carrig said.

Tribune editor Trisha Leonard, Tribune reporter Dylan Silver and Sierra Sun's Kevin MacMillan contributed to this story.

City, public oppose speed limit increase

by Dylan Silver
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Numerous businesses and organizations, including the South Lake Tahoe City Council, have stepped up opposition to a Caltrans plan to raise the speed limit on sections of Highway 50 through Meyers and South Lake Tahoe.

Caltrans presented its findings from speed surveys done throughout town at the Tuesday City Council meeting. The speed study, done in 2009, calls for increases of 5 mph on at least five sections of the highway at the South Shore. The posted speed limit is 35 mph.

According to California law, speed limits for any given area are based on a number of factors, including a speed survey no more than 5 to 10 years old, safety concerns and the number of accidents in the area. The speed survey measures the average speed of drivers in "free-flowing" traffic through the section of road.

Currently, speed limits on Highway 50 through South Lake Tahoe and Meyers are out of date. Because of this, law enforcement must revert to maximum speed limits on state highways, 55 mph on a two-lane highway and 65 mph on a four-lane highway, though officers can pull drivers over for driving faster than is safe



Dylan Silver/Tahoe Daily Tribune
Cars drive by a speed limit sign on Highway 50 through South Lake Tahoe Tuesday. A Caltrans plan to raise the speed limit on some sections of the highway has met opposition from businesses, individuals and the City Council.

for certain conditions.

"They can legally go those speeds," California Highway Patrol spokesman Jeff Gartner said. "But we're encouraging people to obey the posted speed limits. It's for the safety of them and the community."

South Lake Tahoe Police say they will continue to enforce the posted speed limit.

When asked why Caltrans hadn't began the process to update the speed limits until three years after the most recent speed survey had

been done, spokeswoman Deanna Shoopman couldn't explain.

"I can't answer why they haven't implemented them earlier," Shoopman said. "Now, it's down to where it has to be done."

Several business and community members objected to the proposed 5 mph speed limit increase during public comment Tuesday.

"We are strongly opposed to speed limit increases," said JoAnn Conner, president of the South Tahoe Chamber of Commerce, adding that businesses along the

Meyers corridor are concerned about safety.

More than 13 million cars have passed through the Highway 50 section through Meyers in three years. In that time, there have been four crashes, according to Darryl Chambers, Caltrans District 3 safety officer.

Steve Teshara of Sustainable Community Advocates argued with Caltrans' logic surrounding the changes.

"The only way we can slow down the speeds in our community is if there's so many crashes we can't increase them anymore," Teshara told the council. "If people are traveling through the zone safely, why do we need to increase the speed?"

Other speakers expressed concerns about the environmental impact and the contradiction to the city's plan to increase pedestrian and cyclist traffic.

"It's ridiculous," said Josh Hempel, owner of Blacklight Taxi. "To increase the speed anywhere on Highway 50 is a disaster waiting to happen."

Cyclist Peter Fink said he's scared enough as it is riding down Highway 50.

"I don't know how it feels to you to have a car passing you at 35, 40 mph," he said. "Increasing the speed limit makes it more danger-

ous for cyclists."

The council voted to draft a letter to Caltrans, informing them of the opposition to the increase, explaining South Lake Tahoe's push to increase bicycle and pedestrian traffic and requesting another speed survey be done during a time that better reflects average speeds on Highway 50.

Caltrans plans on presenting the letter to its legal department to see whether any of the material presents a legal reason it should not raise the speed limit, Caltrans spokeswoman Deanna Shoopman said.

The agency is obligated to update the speed limit to reflect recent speed surveys because enforcement of speed laws requires it. Violations of speed limits that do not have the backing of a recent speed survey do not stand up in court, said councilman Bruce Grego, who is also a lawyer.

Caltrans is expected to have an answer as early as next week as to whether or not concerns presented by the council and the community pose a legal problem to increasing the speed limit, said Traffic Operations Chief Pat Kelley. If the agency does move forward with the increases, new speed limits could be in place within two months, she said.

Looking for photos

EDITOR:

I am the assistant county archivist for Alpine County and I am attempting to collect photographs of people who held elective office in Alpine County at any time in our history. Ideally the photograph should reflect the person's appearance around the time he or she held the elected office.

Photos should not be larger than 8-by-10 (4-by-6 would be ideal) and can be sent to Alpine County Archives, PO Box 187, Markleeville, Calif., 96120, or they can be sent electronically to nthornburg@alpinecountyca.gov

If you have questions you can call me at work at (530) 694-2120 or at home at (530) 694-2102.

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Markleeville residents talk about wild & scenic plan

by Joyce DeVore

Representatives from Trout Unlimited and California Trout held an open house at the Markleeville Library last Wednesday.

The discussion centered around a proposal to designate approximately seven miles of the Upper Truckee River and 25 miles of its tributaries, including Meiss, Round, Dardanelles, Showers, Four Lakes, as a Wild River in the National Wild & Scenic Rivers System.

More than a dozen locals showed up to ask questions and voice opinions about the plan.

Currently the area is federally owned. The Forest Service is required to identify, study, and recommend Wild & Scenic Rivers in the land and resource planning process, which occurs every ten years.

The Forest Service recommended Wild & Scenic status for the Upper Truckee in 1998. A coalition of conservation, recreation, and business interests, including Trout Unlimited and California Trout, are spearheading the proposal to Congress for the designation.

Some questions from Alpine County residents were directed at the need for a federal agency that

already owns and manages the area to have another level of management super-imposed.

The response was that the wild & scenic designation locks in a level of management of the protected stream. There would never be a road or building or motorized vehicles in the area.

Residents pointed out that the area is already designated as roadless and motorized vehicles are prohibited. The only buildings on the property are the Meiss cabin and barn, built in 1887 and already classified as an historic site.

David Lass of Trout Unlimited said, "We have a world-class fishing area for the Lahontan cut throat trout and we want to preserve it."

Residents agree that we have a world-class fishing area and wonder what more regulations would actually accomplish.

More questions and concerns came from residents who have witnessed federal management of our lands that have not been beneficial to our county. Grazing and timber rights have been withdrawn from the public, many times to the detriment of our forest and many times to the fiscal detriment of our residents. The fish-poisoning and mishaps have been costly errors in judgment.



Special to The R-C
Markleeville residents discuss a plan for wild & scenic designation.

Lass explained that the California Wild Heritage Trout Challenge uses Alpine County rivers for its contest, bringing business to our area.

One local supervisor reminded Lass that since Lake Tahoe has more amenities, visiting fishermen/women often stay there instead of Markleeville.

Another Alpine resident supports the proposal because the additional regulations would be a barrier to developing public lands: national and state parks being a unique and beneficial aspect of the United States. Perhaps more and more legislation is also a part of that aspect.

Others countered: No; if it is not broken then don't fix it.

The fiscal side of the designation is a concern for some residents. The cost of the legislation may seem an insignificant amount, yet our budget deficit is affected

by all spending. Lass added that the designation would allow extra dollars to be spent on the area, which brought mixed reactions: more money coming from the government and the need to protect our resources.

Locals who use the wilderness told stories of packing out bags and bags of garbage from the careless public. The nightmare of finding human waste along the rivers haunts all of us.

On that issue, there is consensus: all individuals need to act respectfully in our National Forest areas.

For more information concerning the potential designation of the Upper Truckee River contact:

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Event helps maintain famous skier's legacy

Staff Reports

The friends of Snowshoe Thompson are gathering at Picketts Junction in Hope Valley to ski in his footsteps on Saturday.

Participants in the 13th annual Snowshoe Thompson Cross Country Ski and Snowshoe Tour start 9 a.m. Saturday at the yurt located at the intersection of highways 88 and 89.

Thompson carried the mail on skis from Placerville to Genoa, where a statue stands in his honor, twice a month for 20 years during the winter.

Presentation on longboarding the way Snowshoe did it by Frank Tortorich. 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.

Information, Nina, (530) 573-8940, or Sue (775) 315-7777.

Alpine County seeks off-highway grant money

Staff Reports

The California State Parks' Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Division administers a grant program which has provided significant funding to help the Alpine County

Sheriff's Office manage off-highway vehicle recreation in Alpine County.

The sheriff's office has completed the 2011-2012 Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation grant request, which provides for operation and

support of public safety and law enforcement efforts for numerous trails and roads located on public lands open to OHV use.

The public review and comment period for the 2011-2012 Grant and Cooperative Agreement Pro-

gram will run from through April 2. The public is invited to review the Alpine County Sheriff's Office's application at the website <http://ohv.parks.ca.gov>.

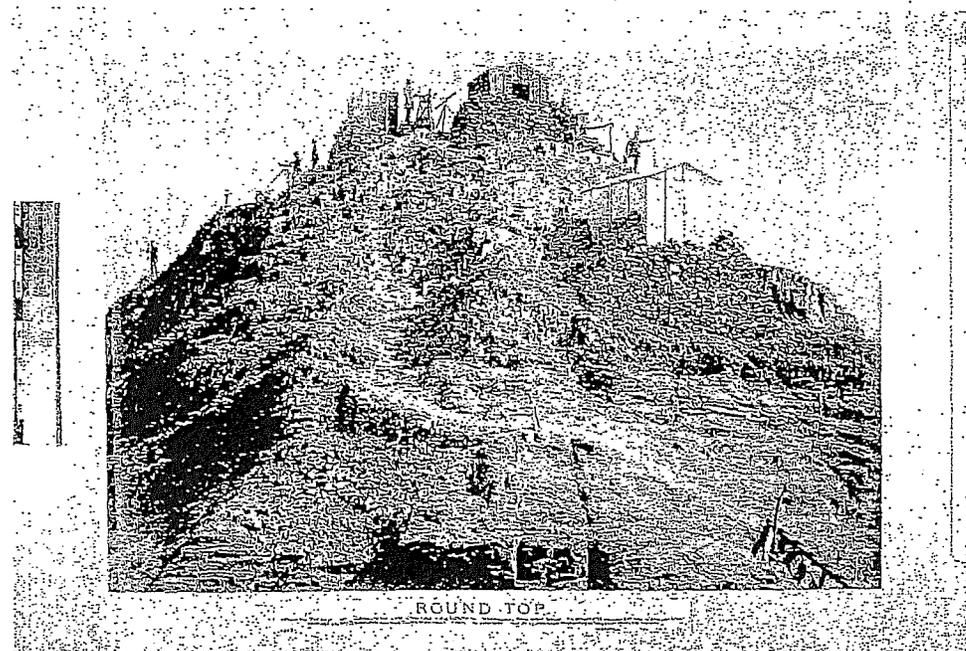
Copies of the grant request are also available to the public at the

Alpine County Sheriff's Office, Markleeville.

After viewing the grant application, residents may comment by emailing charootunian@alpineso.com and copying OHVinfo@parks.ca.gov.

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Restaurant, new lifts included in Kirkwood plan

by Adam Jensen

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Vail Resorts' announcement late last month that it has agreed to purchase Kirkwood Mountain Resort inspired strong reactions from the ski area's passionate clientele.

Some people thought the purchase was great, some people felt it was the end of an era. Some skiers and snowboarders said they planned to withhold judgment until more is known about what the company envisions for the resort. Several people said they hoped Vail would bring needed investment to Kirkwood.

Following the announcement, Vail Resorts' Co-president Blaise Carrig said the company will review existing plans at the resort before making any decisions regarding on-mountain development.

Carrig noted Vail operated Northstar for more than a year before announcing any investment plans, but also gave a favorable response when asked about Kirkwood's existing master plan. The plan was approved in 2007, but has yet to make more than a few marks on the resort.

"I think I like the master plan," Carrig said in February. "It's just a matter of what to do when."



Dylan Silver / Tahoe Daily Tribune

Skiers rip a few turns on Kirkwood Mountain Resort's renowned terrain last month. Although Vail Resorts has yet to release development plans for the resort, a 2007 master plan includes numerous possible improvements at Kirkwood.

Approved proposals in the master plan's 442-page environmental document include building an on-mountain restaurant and bar, increasing snowmaking capacity, improving several chairlifts, constructing two new chairlifts and increasing the number of named trails at the resort from 69 to 80.

Six chairlifts would be upgraded or realigned under the plan:

Caples Crest (Chair 2), Iron Horse (Chair 3), Sunrise (Chair 4), Solitude (Chair 5), Wagon Wheel (Chair 10) and Reut (Chair 11).

Chair 4, on the resort's backside, would be upgraded to a high-speed, detachable quad. Construction of a terrain park underneath the chair is also called for in the document.

A new Caples Crest lift, which

currently provides access to the backside of the mountain, would start at the resort's base area and end near the top of the existing chair. Chair 2 would remain, but would be renamed "Flying Carpet," according to the plan.

A 10,000-square-foot lodge is also proposed for the area at the top of chairs 2 and 3. The new facility would include a bar, restaurant, restrooms, retail space, ski patrol operations and about 1,200 indoor and outdoor seats.

The plan also calls for the creation of a Thimble Peak chairlift, which would run from midway up the backside of the resort to the top of the eastern edge of The Cirque, according to the document.

"The proposed Thimble Peak chairlift would be constructed to provide round-trip utilization of expert terrain in Thimble Bowl and expedited, round-trip skiing opportunities for expert-level guests in the Thunder Saddle area," according to the plan's environmental document. "This lift would allow advanced/expert level guests to avoid the flatter run-out area toward the bottom of Chair 4, and would eliminate the northwest traverse that is currently necessary

to access Thimble Bowl from the top of Chair 4."

Four surface lifts are also included under the master plan. Two of the lifts — Covered Wagon and Look Out Vista — have already been built.

A similar surface lift would be constructed under the plan to give guests about 400 feet of elevation gain in the Red Cliffs area on the eastern side of the resort.

The combined carrying capacity, defined as the number of guests that can be comfortably accommodated by the ski area at any one point in time, would increase by about 44 percent, from 6,460 to 9,300 guests if all the lift improvements in the master plan are completed.

Snowmaking would also expand by about 50 acres under the proposal and would focus on low elevation trails and those that return people to the base area.

Vail's purchase of Kirkwood is still pending approval from the Forest Service, and any on-mountain improvements are speculative at this point, said Kirkwood spokesman Michael Dalzell. He directed comments to Carrig, who was not immediately available Tuesday afternoon.

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Native Americans honored at Women in History reception

by Caryn Haller
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Basket weaver and Washo tribe member Sue Coleman considers herself fortunate to have been born and raised in Dresslerville.

The now Indian Hills resident is among five Native American women being honored at the Women in History reception March 24 at the Carson Valley Museum & Cultural Center.

"It's an honor. I thank them for thinking that I have contributed," the 61-year-old said. "People want to hear about the history of the Washo people. Everybody's really interested in that now, and I was fortunate to live many years of that."

Along with Coleman, Sarah Winnemucca, liaison between her culture and that of Nevada's white population, Dat-So-La-Lee, basket weaver, Susie Dick, basket weaver and an employee of the Dangberg Family and Clara Frank, traditional singer and oral historian are being honored.

"I don't think I deserve it. They were really great women," Coleman said. "I knew Susie Dick and Clara Frank on the reservation. They were a really important part of history."

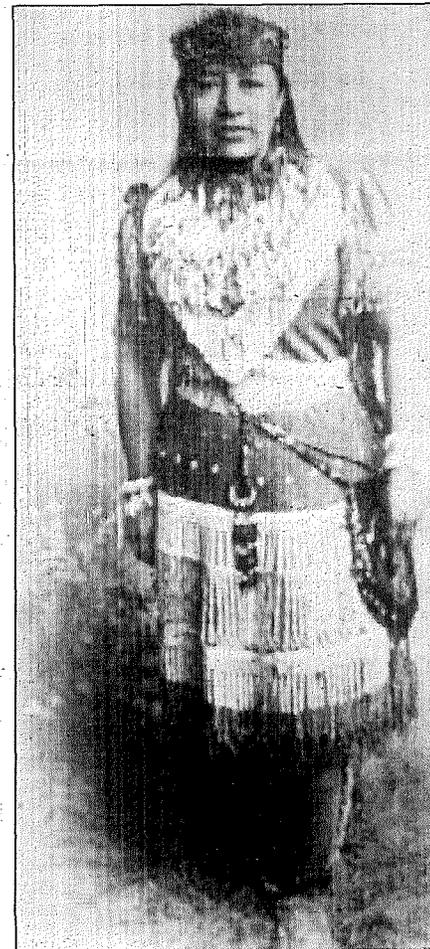
Though Coleman grew up around basket weaving, she did not learn the art of creating baskets until her late 30s.

She now gives basket weaving demonstrations all over the United States and locally. She introduces various types of baskets, including the burden and gift baskets, winnowing tray, and cradleboard, explaining their uses. Each presentation includes details of Washo traditions and history, as well as her personal experiences growing up in a traditional tribal family.

"It's really important to let people know how important those things were," she said. "Our survival depended on these. They were our beds for our babies, we gathered our food with them."

Coleman has passed on the ancient art to her oldest daughter and 16-year-old granddaughter.

"It's extremely important, and they feel it's extremely important," she said. "It's a spiritual thing also. Your spirit has to feel good because you're putting your feelings into your basket."



R-C file photos

Clockwise from top: Sue Coleman, Sarah Winnemucca, Susie Dick.

After the death of her husband, CJ, in 2010 Coleman took a year off from weaving, but is slowly getting back into it.

"I'm not all the way back into it yet. As time goes on, and I'm feeling better I'll do more and more," she said. "It's a really important part of my life. It's something I have to do."

The Women in History reception is 2 to 4 p.m. March 24 at the Carson Valley Museum & Cultural Center. Admission is free. For more information call, 782-2555.

Women in History honorees

Dat-so-la-lee

Dat-so-la-lee was born in 1829 in Douglas County named Dabuda. She watched her elders gather and prepare basket materials and learned how to weave by watching and trying to do what they did. She found she liked weaving. In 1871, after the death of her children and her husband becoming ill, Dabuda went to work as a servant for Harris

Cohn, a merchant in Alpine County. About 1895 when she was 66 years old, she walked to Carson City and tried to sell her work to Abe Cohn, the son of Harris Cohn. He purchased a basket for a few dollars and later resold it for \$25. Through a buyer, Abe was shocked to learn the basket was worth several thousand dollars. Abe offered her and her second husband, Charley, a small house in Carson City. He would pay for all her materials, food, clothes, fuel, and doctor bills plus some cash. In return, she had to promise to give him all of her baskets. She helped make Abe a very wealthy man.

It was about this time that she was given the nick name, "Dat-so-la-lee". Dat-so-la-lee died in the little house in Carson City on Dec. 6, 1925, and was buried in the Stewart Indian School Cemetery near Carson City.

Susie Dick

Half Paiute, half Washo, Susie was born at Mountain House, Douglas County, Nevada, sometime around 1874. Susie passed away

on Oct 19, 1966, in a Carson City rest home close to the age of 100 or more.

As a young woman she worked for Fred & Gertrude Dangberg at the Dangberg Home Ranch just outside of Minden. Susie did the laundry using a wash board in the laundry house at the Ranch and also did some house cleaning for Mrs. Dangberg.

Susie and her husband, Sammie, lived about two miles from the ranch and she would walk the distance each day to work.

Susie made beautiful baskets from the willows she gathered along the Dangberg Home Stream or some other nearby source if the willows in the Home Stream were not to her liking. The Dangbergs bought these baskets

from her. She also made several large work baskets for the laundry, probably in the late 20s or early 30s. Her basket weaving was known to be a masterful and class form, evenly stitched with a strong bold pattern.

Sarah Winnemucca

Born in 1844 on the Humboldt River, she was the daughter of Piute Chief Winnemucca. Her grandfather sent her to be educated in California where she learned to read and write English. Then she moved to Genoa where she lived with the Ormsby Family. She also learned a little Spanish by visiting with her grandfather's friends from the Mexican American War. Because of her knowledge of the area and the ability to speak many languages she was hired to be interpreter and guide for the US Army. She began to speak out about the injustices suffered by good people and lectured from Vancouver, San Francisco and Sacramento and all the way to the other side of this country to Boston and even met with President Hayes. She wrote a book about life as a Piute called, "Life Among the Piutes, Their Wrongs and Claims."

Clara Frank

Washo elder who participated in the 1961 centennial in Genoa. She also appeared in a film called "Washoe" shot in 1966. She was a consultant on



Left: Dat-so-la-lee. Right: Clara Frank.

the language of the Washo. She was born Oct. 15, 1876 in Mountain House in the Pine Nut Mountains, she moved to Dresslerville when she was 10 years old. She said there were only two buildings there and one of those was a store. She continued to sew rabbit blan-

kets and spoke Washo. She was the step-daughter of Capt. Jim, one of the last leaders of the Washo before the arrival of settlers. She received a letter from President Ford congratulating her on her 100th birthday just before her death on April 17, 1976.



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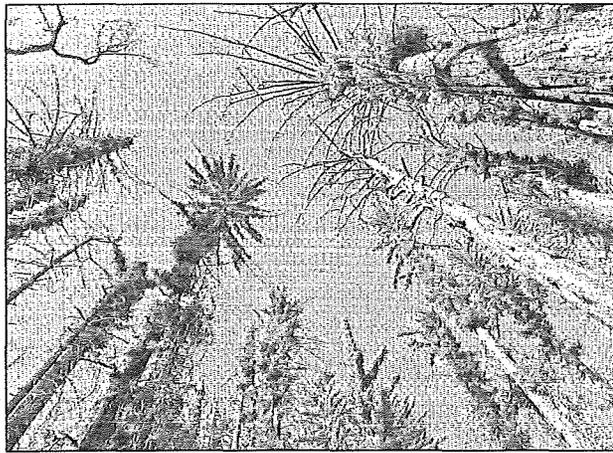
Living with fire sometimes means learning to rebuild

by Virginia York

June 23, 2008, friends in Alpine County received the news that the Partington Ridge, Big Sur home of former resident Heidi Hopkins burned to the ground.

Hopkins lived in Alpine County from 1982-1988. Her first job was cleaning cabins at Sorensen's resort. She became a founding board member of Friends of Hope Valley, first director of the Alpine County Arts Council and editor of Alpine Enterprise, while running her business, East Side Sewing. In 1988 she received an editorial internship with National Wildlife Federation and moved to Washington D.C. Subsequently she worked for Trust for Public Lands in San Francisco and Mono Lake Committee in Lee Vining.

The house at the end of the ridge was built by her father, Sam Hopkins, in 1948 and overlooked the ocean 2,000 feet below. It was Heidi's childhood home and she and her husband, Jim Merz, had been living there.



Jim Merz/Special to The R-C
Former alpine resident sees new growth on burned redwoods, Partington Ridge.

Two days before it burned, on June 21, while Heidi and Jim were staying at Mono Lake, there was a thunderstorm. Heidi checked the Nepenthe web cam for conditions in Big Sur and saw a plume of smoke a few miles north of her house.

She called neighbors on the ridge to ask them about the approaching fire. She then called her brother, Kip, in Carmel Valley to alert him of the fire. Discovering that

the ridge road had been closed, Kip, who walks with a limp because his foot was shattered some years ago, walked the two miles to the house up a rugged back road. He did what he could including laying out the hose ready for the Forest Service fire crew.

When the crew arrived they lit a backfire and left. A backfire is a slow fire which is intended to meet the encroaching fire, depriving it of oxygen and fuel, thereby ex-

tinguishing it. Fire moves downhill slowly and uphill rapidly. Uphill runs occur when a large pocket of material, such as a thick stand of brush or a pile of downed limbs, catches fire creating intense heat which sends fingers of fire roaring up the slope. Around the house there was good clearance, but the wood of the sixty year-old-house was tinder dry and – the real problem – the house's deck overhung the slope. A stiff north wind blew embers to the south of the house; these started a fire whose heat and sparks raged up the slope and ignited the deck of the house. The fire crew's chief returned three times, putting the house fire out twice. Recognizing it was useless the third time, he wept over the loss.

Heidi and Jim lost their home in the first 36 hours of wind but the wildland fire lasted some two months. After Heidi's house burned it took about two weeks for the fire to crawl down to the highway, threatening neighbors' homes as it went. Three

houses and several storage containers burnt on the ridge.

Heidi calls this fire "A Perfect Storm" for the following reasons:

■ The fire was one of 800 in the state during that time; resources were spread thin.

■ The fire hit at about 3 a.m. so there was no air support.

■ For the first 36 hours there was a strong wind.

■ Telephone service was out at Heidi's Partington Ridge house.

■ Heidi, Jim and the caretaker were all away from the property at the same time — a rare occurrence.

(Artists who were staying at the house managed to rescue treasured art).

The day after the fire Heidi walked up to the burn site. One might expect, as she did, that she would have wept on beholding the wreckage, but when she arrived she was overwhelmed by the thought: "What a mess!" There is a group of volunteer men from a Southern Baptists Convention in Alabama which specializes

in such messes. They appeared on the scene days later and performed an extraordinarily thorough clean-up.

Renewal began immediately after the destruction. Jim and Kip restored the waterline within one week. Within two weeks the redwoods were sending forth green tufts. The insurance company, Allstate, was excellent in its response. Plans to reconstruct were quickly underway and an architect, an old friend, was hired by the end of the year. The guest house, protected by a large oak, did not burn so Heidi and Jim could stay on the property overseeing the project. After one year, ground was broken and two years later the new house was built.

The first spring after the fire was phenomenal, with the native pea growing in abundance, suppressing weeds and infusing the land with nitrogen. Goldfields, poppies, lupine and blue dick carpeted the slopes.

It is a joy to see the renewal of land and home.

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Alpine man devotes time to international program

by Joyce DeVore

Have you ever caught someone quietly doing something good?

Our quiet neighbor, Bill Morgan, is a board member of the Tahoe-Baikal Institute, an international environmental program. This year he is devoting countless hours as chairman of the annual fund-raising campaign.

Tahoe-Baikal Institute is celebrating its 22nd year as a nonprofit organization. It began with a group of Soviet and American students attending a conference in Helsinki.

The students undertook complex political networks to gain approval for an organization that promoted environmental education and cultural exchange. Eventually, endorsements from U.S. President Reagan, Soviet President Gorbachev, and Perez de Cuellar, the then-Secretary General of the United Nations, led to the first exchange of delegations in 1990 at two great freshwater lakes, Lake Baikal in Siberia and Lake Tahoe in the U.S. Governor Deukmejian of California supported TBI at the outset by enlisting the aid of the California Resources Agency and the California Conservation Corp to establish the institute and help

design its programs.

Today the Summer Environmental Exchange offers two months of directed studies under the auspices of prestigious scientific and environmental groups. The way the exchange works is: a group of international students and young professionals, the majority usually from Russia, come to the United States to work with a like group from North America.

For the first month, the combined groups stay in the Tahoe area. They might research the effects of exotic species on the watershed area around Lake Tahoe, take water quality samples, or study the erosion-control techniques. They also donate hours doing watershed restoration work or trail-building with the Tahoe Rim Trail people.

The next month, both groups fly to Russia for similar research projects near Lake Baikal, the largest freshwater lake in the world. Irkutsk State University and the Russian Academy of Science sponsor the Baikal projects. Recently, the Mongolian watershed area has been added to the curriculum because much of the water in Lake Baikal comes from Mongolia. Mining, desertification, industry, and grazing practices



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The Buryat people with the Washoe during an exchange facilitated by the Tahoe-Baikal Institute in October, 2006.

offer interesting contrasts as students compare Lake Tahoe and Lake Baikal.

Students are also introduced to local governmental agencies in both regions for first-hand experiences blending science and government.

The impact on students is phenomenal. One previous participant has become a professor at University of Nevada, Reno. Others have returned to work for TBI: the current board chairperson, Darcie Collins, was a participant in 2001. Some participants from Russia have reached out to the Washoe tribe, seeking genealogical links with native Russian people. TBI has facilitated some exchanges between the Washoes and the Buryats, the indigenous people of the Baikal region. Eliza-

beth Lana Hicks of the Washoe Tribe of California and Nevada, is currently a board member.

TBI has grown into a major educational foundation while keeping administration overhead to a bare minimum. Morgan added, "There have never been more than three year-round paid staff. We have to hire interpreters, drivers, and cooks for the summer internships, but most of the board members and advisors are volunteers."

Morgan became involved with TBI after a career in the Forest Service and a number of years with the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA). He noted, "The Forest Service has been sending people to other countries to study and to advise on management techniques for many years. Recently several of those trips have been in conjunction with the TBI."

Morgan continued, "After I retired from the TRPA, I was asked by the State Department to help government agencies in the Lake Baikal region implement regional management plans to protect the lake and its environment." As a result, in 1993, Morgan spent a month in the Baikal region, which was then part of the Soviet Union. He shared his experiences working

at Lake Tahoe and learned much about the Lake Baikal environment.

During that assignment, he experienced quite a different culture and has since written a novel, "Six Days in Siberia," that reflects the culture of a country emerging from communism as the Soviet Union was in 1993.

Morgan has been an outdoor enthusiast his whole life: he was born into a family of Boy Scouts, then continued camping, hiking, canoeing, cross-country skiing, and fishing with his wife and three children. He now enjoys an active retirement, enjoying many outdoor sports and traveling the globe with his wife, Carole.

Carole has also traveled to Lake Baikal and supports TBI wholeheartedly.

From a professional point of view and from his personal experience, Morgan understands the need for protecting our watershed environments and the necessary expense to educate people and implement programs.

If you would like to learn more about TBI, go to www.tahoe-baikal.org. To support TBI with your donations, contact Morgan at campaign@tahoebaikal.org

Alpine resident shoots mountain lion

by Kurt Hildebrand

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An Alpine County resident killed a mountain lion on Friday that had been preying on dogs in the Woodfords area.

California Department of Fish & Game spokeswoman Janice Mackey confirmed that the resident had been issued a depredation permit after three dogs were killed in the area.

"The resident was scoping out

where the remains of the last dog were found and ran into the mountain lion," Mackey said. "He legally took the lion with a .270 rifle."

The name of the resident was not released.

Mackey said the mountain lion

turned out to be an old female with severely worn teeth.

"They are extremely powerful animals even in the last years of their lives," she said. "When they can no

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LIVING IN MOUNTAIN LION COUNTRY

- Don't feed deer; it is illegal in California and it will attract mountain lions.
- Deer-proof your landscaping by avoiding plants that deer like to eat. For tips, request A Gardener's Guide to Preventing Deer Damage from DFG offices.
- Trim brush to reduce hiding places for mountain lions.
- Don't leave small children or pets outside unattended.
- Install motion-sensitive lighting around the house.
- Provide sturdy, covered shelters for sheep, goats, and other vulnerable animals.
- Don't allow pets outside when mountain lions are most active — dawn, dusk, and at night.
- Bring pet food inside to avoid at-



Nevada Division of Wildlife
Mountain lions live in the Sierra, but generally avoid people.

tracting raccoons, opossums and other potential mountain lion prey.

Source: California Department of Fish & Game

Lion

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longer hunt what they are supposed to in the wild, sometimes they'll come down into more populated areas. Dogs are easier prey than what they're supposed to be hunting."

Mackey said there have been 17 mountain lion depredation permits issued for Alpine County between 1972-2009.

By comparison, the Department of Fish & Game issued 99 permits in Mono County during the same period.

Alpine County authorities first reported that a mountain lion was

preying on dogs on April 5.

Undersheriff Robert Levy reminded residents to be aware that they could come in contact with wildlife while out in the wilderness.

Mackey said typically mountain lions avoid human contact.

"They really are scaredy cats," she said.

Mountain lions' main food source are deer, which tend to attract them, Mackey said.

"When you see deer, you're going to see mountain lions," she said.

For more information about living in mountain lion country, go to www.dfg.ca.gov/keepmewild/lion.html

ALPINE

Alpine hosts candidates night in supervisor race

by Virginia York

There will be a "Meet the Candidates" night, 7 p.m. Wednesday at The Wellness Center (Gym) at Hung-a-lel-ti, Woodfords Washoe Community, 96 Washoe Boulevard. Candidates running for supervisors of Districts 2, 3 and 5 will be there to answer questions. Voter registration will be available. The primary election is June 12.

Below are summarized candidates' statements of qualifications:

District 2

Incumbent Skip Veatch will be retiring from office.

Scot Hansen: Business Owner.

"...my decision-making will be as informed and fair as possible. I care very much for this community and will do my best to work for you.

"In 1988 after serving eight years in the USMC as a lead refrigeration technical supervising 80 men, I joined the team of Sears Service where my leadership skills were put to use again as a service trainer... In the mid '90s my wife, Letitia, and I started an appliance service company that we run to this day.

Serving on the supervising board as president twice for the Lake Tahoe Business Referral Network, and having

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been in this top level referral group for 17 years, I truly know...the importance of representing the interests of others."

Earl O'Neal: School Board Incumbent.

Education: Four years of College, majoring in Public Administration.

Experience: Over 24 years in county government.

Mono County: Planning Department - 5 years, Contract Employee in various departments - 8years.

Managed the Bridgeport PUD and a non-profit social service agency.

Alpine County: Contract Employee - County Manager, 11 years.

Elected Positions: School Board Member, over 25 years, 8 years in Mono County and 17 years in Alpine County, currently the president.

Community Service and Non-Profits: Active member of the Chamber of Commerce, Public Member of LAFCO, and member of the Fish and Game Commission. Volunteer on the Board of Directors for the Del Masso Non-Profit Children's Foundation.

Alpine County resident for over 32 years.

District 3

Phillip Bennett, Incumbent.

Experience: Tribal Government.

DETAILS

What: Alpine Candidates Nights

When: 7 p.m. Wednesday

Where: The Wellness Center (Gym) at Hung-a-lel-ti, Woodfords Washoe Community, 96 Washoe Boulevard

Woodfords Community Council : 2 terms, Chairman 7 years.

Board of Supervisors: 2 terms.

While on the Community Council, plans for building a Community Center (Wellness Center/Gymnasium) to which many contributed, came to fruition.

Supports the Tribe's Education Program and Culture Camp.

As a board member, Bennett endeavors to be the voice of the Washoe people and to represent all of his constituents, always looking to the future.

He says a big challenge for board members is to set priorities with a tight budget; with higher unemployment more services are requested.

During his terms he has been on First Five, Social Services, Mental Health and Historical Society boards. He has been instrumental in establishing a fire department at Hung-a-lel-ti. His goals include better emergency communication.

Katherine Rakow.

Education: Certified Special Education Instructor.

Experience: Member of the Board of

Supervisors from January 1997-August 2001. Resigned in second term because of ill health. Experienced in Tribal Government and policy-making decisions.

Goals include to improve communication within the Woodfords Community. During her time as supervisor, Rakow was on Alpine Family Support Council, Historical Records Commission, Planning Department Subcommittee and an Advocate for South Lake Tahoe Women's Center, Washoe Tribal Liaison between the County and the Tribe, a member of the Golden Sierra Job Training for Youth and Area 12 Agency on Aging.

Volunteer work includes: Woodfords Community Council, Washoe Tribal Higher Education Committee, President of Woodfords Headstart Parent Committee, Child-Care Development Planning Council, School Site Council (for DVS), Grand Jury Member, Friends of the Library.

District 5

Tom Sweeney, Incumbent.

Occupation: Retired educator, B.A., M.A. Vocational Education. 27 years of teaching.

"I was privileged to be in the first graduation class of the California County Supervisors Institute which facilitated my ability to move Alpine County forward on a statewide issues."

A 32 year membership "of the Board

of Directors for Glendale Area Schools FCU...contributed to my ability to recognize the critical value of fully planning projects. As a...champion-of...fiscal responsibility and planning of County capital projects, I supported the Sheriff's Office vision of improving radio communications for a safer community."

During his time as a member, the Board of Supervisors has saved approximately \$75,000 in Fire/EMT costs while improving service through implementation of the Eastern Alpine County Service plan.

"To improve communications throughout the County, I have been instrumental in securing high speed internet which will assist our ability to spur economic development while maintaining County heritage."

Tom Sweeney holds monthly District 5 meetings.

Mary Rawson, business owner.

"Educated and license as a cosmetologist. Owner/operator of my own beauty salon for 45 years.

Appointed to the Alpine County Election Board, Planning Commission and Transportation Advisory Committee. I have worked in the following Alpine County departments: Roads, Public Works, Building, Social Services and Health.

"...I would be honored to represent you...I have lived in Alpine County for 19 years."

Alpine County watershed group seeks volunteers

Staff Reports

Alpine Watershed Group and Friends of Hope Valley are looking for volunteers interested in helping with water quality monitoring, streamflow monitoring and photo monitoring in Hope Valley. Training will be provided.

A field trip to learn about the project will be 10 a.m. – noon May 6 in Hope Valley.

The West Fork of the Carson River starts as a small mountain stream flowing out of the Lost Lakes along the Sierra crest near Carson Pass and meanders down the eastern slope of the Sierra into Hope Valley Meadow.

As a result of various historical uses and ongoing recreational impacts, the stream channel in large portions of Hope Valley Meadow is incised and downcutting. Riparian canopy is present only intermittently. This results in areas of unstable banks and instream habitat that lacks complexity and provides limited cover for native wildlife, according to organizers.

The overall goal of the Hope Valley Meadow Project is to re-

DETAILS

What: Water volunteer field trip

When: 10 a.m.-noon May 6

Where: Hope Valley

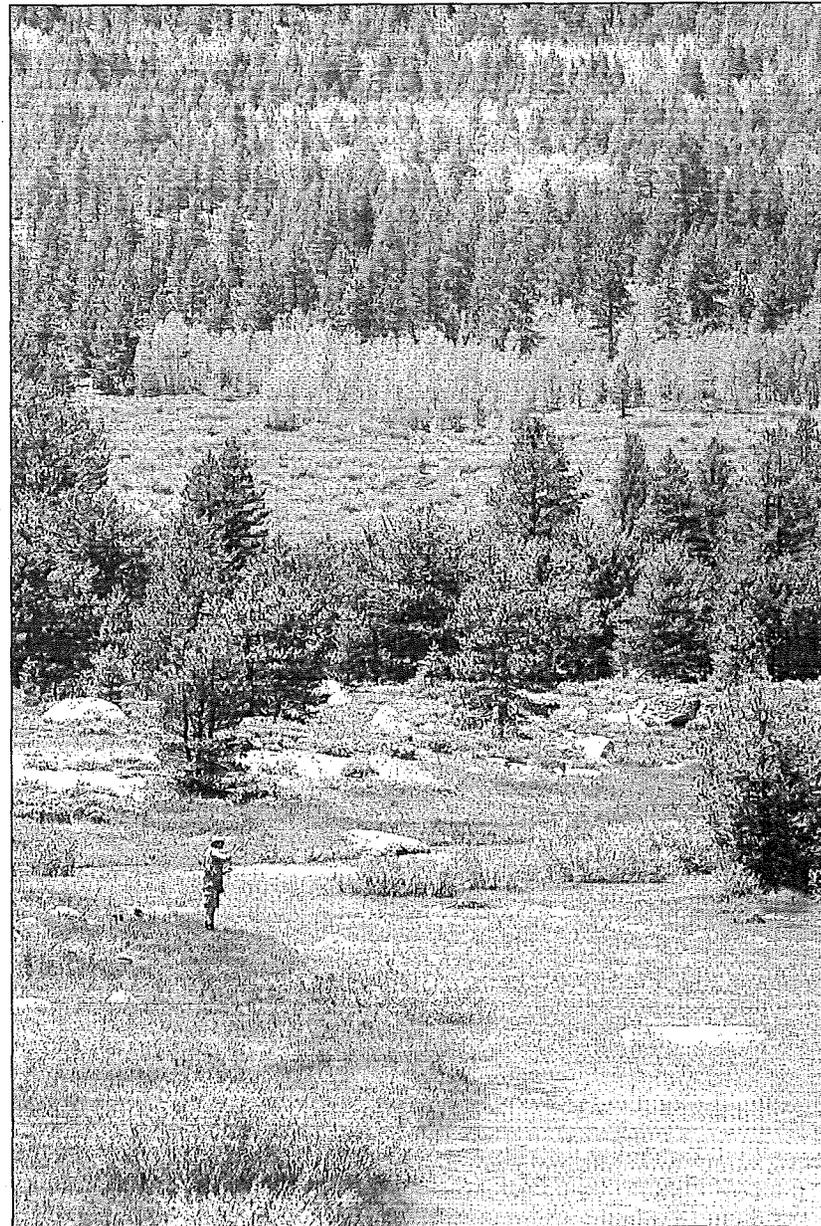
Info: info@hopevalleyca.com or awg.chris@gmail.com

store the full range of ecosystem services that this highly-visible and well-known meadow has the potential to provide including: natural water storage, flood attenuation, cooling and filtering of water, aquatic and riparian habitat, and recreational values.

A follow up field training will be scheduled in June for those interested in becoming Meadow Stewards for the Hope Valley Project.

For information about the project visit www.americarivers.org/our-work/water-supply/storageflows/hopevalley.html. Anyone interested in volunteering in the field, should contact the Alpine Watershed Group or Friends of Hope Valley to learn more at info@hopevalleyca.com or awg.chris@gmail.com

Anyone interested in participating in the field trip should RSVP by May 1.



Shannon Litz

An angler fishes the Carson River's west fork in Hope Valley.

Feds plan Markleeville burning

Staff Reports

The U.S. Forest Service is getting ready to implement a planned burn near Grover's Hot Spring State Park, west of Markleeville.

This controlled burn may be implemented in the upcoming week.

"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 District Fuels Specialist Steve Howell.

Approximately 33 acres of understory vegetation will be treated to reduce build-up of trees and brush that can cause more intense wildland fires.

"This project is part of a larger effort to reduce the forest fuels around these communities in Alpine County that could be at risk for large wildfires," Howell said.

For more information about the forest visit www.fs.usda.gov/hmf or follow it on Twitter@HumboldtToiyabe.

ALPINE

Opening day features stream fishing, music

Staff Reports

In conjunction with opening day of California stream fishing, Carson City resident Beans Sousa will be performing songs from his CD "Welcome Back To Markleeville."

The performance is 6 p.m. Saturday at The Cutthroat Saloon inside Wolf Creek Inn, Markleeville.



The album includes duets with Lacy J. Dalton, Mary McCaslin and The Slade Rivers Band. Songs and stories on "Welcome Back To Markleeville" reflect on Sousa's experiences of fishing the upper east Carson River and performing at The Cutthroat Saloon for the last 10 years.

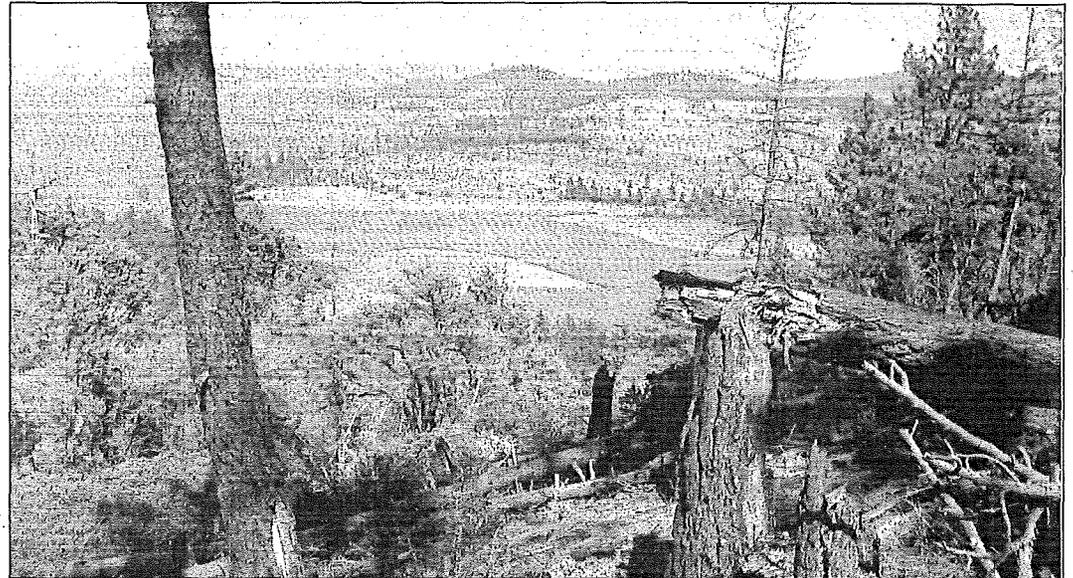
"Some of songs started coming to me while fishing the river and continually meeting folks from all over the west who regularly make the trek over the Sierra to seek some of the best fishing in our area," Sousa said. "But getting to know the everyday characters and residence who make up the small town of Markleeville really got the ball rolling. For instance the first song on the album "The Cutthroat Saloon,"

is based on meeting my soul mate Connie inside the famous tavern three years ago."

Sousa, a Carson City resident for the past 15 years toured with country singer Lacy J. Dalton as her guitarist for 20 years during the highest point in her career. Sousa and Dalton also collaborated and wrote the songs on her CD "Wild Horse Crossing." In his 40-year career Sousa has recorded albums and performed with such notables as Beatles guitarist George Harrison, Leon Russell, Bonnie Raitt, Phoebe Snow and Merle Haggard, an avid fisherman and friend, who contributed a song to Sousa for this project.

The "Welcome Back To Markleeville" CD can be purchased starting Saturday at The Carson River Resort, The Markleeville gas station, Olde Rock Tee Shirts and More and online at www.ShopRecord.com. A portion of the proceeds will go to the fund to stock trophy fish in The Carson River, overseen by Carson River Resort owner Todd Sodaro.

The Wolf Creek Inn is located at 14830 Highway 89, Markleeville. For more information, call (530) 694-2150.



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Indian Creek Reservoir offers an excellent hike and some nice scenery during the spring.

Indian Creek campground open

Staff Reports

Indian Creek Reservoir campground will open 8 a.m. today for the season.

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 features hot showers, flush toilets, an RV sanitary dump station, paved roads and parking sites, and bear-proof storage lockers available at each site.

FEE SCHEDULE

The following fee schedule shows the fees for the 2011 camping season:

RV/Tent Single Site (13)	\$20/night
RV/Tent Double Site (6)	\$32/night
Tent Area Single Site (6)	\$14/night
Tent Area Double Site (4)	\$20/night
Group Area	\$50/night
Sanitary Dump Station	\$10/vehicle/use

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 more than eight miles of hiking trails.

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, contact the BLM-Carson City District Office at 885-6000.

Square Dancing

by Pat Wallace

Here we are at the time most square dancers look forward to—the 36th Silver State Square Dance Festival on May 6, 7, and 8 in Reno. On May 6, there will be a dance from 8 to 11 p.m. called by Pat Barbour on the main floor. There will be a new dancers' dance and advanced dance in other rooms. On May 7, there will be workshops in the afternoon and a dance from 8 to 11 p.m. on the main floor called by Earl Johnston. Also planned are dances for new dancers, teens and advanced. On May 8, there will be a dance from 1 to 4 p.m. that will be called by Jerry Schatzer.

On May 14, the Lahontan Sand Dancers will host a benefit dance for a senior citizen hall in Silver Springs. This dance will be called by Neil Gurr and will be from 8 to 11 p.m. at the firehouse in Silver Springs.

Also on May 14 the Northern Nevada Callers Association will have a dance at the California Building from 8 to 11 p.m. in Reno.

On May 20, 21, and 22 the Levis and Lace of Markleeville will have a campout and dance. There will be a Trail End Dance on Friday from 8 to 10 p.m. On Saturday, there will be a potluck at 6 p.m. with a dance to follow from 8 to 11 p.m. and an afterparty at 11:15 til ? All this will take place at Turtle Rock Park which is between Woodfords and Markleeville. Ron Claridge will be doing the calling for this but here's your chance to try your hand at calling, because there will be amateur callers at the afterparty.

Make plans now for two dances in June—the Douglas Dudes and Dolls will have its annual Carson Valley Dance benefit on June 11 in Gardnerville and the Red Hots will have an annual Virginia City Dance on June 25 in Virginia City.

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Don't forget about the benefit dance that the Lahontan Sand Dancers are having on May 14 from 8 to 11 p.m. This dance is to raise money for a Senior Citizens Hall and will be held at the firehouse in Silver Springs. Neil Gurr will be the caller for the evening.

Have you got that camping rig ready yet? You had better get on the stick! The Levis and Lace of Markleeville will have a campout and dance on May 20, 21, and 22 at Turtle Rock Park, located about halfway between Woodfords and Markleeville. On Friday, there will be a Trail End Dance from 8 to 10 p.m. On Saturday afternoon, there will be workshop at 1 p.m. and that evening there will be a potluck at 6 p.m. with a dance to follow at 8 and an after-party at 11:15. Ron Claridge will be doing the calling for the weekend, but if you've always wanted to try your hand at calling, here's your chance, because there will be amateur callers at the after-party.

In June, there are two dances that I know of at this time. On June 11, the Douglas Dudes and Dolls will hold the annual Carson Valley Days Benefit Dance from 8 to 11 p.m. at the Gardnerville Elementary School. The caller for the evening will be Ron Claridge and will be "all singing calls." So don't miss your chance for an enjoyable evening, besides, you can go to all the events that will take place during the day.

On June 25, the Red Hots will have the Virginia City Dance called by Lou Vanzetti.

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Art Festival

CONNIE HIX of Bouquet and Bouquet in Gardnerville and Gina Gigli of Villa Gigli Press greeted guests at the shop's first Winetasting and Art Festival April 23. Gigli creates intaglio prints such as the one shown above. Winetasting was coordinated with Ben Zeitman of the Amador Foothill Winery in California. (R-C photo by Jay Aldrich)

BAND AND CHOIR PERFORM

The students of the Alpine County School, kindergarten through the eighth grade only, high school students attend DHS, got a taste of high school band and choir Wednesday, May 4, when the DHS Band and Choir performed in the Alpine County School gym. This was the first such performance and the DHS students only missed third through fifth periods.

Originally, the band and choir were to spend Tuesday and Wednesday (May 3, 4) performing concerts at several Northern Nevada and Northern California high schools. Plans were changed because students had tests and other activities, and the Alpine trip was substituted for the concert tour.

This performance was essentially a practice for the spring concert on May 26, according to DHS Band Director Tom Blount. "They (the students) need to play in front of people—it's different to have people 'out there' listening; they're not as nervous as they used to be."

Both band and choir selections were diverse: some were modern, others older, and a few were of college level. Since the skill levels varied, practice on the hardest pieces was begun two-and-a-half months ago, and on the least difficult, three weeks ago.

Not only did the band and choir perform, but the band members also demonstrated use of instruments and the resultant sounds.

Although this was the first trip for this purpose, Blount is working on an "exchange concert" program with Carson City, Reno and other area high schools. "It's tough for the Reno schools to participate because it's harder for them (the students) to miss school." He did express hope for the future saying that the hardest part was surmounting the "first-time" barrier.

Next on the agenda, a madrigals (subsection of the choir) concert at Sharkey's Casino for a homemakers club May 12, and at 1 p.m. that same day, the Santa Rosa State College Band will perform for Whittell, DHS and Sparks students of the fine arts departments, and the middle school band and choir students.

The last band activities of the year are the spring concert May 26 in the DHS Commons during the Fine and Practical Arts Festival (6 p.m. to 9 p.m.), graduation, and the Carson Valley Days Parade.

Hope Valley spring workshop June 9

Staff Reports

Sierra artist and Gardnerville resident Charles Muench is offering a four-day oil painting workshop June 9-12.

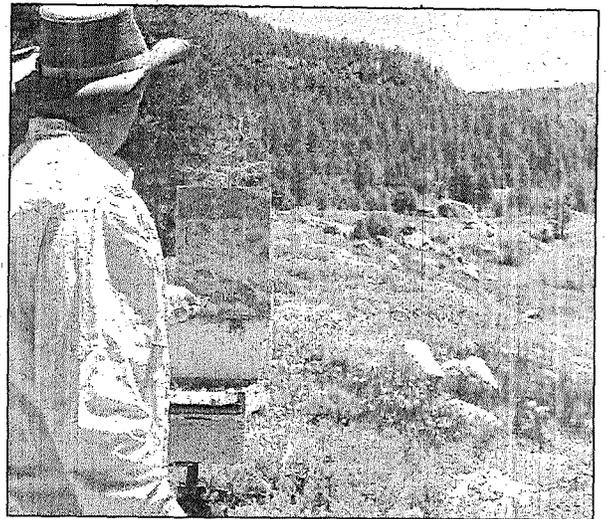
"Not only is Hope Valley, Calif., one of the most beautiful places in all of the Sierra, it is also one of the most accessible," Muench said. "Easy walking to great scenery. Wildflowers, snow capped peaks, and the meandering West Carson River,

Hope Valley has it all."

Accommodations are available in Markleeville, Hope Valley and Woodfords.

Muench will fill each day with demonstrations, painting, critique, and taking in the gestalt of a group of artists painting together.

Visit Muench's website at www.charlesmuench.com, for deposit and reservation information, materials list, accommodations, and for more information.



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Alpine residents get wildfire tips

by Joyce DeVore

A group of aware volunteer-citizens who serve on the Alpine Fire Safe Council has sent newsletters with tips for living with wildfires, free programs for dumping green waste so people can create defensible space, low-cost reflective address sign information, and various educational projects, including a poster contest at Diamond Valley School.

Working with our Eastern Alpine Volunteer Fire Department, the group has had

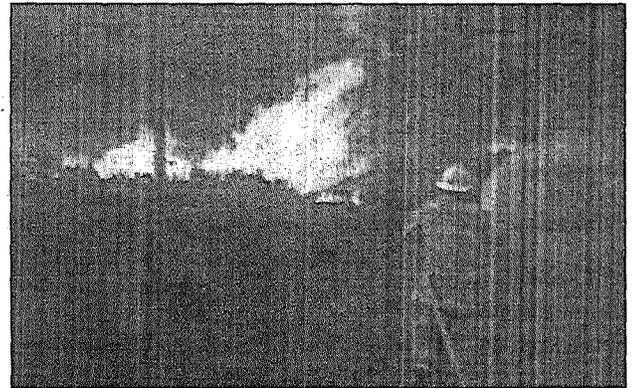
an impact on our community. Many homes are models for defensible space.

Many more homes are not fire safe.

As we make a list of spring maintenance and yard-work jobs, we must all consider that we live in a wildfire danger zone.

On May 19 at 3 pm, the Fire Safe Council invites the community to a forum and informational meeting about making our community fire safe. It will be held at the Woodfords Fire Station.

You and your family can interact with Emergency Per-



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Fire personnel battle the Acorn blaze in Alpine County.

sonnel, County Sheriff, Eastern Alpine Fire Chief, US Forest Service, Cal Highway Patrol, Cal Fire and others to assist you in updating our home plan for Evacuation and Disaster Preparedness in our Wild Land Fire Area.

There will be ample time for question and answer sessions.

A barbeque lunch and hand-outs will be available.

There is an immediate opening for a part-time position as coordinator for the

Springtime on the ranch brings birth, death

by Marie Johnson

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FENCE LINES



by Marie Johnson

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A week later mom and dad

goose with seven fluffy gray balls with skinny little necks made their way around the corrals, across the barnyard, paraded past the house, and down the lane. At the hay field irrigation ditch they took a right and preceded down the ditch to the willows. The two adult geese slowly flapping one webbed foot in front of the other, stopping, looking around, then taking another step. Their babies lined up between them.

They had made it past three cats in the barn, six dogs in the neighbor's yard, red-tailed hawks perched in the trees, skunks and the coyotes one can't see, but know are in the tall grasses at the field's edge.

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Examining the vacant nest, to be sure no goslings were stuck between the hay bales, was one unbroken egg. How did Mrs. Goose decide to leave that egg?

And the drama of those helpless little babies falling off a 12-foot hay stack. Did she push them? Wait at the bottom for them to jump?

A lot of anxiety played out there that we did not see. Just happy with the results.

Political drama will continue to play out these next few months. Super Pac money scaring folks, trying to confuse and make us anxious until November. Maybe I can get Super Pac money to explain the necessity for castration in herd animals.

Marie Johnson is a Carson Valley rancher.

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They had made it past three cats in the barn, six dogs in the neighbor's yard, red-tailed hawks perched in the trees, skunks and the coyotes one can't see, but know are in the tall grasses at the field's edge.

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Ranch

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Examining the vacant nest, to be sure no goslings were stuck between the hay bales, was one unbroken egg. How did Mrs. Goose decide to leave that egg? And the drama of those helpless little babies falling off a 12-foot hay stack. Did she push them? Wait at the bottom for them to jump?

A lot of anxiety played out there that we did not see. Just happy with the results.

Political drama will continue to play out these next few months. Super Pac money scaring folks, trying to confuse and make us anxious until November. Maybe I can get Super Pac money to explain the necessity for castration in herd animals.

Marie Johnson is a Carson Valley rancher.

WNC to graduate largest class ever

Staff Reports

The largest class in Western Nevada College history will graduate in commencement ceremonies next week.

Commencement ceremonies are Monday, 11 a.m. in Carson City at the Pony Express Pavilion, 888 N. Saliman Road, and Tuesday, 7 p.m., in Fallon at the Barkley Theatre at Oats Park Art Center, 151 Park Street. Nursing graduates will participate in a Pinning Ceremony, Monday, 3 p.m., at the Carson Nugget.

The class of 2012 is 467 students strong. Five students will earn bachelor of technology degrees in construction management, and 10 students will receive bachelor's degrees as part of WNC's teacher preparation partnership with Nevada State College.

Receiving honorary degrees are Donal Hummer, Jr. and Sen. Michael McGinness.

Graduates from Gardnerville include the following:

Associate of Applied Science - Accounting: Jason Michael Kolenut, Troy H. Orosco

Associate of Applied Science - Applied Accounting: Victoria Lorain Orosco

Associate of Applied Science - Architectural Drafting: Justin D. Yates

Associate of Applied Science - Automotive Mechanics: Josiah John Simpson

Associate of Applied Science - General Business: Stephanie Campion, Tamara C. Jim, Darren A. Stanley, Sarah Watson

Associate of Applied Science - Geographic Information Systems: Deborah Albi Lambin, Paul Benton Stockton

Associate of Applied Science - Graphic Communications: Deborah Albi Lambin

Associate of Applied Science - Health Information Technology: Laura Kruse

Associate of Applied Science - Machine Tool Technology: Bret Grouse

Associate of Applied Science - Management: Katie Marie Estes, Sarah Watson

Associate of Applied Science - Nursing: Heather Dawn Bushey, Lycia M. Carruthers-Post, Gerard Theodore Hardy, Andrea L. Lindsey, Franda D. Martinez, Christine Zombro Rhiner, Katherine L. Yeoman

Associate of Applied Science - Welding Technology: Gregory Scott Krupp

Associate of Arts: Delainey Marie Brooks, Jennifer V. Edwardson, Jessica M. England, Nancy Hallstein, Nicole Hays, Chandra Joy Henry, Brian J. Hoskin, Stacy Maglinao, Sara R. Martinez, Jordan Michael Ornellas, Hailey Patterson, Elvia Ramirez, Ryan Roberts, Wendy Sands, Lefiu Lemalu Schinzing, Eileen M. Shutt, Raylene Simons, Amanda Rae Sutter, Taylor Tindel

Associate of Arts - Deaf Studies: Stephani T. Voshall

Associate of General Studies: Karis Colter Daphne, Elizabeth Deaton, Joreen Annette George, Aaron M. Johnson, Stephanie E. Lee, Zachary David Malm, Nicole E. Merrill, Stephanie Nicole Pruitt, Amy-Dawn Schroder-Baker, David Loren Trumbo-Godwin, Kimberly M. Vine,

Stephanie Marie Williams, Justin D. Yates

Associate of Science - Biological Sciences: Martin James Matthies

Associate of Science - Chemistry: John-Henry David Lambin, Rachael Albi Lambin

Associate of Science - Engineering Science: Joshua Ryan Moody, Tyler Douglas Roberts

Associate of Science - Mathematics: Heather Bodily, Mathew McCulley, Joshua Ryan Moody

Certificate of Achievement - 911 Dispatch Telecommunications: Caroline A. Chighizola

Certificate of Achievement - Bookkeeping: Troy H. Orosco, Victoria Lorain Orosco

Certificate of Achievement - Early Childhood Education: Sally F. Morgan

Graduates from Genoa include the following:

Associate of Applied Science - Architectural Drafting: Ryan Joel Leverty

Associate of Applied Science - Early Childhood Education: Cindy Webb

Associate of Applied Science - Nursing: Dorene Ann Johnson

Graduates from Minden include the following:

Associate of Applied Science - Accounting: Jamie Rose-Ann Kitchens

Associate of Applied Science - Automotive Mechanics: Manuel Jesus Maldonado Jr.

Associate of Applied Science - Computer Networking Technology: John D. Baughn

Associate of Applied Science - Construction Project Management: John Bumgardner

Associate of Applied Science - Early Childhood Education: Tammi Jean Graham, Sandy Hannah

Associate of Applied Science - General Business: Travis Duhn, Felicia Kaye Imelli

Associate of Applied Science - Geographic Information Systems: Cathy Diane Parker, Christel Passink

Associate of Applied Science - Information Technology: Kyle Andrew Hollingshead

Associate of Applied Science - Nursing: Rosalyn Elizabeth Gingrich

Associate of Arts: Natalie Marie Alltizer, Ronald William Arnold, Spencer Anthony Deberry, Rosana Herran De Smith, Felicia Kaye Imelli, Timothy Jarland, Brian J. King, Emily Muns, Megan E. Neilon, Ana C. Neri, Connor P.R. Woodman

Associate of Arts - Deaf Studies: Sharon E. Schnorbus

Associate of General Studies: Tammi Jean Graham, Carl R. Kelb, Spencer Lord

Associate of Science - Biological Sciences: Jamie Elizabeth Chambers

Associate of Science - Computer Science: Hollee Leann Eckenrode

Associate of Science - Mathematics: Brian J. King

Certificate of Achievement - 911 Dispatch Telecommunications: Jacqueline Francine Coty

Certificate of Achievement - Bookkeeping: Sevil A. Monge

Certificate of Achievement - Computer Technology - System: Bobbie Church

Certificate of Achievement - Geographic Information Systems: Cathy Diane Parker

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Alpine library a happening location

by Virginia York

Alpine County Librarian Rita Lovell saw an article in the Sacramento Bee about a Sacramento library checking out usage meters donated by a local power company. She then got in touch with Liberty Energy and suggested that they donate some power usage meters to our Library to promote energy consumption consciousness among the patrons.

It would also, she said, be good PR for Liberty energy. She received an encouraging response. The new president and several managers thought this request fit in with the regulatory guidelines for energy education and gave nine Kill A Watt EZ energy usage monitors to the library. Check one out. Simply plug it into a wall socket then plug in an appliance to find out the operating cost. Patrons are excited by their eye-opening discoveries. The monitors come in canvas bags containing information on such topics as energy conservation, energy assistance programs, how to make your home greener.

Speaking of partnerships, the library is enjoying a symbiotic relationship with Choices for Children in Woodfords. In spite of budget cuts to her organization, Rachael Brothers of Choices for Children,

can still offer a monthly story time, activity and healthful snack by holding the event at the library, making it accessible to all children, local and visiting, and their parents. The Friends of the Library purchase the supplies. For the date of the next story time please call the library, (530) 694-2120.

The Friends of the Library will be holding the fourth annual Wine in the Garden fundraiser, 4-8 p.m. June 30 at the Mountain Garden Bed and Breakfast at the flashing yellow light where Highway 89 meets Highway 88. This is a marvellous opportunity to sit in beautiful surroundings conversing with friends, neighbors and strangers, indulging in scrumptious hors d'oeuvres, listening to melodious music while sipping fine wines. Tickets are \$20 each or two for \$35 and include a lovely wine glass, specially engraved. Raffle tickets are \$3 each or four for \$10. Don't miss the chance to win a meal in a local restaurant or a relaxing massage – only two of many possibilities. For more information (or to make a wine or raffle prize donation) please call the Library at (530) 694-2120. Do join us.

The Summer Reading Program will start July 7 with Story Time in the Park, featuring the not-to-be-

missed Busy Bee Dog Show. These rescue dogs are trained to perform plays of traditional stories such as The Gingerbread Man and The Three Billy Goats Gruff. Ellen Martin, who will be conducting the Summer Reading Program, will be reading children's stories. Delicious Indian tacos will be served, Dale Bennett presiding, \$7 per meal. The Summer Reading Program is 10:30–11:45 a.m. Fridays July 13 – Aug. 17. Pre-register at the Library. Children may come to any number of the sessions which are \$3 each, family rate available. Parents may volunteer in lieu of paying. The theme this year is Night Sky, and the programme will include stories, poems and songs and crafts on such topics as creatures of land and sea who are active in the dark, the constellations and magical night-time visitors such as Santa Claus, the Tooth Fairy and the Sandman.

Once again Steve Hibbs will be organizing Music in the Park, a series of enriching evenings in the Library Park listening to a variety of music. The concerts begin at 5 p.m. Donations to the Friends of the Library will be gratefully accepted.

On July 22 \$10 Pony, a folksingers from Gardnerville. Aug. 26 Big Meadow Blue Grass



Special to The R-C
The fourth annual Wine in the Garden fundraiser is 4-8 p.m. at the Mountain Garden Bed & Breakfast at the junction of highways 88 and 89.

Band from Bridgeport, with our local, Jim Dunn on bass.

Sept. 9 Ciana, from the Carson Valley, traditional Irish music.

Good news on the internet front! On July 1, the Library Internet service is increasing speeds to 20mbs MetroEthernet—six times faster than residential service. Also, an upgraded Wireless Hotspot will be in place, providing a wider service area and increased upload/download speeds for use in the Library Park—and beyond!

There are two Kindle Books available to check out, Kindle Fire and The Touch 3g. Library patrons can access our downloadable collection (Library-to-Go) from the Library's website. This collection

includes E-books in a variety of formats including Kindle, EPUB, PDF, MP3 & WMA, and is free to Library patrons.

The Library Book Club meets downstairs on the last Thursday of the month at noon. The next one will be on May 31 and the book to be discussed is Housekeeping by Marilynne Robinson. Please call Carol Morgan, (530) 694-2734 for details.

Would you like to write a murder mystery play for the next library performance? Would you like to start a writing club? Do you have a collection to display in the Library? Please call the Library (530) 694-2120.

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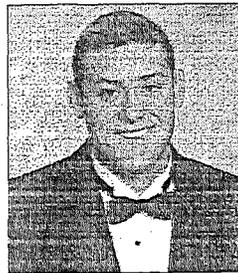
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William George Rubino ✓



Brandon Joshua Crawford

Being happy with Billy



Shannon Lit

Billy Rubino talks about his time at Douglas High School on May 25.

Student offers Douglas High students message of hope

by Scott Neuffer

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The superficialities of high school can be difficult to shake off for those teenagers trying to become adults. There's drama, posturing, pettiness.

But there's nothing fake about Billy Rubino's smile. It cracks wide, stays bright as he walks, and seems

to warm anybody he passes in the hallways of Douglas High School.

"Don't let the drama and all the pressure get to you," he said. "Just go about your day with a smile on your face."

Billy is a 21-year-old student who is graduating as a Tiger tonight on the school's softball field. Not only will he be receiving his diploma, he

will be speaking during the ceremony, joining a handful of classmates who made it through speech auditions.

He has good reason to be speaking. Anyone who talks to Billy can't help but smile.

"His smile is his signature," said DHS speech therapist Enid Webb. "If I'm having the worst day, I look at

Billy, and life is good. There are adults who don't get what he gets. He's beyond his years in understanding when it comes to appreciating life. He's had such an impact on students and teachers alike."

"He worries more about cheering up others than himself," added Kel

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Billy

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Lusardi, special education department chair.

Billy knows his smile is a valuable resource.

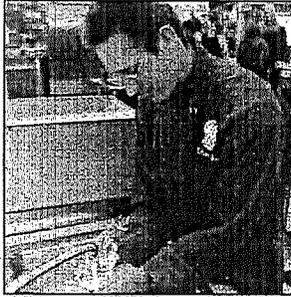
"When you smile at someone, every person feels good, and they want to do more," he said. "It's contagious. It makes people who are having a bad day have a very good day."

Smiling is easy for Billy. It's his most natural feature. Speaking, however, is little more difficult for the young man. The fact that he's giving a graduation speech is more impressive when one considers his childhood.

Billy didn't go to school until he was 10. The early years of his life were rather rough. He and his older brother created their own language to cope with reality. Because they didn't have any formal education, no storybooks, no ABCs, they developed their own system that involved some verbalizing and some signing with hands.

"We used some words to represent things," said Billy. "And gestures. We used our hands a lot. My brother and I were left alone so much that we had to create our own language to understand each other."

Lusardi said it's a remark-



Shannon Litz

Billy Rubino works in the culinary room on May 25.

able phenomenon.

"He once told me he would dream and think in the language they created," she said.

When he was 10, Billy and his brother were placed in a foster home in Alpine County. Soon after, Billy started the first grade at Diamond Valley Elementary School. He was 11. His brother, four years older, was placed in the third grade.

"We used our own language briefly. We started speaking a little better," Billy said. "I got picked on and teased. Instead of being mean, I took that as, 'I can do better.'"

For ninth grade, Billy went to Pau-Wa-Lu Middle School. He was 18.

"I handled that very well. I met a lot of new people and made good friends," he said. "I was sociable."

It wasn't until Billy came to Douglas High that he felt fully accepted. He started running cross country as a

sophomore and has run every year since.

"Track and me never got along," he said. "I loved it here. There were a lot of people I didn't know, but I got to know them over the course of the years."

Billy quickly fell in love with Douglas High's culinary arts program. He decided he wanted to be a chef. He's working as a bus boy and dishwasher at the Stonefly Restaurant in Markleeville.

He's already been throwing dough and cooking pizzas. Billy also has a tendency to ride his bike long distances, a single-gear bicycle. When he needed to study for the high school proficiency Exam, he rode all the way from Markleeville to Minden.

"It's 28 miles," he said. "Fifty minutes to get down here, and one hour and 20 minutes to get back up. That's the new record I have to beat."

Billy has shared his speech with some student groups and staff members, and he draws wild applause wherever he goes.

At the same time, he knows his success has not come easy — he's had to work hard for it.

"Do your best and always turn in your homework on time," he said. "Don't quit what you're doing. Try to look for the brightness in people."

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June brings time to wonder about a big hunk of rock

June, and out here we have bees, bears, blossoms, birds, bats and bugs. They all seem to take care of each other. All we add is water. Which also helps the grass grow, making the cows self sufficient. But increases lawn care commitments.

It takes a while to mow the yard around our house. A mind wonders. Wonders why a political party claims less intrusion into American business, but intrudes into a person's personal affairs. Or why is that large slab of granite in my front yard.

A D-shaped granite wedge, rough hewn, over 8-feet long, more than 2 1/2 feet across and about a foot thick is laying on top of another smaller 3-foot by 2-foot section of granite in the southwest corner of our yard. The smaller piece is partially buried in the ground so not certain how thick it is, but a good

FENCE LINES



by Marie Johnson

So the last time I mowed around it asked my husband its purpose. It was here before I was. He explains it use to be part of a bridge that spanned the Fredericksburg ditch located in what a previous generation called the Long field. Before, that field was divided by the old Fredericksburg trail, possibly part of an immigrant trail. Wagons and such used to cross the

guess would probably be a foot thick also. Have often sat on this slab as if it were a bench when waiting for cattle moving down the lane, but it is hard, coarse, and uncomfortable.

Why is it in the yard?

irrigation ditch on the top section of that pasture. This granite slab was one of a few that were abutments and the smaller piece was a header.

The slab was placed in the yard by his father years ago. He said, "Came home from school one day and there it was. Never asked why."

No idea where the other pieces like it ended up. Or who originally put the granite in as a bridge. Nor who took it out. Or when what generation of his family did, if they did. Or was it the simple work of passing stone cutters. Because if you do sit on the slab you notice, on the straight side of the wedge, short chiseled grooves spaced about a foot apart split the granite.

Was it hauled into place by wagon, rolled on logs, or drug by a team of horses? Or was the rock there, nearby and conven-

ient to crack apart to become a bridge?

And how many wagons, buggies, carts, men, women or children passed over it? Or when. All unknown. The best guess at our house is that it was definitely not in use in 1937 when Hwy 88 was moved to run along the west side of the ranch and the old road on the east side abandoned.

A piece of a stone bridge in the front yard. The spirit of the people who crossed it, imagine their responses if told today by a government or church, who they could or could not love. Or that working together to build a greater country was not a good political strategy. A lot of water has run under that bridge. Enough with obstructive, intrusive political party dogma. We need more bridge builders.

Marie Johnson is a Carson Valley rancher.

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Write-in candidate wins Alpine election

Staff Reports

A write-in candidate won the race for Alpine County supervisor District 3 on Tuesday, according to semi-official results released on Wednesday.

Californians went to the polls a week before Nevadans.

Former supervisor Katherine Rakow won the seat for District 3 supervisor. Rakow, who'd served on the board until 2001, when she resigned for health reasons, won the race over Supervisor Phillip Bennett 26-22 in District 3.

Beauty salon owner and 19-year Alpine County resident Mary Rawson defeated incumbent District 5 supervisor Tom Sweeney 64-48 votes.

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In the District 2 supervisor race, Scot Hansen and write-in candidate Ron Hames received 35 votes each.

The two men will face off in the November general election. Candidate Earl H. O'Neal received 27 votes and write-in candidate Herman Zellmer received 22 votes.

Alpine County has 813 registered voters, with 476 casting a ballot in the mail-in election, representing 58.5 percent of the electorate.

Of three Mono County supervisor races, there will be one run-off with Bob Peters leading Tim Fesko in the primary election on Tuesday.

Peters received 665 votes to Fesko's 272. Third candidate Jan K. Huggins received 121 votes.

Under California law, since no candidate in the race received more than half the vote, both Peters and Fesko will be on the general election budget.

Fred Stump defeated Duane "Hap" Hazard in the second district race for Mono County supervisor 476-389 votes. Timothy Alpers defeated Vikki Magee Bauer 449 votes to 219 for the third district supervisors.

Slightly more than half of Mono County's voters cast ballots on Tuesday, with most of those voting by mail.

According to preliminary results, a third of Mono County voters sent in their ballots through the mail.

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Abbott, Olivia	Coziahr, Kylie	Miller, Dalton	Hart, Jace	Jackson, Tre	Lowther, Jason
Adams, Lindsey	Cronin, Alessandra	Mora, Jared	Holley, Alissa	Jacobs, Eric	Mattison, Skylar
Brockhage, Andrew	Dragoo, Justin	Morris, Kaleb	Hudnall, Braden	Lewis, Katelynn	McElroy, Garrett
Davis, Katherine	Filbin, Connor	Muller, Audrey	Irving-Peterson, Riis	Lopez, Carlos	Menzer, Mitchell
Hatley, Ross	Forbes, Hannah	Muller, Emily	Isherwood, Ian	Moore, Jade	Mora, Hannah
Hellwinkel, Ashley	Gallagher, Raina	Munoz, Cristina	Jordan, Brennan	Morgan, Jasmine	Rickard, Alyssa
Hubbard, Kayla	Garcia, Juliana	Palmos, Jillian	Kobold, Hunter	Pierce, Kaylee	Shaw, Carmen
Knowles, Jordan	Garcia, Miguel	Perry, Gavin	Lalonde, Logan	Ramm, Charlie	Spaniol, Daisy
Liddell, Christine	Hallinan, Benjamin	Peters, Madison	Lera, Kaitlyn	Schat, Isaiah	Spaniol, Mary
Meza Armendariz, Karla	Hargreaves, Kenneth	Peterson, Isabelle	Littrell, Sasha	Severns, Haley	Sweeney, Shannon
Pupich, Caitlin	Harmon, Rowan	Pitts, Aiyana	Morgan, Emma	Simons, Richard	Teeuwen, Ashlee
Spurgeon, Grant	Hergenrader, Cassandra	Ponsness, Lars	Phillips, Cody	Sullivan, Dylan	Wilkinson, Nicholas
Stoll, Kai	Hillman, Danner	Prudhomme, Emilie	Ramos, Cheila	Swart, Lindsey	Zivkovic, Cheyenne
Terada, Nicole	Hinnant, Koby	Putansu, Aubrey	Rea, Heli	Tierney, Trevor	Bodily, Rebekah
Whittemore, Cooper	Howe, Chandler	Romanowitz, Matthew	Ross-Dee, Breanna	Voss, Melissa	Brown, Lara
Allen, Brittany	Hudnall, Lindsay	Rothfusz, Brynn	Rouse, Jake	Walker, Amy	Buckingham, Natasha
Avila, Cassandra	Ingrey, Zachary	Sheets, Megan	Ryan, Brianna	Williams, Kasey	Cridebring, Reese
Battcher, Kaycee	Johnson, Carly	Souza, Tanner	Schweigert, Hannah	Worley, Montrashay	Cruz, Anais
Rrees, Samuel	Jordan, Madison	Swearingen, Olivia	Smokey, Tahomah	Allmett, Taryn	Diaz Gomez, Karina
Brooks, Grace	Kellar, Zachary	Thompson, Claire	Sperry, Emma	Aseoché, Denzel-Aaron	Dodd, Allison
Brown, Holly	Koontz, Shelby	Torres, Alexxaz	Trauner, Jordan	Begovich, Ciarra	Dorius, Drew
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Buckingham, Hannah	Landerfelt, Madelyn	Vo, Heather	Westre, Alexander	Champlin, Cassidy	Gillespie, Carlee
Cassity, Trace	McGillivray, Kelsey	Voss, Jordyn	Wilkinson, Riley	Chen, Ryan	Goodner, Dominic
Cottrill, Tara	Melhus, Samuel	Ward, Cassidy	Wolfkiel, Sean	Cotton, Sydney	Hughes, Dawson
		Whiteley, Landon	Angelo, Mark	Cruz III, Kenneth	Kudrna, Crew
		Williams, Aria	Aqui, Rogelio Jesus	Davies, Zachary	Martin, Rebecca
		Adams, Ryan	Arthur, Taylor	Eckert, Christian	McComb, Zackery
		Alexander, Wesley	Bailey, Jenelle	Edge, Aspen	McCormick, Samuel
		Basche, Isabella	Brooks, Colin	Gonzalez, Kelly	Mendoza, Molly
		Bilger, Collin	Campbell, Joseph	Gunnell, Morgan	Parmer-Jones, Paige
		Caruana, John	Cervenak, Nicolett	Higginbotham, Bobbi	Patterson, McCann
		Coleman, Desyrae	Clot, Sierra	Hoggard, Cora	Pendleton, Johnny
		Deitch, Sarina	DelPrete, Lauryn	Hoyt, Candace	Rodriguez, Blake
		Dittberner, Jayme	Demus, Lukas	Hurtado, Cyrus	Rubio, Isabella
		Donat, Mitchell	Downes, Melissa	Jacobsen, Joseph	Shek, Noah
		Frankiewich, Leah	Edis, Trevor	Jensen, Andrew	Simpson, Hunter
		Frogget, Jason	Gomez, Kelly	Johnson, Amber	Spears, Faith
		Gomez, Kelly	Gurule, Joshua	Johnson, Michael	Stammer, Tyler
		Grisell, Hanna	Hansen, Christian	Johnson, Samuel	Stankus, Seth
		Grove, Taran	Hone, Emily	Kelly Jr, John	Toskin, Emily-Chevaun
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				Lane, Mikayla	Wallis, Celeste
				Leitenbauer, Tomas	

ALPINE

Events draw artists to Alpine County in June

by Joyce DeVore

Summer weather is here and the art community is boldly out capturing the beauty in Alpine County.

There are two exciting art events in Markleeville this month.

The Sierra Collection by Jarod Lopiccolo is on split display at the Alpine County Library and at Markleeville Art Gallery. Approximately half of the framed collection of photographs are hanging at the library and the other half are in the gallery.

Lopiccolo has perfected a technique that lends unique perspective and tonal qualities to his landscapes.

"I take digital photography to the next level by using high dynamic range. It requires manual focus, a tripod, and an eye for light and line. With digital photography, I can afford to take many more shots than I can using film and I use all those shots to discover light effects to integrate into my finished pieces," he explained.

Using different lenses, Lopiccolo takes several shots of the same subject. The lenses produce effects ranging from the brightest whites to deep tonal darks. He then compiles or layers the photographs on



Shannon Litz/R-C file Photo

Margo Petterson of Coleville, Calif., sets up her painting supplies at Cottonwood Creek Farm for the plein air painting demonstration in 2007.

the computer and runs custom computer filters that allow him to select lights and darks to create a

fascinating perspective. Finally he adds a sepia tone and prints the finished product on metallic

paper.

All of the photos in the Sierra Collection are framed in barn

wood, adding to the rustic effect of the art.

Lopiccolo was born and raised in the Sierra and now he and his young family have a cabin in Markleeville. They love the natural beauty and the charm of our small town.

Come to the Alpine County Library on 1-3 p.m. June 16 to meet Lopiccolo and view the collection. There will be live music provided by the Friends of the Library.

The other half of the collection is in the Markleeville Art Gallery, just a block from the library at 14841 Highway 89, next to the post office. Evelyn Yonker, gallery owner and artist, is preparing for the second Markleeville Plein Air Event later in June.

Last year's event brought artists and collectors from near and far and this year many more accomplished artists are joining the event. Plan to come and spend the day outside, watching talented artists work with brush and color to create masterpieces of the Sierra.

Mark your calendars for June 16 at the library and June 19-23 for the Plein Air Event.

Check next week's The Record-Courier for more details about the Plein Air event.

ALPINE

Markleeville Plein Air starts Tuesday

by Joyce DeVore

Our small town of Markleeville is soon to be alive with artistic talent and it is yours for the taking.

This year the Markleeville Plein Air Event takes place from Tuesday to June 23. As the name implies, the artists will be starting with a clean canvas, color, and brushes, then go out-of-doors to transfer Alpine County's beauty into a masterpiece; while you watch. It is the only Plein Air Event in this area.

While most of us have seen artists at museums sketching a statue or object of interest, the artists working outside face the challenging factors of weather, especially the light that changes from moment to moment, which of course, changes the colors, shadows, and general appearance of the scene.

This event is advantageous for us spectators for another reason: Alpine county has multiple premiere locations for artists that are also adjacent to the road, so you can drive very close, park the car, and take a few steps to watch the artist.

As the final coup de grace, the art work will be framed and hung in Markleeville Art Gallery at 14841 Highway 89 on June 23, where all pieces will remain on display through July.

Here is a brief reiteration of the schedule:

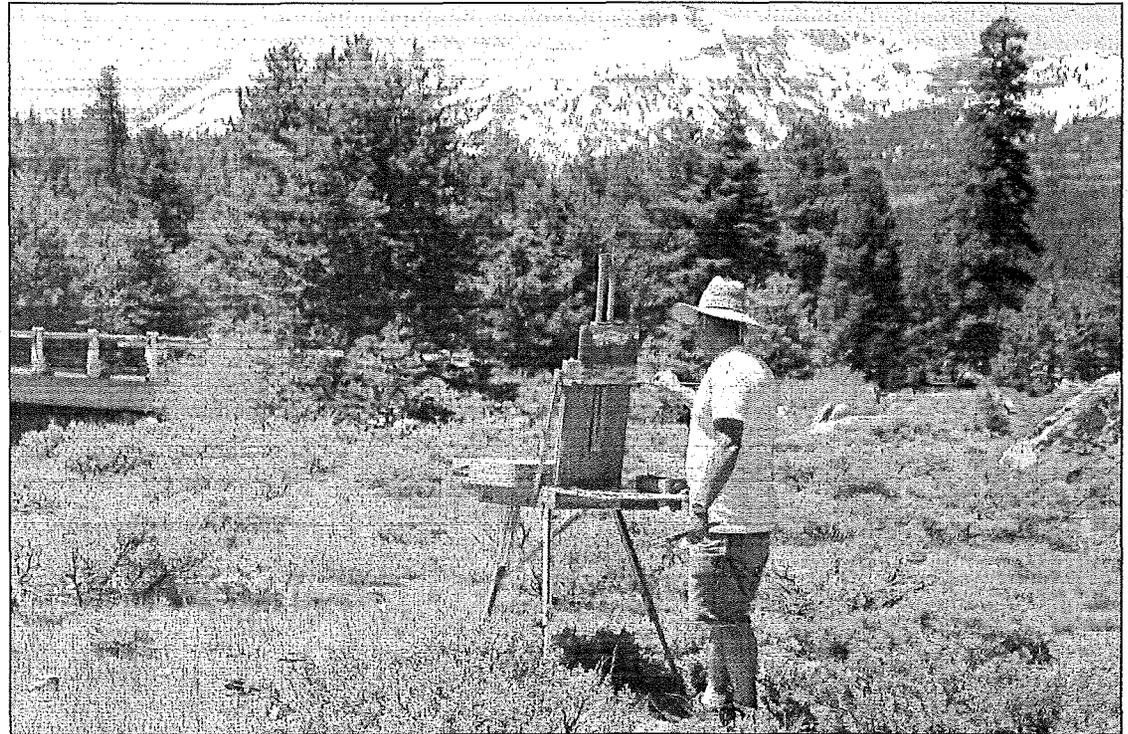
Dates: Tuesday through June 23.

Tuesday: Artists begin with a meeting at the Markleeville Art Gallery at 8 a.m. Tuesday marks the second anniversary of Markleeville Art Gallery as well as the opening of the Plein Air Event.

Wednesday: Artists meet in Hope Valley at 8 am and again at noon at Sorensen's Resort.

Locations: Check with Evelyn Yonker, owner and artist of Markleeville Art Gallery, at (530) 694-2787, or on the website Markleevilleartgallery.com or come to the gallery for the most updated painting location of each artist.

Grand finale: on June 23, all artists will be painting in downtown Markleeville and the gallery is hosting a reception starting at noon for the public to meet the artists, see the framed works, and share light refreshments. All works



Greg Drinkwine participates in last year's Plein Air Event in Markleeville.

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will be available for sale.

Artists: The background and awards are too lengthy to cover completely, but I am sure that you will find several names of local and international renown.

Bonita Paulis: She explains her love of nature and art: "I strive to capture some of the beauty of this incredible natural world and share it in my work." Paulis is a regional representa-

tive of the Sierra Pastel Society.

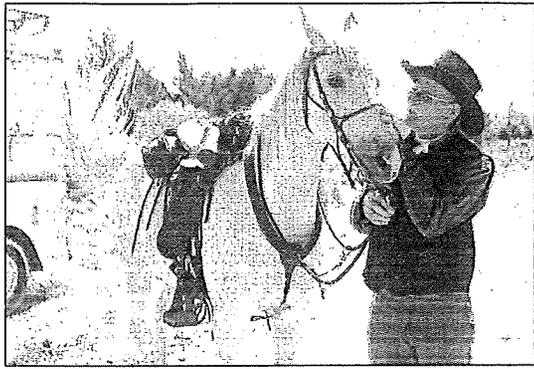
Kit Night: Night loves to paint landscapes and still life. She created "Art in the Morning," an online email project that sends a new painting and her thoughts about the work, aiming for a moment of relaxation for all before the work day begins.

Debbie Gualco: An accomplished architect out of UC Berkeley, Gualco also founded Capital ArtWorks in midtown

Sacramento where she teaches figure drawing and painting to many regional artists.

Ron Schlorff: He loves fishing almost as much as painting, and splits his time between Tucson and the Sierra.

Emma Auriemma: An accomplished architect in Los Angeles, she is now expanding to Reno and integrating her experiences and talents into projects of great artistry.



Pony Express eastbound and down

by Kurt Hildebrand
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More than 100 spectators watched as Nevada took charge of the mochila from California in the 33rd Pony Express Re-ride on Thursday.

Lincoln, Calif., rider Lee Hofer arrived in Woodfords promptly at 9 a.m. Thursday, taking the last leg, after riders carried the mochila all night

across the Sierra Nevada.

Gardnerville rider Carl Malkmus took charge of the mochila in Woodfords on his way north on his horse, BB. People took photos and asked the riders questions in front of the Alpine County way station.

The Californians made good time crossing the Sierra, despite the lack of a moon and rugged terrain.

Cassey Holbrook said a full moon wouldn't have helped her much crossing near Kyburz on Dakota.

The descendent of Charles Holbrook, whom Holbrook Junction is named after, the Garden Valley, Calif., resident participated in her second Pony Express Re-ride early Wednesday morning:

"Full moon wouldn't have done me much good in the forest," she said. "There was no light. All I had was a saddle light. I had to trust the horse to know the way."



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Marv Davis rides Roni north on Foothill Road on Thursday morning. At top, Dave Rabe talks to White Cloud while waiting at the base of Kingsbury Grade for the hand-off of the mochila.

Shannon Litz

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Holbrook had been up since early Wednesday morning when she stood in Woodfords to watch Hofer riding into town on his horse, Valentine, as little Oly the dog ran alongside.

Hofer said Oly only ran the last half mile, because he had to make up some time.

California President Rich Tatman was confident that Hofer would be in on time.

"He's a good rider," he said.

Douglas County Ride Capt. Bob Moore oversaw the transfer and then headed north to carry the mochila from Douglas and into Carson City.

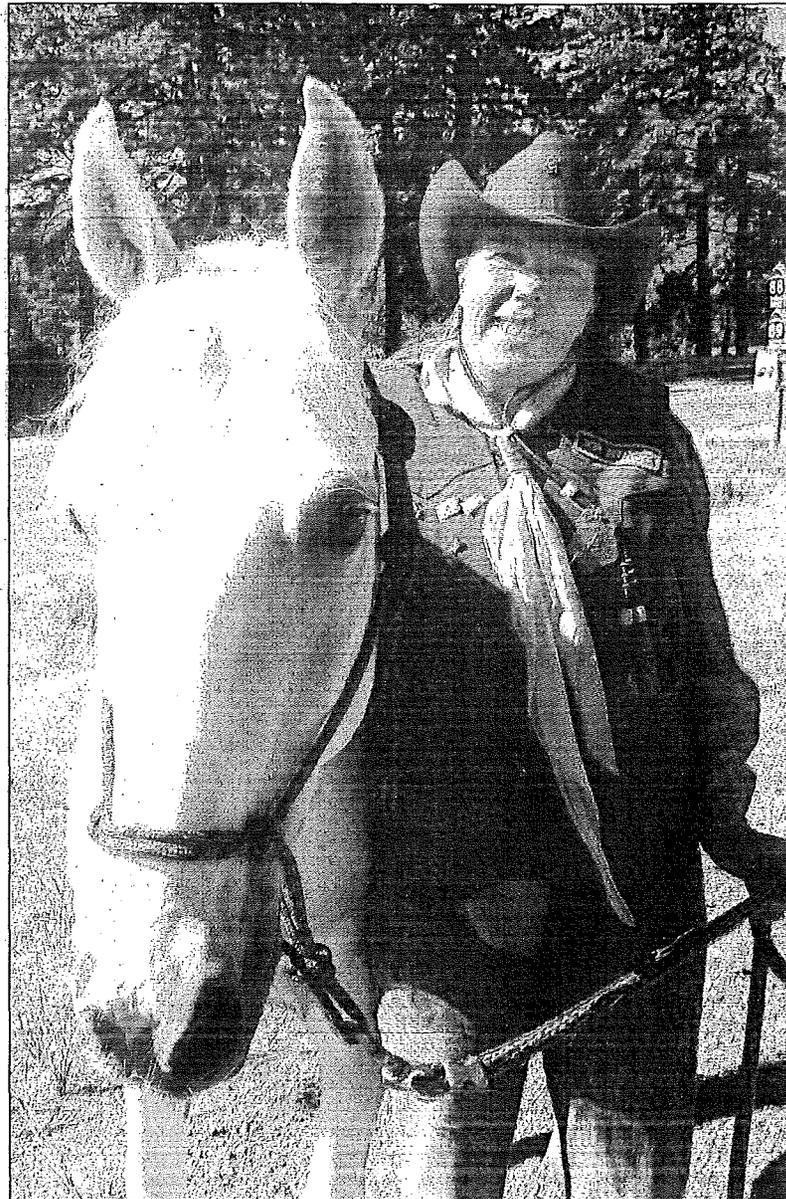
The rider arrived in Genoa around lunchtime and was greeted by 10 riders carrying the flags of each of the eight states the ride passes through, the U.S. flag and the flag for Douglas County, in honor of Flag Day.

Moore, a Gardnerville resident, was one of the original re-riders and was ready for another year in the saddle.

That first ride covered the distance between Salt Lake City and Pollock Pines.

"I rode 55 miles," Moore said. "Not in one stretch, but in three. There were only 70 us to cover the distance."

All three of those legs were in the middle of Nevada, including a stretch near Butte Station, another over the mountains near Austin and the third near Fort Churchill. Currently there are 600 riders covering the 1,966 miles from Sacramento to St. Joseph, Mo. The ride is expected to finish crossing Nevada on Saturday night and to wrap up on June 23.



Kurt Hildebrand
Cassey Holbrook and her horse Dakota stand in Woodfords on Thursday morning.

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prompted higher rates and a lawsuit that's gone to the Nevada Supreme Court.

As the winner of the Republican primary in the newly redrawn Assembly District 39, Wheeler will go on to the general election to face Independent American David Schumann.

Kite was philosophical about the hard-fought race.

"It only takes one," he said of the closeness of the race. "The vote is in. I'm really proud of everybody who volunteered and helped me. I want to thank the voters of the district for their support."

Schmidt, who outspent both Wheeler and Kite, said he felt he'd had an influence on the race.

"I changed the tone of the campaign," he said. "By the end, both Kite and Wheeler were talking about transparency, the Constitution and listening to the people. They both emulated my message."

Schmidt wished Wheeler well in the future.

"Now that Wheeler won, I don't have to support the Independent American," he said. "People said I was splitting the anti-Kite vote, but I don't strategize that much. I'm of the nature that we need more people voting and more people running."

Douglas County Clerk-Treasurer Ted Thran said the election went smoothly, as did counting.

"Everyone balanced out early," he said, "and once we started counting, we were flying."

Turnout in Douglas was 31.62 percent, thanks in part to the contested Assembly Race. Of the county's 25,677 active voters, 8,120 cast a ballot in Tuesday's primary. Election Day turnout was 3,357 voters, compared to 3,393 early voters and 1,190 absentee voters.

In the primary election, smaller counties trended with higher turnout than either Clark or Washoe counties.

Statewide the turnout was 18.87 percent. According to the Secretary of State's website, Eureka County had the highest turnout with 56.24 percent, translating into 509 of the county's 905 active voters. Clark County had the lowest turnout percentage with 16.19 percent, translating into 111,994 of the county's 691,575 voters.

Sierra cyclist to tackle world's toughest double century

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Meet Steve Tiede.

Steve likes the idea of a serious cycling adventure.

That is why he signed up for the 8-Pass Challenge as part of the Alta Alpina Challenge: Riding the Wild Sierra.

Steve started bicycling in May 2009 when his wife, Julie, encouraged him to join her at a spinning class. Spin class led to more challenging rides such as Onion Valley, a steep climb out of Independence, Calif., which rises 5,000 feet in 13 miles. So far this year, he and Julie have done eight centuries, most with serious climbing. What motivates Steve?

"I think it's the feeling of accomplishment in overcoming what I thought were my limits," he said.

And how does he rate the upcoming Alta Alpina 8 Pass Challenge? He said he believes the upcoming Alta Alpine 8 Pass Challenge is the best ride in all categories: support, scenic beauty and challenge.

From the excellent support to the homemade cookies and hot soup at the rest stops to the post-ride dinner, Steve said he is al-



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Steve Tiede will be participating in the Alta Alpina Ride the Wild Sierra this weekend.

ways impressed with how Alta Alpina Cycling Club and the Ride Director, Michael Bayer, make it special.

Of the rides he has done, he said, "No other ride compares to the 8 Pass Challenge."

In a few short years, the ride has come to be known as the "World's Toughest Double Century."

The Alta Alpina Challenge: Riding the Wild Sierra, set for Saturday, is a cycling event which encompasses several route op-

tions in addition to the 8 Pass Challenge. The "Family Ride" is aimed at individuals and families riding a route of 15 or 20 miles. The "Build Your Own Challenge" represents a new innovation in organized rides. Each participant sets a personal goal based on their individual skills and ability to ride between one and six mountain passes.

Four options are offered starting out of Turtle Rock Park in Markleeville as well.

The Wild Sierra Metric is 64 miles with 5,000 feet of climbing. The Wild Sierra Century is 110 miles with 11,000 feet of climbing. The five-pass challenge is 135 miles and 16,000 feet of climbing and The World's Toughest Double Century is 198 miles and 20,300 of climbing.

The Alta Alpina Cycling Club is a 501(c) non-profit corporation promoting all forms of safe cycling in the Lake Tahoe, Carson Valley, Carson City and Markleeville areas. The club has decades of experience producing comparable events. Rides of 15 and 20 miles will be offered in Diamond Valley.

For more information on the ride, contact Mel Maalouf at president@altaalpina.org or 775-450-3886 or Michael Bayer at challenge@altaalpina.org or 775-845-2453.

Dog licensing, vaccination clinic June 14

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Low-cost vaccination clinics and dog licensing for Alpine residents is 4-6 p.m. June 14 at Woodfords Firehouse on Diamond Valley Road at Highway 89.

Alpine County code requires that dogs be licensed.

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

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Alpine, Mono voters go to polls

Staff Reports

Voters in Mono and Alpine counties go to the polls on Tuesday, but not always in the traditional sense.

Alpine County's election is all mail-in, though residents may drop their ballots off at the county clerk's office until 8 p.m. on Tuesday.

Residents should have already mailed ballots in order for them to arrive in time for counting, which starts 8 p.m. Tuesday. Under California law, ballots that arrive after Election Day won't be counted.

Two seats on the Alpine County Board of Supervisors are in play with races in Supervisor Districts 2 and 5.

In Alpine County, voters only cast a ballot for the supervisor representing their district.

Running in District 2 are businessowner Scott Hansen and school board trustee Earl H. O'Neal. District 5 candidates are incumbent Tom Sweeney and challenger businesswoman Mary Rawson.

Mono County also has three races for supervisor districts 2, 3 and 4.

District 2 incumbent Duane 'Hap' Hazard is facing a challenge from Crowley Lake resident Fred Stump.

Incumbent District 3 supervisor and June Lane resident Vikki Magee Bauer is facing Lee Vining resident Timothy P. Alpers. Coleville resident Tim Fesko is facing off against Bridgeport residents Jan K. Huggams and Bob Peters for the District 4 seat. *RC-Fri, June 1, 2012*

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Alpine debates construction of government center

by Virginia York

A Board of Supervisors meeting was held on the evening of June 4 with a presentation and discussion on the Alpine County Government Center plans prepared by Collaborative Design Studio. The purpose of the meeting was to inform the public and elicit input.

Community Development Director Brian Peters introduced Collaborative Design Studio Managing Partner Todd Lankenau and Facilities Planner Jim Steinmann.

Lankenau explained the background of the facilities assessment and master plan study, reasons to consider building now, the preliminary direction given by supervisors and the improvements divided into three phases.

In 1983 South Tahoe Utilities District agreed to make annual mitigation payments of \$110,000 annually (now grown to approximately \$112,000 a year) to Alpine County for the disposal of effluent. There is now approximately \$3.6 million in the mitigation fund.

In 1999 a board of supervisors resolution established that "responsible financing of infrastructure and capital facilities is a valid and appropriate use of STPUD resources."

In 2003 the county purchased the Gard property directly north of the Administration Building parking lot intending to build a new sheriff's facility on the site. TRG Consulting produced a cost analysis and plans for the project.

In 2011 OSHA informed Alpine County that their division had received a complaint about the sheriff's department stating that "Employees work in a cramped and unsafe environment."

Sheriff John Crawford agreed to move most of his staff to Turtle Rock Park as a temporary measure. The sheriff and dispatch continue to operate from the lower floor of the Court House.

The Alpine County grand jury then documented the following findings:

■ Alpine County does not provide secure interview/interrogation rooms within the county, thereby risking safety and the integrity of investigations.

■ Alpine County does not provide temporary holding facilities within the county, thereby risking safety and costing manpower during the justice process.

The sheriff's department, district attorney and chief of probation agreed with the grand jury's findings and recommendations.

In 2011-2012 Collaborative Design Studio performed an assessment and master plan study of all county facilities. Lankenau presented alternative recommendations to the Board of Supervisors which gave the following preliminary direction:

■ Consolidate the Sheriff at the Markleeville site.

■ Consolidate Community development at the Woodfords site.

■ Consider sharing the courtroom for board meetings.

Lankenau gave the following reasons for building now:

■ Correct outstanding safety concerns.

■ Address OSHA compliance issues.

■ Correct deficiencies itemized in the Grand Jury report.

■ Correct ADA deficiencies to provide disabled access.

■ Address deferred maintenance issues in the Administration Building.

■ Remedy the lack of storage space.

■ Take advantage of favorable bidding climate.

■ Take advantage of historically low interest rates.

Lankenau reviewed the phases:
Phase 1

A - Site improvements, including more parking.

B - Construction of new sheriff's facility (this would be approximately 4,000 square feet, almost half the size of what was suggested in the 2003 plans).

C - remodel the Administration Building.

Phase 2. Remodel the lower floor of the Courthouse for district attorney and records storage and construct an addition to community development.

Phase 3. Board Room, conference room and rest room addition.

Lankenau discussed the pros and cons and a proposed budget and financing plan for each phase.

Following Lankenau's presentation the floor was open to the public. Sandy Bryson advocated exploring grant sources.

Judge Devore and Sheriff John Crawford stressed the importance of the Sheriff's Department being next to the courts for the safety of all concerned.

Crawford voiced doubts about spending the county's reserves at a time when he may have to lay off deputies because of budget cuts. John Super raised the popular question: Will those working on the project be sleeping and eating here?

An undertaking of this size could help the local economy. Some wondered whether locals would be employed. Gary Coyan asked what we're saving the money for; it has been identified for facilities' needs.

Nick Hartzell regretted that affordable housing (the duplex behind Markleeville Art Gallery) would be torn down when the county offers little of such accommodations to county workers, school teachers etc.

Planner Zach Wood requested that there be an awareness of the natural beauty of the site in the placement of the windows indicating that such planning would have a positive influence on the downtown area.

Andy Lovell raised the possibility of archives moving to the location the district attorney would be vacating and the library taking over the space archives currently occupies. It was noted that this is in the master plan for consideration. Kathy Rakow suggested holding more workshops.

Many others contributed to the lively and stimulating discussion.

Further presentation and discussion on the project with direction from supervisors is tentatively scheduled for a July 17 meeting.

11 days in the wild

Dog reunited with family after being lost in Sierra

by Caryn Haller

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If dogs could talk, 3-year-old Riddick, would have quite the story to tell.

The pit bull, Labrador mix was reunited with his owner, Curtis Stone, on Father's Day after surviving 11 days in the wilderness between Markleeville and Leviathan Mine.

"We are all so happy," Stone said. "We look at him everyday and think about what a miracle it is."

Riddick's journey home began June 7 when he was fishing with Stone's nephew in Markleeville.

Frightened by gunfire from a nearby practice range, Riddick ran off.

"We all tried to find him. We stayed up there looking until 11 o'clock at night. The terrain was so rough we were all bleeding," Stone said. "We searched everywhere. No Riddick."

A group of seven searchers scoured the area all weekend looking for Riddick, covering close to eight square miles of mountainous terrain. They returned during the week and continued the search to no avail.

"We would go back during the week looking for him. Nothing. After awhile we figured the mountain lions got him," Stone said. "We were



Jim Grant

Caitlyn Stone, 6, left, and Channing Stone, 8, give Riddick hugs and kisses after playing with him. Riddick was lost for 11 days near Markleeville before being found.

going to give it a month before we stopped searching."

Stone contacted the Douglas County Animal Shelter, Douglas Animal Welfare Group and the El Dorado Forest Animal Shelter alerting them of Riddick's disappearance. He also hung fliers up at businesses around Markleeville. DAWG posted the information on their Facebook page.

"I couldn't believe all the people out looking for him. It was pretty neat," Stone said.

On June 13, DAWG had a posting on their

Facebook page by someone who had seen Riddick by Leviathan Mine Road.

When Stone went to look for him, he was gone.

Four days later, Gardnerville resident Mike Arraiz found Riddick while four-wheeling in the area.

Arraiz contacted the animal shelter who gave him Stone's phone number.

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Family and friends gather around Riddick, who was lost for 11 days near Markleeville before being found. Pictured are, back row, Kendall Cook, Melanie Munoz, Curtis Stone and Keith Speed. Front row, Carter Stone, 11, Caitlyn Stone, 6 and Channing Stone 8.

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The Stone family was returning from another search in Markleeville when they got the message Riddick had been found.

"My daughter started going nuts. We had gone through so much trying to find this dog," Stone said. "He used his internal GPS and made it back pretty close to where all the off-roaders park to air down their tires, and he stayed there. He was heading home."

When the family was reunited with their missing member the moment was bittersweet.

"His paws were ripped up. He

probably lost about 12-13 pounds. He was unbelievably skinny," Stone said. "He walked over to my kids and he laid down. He was done. He had his family back. He was happy, but so tired."

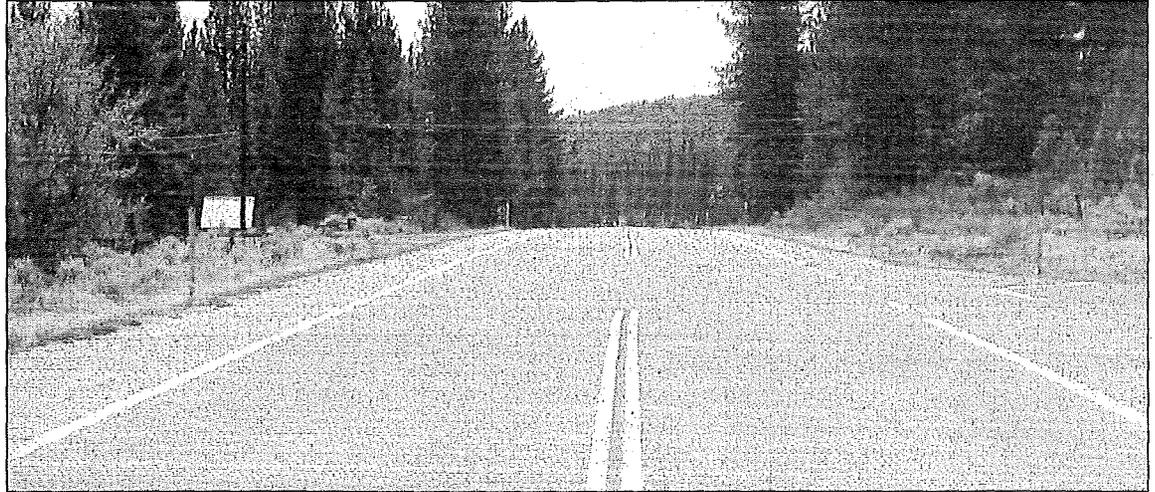
Stone estimated Riddick traveled approximately 12 miles as the crow flies.

Riddick's feet have since healed from his journey, and he is steadily gaining weight.

The family, however, has learned a valuable lesson from the experience.

"One thing we learned is make sure you check your surroundings, and also to really keep good track of him," Stone said. "Maybe keep him on a leash if we're uncertain."

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The former S-curve on Highway 89 at Ellis Grade between Woodfords and Markleeville was straightened out with the help of Orita Keebaugh.

Alpine woman's efforts paved way for Death Ride

by Nancy Thornburgh

The easygoing, nice, wide six-mile road between Woodfords and Markleeville, with its gentle curves and easy grades, is a far better road than the one it replaced. And to make it even better it has bicycle or walking lanes on both sides — something the old road did not have.

And largely responsible for those lanes is a former Alpine County resident, Orita "Rita" Keebaugh.

When the State of California decided to improve this section of highway back in the early 1970s they planned for and bought right-of-way for a wide, four lane expressway. Locals had been com-

plaining for some time about the narrowness of the existing road, about the "grade" of the summit approach on the north, and particularly about an "S" curve which had a tight radius and caused problems especially in winter.

When some locals learned about the state plans they voiced their concerns locally about having the project "downscoped" to a two-lane highway with wider lanes and bicycle or walking lanes on both sides.

They also voiced concerns about the preservation of the lava bluffs on the west side of the highway approaching Markleeville and about the elimination of the "S" curve and the modification of two other

curves.

Apparently the feeling developed among some locals that the state wasn't inclined to listen, that they didn't want to "downscope." They were told that it was "too late" to change the design.

"In order to 'downscope' the highway between Woodfords and Markleeville I had to have a petition signed by the local residents," Rita said. "So I went around to as many people as possible asking if they would sign the petition to 'downscope' the six-mile fenced expressway and put in bike and walking lanes. It wasn't difficult to gain signatures. However, I quickly found out from some of the locals that I was stepping on sacred ground and

had no right to do such a thing because 'I had not lived in the area as long as they had' and 'my zipper was in the back instead of the in front!' But I felt I had the right to voice my opinion as much as the next person living there. So with pen in hand and legs that carried me, I stayed on my path and completed the task."

She submitted the petition to the Board of Supervisors and they sent it on to the state with a letter of support.

Rita went on to say that she saw the possibility for local groups to make money through bicycle tourism since Alpine's economy is mostly based on recreation.

"My idea was to have a bicycle

path on one side of the road and a hiking path on the other side."

And this is what led, ultimately, to the creation of the "Death Ride" — a phenomenon that probably never would have come about on the old highway.

Ultimately the local preferences prevailed.

The existing road had been 20-22 feet wide.

The new one consists of two lanes, 32 feet of pavement with 12-foot traffic lanes and two 4-foot wide shoulders. By 1979 it was under construction and in October of 1980 it was dedicated.

Chalk one up for local activism. And a big thank-you to Rita Keebaugh.

Alpine asks voters to alter county government

by the Alpine County Ballot
Referendum Committee
Special to The R-C

Alpine County will find a local referendum measure on their ballot this Nov. 6. The Board of Supervisors, at their July 17 meeting, unanimously adopted an ordinance "pertaining to the establishment of an appointed office of Director of Finance and subject to voter approval and enactment ...". So it will be up to the voters to either affirm the action or overturn it.

The county's fiscal structure, until recently, consisted of the office of auditor/controller and the office of treasurer/tax collector. Recently, however, the auditor/controller submitted her resignation

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effective May 30. Shortly thereafter the supervisors approved an ordinance to consolidate the offices of county auditor/controller and treasurer/tax collector as a temporary measure to insure that the vacated position of the auditor/controller would not negatively impact the county's financial viability.

A committee of interested local citizens was formed to study the situation and make recommendations to the Supervisors for a permanent solution. At the July 17 meeting, the committee submitted the following statement which was approved by the committee unan-

imously:

"That we recommend to the Alpine County Board of Supervisors that the Alpine County auditor/controller position be made an appointed position with the title of director of finance and, further, that this position of director of finance include, at the expiration of the treasurer/tax collector's current term of office, the position of treasurer/tax collector, and, further, that this recommendation be placed on the November 2012 ballot."

Recent changes in federal and state mandates and regulations have made these jobs much more complex and, consequently, the qualifications needed to manage the county's finances efficiently have increased as well. But the

minimum qualifications for the elected positions of auditor/controller and treasurer/tax collector, which are set by state code, have remained minimal and are inadequate. The current system of electing financial officers from the pool of local residents severely restricts the truly qualified candidate pool in our county of 1,200 residents, and more than once there has been only one candidate running for the office. Having an appointed director of finance would allow the board of supervisors to tailor the qualifications to the responsibilities of the job and would offer the opportunity to tap into a much wider pool of qualified applicants.

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The current situation is that while the supervisors have the primary responsibility for the County as a whole, they have no say as to who manages the county finances or whether or not the people holding the positions are doing an adequate job. Consolidating the financial offices will also allow for some administrative efficiencies although the committee indicated that they think a more thorough external audit will also be advisable.

Flaws, errors, nonperforming financial systems, missed deadlines, and bad decisions can have near-instantaneous and draconian repercussions that fall not only on the financial official but also on the supervisors and the county as a whole. At worst, they can drive the county into bankruptcy with astonishing rapidity impacting every one of us. When fiscal officers are elected the only recourse in the event of malpractice is to call for a resignation, which may or may not happen, or to recall the officer, a process which not only is bitter and divisive but which also takes many months to accomplish. During the interim untold damage can result. In contrast, with an appointed fiscal officer the Supervisors can terminate the officer immediately if problems arise.

It is the sincere hope of the supervisors and members of the committee that the public will read, listen, ask questions and, ultimately, support this long term solution to address the financial processes of the county.

Submitted by Ballot Referendum Committee members David Griffith, Eric Jung, Steve Hibbs, Joyce DeVore, Shirley Taylor, Jim Holdridge, Kris Hartnett and Nancy Thornburg.

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Markleeville's postmaster hanging up her stamps

by Virginia York

After 25 years and nine months as Markleeville Postmaster Margaret Daniels retired on Thursday.

Margaret was born in Toronto and moved to the United States when she was 14 years old. She has been working for the United States Postal Service for 35 years. She recalls the day she walked into the lobby of the Gardnerville Post Office to collect her mail when Postmaster Dale Bohlman, nephew of Hoke, Eloise and Buddy Barrett, handed her a yellow application card and said: "Sign this. I want you to come and work for me."

She took the required test and became a part-time flexible clerk in Gardnerville where she worked for 10 years. At the Gardnerville office Margaret had the opportunity to learn the complete operation. In 1986 she was promoted to Postmaster in Markleeville.

Her first day of work in our community was Oct. 31, 1986. She arrived unprepared for Halloween. Her husband, Dennis, came to the rescue with candy.

As Margaret reflects on her years in Markleeville she asks: "How could anyone be so fortunate?"

Every morning she sees something different on the beautiful



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Markleeville Postmaster Margaret Daniels retired from her post on Thursday after serving nearly 26 years.

drive from Carson Valley. On early winter mornings, she has often been the first to drive through the fresh snow and has gazed in awe at the silent, white loveliness. She has deep affection for the residents of our town; she has watched us grow up and grow old.

Clint Celio came in to the post office while she and I were talking. "I've known you since you were 12!" Margaret said to him in her exuberant way.

She feels an ownership of the post office, evident in the hours she works after closing, and in the many times she has driven mail down to Minden and even Reno to ensure its timely delivery. She

tells the story of being stopped by the highway patrol as she was speeding along with a local's important documents to meet a deadline. The officer let her go with a warning. While I was at the post office, Wanda Coyan came in apologetically with a big bulk mailing half an hour before closing.

Margaret laughed good-naturedly, taking it all in stride. Just after closing when Ellen Martin waved a yellow card at the door, Margaret gladly reopened and gave Ellen her package and the two of them enjoyed a chat.

In 2002 Margaret received the Snowshoe Thompson Award,

given for performance above and beyond the call of duty: "Postmaster Margaret Daniels was recognized for her outstanding public service efforts during the six-day power outage. The town closed, but not the Post Office, even though it was only 38 degrees inside the building..." (District Manager, Johnray Eglehoff).

Margaret has had many special cancellation stations for various events in our area; the Death Ride Cancellation is known internationally. In 2005 Margaret received the Pacific Area Top Performer Award for outstanding performance. Markleeville was the top small office in the Pacific area with plus 104 percent over revenue goal.

In 1995 Margaret was diagnosed with cancer and was away from the post office for 15 months. Margaret speaks of the tremendous support of Jerry de Paoli, her boss at that time and of the National League of Postmasters of which she has been a member for 25 years. In 1996 the Postal Service selected Margaret as its representative at the unveiling of the breast cancer stamp during the Relay for Life event in Reno.

Margaret was a keynote speaker. In 2008 the cancer came back and she learned that it was incurable but treatable. She takes an active

part in her healing process. To the conventional ways of treating her cancer she adds alternative methods, including taking phytochemicals which, she feels, have enabled her body to withstand chemotherapy.

Margaret's service in our community includes membership in: Alpine County Chamber of Commerce, Friends of the Library and Historical Society. She was also a State Fair representative. In 1995 and 2007 Margaret was named California Postmaster of the Year. In 2007 Margaret was named National Postmaster of the Year. Other local and national honors and achievements are too numerous to mention.

"God has blessed my life and I would like to return that blessing by serving Habitat for Humanity as my retirement goal," she said.

After her retirement she and Dennis will be flying to Florida to go to Disney World with their son and his wife, Craig and Katie and granddaughters, Maddy and Sophie.

Our love and best wishes go with you Margaret. Thank you for all you have done for us.

There will be a potluck lunch in honor of Margaret in the Library Park noon Aug. 8 to which everybody is invited.

Relocated bears killed in Hope Valley

by Axie Navas
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Two of three bears killed for raiding cabins and businesses in Hope Valley had been rehabilitated at the Lake Tahoe Wildlife Care facility.

Sorensen's Resort had to evacuate diners one night when a bear came into the café.

According to the California De-

partment of Fish and Game, three bears have been shot or euthanized on or around the Sorensen's property since May. Sorensen's owner John Brissenden said they've had bears at 10 of their cabins.

"Public safety is a huge issue for us. So is the animal wildlife. We've coexisted with bears here for 30 years," Brissenden said, who purchased Sorensen's with his wife,

Patty, in 1982. Ann Bryant, the founder and executive director of the BEAR League, said she's never seen so many bears killed in such a short amount of time and in such a limited area.

"If it's a bear problem, it's usually only one bear. This is a classic example of a business problem, not a bear problem. It's a little bit beyond belief that you can blame the bears,"

Bryant said. But Brissenden isn't the only one in the area who has reported a bear problem.

Cabin owner Jeremy Magrath said the bears seem to have gotten bolder recently, something he attributes to the rehabilitated bears placement and a couple of vacation

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renters in the neighborhood who consistently left trash on their deck.

Magrath and his family have owned the property, just across the street from Sorensen's, for about 50 years.

"The issues that came up were the rehabilitated bears that were put too close to us, and then we had the vacation rentals that weren't on the program. The culprit is the new type of rental where the Internet rents a property from night to night. It's devastating to an area," Magrath said.

Last year's mild winter meant more cubs in the spring. And with little rain and warm temperatures, the land is dry and food scarce. According to Department of Fish and Game Biologist Shelly Blair, the conditions could force more bears to resort to the easy pickings at dumpsters, straining relations between the animals and property owners.

"It was such a dry spring, so these animals came out of hibernation early and they were looking for food," Blair said.

Brissenden agreed that those factors all added up to "the perfect storm of bears" that hit Sorensen's this spring.

If there's one point all the groups agree on, it's that the bears shouldn't have been re-

leased so close to the resort. It was setting the animals up for failure, Bryant said.

"The bottom line is that Fish and Game didn't get any support from the Forest Service. The Forest Service said, 'No, you cannot release it on our land.' Fish and Game has a postage stamp-size property in Hope Valley where they were able to release it. Unfortunately, it was very close to Sorensen's Resort," LTWC Secretary and Treasurer Tom Millham said.

California outlines a three-step policy before issuing a depredation permit. In the first category, a bear wanders into a populated area, but is scared away by noise, pepper spray or another deterrent. In the second category, the bear becomes a nuisance, but still isn't reported as causing any property damage. In this case, the owner or tenant has to clean up any trash and bear-proof any food storage areas that might be attracting the animal.

It's not a law to close windows, but it might be a necessary corrective measure at this stage, Millham said.

"We tell people that screens keep mosquitoes out, they don't keep a bear out," Millham said.

According to Millham and Bryant, the BEAR League and LTWC sent volunteers down to scare the yearlings away when they heard about the bears at Sorensen's. Both said they didn't think the resort was doing enough to scare the animals away

before resorting to the third step: getting a depredation permit.

"They tried some aversion methods, not many. We sent one of our volunteers out there with a paintball gun. You get the noise and the sting, and usually that works. They wouldn't even let us on the property," Millham said.

Sorensen's has their own crew to scare the bears away, Brissenden said. And though they tried multiple times to avert the bears with nonlethal methods and called in Alpine County law enforcement, the bears just kept coming back.

"It wasn't a thoughtless act. They made a huge attempt. It gets to the point where you're afraid to be in your home," Blair said.

Though Blair's not directly responsible for where rehabilitated bears are released, she said that Hope Valley was really the only option for the two cubs. The animals had to be released on state lands.

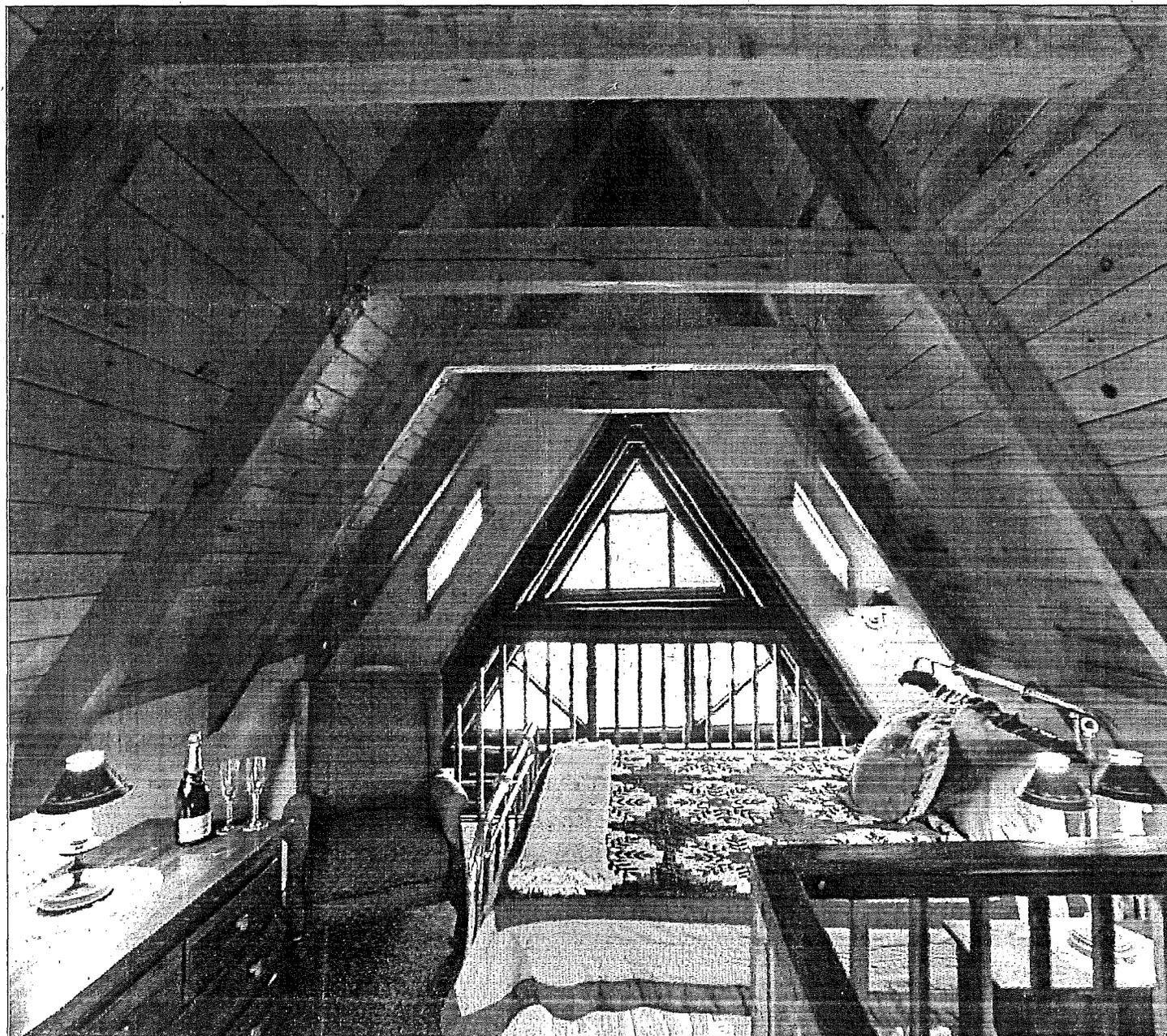
"We don't have a lot of areas anymore where we don't have people. We were being optimistic that these animals would start foraging naturally," Blair said.

As July rolls into August, and with Douglas County declared a drought disaster area by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Bryant predicts conditions are going to get much worse.

"We're bracing for the onslaught. It's going to get worse, it's going to be an epidemic," Bryant said.

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Sorensen's Resort

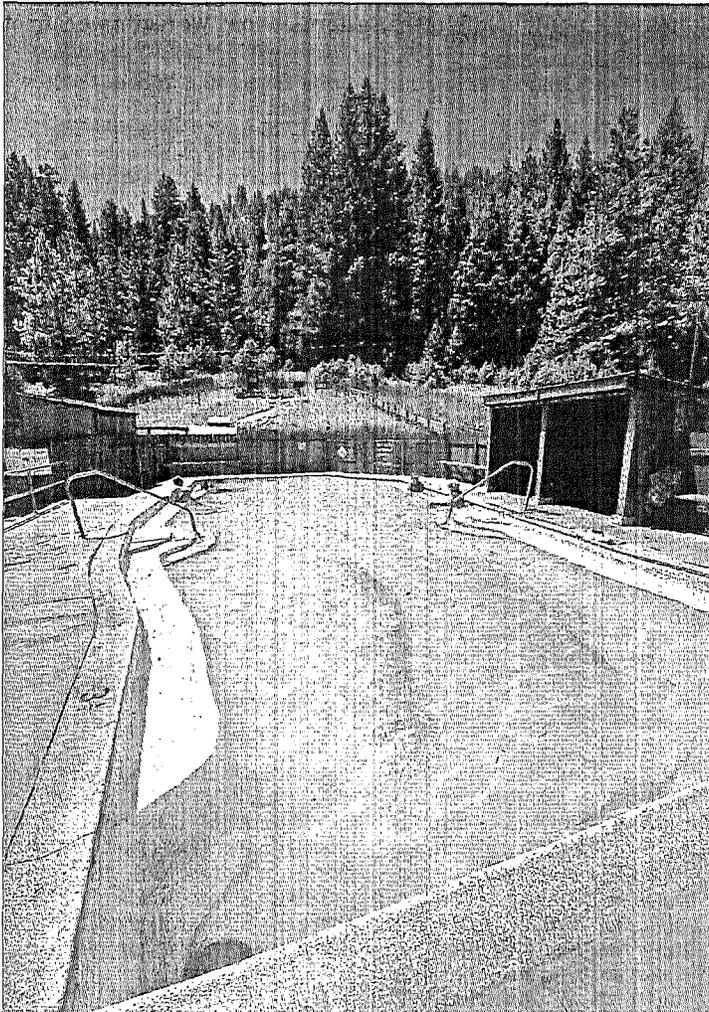
COZY CABINS offer an escape from city life at Sorensen's Resort in Hope Valley, Calif. Outdoor activities are just steps away.

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Nothing but peace, quiet

BY JAY JONES

In a state with nearly 38 million residents, it's inconceivable that there's a county with a peewee population. But Alpine County, with just 1,102 residents, is by far California's smallest. But what this county, in the Sierra Nevada about half an hour south of Lake Tahoe, lacks in numbers, it more than makes up for in recreational opportunities.



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THE MINERAL-RICH, green-water pool at Grover Hot Springs State Park near Markleeville, Calif., is open all year.

The bed

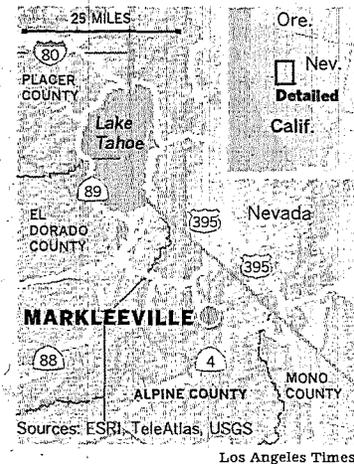
Although Markleeville (population 210) is the county seat, the best bet for cozy lodging is about 15 miles north at Sorensen's Resort (14255 Highway 88, Hope Valley; [800] 423-9949, www.sorensensresort.com). Situated along the cascading West Fork of the Carson River at an elevation of 7,000 feet, its log cabins — some with wood-burning fireplaces — provide a true escape from life in the city or even life in a small town. Seasonal activities such as fishing or snowshoeing are available just steps away.

The meal

Soak up the rural ambience amid an eclectic mix of locals and motorcyclists at the Wolf Creek Restaurant (14830 California 89, Markleeville; [530] 694-2150). Located in the former Hot Springs Hotel (built in 1886), the restaurant features main courses such as mountain trout (\$18.95) and rib-eye (\$28.95). Open year-round.

The find

On summer weekends, the county seat is a beehive of activity. Visitors can sit a spell outside the historic Markleeville General Store or gaze at landscapes painted by locals at the Markleeville Art Gallery. But the biggest draw is Grover Hot Springs State Park (Hot Springs Road, four miles west of Markleeville; [530] 694-2248, www.lat.ms



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/O9xRSU). For just \$7, bathers can enjoy the steaming mineral baths amid a beautiful meadow. The outdoor pool is accessible all year long, so it's special when there are several feet of snow on the ground.

The lesson learned

Don't expect cellphones to work in these parts. That said, smartphones get a good Wi-Fi signal in or outside Ali's Café in Markleeville.

The tab

Cabins at Sorensen's start at \$125 a night in summer (\$135 in winter). Dinner for a family of four at Wolf Creek averages about \$80. The nearest commercial airport is about 70 miles away in Reno. Several airlines provide nonstop flights from the Southland.

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Louis "Lou" Ianni
July 15, 1937 - July 27, 2012

Louis "Lou" Ianni of Jackson, CA, passed away Friday, July 27, 2012 in Jackson, at the age of 75. He was born on Center Street in Jackson, CA on July 15, 1937 to Enrico and Louise (Bertolotti) Ianni. Lou graduated from Jackson High School in 1955. While in school he played tennis, baseball and one year of football. Lou rivaled against his close friend, Manual Rameriz, who played for Calaveras High School. In his younger years he enjoyed hunting, fishing, and was an avid golfer. He played centerfield for the old Wells Fargo team and never missed a ball. He would meet his buddies every Sunday to play golf at the old 6-hole Jackson Golf Course. Lou married Marlene Oliver on September 28, 1957 in Reno, Nevada. Lou was a heavy equipment operator for Cal Trans for 23 years retiring in 2000. In 1980 he moved to Woodfords and lived there for over 29 years. Lou moved back to Jackson in 2009 to be near family and friends, he loved being home again. Lou is survived by his wife of 54 years, Marlene Ianni of Jackson; daughter, Vicki Foster and her husband, Ron, of Dayton, NV; son, Kenneth Ianni of Jackson; sisters, Josephine Rector of Sutter Creek, Rosemarie Ferretti and her husband, Allen of Sutter Creek; brother Hank Ianni and his wife, Jeanne of Angels Camp; grandchildren, Christina Randal and husband, Chad, Brian Foster, Kevin Foster; great-grandchildren, Rylee Randal and Peyton Randal; aunts, cousins, nieces and nephews. At the family's request there will be no services. Inurnment will be private. Memorial contributions may be made to Interfaith Food Bank, 12181 Airport Road, Jackson, CA 95642 or APAL; P.O. Box 190, Jackson, CA 95642.

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Bear Valley artist shows work in Markleeville

by Joyce DeVore

Bear Valley resident Thea Schoettgen paints fresh and bold canvasses and some of them are currently on display at the Markleeville library.

Schoettgen has lived in the area since 1983, spending winters skiing and summers on the trail or in her garden and recording the beauty in photographs and sketches. About four years ago, "I had an opportunity present itself when my son wanted to take welding classes 50 miles away at Colombia College. He was 15 and could not drive, so I drove him to class and I, in turn, took ceramic classes. Then I added painting classes and soon I was making the 50-mile trek to school twice a week for two years. It was a great opportunity," Schoettgen said.

I asked the artist how she developed her dramatic style, with huge canvasses, unusual subject matter and perspective. Her response



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Bear Valley resident Thea Schoettgen with one of her paintings.

was, "I had a wonderful professor, Ms Li Ching Accurso, who encouraged me to go bigger and be freer with my colors and paint strokes. She also introduced me to underpainting and how to lay in the painting instead of drawing it with a pencil. I also belong to a painting group led by artist Gerion Rios, who has brought a more classical approach with intense work on color."

Georgia O'Keefe has been an inspiration to Schoettgen for as long as she can remember. Recently she has found the works of Wayne Thiebaud exciting models for bold color and thick application of paint.

Her greatest challenge is staying indoors and away

from chores, and then step into her studio to paint.

"There is no substitution for just painting," Schoettgen stated.

All of her paintings in the show at the library are for sale except View of Moke Peak. Her husband Brad claimed that painting because they shared that view from the top of Horse Canyon on many an early morning ski day. She added, "It is a special spot for many Bear Valley skiers since it holds the powder longer and makes for some fun skiing."

A shop in Murphys called "Independent" carries more of Schoettgen's work. Buyers and patrons can contact the artist at (209)753-6224 or aspensforest@sbcglobal.net.

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Payne receives Wilma Rule Scholarship

by Virginia York

On Aug. 22 KaLynn Payne set out on her journey to Fort Lewis College, Durango, Colo. KaLynn has lived in Hung-a-Lel-ti all her life. She is the granddaughter of Hazel Payne and the daughter of Raymond and Marilyn. Her brother, Raymond, is at West Point and her sister, Sari, is an administrative assistant at the Education Center in Hung-a-Lel-ti. Her mother always encouraged her to set her sights on college. Her father also stressed the importance of education and drove the children to school when they didn't get up in time to go down to Carson Valley with their mother who would drop them at school on her way to work.

KaLynn started kindergarten in Gardnerville Elementary School, attended Diamond Valley School for grades 6-8, Pau-Wa-Lu for ninth grade, then Douglas High School. Initially at Diamond Valley School she was not good at math. She asked to be in the Opportunity School classroom where, under Ginger Craik's tutelage, she started to understand and even like math. At Douglas High School she found Keith Cole, the psychology teacher, to be an inspiration. She used to look forward to his class which was so enjoyable that the students didn't realize they were learning. Not surprisingly, KaLynn will be majoring in psychology at Fort Lewis College.

From grades 9-12 KaLynn was a member of the Native American Club. At Pau-Wa-Lu the club gave a presentation in front of the



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KaLynn Payne is the recipient of the Wilma Rule Scholarship reserved for Native American students. She's starting classes at Fort Lewis College, Colo.

whole school. In high school the club went to Pau-Wa-Lu to talk to the Native American students. KaLynn has volunteered at the Douglas Animal Shelter and for Alpine County Library. Before leaving for college she was working in the Hung-a-Lel-ti Education Center, helping with programs such as cooking with teens, art projects, story-time, and "Critter Corner."

Marilyn Payne was a hospice nurse for Wilma Rule. Marilyn and Wilma enjoyed a friendly association shortly before Wilma died in 2004. Although KaLynn never met

Wilma, her mother would tell the family stories of their times together and about Wilma's accomplishments. When KaLynn was a senior Marilyn suggested that she apply for the Wilma Rule American Indian Scholarship. KaLynn was interviewed by Irving Krauss, Wilma's husband, who urged KaLynn to get as much education as she could. KaLynn was awarded the \$5,000 scholarship, which will be administered by FLC.

Years ago Wilma and Irving put funds into an educational trust to encourage Native Americans to enter a four-year college or university. The scholarship, now named after Wilma, is open to any Native American resident of Alpine County. Irving states in his book: "The Insiders' Journey," "It is my fervent hope that others will have the opportunity that Wilma and I had. Our fateful journey began as children born into essentially working class families and in spite of the privations of our early years achieved professional lives that were interesting and rewarding. A major factor was the accessibility of excellent education." Irving is a sociologist and Wilma was a political scientist. Both became professors at major universities. Wilma was instrumental in establishing District 3 in Alpine County, which ensured that the Native American vote would not be split. Following the 1990 Census the Indian community was going to be divided into two districts. Wilma was familiar with the 1962 Voting Rights Act as amended which states that any identifiable

minority group is to have its own district. Through Irving's efforts on the Alpine County School Board, our county is the only one that has a designated slot for a Native American Board member.

Last spring KaLynn travelled to Fort Lewis Liberal Arts College where she spent two days, touring the campus, and talking to the welcoming staff and students. She liked the smaller size of the college. The surrounding country reminded her of Alpine County. The 247-acre campus is situated at 6,872 feet on a mesa overlooking the Animas River Valley and downtown Durango. "Because of its unique origins as a military fort turned Indian boarding school turned state public school, Fort Lewis ... follows a 1911 mandate to provide a tuition-free education for qualified Native Americans..."

"The Native American Center, offers an on-campus place to study, work and socialize while promoting the academic success and personal development of all Native American students through academic, cultural, social and spiritual support," according to the college's Wikipedia page.

Three buildings on campus have been awarded LEED Gold Status by the US Green Building Council for their sustainability features. These environmental awards helped FLC be named one of "America's Coolest Schools" by Sierra Magazine, the official publication of the Sierra Club, in 2011.

Best wishes KaLynn, on your great adventure.

ALPINE

New owners and new name for Woodfords Station

by Joyce Devore

Woodfords Station, the popular café/general store on Pony Express Road, is now owned and operated by the Celio family of Alpine County and has a new name: CJs Woodfords Station.

The store hours are the same, 7 a.m.-5 p.m. daily. The store carries most everything you would find in a convenience store: basic grocery items and snacks; some fishing supplies; and newspapers. Fishing and hunting licenses are available, as are lottery scratcher tickets. Clint Celio explained that, "We expect to have the beer licenses approved within the month and have beer and wine for sale."

But can the new owners keep up the high standards set by the former owners, Dave and Lynda Kirby? The answer to that one is: They are definitely qualified to run our local store and they are trying their best. Clint was born and raised in Alpine County and for a dozen years he lived in the little green house next to Woodfords Station. He remembers when Dave and Lynda first moved into the store. Celio said, "I thought Kenny Rogers had bought the store since Dave resembled the singing star. I even worked for Dave a couple of months one summer."

Terry, who worked for Dave for many years, is still operating the deli.

Big, fresh, deli sandwiches, fresh soups, and homemade desserts top the deli menu. Lynda's chili, a longtime favorite, is offered regularly. Kris and Kaye make soups and specials. Alpine Clam Chowder has become popular. Since Jennifer and Clint's office is upstairs, they have lunch at the deli most of the time. He stated, "We are pretty picky about our sandwiches, so the ingredients are always fresh and the servings plentiful." They are working on expanding the menu, which is a challenge with a limited kitchen. The staff will always do what they can to accommodate special requests. Sandwiches can be ordered to go by calling (530) 694-2930.

Just how do two busy professionals run a company, CG Celio & Sons, raise two children, and operate a seven-day-a-week store and deli? Clint explained, "The opportunity came up and we jumped on it. Basically, we just modified our priorities and added another business to the family."

Even though their professional work demands travel, the Celios love coming home to this area because, as Clint ventured "We love the outdoors, are engaged in the fire department, and do our best to be active in the community."

They have traveled all over the United States with their business, and part of the fun was finding small local establishments, "with character and characters," laughed Celio.

Even though the work demands

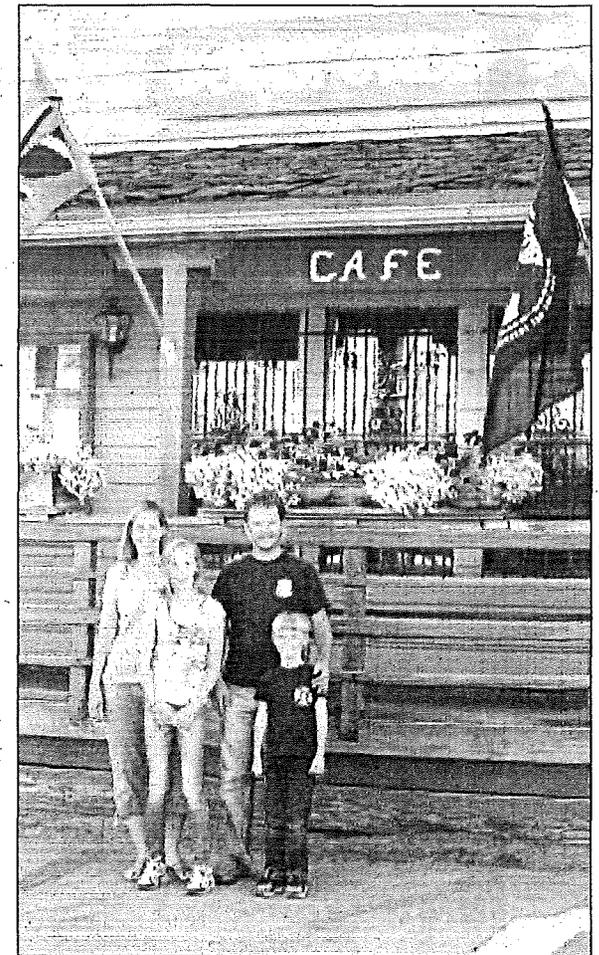
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They were also renting office space in Minden, and CJs Woodfords Station has office space above the store.

To accommodate the store hours, the employees and the family work part-time schedules. Celio notes, "There are always challenges that pop up, but we just have to accept that we are doing the best that we can. Some things might slip through the cracks, but it is important to keep things in perspective. What may seem like a big deal at the moment will be small potatoes in the long run. When we look back on how far along we've come, I feel proud of our accomplishments."

The family will be making some upgrades to the building and store over the next year or so. Clint added, "We understand that many folks rely on CJs Woodfords Station for lottery and convenience items, so we'll do our best to make sure the impact on customers is as minimal as possible."

And the locals love having the Celios at the store. Clint recognized that local support has been wonderful, and he enjoys reconnecting with people that he hasn't seen in years. There is a good mix of locals and out-of-town people, all complimenting the new store and its vibrant new owners.



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The new owners of the Woodfords General Store are Clint, Jennifer and children Hunter and Calvin Celio.

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Markleeville Creek Day coming Saturday

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The Alpine Watershed Group is hosting the 13th annual Markleeville Creek Day 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday.

This event is a community work day which focuses on stream restoration and cleanup projects.

The Alpine Watershed Group is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to protect the headwaters of the California Alps.

This year's projects include willow planting in Hope Valley, invasive weed removal at Grover Hot Springs, restoration of Cohan Park in Markleeville and various creek cleanup efforts as part of the Sierra Nevada Conservancy's Great Sierra River Cleanup.

"Fun educational activities are planned for the kids, including storm drain stenciling, creek exploration and water monitoring," organizer Andy Lovell said.

Interested volunteers will meet at 10 a.m. at the Markleeville Library Park before heading out to the different project locations. Lovell reminded volunteers to bring work gloves, sunscreen, lunch and plenty of water.

There will be a celebration and ice cream social back at Library Park at 2 p.m. Participants will receive a free Creek Day T-shirt and the thanks of all the people who use and recreate in the Carson River Watershed.

For more information, contact Lovell at (530) 694-0532 or awg.andy@gmail.com. Registration is appreciated.

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Alpine prepares for November elections

by Joyce Devore

If you are a registered voter in Alpine County, your ballot for the national election and for the general election will be mailed out on Oct. 9. Ballots must be received on or before Nov. 6 at 8 p.m. to be counted. Postmarks do not count, so remember to mail early.

The general election consists of a run-off vote for supervisor of District 2 because none of the candidates received a majority of the votes in the general election held earlier this year. The two candidates receiving the most votes are now on the ballot, but only voters in that district will vote for that position. The candidates are business owner Scot Hansen and Markleeville resident Ron "Red Lake" Hames.

Hansen's platform statement is, "As a business owner and father of six and grandfather of five, I know that communication is the key to success. I will work diligently to make sure that I fully understand the positions of those I represent and the full details of the issues I will be voting on before making any decisions. Alpine County is a naturally rustic and very beautiful wonderland that draws a vast

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cross section of the country's vacationers, preserving this exceptional place is my top priority. I want to work closely with the people who live in this wonderful place to ensure the preservation of the rich and scenic environment we love so much and call home."

"Red Lake" Ron Hames' platform statement is "My 30-plus years in the county give me the experience to understand the challenges facing Alpine County. Visitor-dependent, weather-reliant, declining disposable incomes and constant fire danger are just some of the problems and they require knowledge of the entire county."

The Alpine County Unified School District Governing Board, or school board, also has one position up for election.

The school board has one designated position in the Washo Community, Hung-a-lel-ti, which makes up most of the people in District 3, and that school board position is not up for a vote this year.

Therefore, if you are a resident

in District 3, you will not be voting for a school board member this year. The rest of the county will be electing one new member for what is called Trustee Area A, or the rest of the county. There are four candidates for the position: Small business owner Kim Jackson, educator Jane Starratt, retired college educator Tom Sweeney and incumbent Jill Wegenstein.

Kim Jackson's platform is: "Two of our children attend Diamond Valley School, where I have been actively involved, serving four years as a member of the Diamond Valley Site Council as well as President of the Alpine County Parents Club. We are involved with Alpine Kids and know many families here, as well as the concerns that parents have. In addition, we own a trucking business, and I hope to apply some of my business experience in budgeting, hiring, meeting deadlines, and complying with specialized laws and regulations. I also worked for Douglas County School District as a school bus driver, so I am familiar with transportation issues. As a board member, I hope to address issues with budget and finance as we face declining revenue, help to insure that we keep programs that most

directly deal with the needs of all students, and address issues related to our students as they transition into Douglas County. Improved communication between the board, the administration, and the parents is my main goal."

Jane Starratt's platform statement is "I am an experienced educator with an understanding of the unique needs of all children in Alpine County. The Board's goal of maintaining growth in reading, language arts and math is vital but we need to look for grants to supplement our district funds. I am unfaltering on student achievement."

Tom Sweeney's platform statement is "I have a background which will be beneficial for Alpine Schools. We all know that the more we know, the easier life is. Learning is a lifelong process which starts at a very young age, which is why it is so important to make the very best school possible available to our children. I want to help that process and that is why I am a candidate in this election. With every increased requirement along with diminishing financial support, the role of the school trustee has become more important than ever. I have learned that

everyone working together makes those insurmountable problems easier to work through. I do not believe that there is only one answer to every problem, but I have learned that if a group applies logic and common sense the best answer will be found. I have the time to spend on doing the very best job to carry out the duties of this position. When elected I will spend the time it takes to do the very best job possible."

Jill Wegenstein, the only candidate from the west slope or Bear Valley area, gave this platform statement "I am asking for your support because I believe it is important to have continuity on the Board in this era of fiscal uncertainty. As an educator I know the issues we need to address-how to maintain a quality education for our students while managing an increasingly smaller budget. I have been a homeowner in Bear Valley since 1994, am married and am the mother of two adult daughters. I have been the incumbent school board member since 2008, and I am a retired educator and business professional."

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“Measure A,” which is an ordinance passed by the Board of Supervisors that requires voter approval. It is called The Fiscal Office Consolidation Act (consolidating the current elective offices of auditor, controller, treasurer, and tax collector into a new appointive county office of director of finance). Due to a vacancy in June of 2012, the Board of Supervisors consolidated by ordinance the elected offices of auditor-controller and treasurer-tax collector.

The Board of Supervisors transferred the office of the recorder to the office of the assessor. According to “Table A,” provided by the county clerk, the fiscal impact was estimated to generate an an-

nual cost savings of approximately 20.7 percent or \$113,643.

Also, the county’s analysis states that “Consolidation may result in greater departmental efficiency for long term cost savings. Opportunity for long-term cost savings include automated processes, greater accountability, reduced duplication, increases sharing of resources, ability to cross train, improved coordination between departments and the ability to eliminate or greatly reduce the use of outside consultants. The process of consolidation under Measure A may result in increased cost of initial investments but may produce cost savings in future years. If Measure A is defeated the county may need to reorganize to ensure fiscal stability. The cost to reorganize may in-

crease and is unknown at this time.”

The details and figures for Measure A are available online at the county website, alpinecountygov.com, as well as an impartial analysis of Measure A by county counsel. The printed information will be available at candidate’s night and will be included with the ballot that comes in the mail.

Tuesday is the county’s candidate night. It begins at 6:30 p.m. at Turtle Rock Park. Please bring questions to write on postcards for the candidates.

All candidates will speak and answer questions from the audience.

After the candidates speak, at 8 p.m., there will be time for questions and discussion of Measure A. Plan to attend to meet the candidates and learn more about Measure A.

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Climbers credited with reporting artifact removal

by Adam Jensen
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A group of rock climbers is being credited with reporting the excavation of Washoe Tribe artifacts at a popular Hope Valley climbing area earlier this month.

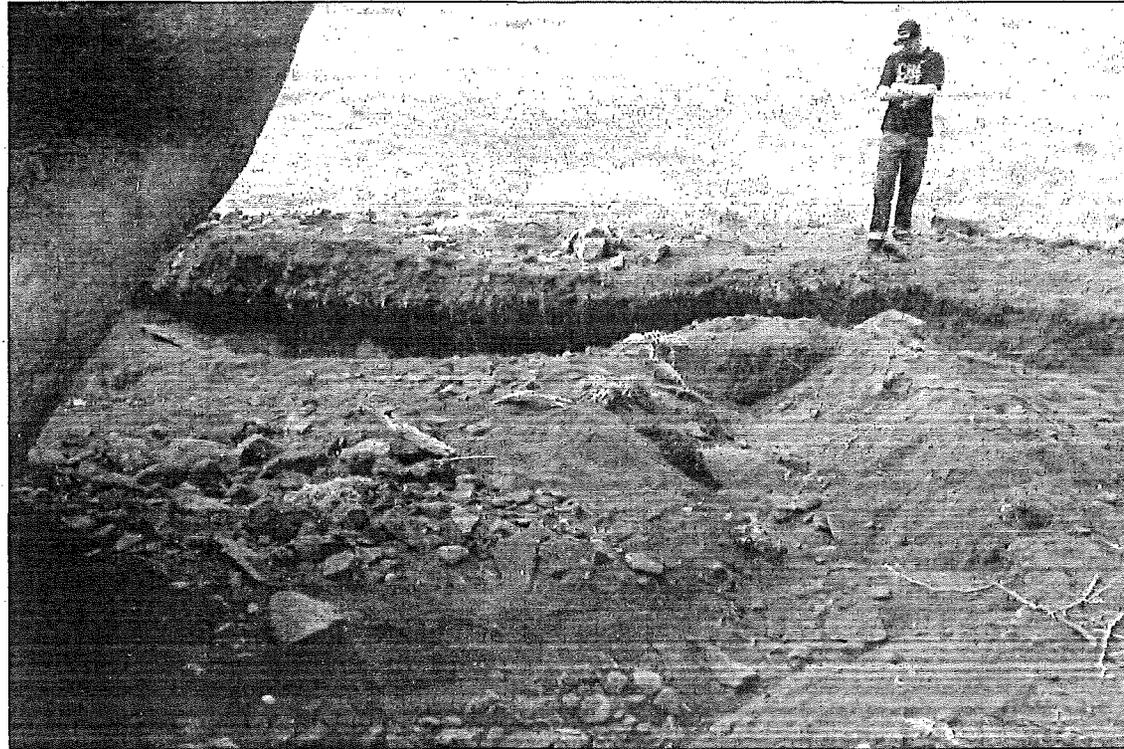
South Lake Tahoe resident Brad Perry and a group of friends noticed a man digging around the base of rocks in the Barbed Wire Boulders area with hand tools several times in the past four months, Perry said Tuesday. The Barbed Wire Boulders are located on the east side of Luther Pass north of the intersection of Highways 88 and 89.

The group of climbers confronted the man about the excavation on a couple of occasions before reporting him to Alpine County Sheriff's Office on Sept. 4, Perry said.

"I think, especially, boulderers respect the area and that's why we turned this guy in," Perry said. "We knew it was totally wrong what he was doing."

On Sept. 7, deputies responded to the area of the boulders after a suspect vehicle was located by a California Department of Fish and Game game warden, according to a statement from the Alpine County Sheriff's Office.

The investigation led to the recovery of several artifacts, but no



South Lake Tahoe resident Ryan Lucia surveys damage from an excavation of Washoe artifacts from a popular climbing area in Christmas Valley earlier this month.

arrests have been made in the case, said Rita Vollmer, a spokeswoman for the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest. The identity of the suspect has not been released. The investigation is ongoing.

The excavation caused significant damage to the area and had the potential to make trees and

large boulders unstable and dangerous to visitors, according to the statement.

Perry said he is concerned the area may be closed following the excavation and discovery of the artifacts. He said there is a large group of volunteers ready to restore the area before the upcoming win-

ter turns the exposed dirt into a "huge mud pit."

"Right now, it's been a month, and it's getting to the point where we want to get back in there," Perry said.

The boulders contain a route known as "Welcome to the Future," a nationally-recognized, unique

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and very difficult climb in the Lake Tahoe area, Perry said. Some experienced climbers will train all summer in an attempt to ascend the route, Perry said.

Vollmer said she does not expect the Forest Service to pursue a closure of the area and is working with the Washoe Tribe to make sure the area is properly restored.

Darrel Cruz, director of the Washoe Tribe's Historic Preservation Office, encouraged people who come across Washoe artifacts to take pictures, but leave the items in place for future generations.

"This is very important to us because this is our heritage," Cruz said. "By this action that happened, it kind of erased some of our past."

Cruz declined to discuss exactly what was taken from the area, citing the ongoing investigation, but said there were items from the ancestral Hung-A-Lel-Ti, or southern Washoe. He said it is everyone's responsibility to protect the area's history.

Vollmer said she expected the area to be restored prior to this winter and encouraged interested volunteers to call the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest's Carson Ranger District Office.

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Artists Open Studio Tour this weekend

by Joyce DeVore

This year's Markleeville Artists Open Studio Tour will be Saturday and Sunday.

This year promises to be extraordinary because it is the 10th anniversary of the event, so artists and local shops and restaurants are gearing up to make the weekend memorable. Mother Nature is already at work coloring the willows along the river, so by the weekend the fall color should be spectacular.

This is how the event works: artists in the Alpine County area open their studios to the public 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. during the weekend. There is no charge for the studio tour.

To find the studios, you will need a free guide provided by the Chamber of Commerce. (The Chamber is lo-

cated in Markleeville on Highway 89, six miles from the intersection of highways 88 and 89 in Woodfords, 25 miles south of Lake Tahoe, and 60 miles south of Reno.)

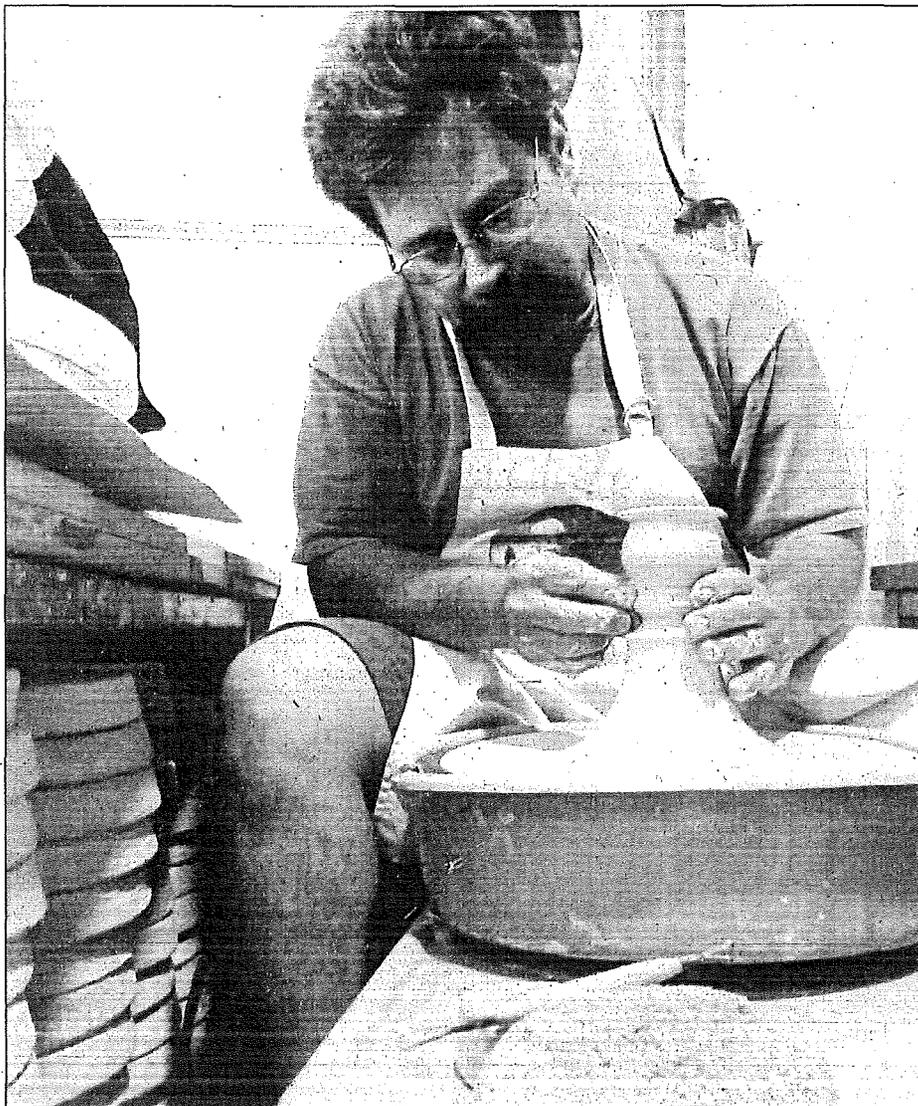
The guide includes some information about each artist and a map to each location.

From the chamber, visitors will be able to walk to several of the artists' studios. Many more artists have studios in their homes, located a short driving distance from downtown.

Bright yellow and gold banners will be hanging to mark each artist's studio.

This year there will be pottery, photography, stained glass, oil paintings, watercolors, hand-painted silk, and fabric art.

Artist Charles Muench will be releasing his first book, Markleeville Memories—Paintings of a Sierra Town at



Artist Mark Vaughn throws a pot.

the Raymond View Road studio. His oil paintings will also be on exhibit.

Sandy Baenen will have appliqué, scratchboard works, cycling illustrations, and note cards.

Noel and Linda Bottoms of Star Force Studios offer unique jewelry as well as photography and paintings.

Peter Choje will exhibit watercolors of the Sierra as well as of the Sonora Desert of Arizona.

Russel Ketenjian aims to "exalt the human spirit through music and art," with his artistry.

Richard Shokouh is a glass artist, exhibiting a variety of stained glass art and paintings.

Mark Vaughn and Carolyn Vaughn offer creative pottery, pizza stones, and functional ware.

Evelyn Yonker will display her new clay sculptures, silk scarves, abstract paintings, and pastels.

Patt Baenen-Tapscott is a guest artist who works in fabric arts.

For more information visit www.markleevilleartists.com or e-mail Sandy Baenen at artwers@got.net

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Alpine County allotments opened to sheep grazing

Staff Reports

Livestock grazing will change from cattle to sheep in the Bagley Valley, Cottonwood, and Dumont allotments in Alpine County, according to a decision signed by acting Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest Supervisor Becky Nourse.

Livestock grazing has been part of the landscape for well over a century in Alpine County. The change from cattle to sheep, however, provides the forest with an opportunity to implement a different type of grazing strategy. Sheep are required to be accompanied by a herder and sheep dogs, for example, and are moved frequently through allotments. This type of grazing reduces potential impacts to resources and can also improve the condition of native plant communities.

As part of this decision, approximately 22,500 acres of the Silver King allotment and 3,000 acres of the Dumont allotment will be permanently closed to future livestock grazing to facilitate the recovery of Paiute Cutthroat trout in the Silver King Creek drainage. This closure will eliminate the potential effects of livestock grazing along a stretch of

Silver King Creek that is occupied by the endangered fish.

Closure of Silver King allotment and the changes to the Dumont boundary will also exclude livestock grazing from important habitat for Lahontan cutthroat trout, Yosemite toad, Sierra Nevada yellow-legged frog, and northern goshawk.

"This decision incorporates several elements that will work together to improve Paiute Cutthroat trout habitat, improve the condition of vegetation in the allotments, and reduce potential impacts of livestock in the Carson-Iceberg Wilderness," said Genny Wilson, Carson District Ranger.

The decision also includes restoring irrigation in the Dumont allotment to improve livestock forage, as well as to improve riparian and meadow vegetation in Silver King Valley.

These meadows were historically irrigated for many decades; native plant species benefited from the increase in water. Irrigation has not occurred on the allotment in more than 15 years, and unfortunately, cheatgrass and other non-desirable plant species populations have increased.

In order to restore irrigation,

structures in and out of the wilderness will need to be repaired.

The forest is authorizing the one-time use of one piece of mechanical equipment to perform this work quickly, with the least impact to wilderness characteristics and attributes. That equipment will be used to install one culvert in the wilderness and one outside of the wilderness. Removing deadfall from the ditches and installing gates along the ditches in the pastures will be performed by hand.

"This is a one-time deal — we do not use equipment in wilderness areas without carefully weighing both the potential impacts, as well as the benefits to the area," Wilson said. As soon as the equipment has completed the culvert work, it will be promptly removed.

By using the irrigation system and limiting the amount of time the sheep are in the allotments, overall vegetative conditions are expected to improve over time.

The decision notice signed by Nourse is available for review, along with the supporting Environmental assessment, on the Humboldt-Toiyabe website at www.fs.usda.gov/htnf.



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A California Highway Patrol officer talks to a motorist who was evacuated from the Airport fire in July 2011.

Public woodcutting open in Airport fire area

Staff Reports

Starting today, the Airport fire area in Alpine County will be open to public woodcutting, according to the Bureau of Land Management.

This fire burned 81 acres of BLM and Alpine County land in July during the 2011 fire season.

The fire/woodcutting area is located near the Indian Creek Recreation Area and the Alpine County Airport along Airport Road. Permits sell for \$10/cord and will be available as supplies last, weather permitting. The area usually receives winter snows that often block vehicle traffic into the area. Permits can

be purchased from the BLM office in Carson City at 5665 Morgan Mill Road and the Alpine County Chamber of Commerce in Markleeville, Calif., at 3 Webster Street.

A map and stipulations are attached to the permit. Hazard trees near the road have already been dropped but will have to be further cut and bucked up by permittees for loading and removal. The agency feels that this wood will not last long, so potential buyers should move quickly.

For more information, please contact the Carson City BLM office at 885-6000.

Clarence David McElroy Sr.
May 25 , 1934 - September 30, 2012

Clarence David McElroy Sr. was born in Seaside, Calif. to Charles & Irene McElroy. Dave enlisted in the United States Navy in 1953 & served his country during the Korean War on the USS Doyle Minesweeper until his honorable discharge in 1959. Dave met Vera Green in Chicago, Ill. & married April 6, 1957. Dave & Vera had 3 children, Mona, Dave Jr. & Steve. Dave moved his family to Milpitas, Calif. in 1962 & lived there until 2000. Dave & Vera then made their home in Pioneer, Calif. living there until April of this year. Moving one last time, Dave & Vera settled in Gardnerville, Nev. Dave loved his family, friends & extended family, Rick & Patti Wells. Dave was a taxi-cab driver in the big windy city of Chicago & when he moved to Calif. he was a diesel mechanic for Borden's, Avis & Hertz Penske in San Jose until his retirement in 1993. Dave was always involved with his children's lives in any sport they were in. Dave was an avid outdoorsman, hunting in Chilcoot, fishing, camping at Lake Camanche. Dave loved Nascar racing & the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Dave is survived by his wife, Vera; daughter, Mona (Bob) Jamison; sons, Dave Jr. (Carol) McElroy, Steve McElroy; grandchildren, Marcus (Randa) McElroy, Natalie (Ryan) Graves, Eric McElroy; great grandchildren, Liam McElroy & Ethan Graves.

A memorial service will be held on Thursday, October 4, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. at Walton's Funeral Home. Interment will be at Lima Family Milpitas-Fremont Mortuary on Friday, October 5, 2012.

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Jim Grant

The homecoming court invites the community to attend tonight's football game.

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look back on it."

DHS teacher Karen Lamb said her leadership students formed a homecoming committee this year to specifically focus on attracting alumni. Students will be selling alumni buttons at the game.

"We want people to come

to the games and help represent us," she said. "We encourage alumni to come back and be part of the school, to be part of its history. Once a Tiger, always a Tiger. There's really no place like Douglas High."

Any alumni returning to the football field are likely to find a revved-up student body. All week students have been exploiting this year's theme, "the good, the bad,

the homecoming," donning the finest red neck attire and craziest pajama get-ups. There was a film premiere Wednesday and a massive pep rally earlier today.

Ultimately, though, all costumes will give way to the tried-and-true colors of orange and black.

"You get to do a bunch of whacky stuff, make a scene and get attention," said 16-year-old senior and king

nominee Ben Cochran. "The spotlight's on you a little bit, but everyone's supposed to get involved."

As a nominee, Cochran said, it's his job to be a paragon of school spirit.

"It's a great school," he said. "(Alumni) should come back out and see how we're doing."

For Nolan Sheets, a 17-year-old king nominee, the homecoming tradition goes back a generation. His father, Mike Sheets, was recently inducted into the DHS Football Hall of Fame for the

1984-85 season. He said his mother, Janelle Sheets, also attended Douglas and was crowned homecoming queen.

"I was pretty shocked, honestly," Sheets said of his recent nomination. "I was not expecting it. I thought it was a pretty big deal."

Queen nominee Aspen Abbott, 17, also has a generational connection to the Tiger community. Her father, Jim Abbott, is a DHS computer literacy teacher, yearbook advisor and track coach.

"I think homecoming gets people out of their shells," she said. "It's important to support the local team."

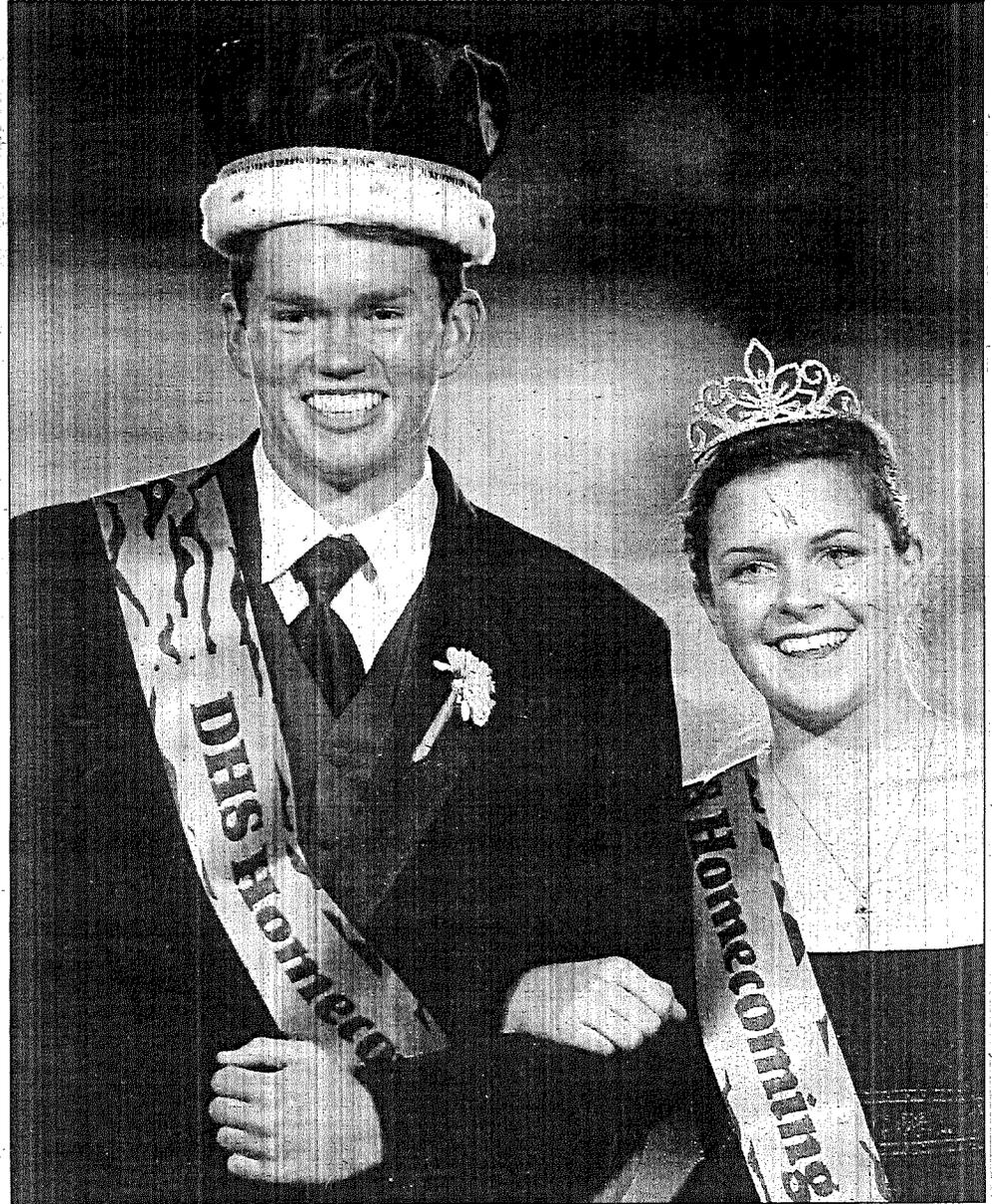
When asked about the Mustangs' chances against the Tigers, Abbott was unequivocal:

"I expect we'll win."

Other homecoming nominees this year are Audrick Anderson, Kyle Johnston, Zack Schultz and Colton Witt for king; and Rachel Bennett, Jordan Chappell, Katie Pacheco and Lexie Weaver for queen.

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HOMECOMING ROYALTY



Kyle Johnston and Jordan Chappell were crowned Douglas High School homecoming king and queen on Friday night. Shannon Litz

What does a cowboy wear on Halloween?

Ever wonder what a cowboy dress up as for Halloween? For decades here on the ranch we have never had one trick-or-treater. When our kids were really little we bought candy in case some kids could convinced their parents to drive 10 miles out of town for a few candy bars. None did. So they never got to see how the cowboys dressed up.

As our kids grew older they wanted to trick or treat, so we drove them to town and walked with them around some residential neighborhoods. Soon they

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by Marie Johnson

progressed to the age when they wanted to walk by themselves, or with friends. So we took them to Grandpa and Grandma's neighborhood and let them walk around while we waited at the Grandparent's.

Then they progressed to not wanting to do the walking. Preferring to wait in town at Grandpa and Grandma's house too, and give out candy to the littler

trick or treaters. Then one Fall college season started and no more trick or treating.

But not wanting to give up on an excuse to have huge amounts of chocolate around the house I

still buy candy. Just incase a child ends up 10 miles south of town, down a quarter mile dirt drive, looking for strangers to give them candy. Halloween, anything can happen.

In the 1960's when my husband and his 4 siblings were tots their mom would drive them into town too and let them roam the sparse residential areas. Then the whole population of Douglas county was about 4000-5000 individuals, including Minden, Gardnerville, Genoa, Dresslerville, some ranching families and anyone brave enough to stay up at Lake Tahoe. Tahoe in the 60's was not too developed. The Lake sort of

closed up on itself in fall, hibernated during winter, only started to get its kinks out in spring getting ready for its busy posh summers.

Minden and Gardnerville were so quiet and spread out then that my husband's mother loaded up her five children dressed as cowboys and indians, princess and pirates, took them to town and drove between houses so no one got lost collecting bags of candy.

One Halloween these children energized by the excitement of the night and the candy they continually consumed needed to

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use a restroom at a local diner. The five rambunctious siblings piled loudly out and expansively back into their mom's station wagon. After a block or two the kids in back noticed a small ghoul running down the road, arms waving, and

screaming.

Seems in all the commotion of getting in and out of the car, one of the smallest in the family was left behind at the diner and was running as fast as she could to catch the family station wagon as it drove away. Tears and hugs were exchanged when the car stopped and the ghoulish little girl climbed into the car full of laughter and love.

Turning the calender to October this

election year one wonders what is scarier. A man who admittedly does not care for 47 percent of America's population. Or the guy who admits he likes the word Obama-care, because he does care. This same guy who gets criticized because he encourages government spending, knowing that what you spend is my income and what I spend is your income and if private business is not spending government needs to, to keep money moving

and jobs. This other guy is the Bain of America's existence, a person who harvests a business for its cash, destroys jobs, which devastates a community, and pushes jobs overseas.

Just something to think about while eating American made chocolate bars. And the cowboy said he dresses up as "A cowboy," for Halloween.

Marie Johnson is a Carson Valley rancher.

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Alpine County develops community fire plan

by Joyce DeVore

The Alpine Fire Safe Council is a nonprofit corporation dedicated to reducing the risk to life and property due to catastrophic wildfires in Alpine County. This council, with support from the U.S. Forest Service, the Board of Supervisors, Community-Based

Wildfire Prevention Grant-California BLM, and the California Fire Safe Council, has developed a community fire plan.

Eight county citizens volunteer to serve on the council's board, including Kris Hartnett, coordinator; Shirley Taylor, treasurer, and members Al Moss, Steve Yonder, David Griffith, Kar-

rie Kunich, Evan Mecak, and John Jackson. Joanne Oherlerking serves as administrator.

Together, they guide the implementation of the plan, which includes three major focus areas: improving effective defensible space around structures; modifying the fuel loadings around communities; and upgrading



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Winners of this year's Alpine Fire Safe Council poster contest.

equipment and water storage for our volunteer firefighters.

The first focus area, defensible space, requires each citizen's participation. One way the council promotes increased public awareness of wildfire hazards is a poster contest for the students at Diamond Valley School.

This year, the parents club participated in choosing the theme of the poster contest, which is "Causes of Fires." The posters reflect that children are thinking

about common causes of fire, such as matches, lightning, fire places, electrical defects, camp fires, and fireworks.

On Oct. 19, members of the Fire Safe Council announced winners of the poster contest at a special presentation. Prize winners received a certificate for the school book fair: \$20 for first prize; \$15 for second, and \$10 for third.

This year's winners are: Kindergarten-2nd grade: First place Abby Voss, Second Place Emilio Arroyo,

Third Andrew Levy
3rd-5th grade: First place Isabel Thomson second place mark Franzi, Third Place Justin Broom

6th-8th grade: First place Jenifer Christensen, Second place Courtney Brothers, Third Place Landon Matloch

The winners and their parents have been invited to attend the Alpine County Board of Supervisors meeting on Nov. 6 for special recognition regarding their drawings and awards.

The Fire Council continues to sell reflective safety signs that allow firefighters to clearly see a house number. For more information, contact Shirley Taylor at 694. 2681.

The door-to-door chipping program will be underway soon. Residents are encouraged to trim or remove dead wood from around each home, then a chipper will come to the residences to mulch the dead vegetation.

Check your mail for further notification.

Three arrested in Alpine pot bust

Staff Reports

Three Markleeville men were arrested on Saturday afternoon after Alpine County Sheriff's deputies served a search warrant on an indoor marijuana grow at 53 Spring Canyon Drive.

Markleeville residents John Borchard, 23, Stephen Seiller, 25 and Justin Jones, 35, were arrested when they were identified as residents after arriving at the home during the search.

A fourth person who showed up at the home was identified and released.

A large barn on the property had several rooms containing what Undersheriff Robert Levy described as "one of the most well constructed and sophisticated marijuana grows ever found in Alpine County."

The 1,536-square-foot barn was converted to growing or supporting the growing of marijuana. The barn contained two downstairs grow rooms.

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Teenage hunter dies in snowstorm

Staff Reports

A sudden winter storm contributed to the death of a 14-year-old hunter and hampered search efforts Monday and Tuesday.

Devon Smith, 40, and his nephew, Taylor Brent Dustin, 14, were reported overdue in a 911 call 5:30 p.m. Sunday.

Undersheriff Robert Levy said the hunters were camping in the Hermit Valley area west of Ebbetts Pass.

Searchers hunted through Sunday night before they were slammed by the winter storm, which left up to 18 inches in

the high Sierra.

"It was really tough conditions," he said. "At times it was snowing so hard, it was really hampering search efforts."

Levy said that as many as 85 searchers looked on both sides of the Sierra crest as snow fell through the day on Monday.

"This was an unseasonably big storm," Levy said. "Usually they start slow, but this one dumped."

Levy said he had Caltrans open Highway 4 over the pass so he could speak with the west slope incident commander.

"They had to use a road

grader to get through," he said.

When searchers found Smith at about 3 p.m. Tuesday, he was suffering from severe hypothermia and was taken by air ambulance for treatment.

"He told us that the 14-year-old had passed on Monday night," Levy said. "He just couldn't keep him warm."

Searchers recovered the boy's body at 6 p.m. Tuesday. The cause of his death is under investigation.

Both men were found near Steve Nott Camp in the Mokelumne Wilderness be-

tween the Eldorado and Stanislaus national forests.

Levy thanked units from several surrounding counties, including Douglas and Washoe, who sent the Raven helicopter to help look for the hunters.

Alpine personnel had just come off another search for a missing hunter on Saturday night. The hunter walked out of the mountains on Sunday morning.

Levy said searchers were back at work on Wednesday after the county received a 911 hang-up that tracked back to the Leviathan Mine area.

Alpine ballots should be mailed by Oct. 31

Staff Reports

Alpine County election officials are recommending residents mail their ballots by Wednesday in order to arrive in time for Election Day on Nov. 6.

Ballots may be dropped off at the Alpine County Clerk's Office at 99 Water St. in Markleeville up until 8 p.m. on Nov. 6.

Ballot counting will begin at 8 p.m., and the public is invited to observe the process.

Vote totals are announced as precincts are counted.

Ron "Red Lake" Hawes and Scot Hansen are seeking the office of District 2 supervisor. Kim Jackson, Jane Starratt, Tom Sweeney and Jill Weigenstein are running in districts 1, 4, and 5 for school board.

ALPINE

Markleeville Library hosts artist

by Joyce DeVore

The Markleeville Library is hosting an open house for local artist Tamia de Luna 1-4 p.m. Saturday.

Her work will be displayed in the library, at 270 Laramie St., Markleeville through Nov. 16.

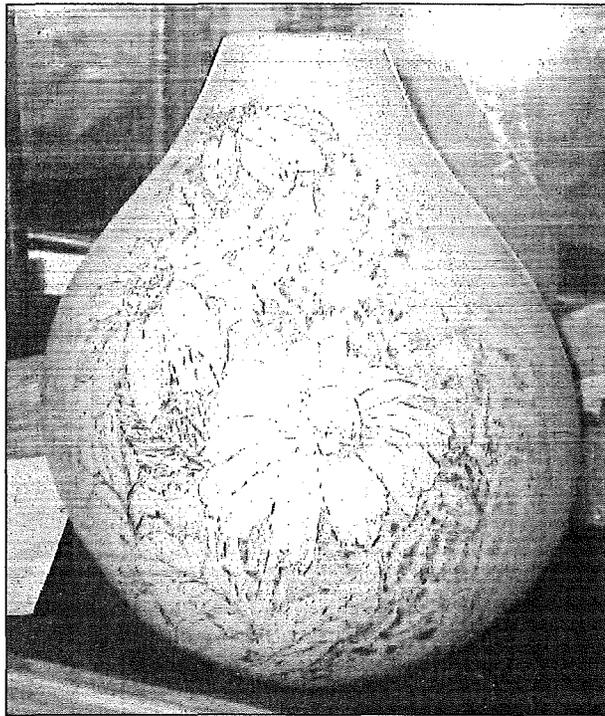
De Luna began her art career in high school classes in Syracuse, N.Y. She became a nurse and moved to Las Vegas, where she raised a family and maintained an active interest in art through various mentors, including Mary Shaw.

When she moved to Gardnerville, she added more art forms to her repertoire. Pam Brekas introduced her to abstract acrylics and Jan Rollenhagen taught her how to burn images on gourds and woods.

When asked about her many art interests, she explained "The world is a beautiful place so I put my slant on it."

DeLuna uses a wide variety of materials and techniques to work her slant on nature's beauty.

The library has dozens of



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A decorated gourd by Tamia de Luna.

her works: watercolors, acrylics, hand-decorated walking sticks, decorative gourds and kitchen utensils, as well as pottery.

Light refreshments will be served.

Several of her walking sticks and paintings have already been sold, but there

are many more to choose from.

For more information, call the library at 530-694-2120. Library hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

BLM closes Alpine fire woodcutting Sunday

Staff Reports

With 120 cords already removed from the Airport fire woodcutting area and not much left, the Bureau of Land Management and Alpine County are closing the area on Sunday.

The Airport fire burned 81 acres of BLM and Alpine County land near the Indian Creek Recreation Area and the Alpine County Airport during the 2011 fire season and was opened to public woodcutting on Sept. 29.

Members of the public who have purchased permits for this area may also use the permits on dead and downed wood on other firewood permitted areas within the BLM Carson City District.

For those who wish to buy additional fire wood permits for other areas, they can be purchased from the BLM office in Carson City at 5665 Morgan Mill

WOODCUTTING PERMITS

Permits for cutting wood on U.S. Forest Service land are available at the Carson Ranger District Office, 1536 S. Carson St., in Carson City, and at the Alpine Chamber of Commerce, 3 Webster St., Markleeville. Permits are \$15 for a cord of wood with a two-cord minimum and a six-cord maximum and are valid through Nov. 17

Road and the Alpine County Chamber of Commerce in Markleeville, Calif., at 3 Webster St. Permits sell for \$10 a cord and are sold year round.

For more information, please contact Coreen Francis, BLM Carson City District Forester, at 775-885-6161.

Woodcutting on U.S. Forest Service's Carson Ranger District will continue through Nov. 17.

Dead-tree cutting areas include Hope Valley and

Leviathan/Poor Boy, while live-tree cutting areas include Scotts Lake, south of Woodfords.

In the live-tree cutting areas, only designated trees may be cut and slash must be piled.

"Designated tree" descriptions are printed on live-tree cutting area maps. Firewood from the live-tree cutting areas should cure for at least six months before burning to reduce air pollution and to maximize the firewood's heat value.

Firewood permits are valid through Nov. 17, and cost \$15 per cord with a two-cord minimum. There is a six-cord maximum per household per year. A fire extinguisher and a shovel are required when using a chainsaw for cutting firewood.

Permits are available at the Carson Ranger District Office, 1536 S. Carson St., and at the Alpine Chamber of Commerce.

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Longtime Alpine public figure ready for retirement

by Virginia York

Who remembers the Alpine Trio? When we moved to Alpine County in the mid-'70s, this musical group, with its repertoire of such appealing numbers as "Rain Drops Falling on My Head," dominated the music scene.

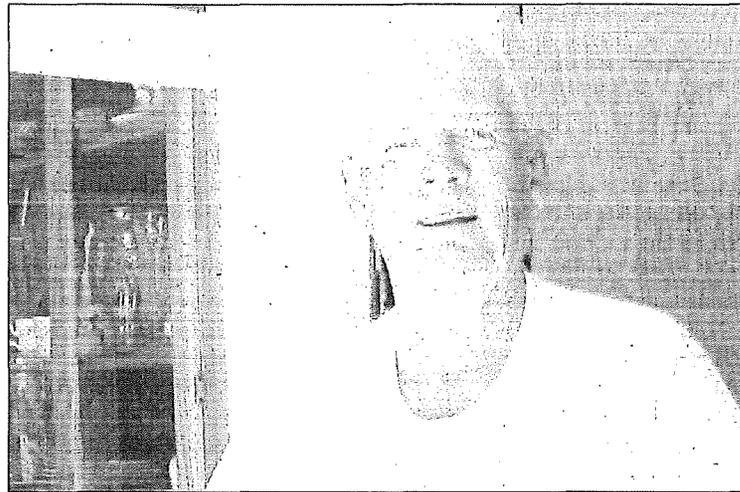
My father-in-law would time his visits to ensure that he could take in an Alpine Trio performance. The members were Skip Veatch, guitar, Dave Zellmer, vocals and Rita Keebaugh, vocals, later replaced by Mary Ellen Zellmer who also played the keyboard. Several summers ago I was astonished to see them up at the museum and delighted that they had lost none of their former certain something. Veatch assures me that they do still get together occasionally but, he quips, they can no longer carry their equipment.

Veatch was born in San Diego in 1945, son of a World War II noncommissioned officer. He and his wife, Edie, moved from the Bay Area to Alpine County in June 1973. They took over from Jim and Dolores Clark at the Bank of America in the trailer which is now the Chamber of Commerce office, and lived in the bank house on Monroe Ranch Road. They valued the opportunities to help local people with their finances.

After serving as a reserve deputy for two years, in 1976 Skip was hired by Stuart Merrill as a deputy sheriff. This was the beginning of his career in law enforcement which spanned almost three decades, culminating in his 12 years as sheriff. His election to that position spelled the end of Skip's small engine business on which many of us depended for more than 10 years for the health of our chainsaws. He simply didn't have time to do both jobs.

In 1987, the Veatch family lost their home in the Acorn Fire. On that day Edie and their two children, Chris and Tammy Shannen (at that time 13 and 3 respectively), were at Diamond Valley School making sandwiches for the firefighters. Veatch was helping with firefighting and evacuation. He recalls the generosity of Alpiners evidenced in their donations. A property owner in Shay Creek offered his house rent-free to the Veatch family. Later they moved into a mobile home on their property while their new house was being built by contractor, Cam Craik. Veatch helped with the construction in his spare time.

Veatch had been retired as sheriff for two years when there arose the opportunity to run for supervisor for District 2. As sheriff he had attended most board meetings



Alpine County Supervisor Skip Veatch is looking forward to retirement.

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and was familiar with the issues the county was facing. He also possesses that rare gift, the ability to listen to people of differing opinions. In January 2003, he took office.

As Veatch anticipates retirement, the county is involved in three big projects: Hawkins Peak communications site approaches completion; Leviathan Peak communications site has experienced setbacks because of finances, now being worked out with the state; the county facilities plan remains to be implemented. Because of his background, Skip's main interest in these three and a \$.5 million

project is that all aspects of law enforcement, the district attorney, probation officer, the sheriff's department and the courts, be in one place.

Skip explains that 85 percent of the supervisor's job is routine business, eg. ensuring that there is adequate county personnel and that there is money to pay the bills. He compares it to running a household. The remaining 15 percent deals with controversial issues. Skip points out that 95 percent of the county is administered by government agencies. The board is united in its insistence that government agencies com-

municate with the board, from the beginning, on all issues related to Alpine County. Regulations affecting the land and people have usually come down from Washington and Sacramento made by people who do not know the county. He gives as an example the Forest Service's destroying enough of the Monty Wolf Cabin, in the Mokelumne River Canyon, in a wilderness area, to ensure its subsequent collapse.

This structure had historical significance for Alpine but by the time the board heard of the plan, the cabin had been badly damaged. Skip believes in broad-based, open discussion on the use of publicly-owned land rather than litigation.

Skip has volunteered for a number of Alpine causes including the sheriff's department, fire department, the Death Ride, search and rescue, and with his wife, Edie, Alpine Kids and the Alpine Children's Center.

Skip looks forward to retirement. He is a family man; four generations live under his roof. There is no shortage of family responsibilities and tasks demanding his attention such as house painting and yard work. He is planning vacations and visits to family members.

Harvest season time to watch the wild turkeys

November is harvest season. As spring calvers it is when we gather our calves and take them to market. With Thanksgiving close let me tell you about another group of animals roaming the area not so interested in going to market.

There are about a dozen of them. Not easy to count because they keep hidden, only catch sightings of them in the early morning while they are feeding. A rafter of wild turkeys feeding in the pastures.

Originally these wild turkeys were placed along the Carson River, not too far from our place, a few years ago by a wildlife group. When first hearing of the planting was not too sure wild turkeys

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by Marie Johnson

could survive with all the coyotes and such around. But this Spring saw, a few times, a handful of fluffy poults with a couple pairs of adult turkeys, heads down, eating in the hay fields.

Recently saw a handful of bright brown and red fall colored toms and hens from a distance. They stay near willows or trees, not venturing too far out into the open field. Might they know about Thanksgiving?

This summer while on an early

morning walk listening to a portable audio device, lost in thought, I suddenly find myself right next to a couple of two foot tall young turkeys eating on my side of the fence.

We are all surprised. I come to a sudden stop and the two birds not quite adult in color, but no longer fluffy little balls, go into a panic. They make quick clucking sounds not at all like a gobble. Then run about 20 feet along the fence ahead of me to a stand of thick willows they did not want to enter. So they run back in my direction. Seemingly surprised to see me when they get a few feet from me they turn and ran back towards the willows. Finding wil-

low blocking their path they again run back towards me.

Four adult birds on the far side of the fence just look up and watch the two young ones run away and then back to me along the fence. They only watch. I wait a minute or two to see if my two turkeys can find a hole in the fence to could climb through or remember they are birds and fly over it.

They did not try to fly in their frenzied, panic squawking, running up and down the fence. Realizing they are not going to figure out how to fly over the fence and not seeing a hole they can crawl

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through I continue walking toward them. Keeping space between me, them and the fence.

In a few steps I am only feet from the crazed adolescents and the willows, which the birds will still not enter. One more step I am along side them. They stop running and squawking. They stand about 2½ feet tall looking at me. They

were mostly gray, but some beautiful, brown-red and almost iridescent green feathers are growing along their backs. They have skinny necks, little heads and no waddle. I say good morning then keep walking past them to elevate their distress of having no escape from me.

Fascinating birds. Large, bigger than a goose yet obviously terrified of me, yet do not threaten or advance towards me. And drab, but one can see they are going to be beautifully colored

adults.

The adults on the other side of the fence never move, call or run from or to me or the adolescents. On my walk back there were no turkeys around. I have only sighted them a few times since. Sure they do not know about Thanksgiving, but they are still not comfortable around humans anyway.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving.

Marie Johnson is a Carson Valley rancher.

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Cressaty and Abele wed

Staff Reports

Katherine Noel Cressaty and Matthew Joseph Abele were married Oct. 20 at Sorensen's Resort in Hope Valley.

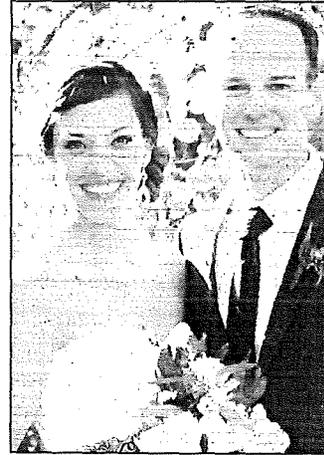
The bride is the daughter of John and Beth Cressaty of Markleeville.

The groom is the son of Bill and Patty Abele of Gardnerville.

Both grew up in Carson Valley, and were graduates of Douglas High School.

Katherine is an elementary school music teacher and Matthew is a major in the United States Air Force.

The newlyweds reside in Benicia, Calif.



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Katherine Noel Cressaty and Matthew Joseph Abele were married Oct. 20

Masonry business seeks approval to harvest Alpine rock

Staff Reports

The Carson Ranger District is seeking public comment on a proposal to harvest granitic rock for a commercial sale on four acres of the Humboldt-Toiyabe Na-

tional Forest in Alpine County.

A commercial masonry business has been proposed to the U.S. Forest Service for the acquisition of granitic rock to use in their commercial masonry business. The '36 Code of Fed-

eral Regulations, subpart C, allows for the disposal of common variety minerals and rock through negotiated sales.

The lands included on the Carson Ranger District are in West Carson Canyon, along Highway 88, near

Crystal Springs (Section 1) and Cloudburst Canyon (Section 2), T. 10 N., R. 19 E., in Alpine County.

Approval for this sale must occur through an environmental analysis, including National Environmental Policy Act require-

ments, as well as other existing laws managing the potential impacts to forest resources.

The Forest Service proposes to analyze not only the proposed project and its impacts on the environment, but also incorporate into the analysis new issues that are of critical concern, through an environmental assessment.

In order to be most useful, comments should be received by Dec. 10. For more information, visit the Forest Service web site at http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=40555 or call Zone Geologist Keith Whaley at the Bridgeport Ranger Station, 760-932-5821, or the Carson Ranger Station at 775-882-2766.

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Christmas tree cutting season starts

Staff Reports

The next week will see the beginning of open season on Christmas trees on federal lands.

The Bureau of Land Management began selling tree cutting permits on Thursday and the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest's Carson Ranger District will start selling permits on Monday. Permits are available until Dec. 24, or until they've all been sold. Federal offices are closed on Thanksgiving.

BLM permits allow cutting a piñon pine or juniper tree on designated lands primarily in the Pinenut Mountains between Carson City and Yerington, the Clan Alpine and Desatoya mountains east of Fallon, and the Excelsior Mountains southeast of Hawthorne. Maps and directions are available with permit purchase. The cost per BLM permit is \$5.

There is no limit to the number of permits that may be purchased; the permits are for individual use only. Collection of trees for resale requires

a special permit.

BLM permits may be purchased at the following locations:

■ BLM-Carson City District Office 5665 Morgan Mill Road 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturdays (Nov. 24 and Dec. 1) 885-6000

■ Carson Valley Chamber of Commerce, 1477 US Highway 395 North Suite A, Gardnerville, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday-Friday, 782-8144, Gardnerville, NV 89410

The Carson City BLM office accepts credit cards, cash, and checks. The Carson Valley Chamber only accepts cash or checks made payable to the BLM.

National Forest permits are issued on a first-come, first-serve basis for \$10 each in designated cutting areas for white fir, incense cedar, Jeffrey, and lodge pole pine trees. Forest Service officials say residents should get their permits early, because they sell out quickly.

Forest Service permits are available at the following offices:



Jim Grant/Tahoe Daily Tribune file photo

After finding the perfect Christmas tree, David Prado, left, and Sebastian Loghin haul the 10-foot tree to Prado's pick-up truck.

■ Carson Ranger District Office, 1536 S. Carson St., Carson City, Nev., 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, 882-2766

■ Hope Valley Café and Market, 14655 Highway 88, Woodfords

Canyon, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday - Friday, 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, 530-694-2323

■ Markleeville General Store, 14799 Highway 89, Markleeville, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. seven days a week,

530-694-2448

Tree cutters on Forest Service land:

■ Two trees may be cut per household, permits are nonrefundable.

■ Cutting areas include portions of Dog Valley, Mt. Rose, Markleeville, Woodfords, Hope Valley, and Wolf Creek.

■ Tree cutters should have their own saws, warm clothing, a first-aid kit, extra food and water, heavy rope or chain, and a shovel, in the event of bad road conditions or inclement weather.

■ Some cutting areas may be inaccessible after snowfall, so it is advisable to cut trees early in the season. Cutters should make sure they have tire chains in the vehicle; this includes 4-wheel or all-wheel drive vehicles.

■ Permits must be purchased in person with cash or checks (credit/ATM cards are not accepted). Phone, mail, or e-mail permit requests cannot be processed.

ALPINE

Earth & Fire and a modern tintype exhibition

by Carol Vaughn
Special to The R-C

The Alpine County Library is featuring a local family team of artists for the holiday season that will be displaying and selling their handcrafted works of pottery and modern tintype photography. This event takes runs through Dec. 28 located inside the beautiful historic Alpine County Library building in Markleeville.

Down to Earth Pottery artist's Mark and Carolyn Vaughn will be offering a variety of functional high-fire stoneware/porcelain pottery which includes their popular hand painted pine tree design ware and retro-style glazes. In addition, a line of California style raku art ware that is admired by so many collectors throughout California and Nevada.

Mark has developed his trademark style of throwing "thin, light, and uniform" by experimentation and experience over the last 43 years. Another trademark of popularity is the hand painted pine tree design functional

ware that is unique and so identifiable of his work. Since his first introduction to ceramics in Southern California in 1971, to teaching ceramics at Lake Tahoe Community College for seven years, Mark has never lost his connection with working in clay.

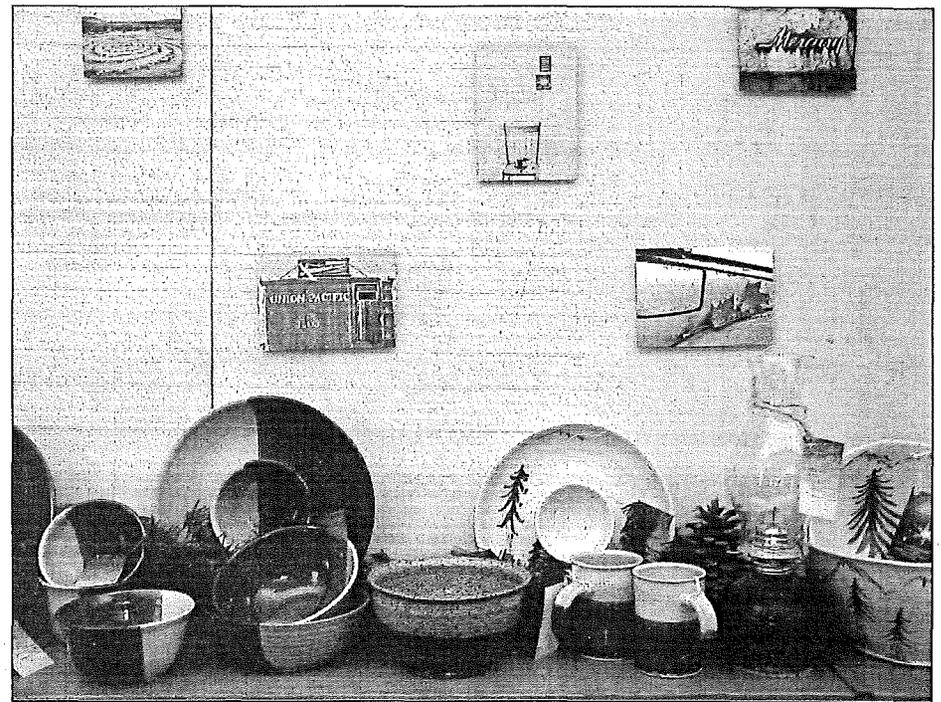
Working as Mark's apprentice initially in the early years of their marriage, Carolyn has since developed her own line of hand-built and thrown pottery work. The two collaborate in every aspect of development – from the raw clay to the final product. Carolyn is currently working on a new line of glaze ware which will be available next year.

Their present focus these days is to offer clay workshops and lessons, instruction in the traditional use of raku ware and its cultural heritage with the Japanese tea ceremony to the interested public. To define RAKU in one word is all but impossible. A unique firing procedure, a state of mind, and even for some, a spiritual experience; it's a framework of expectations and the un-



known beauty of the spontaneous and accidental.

Jennifer Vaughn, daughter of Mark and Carolyn, is presenting a modern tintype exhibition of her latest works: *The Spaces Between*. These images represent an intimate story of her vision and the delicate curiosity she finds in all subjects; to allow hesitation to lead her in exploring texture, light, lines, emotions. She often is mesmerized with the simplest of subjects, absorbed with revealing the intimacy and often overlooked richness of the shapes and colors



Pieces of the pottery and tintype exhibit at the Alpine County Library.

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around us. A wide range of her traditional life portfolio will be exhibited and for sale.

Although based in Portland, Oregon for the last two years, Jennifer maintains roots in the Markleeville/Tahoe area. She currently works as an in-

structor at Lake Tahoe Community College teaching online photography classes. Her works have been exhibited throughout California and Oregon.

The public is invited to come and view the event and even shop for special gifts for the holiday. Hours of

the event are Wed. & Thurs. 10-6, Fri. & Sat. 10-5. An artists' reception will be held on Saturday, December 8th from 1-3 pm. live music and light refreshments will be offered. For additional information you may contact the Alpine County Library at (530) 694-2120.

ALPINE

Markleeville hosts second annual Christmas Faire

by Joyce DeVore

Markleeville will be celebrating the season on Sunday with the second Magical Markleeville Christmas Faire.

Bring the whole family and a camera to our tiny village, which will be chock full of activities, specialty foods, shops packed with local art, and artists set up street side or in our general store or realty office, offering unique jewelry and gifts.

Breakfast is available at 7 a.m. at either Sandy's Markleeville Toll Station or at Ali's Café. Locally owned and operated, both restaurants serve specialty coffees, beautiful fresh food, and friendly service. Watch for the artists to begin setting up on the grassy area next to the Toll Station and in front of Ali's Café.

The local shops, museum, and chamber of commerce open at 10 a.m.

The chamber is a good place to start because it is the first building in town and offers maps, information about the area, and its famous Death Ride souvenirs. Across the street at the gas station, a team will be selling Yule logs and other crafts.

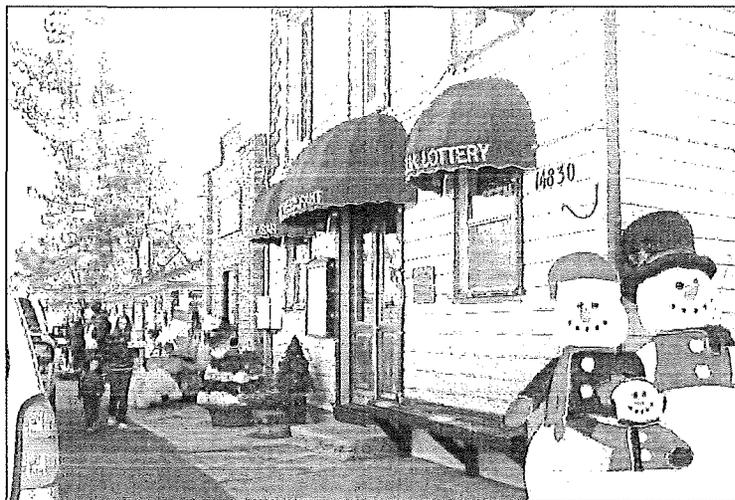
The new owner of the art gallery, Laura Burt, has renamed

the shop Markleeville Art & Soul. While maintaining the high level of art, Burt has added many new artists to the shop. Several of those artists will be in the shop for the event. There is everything from gift cards to hand-made soaps, to hand-knit hats and gloves, to glass and jewelry, as well as fine art.

Next to the gallery, Intero Real Estate will host a demonstration of the popular Kendamas toy line. The Stone Fly restaurant will be opening its dining area for some artists, and the Deli will also host artists. Look for hand-woven pine needle baskets and jewelry made by the Washo Tribe. Local honey will be sold, as well as gift baskets.

One building down is our general store, which will be open as usual, and selling Christmas tree cutting permits and hosting local artists. If you have yearned for a wooden porch and a squeaky front door, and those haunting memories of a general store, you will not be disappointed. It is authentic, locally operated, and still posts photos of the biggest fish caught in our area.

Along the other side of the street, you will find Ali's Café and the Wolf Creek Restaurant. Santa will be in town for the day, waiting to talk to the children in the din-



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Downtown Markleeville is decorated for Christmas.

ing area of Wolf Creek. The restaurant will also be open for breakfast and lunch, serving specials and American cuisine with the children's palate in mind.

Due to popular demand, the Wolf Creek will sell tamales on the sidewalk outside the restaurant. Last year the tamales sold out quickly, as discerning diners carried off dozens for a quick holiday dinner at home.

At 1 p.m., meet Virginia York at the courthouse for caroling. She has the songbooks and all the enthusiasm to lead a crowd singing through town. York told me, "I

don't know why people are so worried about singing on key. That isn't the point. Just come and sing and have some fun."

On Hot Springs Road, which is on the way to the museum and library, one can make a wreath at Marsha Bennett's and browse the hand-fashioned stone coasters and jewelry made by Dawn Riddle.

The museum will be open for the day free of charge. It is a family friendly place, with lively displays, an old schoolhouse, the old jailhouse, and much more. It is a worthwhile climb up a hill for just for a view of the town.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 7 a.m. Restaurants open for breakfast
- 10 a.m. Shops, museum, chamber and vendors open
- Noon Santa arrives at the Wolf Creek
- 1 p.m. Caroling begins at the courthouse
- 2 p.m. Library story time with Santa, crafts, and cookie decorating
- 3 p.m. Santa and the artists depart Markleeville

Our library is always the most popular spot in town. At 2 p.m., the librarians welcome all children for story time with Santa, crafts, and cookie decorating. The library is featuring a display of pottery by local artists Mark and Carolyn Vaughn. The pottery will be available for sale at several sites during the day.

Although there may be signs that indicate some passes are closed for the season, the road to Markleeville is always open. Take Highway 88 to the Woodfords Junction and turn on Highway 89 to Markleeville, just six miles away.

For more information, contact Evelyn Yonker at 530-694-1710 or email evelynyonker@gmail.com

Information is also available at Markleeville Art & Soul.

BEAR



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Gardnerville resident Rick Ansel took this photo of a black bear at
Kirkwood.

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Alpine's Sweeneys bring service to community

by Virginia York

On Nov. 10 there were doings in Chambers Lane, chez Sweeney. It was the first annual sale of knitteds, attended by a jolly stream of locals and strangers, all, in short order, made to feel very much at home by Tom and Jane Sweeney. The proceeds of this sale went to the Reno Ronald McDonald house.

Jane learned how to knit when she was 10 years old from a patient aunt. Her interest in knitting has waxed and waned over the years and enjoyed an energetic resurgence when the couple moved up to the snow. Jane enjoys sitting in front of the fire, creating with needles and yarn. Five years ago she discovered felting. This process makes a sturdier product, produces a subtle blend of colors and is forgiving of mistakes (individual stitches don't show). After giving her creations to family and friends, Jane started to sell them through the Hope Valley Store. Recently she

decided to have a grand sale and contribute the takings to charity. Knitters from as far away as the East Coast who learned on the internet of Jane's intention donated items such as hand-knitted children's clothing to boost the stock. The sale raised \$500. Tom and Jane also had the satisfaction of holding a soup kitchen event and raising \$900 for Doctors Without Borders which was working with the victims of the Haiti earthquake three years ago. A fundraiser for hurricane Sandy survivors is in the works for January.

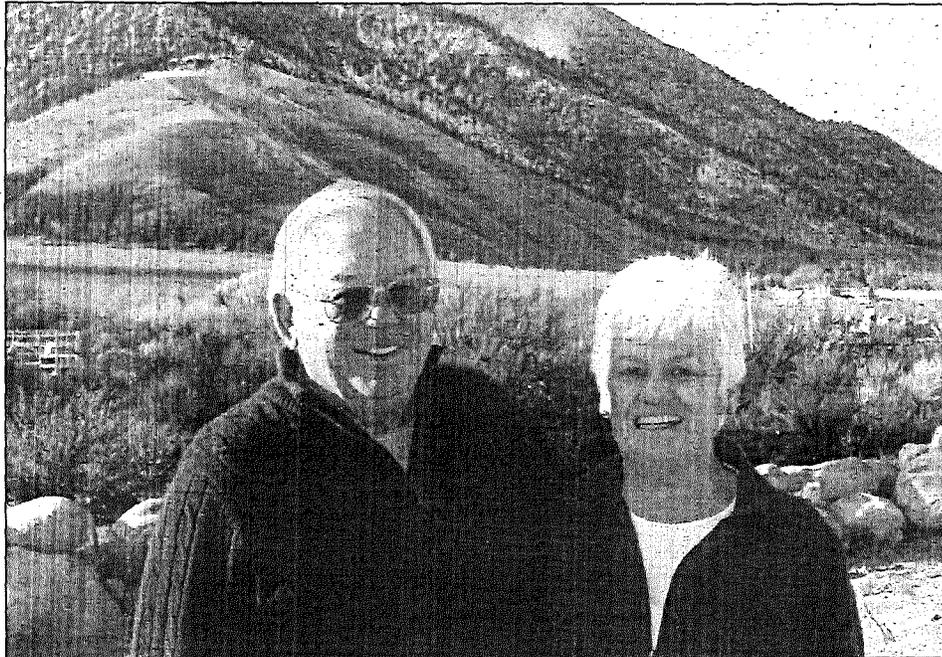
There are Ronald McDonald Houses all over the country, close to large hospitals with big pediatric departments which treat children with life-threatening conditions. The McDonald corporation constructed houses near the hospitals where families can stay while visiting their children. They ask for a donation of \$10/night but contributions offset the expenses of relations who cannot afford the donation. The houses have apartments

for families and family rooms where guests can gather and support each other.

Jane has a personal reason for supporting the Ronald McDonald houses. Forty years ago her 5-year-old nephew was diagnosed with cancer and died two years later. At that time she recognized the importance of affordable accommodations for the families of sick children. Jane then worked 20 years in hospice as director of volunteers and bereavement services, establishing close connections with families.

The sale included irresistible felted purses, scarves secured by intricate old brooches, draw-string bags for treasures and gifts, all at reasonable prices. Shoppers with armfuls of brightly colored hand-knitted items progressed to the check-out, manned by Tom.

Tom and Jane bought their Alpine County property in 1999. Tom designed the house, taking advantage of the beautiful mountain views. Tom has served on the Board of Supervisors since January 2009.



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Tom and Jane Sweeney near their home with the Sierra in the background.

Before moving to Alpine County, Tom worked as a machinist for seven years and taught machining for 27 years at Glendale Community College. Much of the instruction was given on an individual basis, addressing the need for the development of student-teacher relationships. He stressed the need for a general education and for the foreign-born to

learn to read and write English to avoid being isolated in their new country. Additionally, Tom taught traditional machining, robotics, computer aided design, computer aided machining, metallurgy and mathematics during his tenure.

Tom emphasizes the necessity of board members to work as a team considering the good of the whole county, not just representing their own concerns or the preferences of their districts. He has upheld the need for looking at the big picture, the long-term, beyond our life-times. He has been willing to do his homework, researching topics of discussion prior to board meetings. One of his rules of thumb is "Don't borrow unless you have to." Words of wisdom from someone who has served on the board of a credit union for 32 years.

Following Don Jardine's example, Tom held monthly meetings with his constituents, and established a monthly calendar of county events. During his term the board worked with the fire chief, Terry Hughes, to unite the county's fire departments, saving money and increasing efficiency. Through Tom's and Don's efforts, high speed internet has become a reality in the county. Tom supports the increase of tourism in the county, hoping for more events and further efforts to beautify our town to attract visitors.

On his property Tom has horses and dogs and a shop containing hobby projects which will keep him happily occupied well into retirement.

Thanks, Tom, for your dedication to the county, and to you both for holding the charitable events.

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Woman survives Sierra ordeal



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Shannon Litz
Linda Hathaway talks about her sister, Paula Lane, on Thursday afternoon during a press conference at Carson Tahoe Regional Medical Center. At top, tracks on Burnside Lake Road curving into the forest east of Highway 88 in Alpine County.

Companion perishes in search for help

by Kurt Hildebrand and Adam Trumble
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A Gardnerville woman is recovering from mild frostbite at a Carson City hospital after spending six nights in Hope Valley.

Gardnerville resident Paula Lane, 46, and boyfriend Roderick Paul Clifton, 44, were reported missing after they left Citrus Heights, Calif., on the afternoon of Nov. 29.

On Wednesday, Lane was found along Burnside Lake Road by her

brother, who took a frontloader from a nearby state transportation shed and drove up the road.

According to Alpine County Undersheriff Rob Levy, the couple was stuck near the top of the road after Clifton decided to try out the 1989

Jeep Cherokee's four-wheel drive capability. They drove around the locked gate, Levy said.

The U.S. Forest Service had closed dirt roads throughout the

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Sierra for the season on the same day, because of the expected storm.

Levy said the Jeep became stuck in the mud at Burnside



Lane

Lake and the couple spent the night there.

On the morning of Nov. 30, as a major storm was rolling into the Sierra, Clifton tried to walk down to Highway 88 at 9:09 a.m.

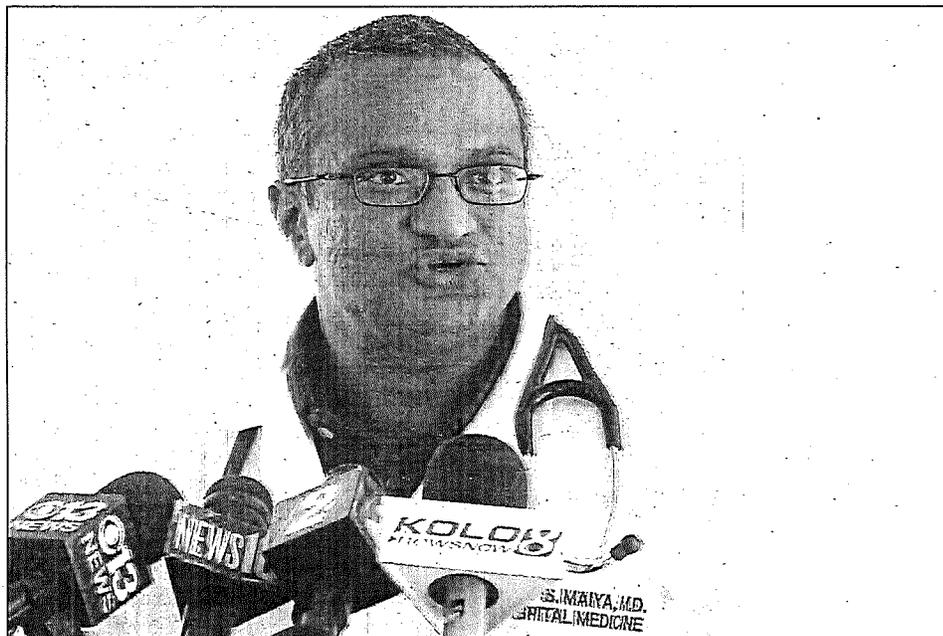
"Lane attempted to convince Clifton to stay with the vehicle," Levy said. "Lane stayed with the vehicle until Monday when she attempted to walk and crawl out."

Levy said Lane's brother Gary was convinced that the couple might have gone to Burnside Lake, where they'd camped before.

Family members called Douglas County 911 Services, which serves as dispatch for Alpine County late Friday night, to ask searchers to check Burnside Lake.

Douglas authorities said that message was passed onto Alpine County shortly after midnight.

"Gary Lane commanded a CalTrans front



Dr. Vijay Maiya talks about his patient, Paula Lane, on Thursday afternoon at a press conference at Carson Tahoe Regional Medical Center.

Shannon Litz

side Lake. Lane is at Carson Tahoe Regional Medical Center recovering after she arrived there 9 p.m. Wednesday. Lane's older sister, Linda Hathaway, spoke at a press conference at the hospital on Thursday afternoon. "My sister is doing well," she said. "The family has been through a lot. My nephews and my mom and I are very happy she made it. It's been a rough haul waiting all those days."

The mother of 11-year-old twin boys, Hayden and Samuel, Lane is eager to get

home to them, Hathaway said.

"All I can tell you, is she wants to get better so she can get home to her babies," she said. "It is hard to sit there as a family waiting. You don't know, your mind plays (through) so many things."

Hathaway said her brother said he had a feeling about where they were.

"We couldn't stop him, we just let him do what he had to do," she said. "He had a feeling. They have a special bond, they really do. It is an unusual bond, it is different than the one I have with my sister."

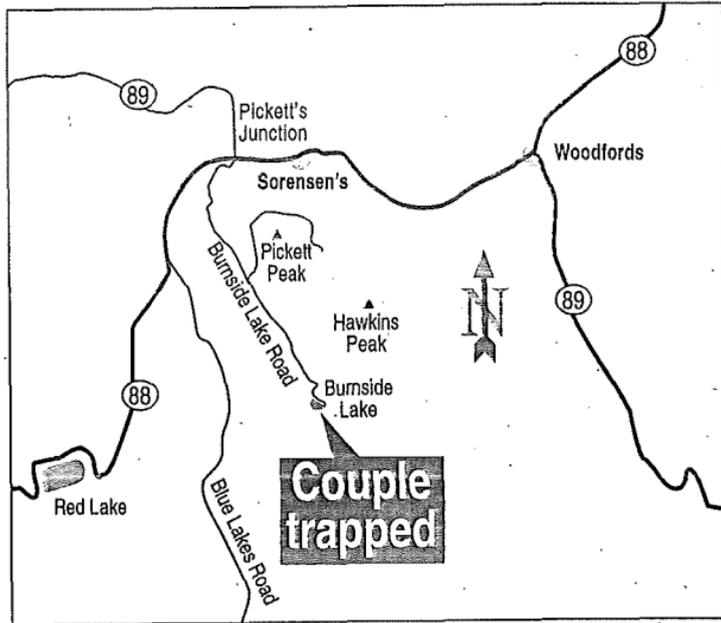
A friend was with her brother when they found her. After they got Lane to a certain point, Hathaway said they cut her clothes off her to get her warm. They knew she was near hypothermia.

"Last night, I gave her the biggest kiss I could without hurting her," she said. "My sister may be little, but she's mighty. She is a survivor and

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Scott Neuffer



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The road sign at Pickett's Junction along Highway 88 in Alpine County. A Gardnerville woman was stranded on Burnside Lake Road for nearly a week.

she loves life. God was looking over her."

Dr. Vijay Maiya reported that her condition is remarkably good for spending most of a week in the mountains.

"She is currently in stable condition and recovering nicely," he said. "She has a long road ahead of her, both physically and emotionally."

She suffered from first degree frostbite on her toes, "they were a little on the blue side from lack of oxygen." — first degree is the mildest form, fourth being the worst. She also was malnourished.

"Once she found out her loved one wasn't coming back she knew she couldn't stay in the truck and attempted to then go and find help on her own," the doctor said.

She ate and drank snow to stay hydrated. Before they left, they stopped at family members' homes and got some tomatoes, which helped to sustain her during the ordeal.

The doctor said they found Lane in a hollowed-out tree.

"She realized after she left

that she couldn't make it, so she had a blanket and tomatoes and (stayed) in a hollowed tree until rescued," he said. "She was lucky, I can't comment exactly on what she did to stay warm, but she was very lucky."

Maiya said he is hoping to keep her just through the weekend at the hospital, and that's just precautionary.

Clifton's cause of death is pending an autopsy, Levy said.

The search came to light on Monday after Citrus Heights authorities issued a bulletin asking people to be on the lookout for the couple and describing the blue 1989 Jeep they were last seen in.

At one point a helicopter joined the search tracing their route up Highway 50 and over Luther Pass on Highway 89 to the junction with Highway 88.

Cell phone reception is almost nonexistent in the Sierra around Hope Valley.

Nevada Appeal News Editor Adam Trumble contributed to this report.

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Tale

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under the tree. It was still in the trunk of the car. Was it made of leather she asked her mother, who replied it was trimmed in leather. So she rushed to the car trunk to find a leather trimmed set of luggage.

A little disappointing is how the story goes, even if luggage was what every up and coming young lady of the times needed.

Both Marlena and Angela remember stringed Christmas lights on their tree at home.

But the Tietje's Uncle Henry and Aunt Frieda, ranching relatives, about four miles down the road had real candles on their tree.

The Tietje's did not have indoor plumbing, or electricity as Marlena remembers visits.

Their house was cold and dark, and Marlena did not like the outhouse. But Christmas dinner was served in the kitchen where it was warm by the wood stove that had cooked the turkey dinner.

After dinner everyone went into the room where the tree was. Adults lit candles about the size of crayons that were already clipped to the tree. Everyone watched the Christmas candles flicker into the night.

Enjoy your gifts this holiday season.

Marie Johnson is a Carson Valley rancher.

A tale of Carson Valley Christmases past

Amber, the neighbor's cow, gave us an early Christmas present this year. On Dec. 3, she dropped the first calf of the season in our backyard, right next to the swing set. Within an hour it was up and having dinner. And so the holiday season begins.

I have a Ghost of Christmas Past story to share. But first I want to point out this year has begun the encroachment of Christmas. Retail rather than family is now a Thanksgiving thing. Because of "Christmas," Thanksgiving Thursday now starts Merry Christmas with a crush of people stampeding to a low-priced TV, computer game, or Barbie princess. Sad. There is no war on Christmas,

FENCE LINES



by Marie Johnson

Christmas is attacking. But before Christmas was a shopping holiday, Aunt Angela, who grew up here on the ranch about six decades ago, shared that when she was little no one was allowed to even see the Christmas tree before Christmas. Opa, Angela's adopted dad after she left Germany in the 1940s, went to the mountains to cut a tree just before Christmas. It was not a family event, more a secret.

The ranch house back then had French doors at the bottom of the stairs that separated the front room from the rest of the house. These doors were shut at Christmas time.

Christmas Eve, when the family was loaded in the car to go to church, Opa would suddenly remember he forgot something in the house and go back inside while the rest of the family waited in the car for a few minutes. This is when Angela suspects Opa put the presents out under the tree.

After the Christmas pageant performed by the Sunday school class, Angela's family would drive home and her parents would slide open the front-room doors. And

there would be the Christmas tree decorated in lights, delicate silver string tinsel, and colorful balls.

Angela remembers her first Christmas in America she got a bike. Her very own bike. She was 8 and too small to reach the seat, but it was hers and she kept it into her adult years.

Her sister, Marlena, remembers the same about the Christmas tree being in the house for just a few days. Marlena also remembers for her eighth-grade graduation, she wanted a saddle of her very own for Christmas. On Christmas Eve, she was told her present was too big to be wrapped and placed

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Dispatch logs detail Alpine search

by Kurt Hildebrand
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Dispatch logs released by Douglas County 911 Emergency Services give a clearer picture of the timeline involving the search and subsequent discovery of a Gardnerville woman

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Timeline describes Gardnerville woman's ordeal at Burnside Lake.

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who spent six nights in the Sierra in an ordeal that resulted in the death of her boyfriend.

Paula Lane, 46, is scheduled to appear in an exclusive on the Today Show in person this morning to tell her story to a national audience.

Lane and her boyfriend Roderick Clifton, 44, were trapped in the mud on Nov. 29 at Burnside Lake in Alpine County, after Clifton decided

to try out the four-wheel drive on a recently acquired 1989 Jeep. He drove the Jeep past a locked gate on Burnside Lake Road and the vehicle became mired at the lake.

Clifton died about a mile from where the Jeep was stuck after he

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Alpine County Sheriff's Office

BURNSIDE LAKE ORDEAL TIMELINE

NOV. 29

2:45 p.m. — Couple leaves Citrus Heights en route to Gardnerville

4:15-4:45 p.m.* — Couple arrives at Picketts Junction. Roderick Clifton decides to drive up Burnside Lake Road instead of driving the 22 miles to Minden. At some point the 1989 Jeep they're driving "sinks into the mud."

Midnight — Snow depth at Burnside Lake is 15 inches. Temperature is 35 degrees.

NOV. 30

9:09 a.m. — Roderick Clifton leaves the Jeep to walk out for help, never to be seen alive again.

11:04 a.m. — Douglas received first call from CHP on blue Jeep Cherokee.

12:17 p.m. Alpine County assigned to call. Authorities check along Highway 88, 89. In Douglas, deputies look along Kingsbury Grade and Highway 88 south of Minden.

10:57 p.m. — Douglas dispatch received information from grandson that the missing couple may be at 88 and 89 by the little lake in the back at the campground, unknown name. Asking Alpine County to check that area. Asking for a call back when they check.

Midnight — 12 inches of snow at Burnside Lake. Temperature 34.2 degrees.

DEC. 1

12:16 a.m. — Relative reports that they are not camping, but went there during the summer, so she thinks they might be there if they got stuck. This would be Burnside Lake

12:18 a.m. — Alpine reports Burnside Lake Road is closed and covered in snow. Unable to locate at Picketts Junction and Sorensen Resort.

12:22 a.m. — Unable to locate Crystal Springs and Woodfords Junction the road is clear and it has been passable since 4:30 p.m.

6:30 a.m. — Subjects have not shown up yet.

2:57 p.m. — Missing person's report filed.

5:54 p.m. — Citrus Heights sends out bulletin on subjects.

6:45 p.m. — Citrus Heights requests officers check rivers, embankments, campgrounds. They think it is an unreported accident.

10:14 p.m. — Alpine reports extensive search by vehicle and some foot from Kirkwood to Blue Lakes on Carson Pass, Picketts, all of Highway 88 and all the way down to state line.

Midnight — 42 inches of snow at Burnside Lake. Temperature 33.4 degrees.

DEC. 2

Lane survives on tomatoes and snow melt.

Midnight — 39 inches of snow at Burnside Lake. Temperature 36.1 degrees.

DEC. 3-4

Lane decides to try and make her way down Burnside Lake Road.

Midnight — 36 inches of snow, temperature 32.4 degrees.

DEC. 5

7:46 p.m. — Report of accident at Picketts Junction, perhaps involving a frontloader.

7:48 p.m. — Roderick Clifton's death becomes known.

8:20 p.m. — Alpine Search & Rescue activated

8:32 p.m. — Report that woman's brother found her, and took her to Sorensen's in the frontloader.

* Estimate based on trip time

Ordeal

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tried to make the seven-mile hike back down to Highway 88 on Nov. 30, nearly two hours before authorities were alerted the couple was missing.

Alpine County Undersheriff Rob Levy said Clifton's death is still under investigation. He said there's no indication of foul play, but that the cause of death is pending autopsy and toxicology. He did say he didn't feel Clifton was properly dressed to be in the mountains in a storm.

Lane spent three nights alone in the vehicle before she decided to try to make her way to safety. The 5-foot, 4-inch woman attempted to blaze trail through up to 3 feet of snow, spending two nights in the wilderness until her brother commandeered a Caltrans frontloader and drove up the road to find her on Dec. 5.

Douglas dispatchers received a tip that the couple might be at Burnside Lake 10:57 p.m. Nov. 30 and asked Alpine County to check that area. Slightly longer than an hour later, at 12:16 a.m. Dec. 1, a relative followed up to report that the couple had visited Burnside Lake over the summer and they might be there.

About two minutes later, a reply came in that Burnside Lake was closed and the road was covered in snow. Searchers also reported that Crystal Springs and Woodfords were clear.

At the time, authorities didn't know where in the 100-mile route from Citrus Heights to Gardnerville the couple was missing.

At least one Alpine County resident has expressed concern that enough wasn't done to try and find the couple after authorities received information they might be on Burnside Lake Road.

Nathaniel Gillies said he took photos this past weekend of what he believes are tire tracks of the couple's Jeep, still visible more than a

week after the fateful trip.

"I'm shocked that no one saw the tracks," he said.

He said the Jeep's trail goes out into the forest and comes back on the other side of the gate.

Gilles pointed out that a report of a mother and son

who were missing at Kirk-

wood drew an enormous



Nathaniel Gillies

At left the gate to Burnside Lake Road was locked on Nov. 30 when a deputy checked it. Above, a photo of tracks still visible near Burnside Lake Road this last weekend.

search.

"As an Alpine County resident, I'd like to know who gets a tip like this and doesn't call search and rescue?" he said. "How come our search and rescue people who want to go didn't get the chance to do what they do?"

Gilles agreed that Clifton made several serious mistakes in going around the gate just before a storm arrived.

"But when the Jeep got stuck at Burnside Lake, that was an accident," he said. "If there was a tip and no one followed up, then it was negligence."

Levy pointed out that to get around the gate required Clifton to drive out into the forest, since there is a ditch along one side.

"I can confirm the deputy did check the gate," he said. "It was closed and locked and the road was covered with snow. It was storming at the time."

Levy said he questions whether the tracks visible now are those of the Jeep.

He said that the Jeep is in the county yard after being towed from the scene by a snowcat. The Jeep was out of gasoline.

Finding someone in Alpine County is a difficult enough prospect when authorities know where they were last seen.

"It's really tough," he said. "We had a gal who was at risk for suicide who we knew was in the county. The search for her went days, even weeks before we found her car over the bank on Airport Road. You could see Indian Creek from the car, but you couldn't see the car from there."

He pointed out that Alpine authorities looked from the Nevada state line to Amador County in an effort to locate the couple, checking gates and snow parks along the way.

"It's an arduous task," he said. "If there's any message I'd love to get across from this it's that if people are going to go off the beaten path, they should call and let people know. They could have pulled in at Sorensen's and made a phone call."

He also suggested that motorists prepare for a trip through the mountains, no matter what season.

"When people are traveling through the mountains, they need to pack for the drive to stay alive," he said.

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Alpine gets grant to work on Markleeville Creek

Staff Reports

Alpine County, in partnership with the Alpine Watershed Group, has been awarded a grant from the California Natural Resources Agency in the amount of \$136,000 for the Markleeville Creek Restoration Project.

Alpine County has been working with various community partners since 2004 to plan a stream restoration project at the site of the former U.S. Forest Service Guard Station along Markleeville Creek.

This project site has been subjected to significant and repeated flooding over the years.

The flood wall, which was constructed in the 1930s to prevent flooding, has result-

ed in accelerated water flows causing erosion, stream incision and stream bank failures downstream.

The project will reestablish the natural state of the stream and prevent further property damage as a result of flooding.

This project will improve streamside habitat by removing the floodwall and re-vegetating the area.

This restoration effort will provide various community benefits including utility improvements and public access for recreation such as walking paths, interpretive signage and picnicking.

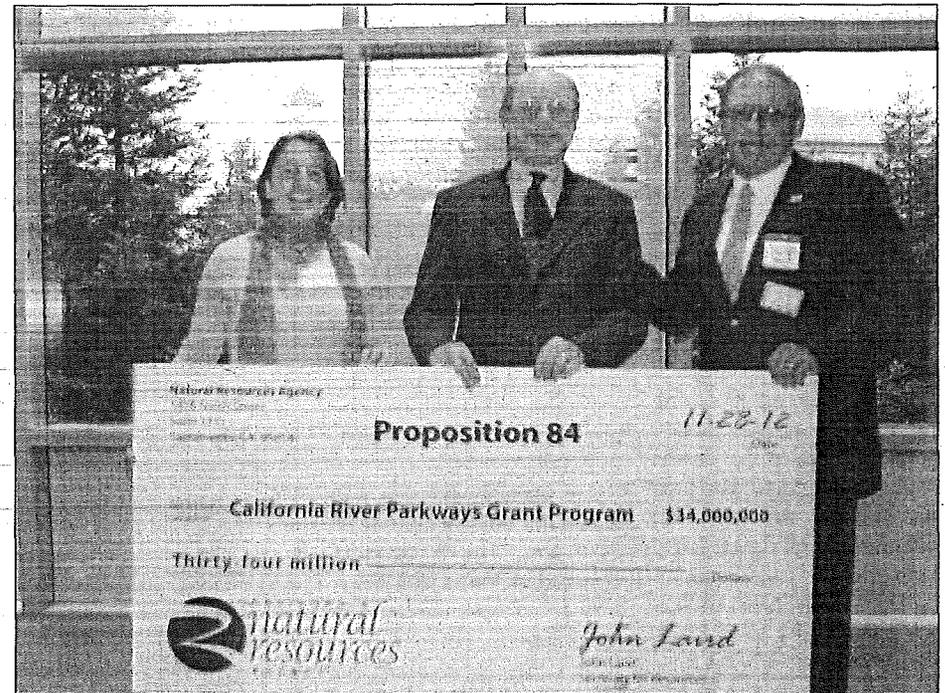
Additional funding for the current planning and design phase of this project has been provided by the California Department of Conservation, the Carson Water

Subconservancy District and the Sierra Nevada Conservancy.

The Natural Resources Agency also announced grant awards for 32 other river parkway projects that will benefit communities throughout the state of California.

In 2006, California voters passed Proposition 84, the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act, which authorized the Legislature to appropriate funds to benefit river parkway projects.

"Our river parkway grants help communities connect children with nature, promote public health by providing families with greater outdoor recreational opportunities, and protect the



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Alpine Watershed Group's Sarah Green, Secretary of California Natural Resources Agency John Laird, and Alpine County Supervisor Donald Jardine, with the check for the entire state. Alpine's cut is \$136,000.

For more information
rivers that provide us with clean water," said Secretary for Natural Resources John Laird.

For more information

about the Markleeville Creek Restoration Project, please contact Alpine Watershed Group Coordinator, Sarah Green, at 530-694-2327 or

visit the website at www.alpinecountyca.gov/watershed_group.

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Shannon Litz

Kyle Johnston and Jordan Chappell were named 2012 Douglas High School Homecoming king and queen in October.

BIRTHS

Ellie Parvathi Datt

Gardnerville residents Ashwin and Monica Datt are parents of a daughter, Ellie Parvathi Datt, born Dec. 16, 2012, at Barton Memorial Hospital.

Lydia Lynn-Santos Griggs

Gardnerville residents Janell Santos and Alex Griggs are the parents of a daughter, Lydia Lynn-Santos Griggs, born Dec. 10, 2012, at Carson Tahoe Regional Medical Center. Lydia weighed 6 pounds, 12 ounces at birth.

Dakoda Gene Horse

Markleeville residents April Shaw and Ramsey Horse are the parents of a son, Dakoda Gene Horse, born Dec. 16, 2012, at Barton Memorial Hospital.

He knows snow

Black ice, fog, snowbanks, sleet—dangers are ever present on winter roads. So slow down, use extra caution, and keep your car in tip-top shape. AAA tow truck driver John Baker, owner of Emerald Bay Towing in South Lake Tahoe, Calif., has been rescuing members in the state's snowiest highlands since he was 16 years old. He shares more winter wisdom.



Q *I'm headed out on a winter road trip. What are my first steps?*

A Check the weather conditions. If there's a pending storm, wait. Know your route and let someone else know it too.

Q *A flashlight, a charged phone, extra clothing and blankets, water and food—anything else I need in my emergency road kit?*

A An ice scraper with a brush.

Q *Why is that so important?*

A You have to clear all the snow off the car's top and hood, not just the windows. People drive with four feet of snow on top. The heater will turn that into an ice ball. When you hit the brakes, it'll fall forward, completely blind you, and tear the arms off your wipers.

Q *Any recommendations on tires and chains for bad weather?*

A People think tires labeled MUD AND SNOW are fine. But the question is, is it a traction tire? Get the right chains for your car. Don't get the big beefy ones you see on trucks for a small car. Check with your manufacturer. And remember, the speed limit for driving with chains is 25 mph.

Q *Besides staying in the car, what else should I do while waiting for a tow to arrive?*

A If the car is running, don't run the heater full blast. The battery can't keep up. Be patient. People panic—a minute can feel like two or three hours.

Q *What was your most intense rescue?*

A A friend called to tell me that my wife got buried in an avalanche while driving. She went from 35 mph to zero within 10 feet; the snow busted out her passenger window and cocooned her in darkness. It took 10 of us to dig her out. She was fine. Luckily, she had made a point of driving with a pack of cars, so people could call for help right away.

Q *Advice for ski vacationers?*

A Always put your key in a zippered pocket or keep it in a locker while you're skiing. There's a lot of snow up there—drop your key and it's lost forever.

—BILL DONAHUE

► **Find safety tips** on winter driving at AAA.com/viasafety. For Emergency Road Service call (800) AAA-HELP (222-4357).

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Staff Reports

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The fire was extinguished by Eastern Alpine and East Fork firefighters. The occupants of the home weren't inside when the fire broke out. No one was injured.

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Genoa stager decorates the White House for the holidays

by Scott Neuffer
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In the fast and chic world of real estate staging, it's the ultimate job, the home of all homes, the stage of all stages.

Genoa resident Bonnie Foster, owner of Shamrock Staged Homes, was notified this fall that she had been chosen to help decorate the White House for the holidays.

A retired nurse turned professional stager, Foster, 72, had filled out an application earlier in the year detailing her business and staging experience.

She was selected from a pool of 1,000 applicants to join 84 other professionals in a five-day decorating spree beginning the day after Thanksgiving.

"We were there for a week, divided into teams and assigned rooms," she said. "We worked

from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m."

During the first two days in Washington D.C., Foster explained, participants worked out of a nearby warehouse, fashioning arts and crafts for the year's theme: "Joy to all."

"There were bows and boxes and styrofoam balls. We used glue guns to attach ornaments and wires and make groupings," she said. "Then we went to the White House and put it all in motion."

Foster decorated the stately Grand Foyer, or Entrance Hall, on the north side of the White House.

"We did four trees, plus garlands over all the archways," she said.

She worked in a special apron labeling her a "White House volunteer/2012." And she got to see the library, the China Room, and Blue Room, the latter housing the nation's Christmas tree.

"I saw pictures of presidents all the way back to George Washington," she said.

Although Foster was on her own for lodging, she was fed lunch and coffee every day by the White House kitchen staff. Besides the apron and a volunteer badge, she received an official ornament for the year, a figurine of President Taft riding in a steam-powered touring car; an official invitation to a Nov. 28 reception, during which she mingled with First Lady Michelle Obama; and a holiday card signed by the Obama family and White House dog, Bo.

"It was a serene experience," Foster said. "Just to be there."

There was one drawback to staging the White House, though.

"Security was very tight," she said. "They would come and check on us quite a few times a day. Of course, that's the way it has to be."



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Genoa resident Bonnie Foster stands next to the Christmas tree in the Blue Room of the White House in November. Foster helped decorate the White House for the holiday season.

Finding calves no matter where the cows put them

It is a simple game of hide and seek. The cows hide their calves and I seek them out. With good snow my job is easier. I follow the main cow track in the snow and look for a single track going off alone. There are more than cow tracks to follow.

Cows usually prefer being near each other, and only go off to be alone if calving or sick. They so often travel the same routes, to and from water, the willows for shelter or the salt trough or feed manger, that they create a single clear track in the snow or clear dirt trails in grass.

Snow gives clues of who passed where, and even hints of when. Light dry snow moves easy in the wind so I know if a track is new today or if crusted over, from another day. Tracks leading away from a compacted area of snow shows where a mom had her baby and sheltered it for a few hours or a day. And when I see one large with one small print set going off into the field, I know both are healthy and moving.

Sometimes I do not have to walk the field

FENCE LINES



by Marie
Johnson

breakfast, so to make sure everyone is all right I go and seek the calf or calving cow.

In the sagebrush field, where the cows are now spending winter calving, there are other animal tracks. It is easy to notice where the coyotes gather at a low place to slip under the fence. The wisp of wing tips brushed on light snow show where a hawk or owl swooped down to grab a small rodent. The turkey prints I mistook for goose until I realized these

searching. If the cow calved very early in the morning or very late the night before, she may walk her baby to the breakfast manger in the morning. Then all I have to do is count cows as they line up at the manger. If all cows are accounted for, I casually look around and see their new calves nearby. But sometimes a cow does not come up. Or a calf seen for a few days does not come with mom for

new prints look like large chicken feet with just the three-towed imprint, no webbing like ducks or geese. It could be the grey heron, but he is solitary and usually stays near the ditch. Preferring to stand in the cold water to catch his meals, rather than walk around in a sagebrush field full of cows.

A multitude of rabbit prints run wild across the field and are randomly crossed by coyote tracks. A convergence of both tracks and a scrimmage down to bare dirt shows where confrontations occurred that probably did not benefit the rabbit.

And smaller padded paw tracks might be stray cats, skunks, or other rodents. I am not a good enough tracker to know for certain. But examining the tracks can tell where they come from shelter and where they seek food. And as long as none of them are as malicious, spiteful or as obstructionist as the 112th Congressional House of Representatives they can stay unmolested in my fields, this year.

Marie Johnson is a Carson Valley rancher.

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Alpine book features historic driving tour

Staff Reports

There's a lot of great history in just a tiny sliver of scenic Alpine County. That's the take-away from "Historic Alpine: A Self-Guided Driving Tour of Woodfords, Diamond Valley and Fredericksburg" – a new book just released by local historian/author Karen Dustman.

"Many of Alpine County's historic sites have been nearly forgotten, but can still be easily spotted when you know where to look," said Dustman. "Within an hour's drive there are over three dozen historic sites you can visit, from a piece of

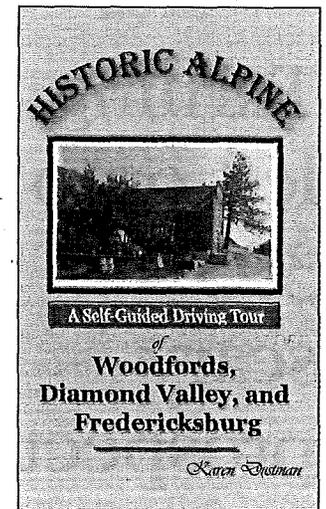
the Emigrant Trail to the old stone schoolhouse at Woodfords, several original old ranches, and the Fredericksburg cemetery where so many early pioneers are buried."

With four maps and simple driving directions, the book conveys the reader along 24 miles of scenic back roads as the text describes various historic landmarks. Visit the spot where Daniel Woodfords operated his "Sign of the Elephant" Hotel in 1849, and discover the site of a "roadhouse" that once held a dance hall in the second story and a bar on the first floor. Learn tales of the pioneering settlers who lived and

died in Alpine – including Snowshoe Thompson.

"History is about more than place – it's also about people," said Dustman. "So the book includes information about many of the special individuals who once called this part of Alpine County home."

Historic Alpine: A Self-Guided Driving Tour features both modern-day photos and historic scenes from days gone by. The book is available at the Markleeville Library, the Alpine County Chamber of Commerce, and the Alpine County Museum.



Woman testified defendant put her in fear for her life

by Sheila Gardner
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A Johnson Lane woman, who alleged she was stalked by disbarred attorney Michael Charles Meisler, testified this week that she was so terrorized by the defendant, she now sleeps with a loaded gun under her pillow and lights on.

The 60-year-old woman, who spent more than eight hours on the witness stand Wednesday and Thursday, answered questions posed by prosecutor Tom Gregory, and Meisler, who is acting as his own attorney.

A jury of nine women and four men, which includes an alternate, began hearing the case Tuesday against Meisler in which he is accused of aggravated stalking.

The woman testified that she met Meisler in March 2011 at Carson City Starbucks where she worked as a barista.

"He identified himself as Dr. Charlie Brickman," she said. "He told me he was a gynecologist for years and a vascular surgeon, and was an on-call emergency room doctor for several hospitals in the area."

She said Meisler was very personable, and at their first meetings told jokes and "did a great impression of (comedian) George Carlin."

A week after their initial meeting, they went to the movies and began an intimate relationship, she testified.

She later learned his name was Michael Charles Meisler, but he also used the name "Carlos Mencia."

She said she never lived with Meisler, and the most time they spent together was three or four days. They saw each other a couple of hours a day, five days a week. The woman said her 17-

year-old son initially liked Meisler, but became suspicious of him, so they didn't see each other if her son was at home.

They spoke frequently during the day and sent multiple text messages.

The woman said the relationship was "off and on," and Meisler made her aware that he was seeing other women. During that summer, they didn't see each other at all, but reconciled.

"At the beginning of November, the relationship started to deteriorate. All of a sudden, there was a lot of bickering going on. A lot of red flags were going up. I had to go with my gut feeling," she said.

The woman said she sent Meisler a text shortly before Thanksgiving that she was ending the relationship.

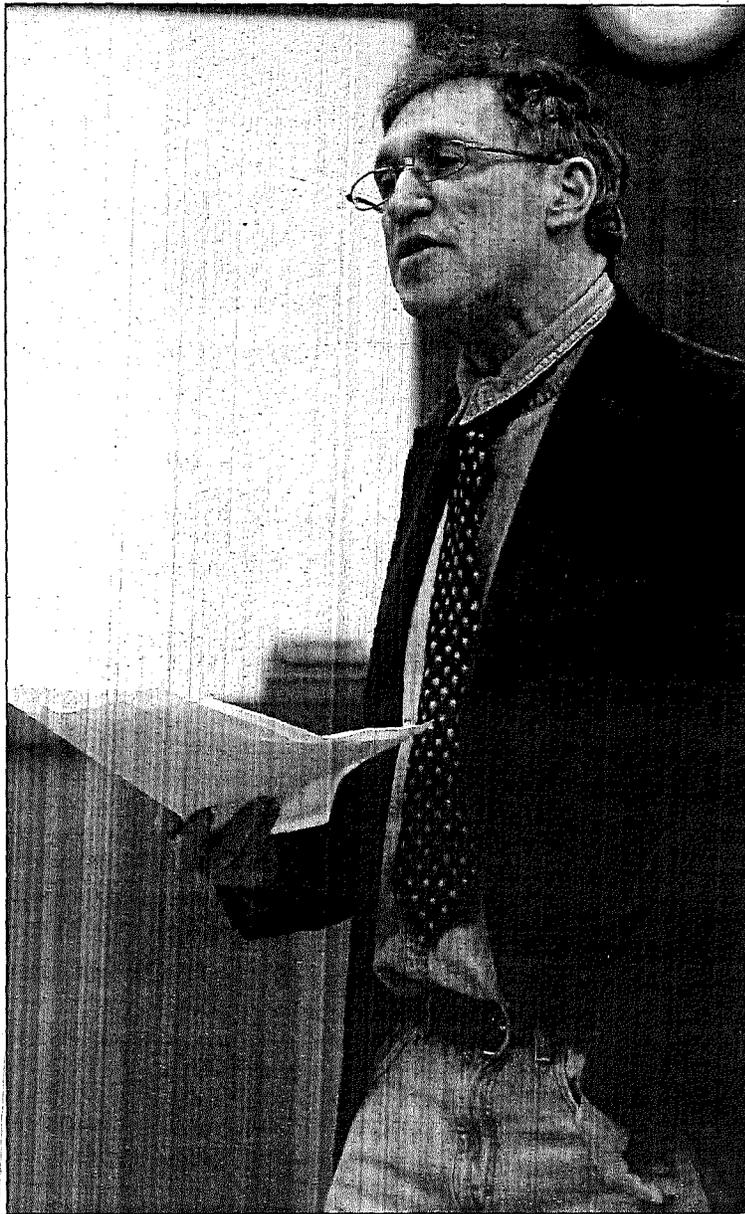
"I didn't want to see him," she said. "I spoke to him later on the phone."

Before she returned from work that day she received a text she believed was from Meisler indicating he had been in her home without permission, and making threatening references to her son, and a male friend who was coming from Las Vegas to spend Thanksgiving with her.

"I told my son to go to a friend's house. I believed Charlie (Meisler) had been in my house and I didn't know what we would find," she said.

She contacted deputies who met her at her house. They found a box of Meisler's belongings outside the gate, a lengthy letter taped to her garage for the woman's friend, a pornographic picture under her pillow and a note on her son's bed allegedly from Meisler about his opinion of the teenager.

The woman obtained a temporary protection order, but deputies couldn't serve it until they found



Jim Grant

Defendant Michael Meisler, who is representing himself in court on stalking charges presents his opening statement to the jury on Tuesday.

Meisler in Carson City on Dec. 11. He was taken into custody on Dec. 15, and has remained in Douglas County Jail.

The victim testified that she was in fear for her life from Meisler, an

element of the offense.

The complaint alleges that between Nov. 15 and Dec. 14, 2011, Meisler sent multiple letters, text messages, newspaper clippings and other writings, and left mes-

sages for the woman in her home and taped to the garage.

The messages said, "Kill me if you can," "you deserve everything coming to you as a result of your callousness," "yours was a fatal decision," according to the criminal complaint.

Meisler was licensed to practice law in Florida, New Mexico, the District of Columbia and Costa Rica before he was disbarred for similar stalking convictions in Florida.

The jury will not hear of his prior convictions unless he introduces the information through questioning witnesses, or testifying on his own behalf.

Conviction carries a penalty of up to 15 years in prison, or probation.

In his opening statement Tuesday, Meisler said the trial was about semantics.

"It is word usage, pure and simple ... between a defendant (Meisler) who is exceptionally well educated, and an individual who is not."

"Specific words may be considered harassing and annoying. But are they threatening? Probably not," he said to the jury.

He told the jury that the victim was a liar who is unable to process the truth and "has been brainwashed by the police and the DA's (district attorney) office."

Prosecutor Karen Dustman, who is trying the case with Chief Deputy District Attorney Gregory, said Meisler deliberately put the woman in fear of her life.

"Even after the restraining order was served on Dec. 11 (2011), the course of conduct continued. She began sleeping at home with all the lights on, and a loaded gun at her bed," Dustman said.

The trial is expected to conclude today.

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Woodfords sets record in Christmas Bird Count

by Virginia York

At 9:30 a.m., Dec. 15, 2012, 25 volunteer participants of the Woodfords Audubon Christmas Bird Count met at Woodfords Station to divide into field parties before going to their assigned areas. It was around 30 degrees with several inches of snow on the ground.

The Audubon Society, named after the American woodsman John James Audubon (1785-1851), was founded in 1900. The society's mission is "To conserve and restore natural ecosystems, focusing on birds, other wildlife, and their habitats for the benefit of humanity and the earth's biological diversity." The society's successes include the ongoing recovery of the imperiled California condor and brown pelican, and the return of the bald eagle which demonstrates that the Endangered Species Act works. The nearly 500 local chapters nationwide engage members in grassroots conservation action.

Started in 1900 as an alternative to Christmas Day bird hunts, the CBC is the longest running "Citizen Scientists" survey in the world. The CBC collects vital data which guide scientists and policy-

makers in addressing the needs of birds and other wildlife. In the 1980s CBC data were used to document the decline of wintering populations of the American black duck, after which conservation measures were put into effect to reduce hunting pressure on this species. Birds are early indicators of environmental problems which can affect people.

In the 2012 count the \$5 participation fee was eliminated, and the information on the Audubon CBC website translated in Spanish. Anyone is welcome to join in the CBC since compilers (organizers) arrange field parties so that the inexperienced are always out with seasoned counters. Every CBC area is a circle 15 miles in diameter, within our local circle were six areas representing various bird habitats: Foothill Road including Fredericksburg and Paynesville, Diamond Valley and Indian Creek Reservoir, Mud Lake area, Faith Valley and surrounding area, Curtz Lake trailhead to the East Fork of the Carson River, Markleeville, including Mulberry Creek, the Sewage Ponds and Grover Hot Springs Meadow.

I spoke with bird-watcher and retired Grover Hot Springs Park Ranger, Paula Pennington, about



Shannon Litz

One of a family of five owls spent a morning in 2009, in the trees in Minden.

how to identify birds. She made the following suggestions of what to observe:

- Location
- Time of Year
- Behavior: Is the bird's flight direct or undulating? Does it beat its wings rapidly or slowly? Does it forage on the ground on tree-tops or in bushes? Is it bold or shy? Does it walk or hop? Is it by itself or in a flock? Does it spiral up or down a tree?

- Size
 - Shape of beak
 - Length of tail
 - Color: This is unreliable.
- Males, females and juveniles are

usually different colors. Birds sometimes have different colored plumage at different times of the year. Male birds have mating plumage in spring.

■ Sound: Recognition of bird songs and calls takes much practice. Songs are mainly sung to attract a mate and claim a territory so are usually heard only in breeding season. Throughout the year we hear bird calls which are used for communication and to express alarm. Calls are often more difficult to recognize than songs.

■ A tip about using binoculars: Look at the bird then bring the binoculars to your eyes without shifting attention.

Our group was composed of two local novices, Steve Hibbs and myself, and seasoned bird-watcher, Bill Bianco, from Sacramento. Our area was around the Curtz Lake trailhead to the East Fork of the Carson River. Often we would catch a mere glimpse of a bird or hear tantalizing calls, but see no bird. Bird-watching requires stillness, the willingness and patience to watch and listen. The focus of watching and listening for birds imposes a welcome quietness and slow step. One's senses become sharper, awareness heightened. Even before one becomes more at-

tuned to the ways and appearance of the birds when recognition becomes easier, one can thoroughly appreciate and enjoy the process. The three of us gazed in wonder at the waves of ravens wheeling above us, unable to count accurately because of their constant motion, joining and separating in their enchanting dance.

This was the second bird count for the third local, Kate Harvey, whose field party was in the Markleeville area. Kate and her husband, Richard, have been feeding the birds in their front yard for years. She was concerned that this activity may be causing an undesirable dependence, but Dan Brown of Sacramento, compiler of the Woodfords count and nature photographer, encouraged her to continue to feed. Human intrusion on bird territory decreases the supply of food; this can be partly amended by providing the birds with wild bird seed and suet. Because of global warming some birds are not migrating as much so more food is needed.

Total species counted for Woodfords CBC 2012: 91, a record high.

Virginia York is a Markleeville resident.

Douglas High School honor roll

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Kenita Dawn Frank
 Jason Tyler Froggett
 Taylor Alyssa Fruth
 Tianna Alexa Fruth
 Allie Brooke Galloway
 David Justice Gervais
 Kaitlin Elizabeth Godde
 Caleb Warren Grabow
 Shayla Nicole Gransbery
 Dominique Jeton Groffman
 Morgan Alexis Gunnell
 Yoana Gutierrez
 Savannah Lee Haase
 Catharina Halleraker
 Taylor Judith Harker
 Hannah Kristine Harville
 Ross Michael Hatley
 Ashley Brooke Hellwinkel
 Bobbi Danielle Higginbotham
 Katharine Holland Hill
 Candace Noel Hoyt
 Sydne Elizabeth Huck
 Braden William Hudnall
 Kevin Alexander Hust
 Kallin Rose Ingstad
 Riis Anthony Irving-Peterson
 Ian Mackenzie Isherwood
 Delaney Marie Jacobson
 Braedon Shane Jenkins
 Andrew Eric Jensen
 Caitlin Leala Jones
 Brennan G P Jordan
 Katelyn Emily Josifko
 Dana Campbell Kauffman
 Madison Marie Keller
 Savannah Elizabeth Kelley
 Logan Thomas Killion
 Jordan Nichole Knowles
 Maya Ashana Krug
 Cale Christopher Kynett
 Logan Terrence Lalonde
 Helen Theresa Laub
 Emily Ann Lawrence
 Kaitlyn Tamily Lera
 Hunter Cole Levario
 Christine Leann Liddell
 John Gus Lister

SOPHOMORES

Dylan Troy Sullivan
 Jordan Danielle Sullivan
 Austin Christopher Sunderland
 Carissa Ashley Swan
 Nicole Keiko Terada
 Alex Jay Tessmann
 Bailey Jeanette Todd
 Emily-Chevaun Liahona Toskin
 Sineenat Trongvanichnam
 Samantha Shea Vardas-Doane
 Jacqueline Guadalupe Vela
 Jewel Manalo Verano
 Katarina Marie Vondruska
 Alexis Greer vonSchottenstein
 Melissa Barbara Voss
 Layne S Waggoner
 Jamie Nicole Walden
 Jennifer Georgia-Anne Weston
 Cooper Taylor Whittemore
 Nicholas Easton Wilkinson
 Payton Rebeka Williams
 Hannah Ruth Winans
 Montrashay Garnet Worley

JUNIORS

Julianna Marjorie Alire
 Katherine Louise Gwen Antti
 Joseph Randy Apone
 Austin Lee Bachman
 Loren Noah Bales
 Kyle Craig Barnes
 Kristina Marie Barnum
 Kinsey Nicole Bell
 Andrew Michael Bigam
 Kelsey Larissa Blotter
 Samuel Thomas Howe Bohannon
 Dakota Brook Boisseau
 Lia Irais Bordonaba
 Samantha Leanne Brown
 Ashley Brianna Cale
 Joshua Steven Cassity
 Betsy Castro Lopez
 Erica Dianne Chappell
 Rachel Chen
 Kathryn Grace Chieffo
 Brittany Babe Clark
 Casey Ann Connolly

Kellie Christine Hergenrader
 Leah Marie Heydman
 Hannah Cheyanne Higginson
 Parker Steven Hoshizaki
 Wesley James Hundley
 Jessica Jaramillo
 Kyle Alex Johnson
 Patrick Michael Johnson
 Molly Ellyce Jordan
 Ian Austin Kendrick
 Nicolas Ryan Kertesz
 Shreya Khosla
 Zachary David Kinder
 Mikayla Lauren Knight
 Louisa Carrol Landolt
 Morgan Christina Langford
 Ryan Paul Lippincott
 Rebecca Lynn Longcop Slater
 Rebeca Montserrat Lopez
 Dillon Marcelo Lopez
 Taylen Russell Lopez-Simms
 Savannah Danielle Lowther
 Tia Anabell Lutz
 Kimberly Jean Machart
 Destiny Joy Marin
 Corey Edward Markwardt-Abrijo
 Edward Leo Mason
 Darby Mikellie Mattinson
 Hannah Marlaray May
 William David McCreedy-White
 Kathryn Anne McCullough
 Courtney Laine McKimmey
 Bryana McNamara
 Isaac Medicine Crow
 Nicole Breanne Mendez
 Rocio Alexandra Meza
 Alejandra Mier
 Richard Quinn Wade Millar
 Shawn Ray Patrick Miller
 Kendra Marie Miller
 Zoya Alexandra Miller
 Connor Daniel Miller
 Marissa Nicole Mills
 Alicia Adelina Montes
 Shaelin Ann Morefield
 Brizzia Gabriela Munoz Robles
 Maria Abraham Munoz Robles

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 Lane Daniel Smith
 Ashley Elizabeth Snyder-Starr
 Kelly Roberta Sonnemann
 Taylor Michael Souza
 Haley Kathryn Steinbuck
 Sydney Christine Stoddard
 Madeline Weaver Strauss
 Paul Heath Sunseri
 Joseph Michael Swisher
 Carly Lynn Talia
 Cody Aaron Taylor
 Amber Lynn Taylor
 Katharine Angela Teigen
 Alexandria Ashley Testa
 Forest Sage Tims
 Matthew Alexander Tooker
 Stephanie Irene Trackman
 Ty William Tremaine
 Emily Danielle Tuggle
 Rebecca Diane Valentine
Tyler Wilson Van Den Berg
 Shelby Rae Van Winkle
 Camry Makenna Varble
 Despina Anna Velanis
 John Damon Votel
 Jack William Burr Wannemacher
 Jacob Michael Wartgow
 Jaden Ramsey Wass
 Whitney Oneida Weaver
 Stephanie Ann Williams
 Jeffrey Michael Williams
 Leah Marie Withrow
 Riley Zak Woodward
 Leslie Marie Wright

SENIORS

Aspen Kimberly Abbott
 Nichalas James Angelo
 Alexander Hayden Appel
 Phoebe Maureen Argon
 Christian Bryce Arzadon
 Lindsay J. Marie Babbitt
 Lauren Brooke Babbitt
 Taylor Rae Bailey
 Erica Lyn Baker
 Austin Christopher Ball

Shawna Louise Mikayl Grady
 Kaela.Lee Granados
 Lyrissa Raynelle Grant
 Jade Rose Graver
 Kristen Natalie Greenhut
 Connor Grant Greth
 Bailey Leeanne Gumm
 Dinadan Janus Gurney
 Jorge Ariel Gutierrez
 Geordan Louis Gutierrez
 Emily Kay Hales
 Phoebe Morgan Hamilton
 Branden Stacey Harris
 Alicia Fay Harrison
 Alina Jean Harwood
 Cody Ryan Hayes
 Jacob Tyler Hicks
 John Connor Holman
 April Hoogendijk
 Michael Alexander Hoyt
 Michael David Hoyt
 Phillip Lawson Hyland
 Brent Tyler John
 Nicholas Walter Johnson
 Kyle Jacob Johnston
 Sean Michael Jones
 Tera L Kannan
 Kevin William Kauffman
 Joel Arthur Kaufmann
 Holly Nicole Kerrigan
 James Andrew King
 Zachary Kirchoff
 Jacqueline Ann Koch
 Courtney Laine Kratz
 Camille Anais Labadie
 Kelsey Rachel Lalonde
 Gianna Natalia LaMaina
 Nina Charlotta Lehr
 Cyrus Avery Lentz
 Kendal Jade Liebowitz
 Brian Mathew Limacher
 Bowman Elliott Littrell
 Bailey Diane Lowe
 Breana Evelyn Aubrey Lummus
 Emilie Nicole Macias
 Richard Dean Mannschreck
 Lacey Marie Marsh

Diana Laura Regalado
 Sherose Danielle Renck
 Robert Wayne Resnik
 Savannah Kylie Roberson
 Aspen Summer Robinson
 Emily Elizabeth Rogers
 Cassandra Roxanne Rose
 Kaitlyn Paige Rublaitus
 Kyle Patrick Ruscigno
 Brenda Marie Sanchez-Hernandez
 Danielle Nicole Schmidt
 Nolan Michael Sheets
 Bailey Anne Sheets
 Susana Silva
 Meaghan Victoria Singer
 Meagan Elizabeth Skilling
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 Jennie Mae Stokes
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 Joseph Mustafa Syammach
 Samantha Courtney Szyoka-Lawson
 Alton Lee Ta
 Daisy Frances Tanner
 Samuel Kane Taylor
 Kari Lee TenBroeck
 Adrienne E Testa
 Dakota Joseph Thomas
 Matthew Cameron Tollefson
 Kelly Ann Tompkins
 Zachary Taylor Toomey
 Tamrah Michael Torres
 Kendall Marie Uber
 Hana M Vasquez-Stading
 Juliet Danelle Villanueva
 Alexis Nicole Weaver
 Nolan Jody Weintz
 Megan Breann Welch
 Matthias Phillip West
 Chase Edward White
 Jessica Anaya Wilson
 Charles Wesley Winans
 Emelie Cynthia Wurster
 Kendra Mae Wyrar
 Bryce Alexander Young
 Zayla Diane Zedlar

Douglas High School announces honor roll

Douglas High School's honor roll students who achieved a 3.25 or better for the first semester of the 2012-2013 school year.

SOPHOMORES

Olivia Ann Abbott
 Nicholas Shawn Balidoy Abreu
 Lindsey Gabrielle Adams
 Savannah Rae Allmett
 Nicole Monique Anderson
 Monica Winnie Little Swan Arnett
 Cassandra A. Avila
 Ariaah Celine Barth
 Haily Bennett
 Collin Ronald Bilger
 Warren Joseph Bottino
 Lara Noel Brown
 Montana Michael Buquoi
 Kalyn LaRee Campbell
 Alexander Anthony Cazares
 Holland Paige Chambers
 Chelsea Ann Chambers
 Cassidy Jeannine Champlin
 Vinsensius Kenny Christanto
 Aubrianna Cheyenne Clutts
 Kacey May Coleman
 Troy Timothy Collins
 Javier Alexis Contreras Gaytan
 Rebecca Clementina Corbett
 Hannah Coverley
 Samantha Ann Crawford
 Justin Samuel Crowall
 William Brian Cullen
 Cooper Thomas Cummings
 Daija Currey
 Katherine Anne Davis
 K.D. Nicole Hanne Dehnert
 Melissa Margaurite Downes
 Sedona Noel Ewbank
 Marlana Lynn Tate Ford

Carlos Guadalupe Lopez
 Bradley Jaxon Loshbough
 Isabella Maria Lundberg
 Conner Martin Lyman
 Connor Douglas Lyons
 Lydia Aracelli Marquez Iguado
 Skylar Kenneth Mattison
 Jessie Jo McBroom
Sarah Brittany Medicine Crow
 Karla Elizabeth Meza Armendariz
 Vania Irais Morocho Alvarez
 Kealy Lauren Moss
 Christopher James Mueller
 Raul Munoz
 Maria Paula Murillo Mejias
 Tesla Haleigh Neumann
 Holiday Grace Newton
 Shelbie Lynn Norrup
 Julia Sabina Nunez Funes
 Dominic Larry Palaroan
 Madison Elizabeth Parks
 Benjamin Isaiah Penwell
 Brandon Christopher Pierce
 Cole Alexander Pinther
 Caitlin Elizabeth Pupich
 Nina Joy Raymundo
 Heli Odett Rea
 Alyssa Ann Rickard
 Paxton Kira Roberson
 Kyle Joel Roundy
 Melissa Nicole Russell
 Yvesche Nicole Schlee
 Hannah Renee Schweigert
 Haley Michelle Severns
 Casey Daniel Shaffer
 Carmen Marie Shaw
 Megan McKensie Sheets
 Daisy May Spaniol
 Grant Lee Spurgeon
 Tyler Andrew Stammer
 Kai Mercedes Stoll
 Isa Lene Stoltenberg Frick

Juniors

Jocelyn Contreras
 Daisy Joy Cooley
 Tyler Douglas Cotton
 Cira Susan Craighead
 Morgan Leanne Crim
 Amy Lee Cullen
 Justine Lee Dale
 Trent Allen DeGiovanni
 Cody Michael DelSoldato
 Geneses Diaz
 Stephen Douglas Dowell
 Jesstyna Pauline Dressler
 Grant Joseph Dunkelman
 Wyatt Alan Eichhorst
 Matthew David Ellison
 Shelby LaVerne Ence
 Austin David Evans
 Myriah Dellarae Farmer
 Hale Bopp Gardner Fillmore
 Adam Louis Fitzgerald Wermes
 Kyler John Forbes
 Cassidy Anne Freitas
 Garrett Calvin Frels
 Brandi Lynn Marks Friesen
 Andrew Joseph Frost
 Samuel Richard Frost
 Jacob Allen Galliett
 Elissa Brienne Galvez
 Jessa Jane Gansberg
 Dylan Ronald Ghan
 Garrett Austin Gilbert
 Emily Susanna Gosselin
 Clara Anne Gray
 Dalton Daniel Grisell
 Emily Catherine Grove
 Maria Daisy Gudino-Cueva
 Olivia Kathleen Hall
 Savannah Jo Halow
 Natalie Rae Hancock
 Timothy Richard Hanifan
 Brandon Luke Harmon
 Kristen Mary Henie

Juniors

Rachel Anne Murphey
 Katherine Elizabeth Niday
 Ruby Jewel O'Kert
 Dane Cameron Olsen
 Chelsea Nicole Osborn
 Ashleigh Kahokualaka'i Ota
 Brandon Charles Pankey
 Maizey Lynn Parodi
 Shelby Louise Patterson
 Cole Charles Peck
 Chase Michael Penny
 Miguel Perez
 Keaton Evan Peters
 Annika Layne Peterson
 Alec Justin Pfaffenberger
 Ryan Hunter Philips
 Elizabeth Marie Phillips
 Naiya Rose Phillips
 Sage Augustine Pintler
 Dusten Charles Plante
 Hailee Mary Porras
 Jarret M Preston
 Shane David Pyle
 Christopher Martin Reichhold
 Marcus Javier Reyes
 Mason Everett Rhoads
 Garett Anthony Rice
 Bethany Ritchie
 Melinda Rose Roach
 Baylee Rae Robinson
 Esteicy Citlaly Rodriguez Gonzalez
 Lepolion Lewis Rose
 Aimee Nicole Ross
 Rebeca Mora Ruiz
 Benjamin David Sabin
 Matthew Robert Santos
 Isabella Francesca Scardi
 Skye Lynn Schilling
 Michelle Katherine Schilling
 Yvette Krishna Schlee
 John Richard Schroeder
 Garret Anthony Seward

Seniors

Carrina Yokoyama Bell
 Nicole Elizabeth Bennett
 Rachel Marie Bennett
 Cheyenne Nicole Bidart
 Forrest Ian Birmingham
 Kayla Renee Boldrick
 Sean Patrick Bridges
 Jenna Veronica Broussard
 Ollis Fisher Brown
 Illiana Michelle Brown
 Kimberly Alicia Bruner
 Desiree Nicole Cage
 Rachael Nichole Capalbo
 Nathan Matthew Carruthers
 Cody Jordan Carter
 Jordan Elizabeth Chappell
 Kathryn Lynn Clark
 Hayley Marie Cline
 Benjamin Hayes Cochran
 Miriam Rilla Corbett
 Carson Nicole Costa
 Marissa Danyel Cowan
 Jackson Robert Crawford
 Logan Scott Croxall
 Courtney Ashton Curcio
 Nicholas Myles Donat
 Emily Denise Downer
 Mariah Nicole Downs
 Michael Dean Doyle
 Kelsey Rose Endter
 Sasha Mae Ewbank
 Johannah Mae Farmer
 Madison Alexandra Fellows
 Amanda Jana Fencil
 Dustan Fisher
 Rayana Evelyn Fisher-Oleksak
 Kelsey Nicole Fraser
 Tara Frogget
 Jessica Athena Gardner
 Eunice Gil-Salinas
 Andrew Robert Godecke
 Ashley Anne Godine

Seniors

Jessica Sarah Martin
 Franda Lissette Martinez
 Shabrielle Lavette Mayer
 Kyle McDaniel
 Hunter Charles McEachin
 Shawnee Gale McFadden
 Taylor Nicole McKinnon
 Elizabeth Sheena McNeilly
 Marissa Ashley McRae
 Kaelin Ashley Mejia
 Cole Michael Melhus
 Joshua Jessie Mendez
 Benjamin Jeffrey Meyer
 Mitchell Dale Miller
 Brianna Eileen Millett
 Leticia Angelica Montes
 Darrell Kieth Morlan
 Nickolas Phillip Morris
 Cecilia Marie Morton
 Elizabeth Ilene Morton
 Michael Wayne Mullane-Miranda
 Manuel Benitez Murillo
 Jaden Cass Mustacchio
 Hunter Quinn Myers
 Nathan Austin Neeser
 Michael Calvin Nolting
 Molly Claire O'Farrell
 David Patten Ogles
 Daylin Jordan Nina Olson
 Noellani Pacheco Graciano
 Mackenzie Diane Parks
 Jacob Tyler Passas
 Samantha Sue Passot
 Gregory Alan Paul
 Aaliyah Marie Paxson
 Zachary James Pelcher
 Conner Peterson
 Aryana Nicole Petrosky
 Piper Judith Piper
 Trevor Price
 Mary Anglea Quiroga
 Cassidy Lynn Radtke

ALPINE

Sierra passes close for the winter

Staff Reports

Ebbetts, Monitor and Sonora passes closed for the winter this week, the latest they've closed in the last seven years.

"The weather conditions on the passes and road conditions are the determining factors for the closure," said Caltrans Maintenance Superintendent Jon Bevan.

"Caltrans closed the passes for the safety of motorists and Caltrans crews," said Bevan.

The California Department of Transportation closed State Route 4 over Ebbetts Pass, State Route 89 over Monitor Pass and State Route 108 over Sonora Pass. The recent storm and the upcoming weather predictions make it necessary to close these passes for the winter.

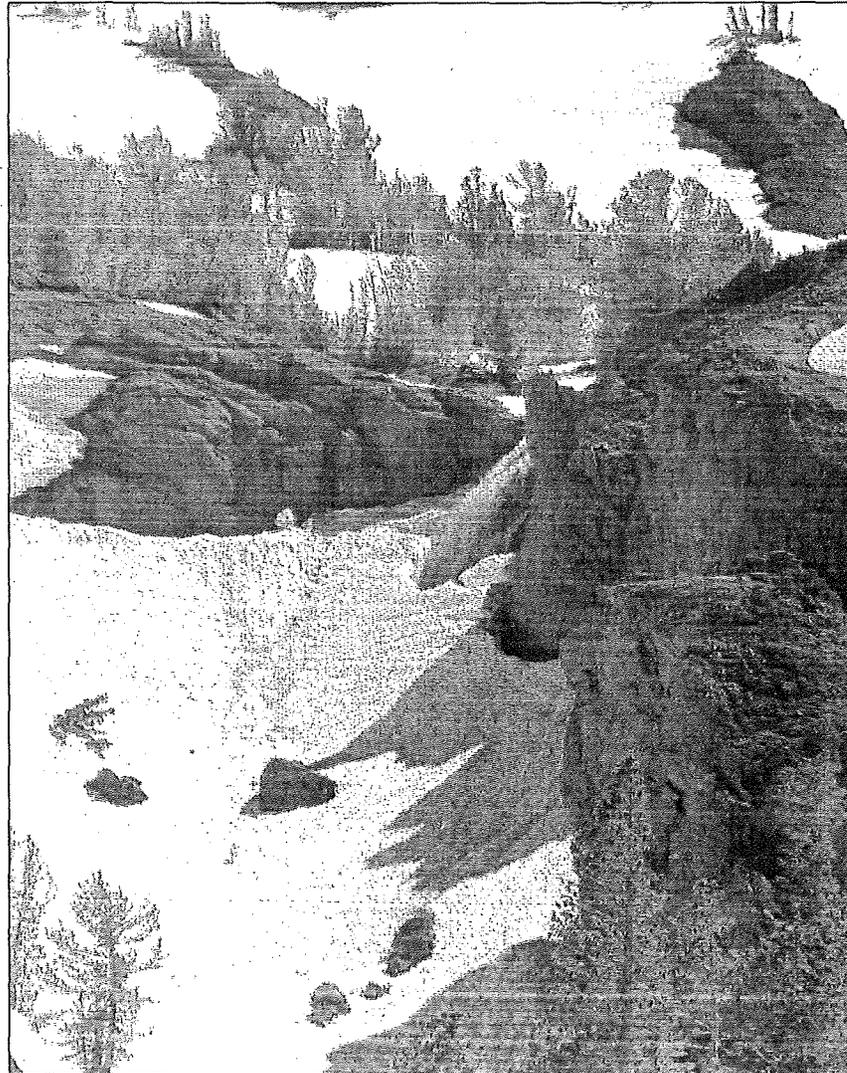
Of the three passes, Monitor was closed for the shortest amount of time, from Dec. 15 until April 29.

Ebbetts and Sonora pass-

es both closed around Thanksgiving in 2010. Sonora Pass reopened on May 27, 2011. Sonora Pass didn't reopen until June 7.

For the latest road condition information, tune your radio to the Caltrans Highway Advisory Radio at 530 AM or 1610 AM or call our Road Condition Hotline at 1-800-427-ROAD (7623). Changeable message signs with flashing beacons will have information regarding the pass closure.

Winter weather and road conditions can change rapidly. Motorists should expect the worst conditions and be prepared. All vehicles including those with four-wheel drive or snow tires should carry chains when traveling during snowy weather. If you don't have chains in your possession, you may not be allowed to proceed. When highway signs indicate that chains are required, you must stop and install chains or risk being cited and fined.



Sardine Creek Falls pours under the snow just below Sonora Pass in Mono County on July 3, 2011, less than a month after the pass opened last year.

Storm dumps 42 inches of snow on Kirkwood

Staff Reports

Last weekend's storm dumped more than 42 inches of snow at Kirkwood with the snow falling at an inch an hour through Monday morning.

"It has been a bit of a late start to the winter, but with the recent welcomed changes in the weather pattern, the resort is still optimistic that it will hit its seasonal snowfall total averages," says Jon Copeland, Director of Skier Services, at Kirkwood Mountain Resort.

Kirkwood Mountain Resort opened chair 10 "The Wall" as well as access to the backside and chair No. 4 within the week.

The snowfall totals reported on Kirkwood's website are pulled directly from a weather plot located at the base of the mountain and updated on an hourly basis.

"The snowiest months of the season still lay ahead," Copeland said. "Kirkwood has long been famous for its impressive snowfall totals and the resort is proud of its recent investment in the new weather and snowfall reporting systems."

Kurt Hildebrand