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Did you know Taco Samich is open for breakfast? They have a great selection of breakfast burritos with choice of ham, sausage, charizo or bacon (or have more than one meat for an additional charge) from 9 to 11 a.m., and a fresh salsa bar to compliment it. Pictured is Taco Samich's Sausage Breakfast Burrito with fresh red and green salsas from their salsa bar. [See their ad below.]



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Art Reception in Bear Valley Springs

Photo and article by Nick Smirnoff (NPPA)

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Opening day reception will be held in the Oak Tree Country Club in Bear Valley Springs tomorrow.

In past years fine art was displayed, all by local artists, in mediums such as Painting, Fused Glass, Ceramic Sculptures, Metal Sculptures and Photography.

Hours for Saturdays Reception are 4 to 6 p.m. Viewers have been large in

numbers and sales heavy during the early reception hours so plan to arrive early, as its lots to see in two hours.

Competition for purchase of art work can be very competitive and the early viewer gets the best choices for purchases.

Contact Tina Dille at 661-821-1262 for a gate pass to this gated community.

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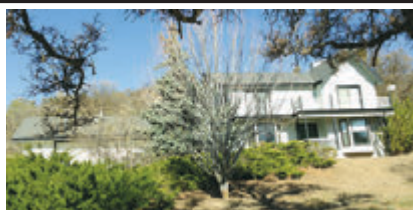
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Should I Refinance?

by Tammy Engel, Mortgage Advisor

Yep, interest rates are higher than they were this time last year, and those who have already refinanced might have caught the market at a good time. It's about more than just a rate. The structure of your loan merits attention, too.

Does your current loan have mortgage insurance?

That's the monthly amount you pay on behalf of the lender in case of your future foreclosure. If you had less than 20% equity at the time of your loan, or if you took an FHA loan, you are probably paying MI.

Check your mortgage statement for details about how your last payment was applied: Is there any reference to PMI or MIP?

If your answer is "yes", your next question is for your tax professional. In prior years under certain circumstances, mortgage insurance premiums were considered a tax write off.

You'll want to know if you are getting a tax break for paying this additional monthly amount.

The higher your income, the less likely you are to get this tax advantage. And since Congress amends the tax rules about this write-off each year, even if you've received the break in the past, it's no guarantee you'll have it in the future.

Lastly, even though your loan

documentation probably had a disclosure about how to get out of MI, your loan servicer doesn't have to participate.

In days long since past, you could provide an updated appraisal to your loan servicer and if values had increased enough they would remove your mortgage insurance.

Since the mortgage meltdown, that happens much less frequently.

If your current loan has mortgage insurance you might benefit from refinancing now by writing a new loan with no MI.

A review of recent comparable sales would give an idea about your current equity position.

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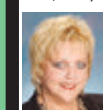
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Meet Your New Neighbors

by Pat Doody

Gladys Ennis has come to the Tehachapi area from Camarillo, Calif. where she had lived for fourteen years. Although she enjoyed coastal living, she decided to join her daughter Jackie and family in the mountains. Everyone pitched in to help Gladys unpack her three Pods.

Gladys has an extensive business background is real estate. She spent 30 years working with Southern California real estate developers as a sales manager and, at one time, she even managed a tract in Bakersfield.

Gladys was born near Omaha, Nebraska, the fourth of six children. They were brought up in an urban setting and she is very quick to remind you that not all of Nebraska is farming. She left Nebraska at the age of sixteen but still has relatives there. She also has two brothers who are now in Modesto and Cleveland. She has three children. Her son John and his family live in Eureka. Her daughter, Kathy, and her family live at Lake Malibu, an area where Gladys herself once lived. However, it is Jackie and her family who are close by. Jackie has a grown son and daughter and they have given Gladys her six great-grandchildren.

Gladys says that over the years she has seen most of the United States and Europe. Her husband was in the military so she had the opportunity to live in Germany for a while. He eventually went on to practice real estate law.

Playing golf is one of her passions. Gladys belongs to a nine-hole group and an 18-hole group in Stallion Springs. She is also a Red Hat and has started a group in her area. I was surprised to learn that Tehachapi actually has ten or twelve such groups. She would also like to form a Mah Jongg group if she can find enough interest. She would prefer not to have to teach it but realizes that she may have to in order to get a group going. With all these activities going on in her life and visits with her family, I know she will never be bored. Welcome to Tehachapi, Gladys, and I'm sure we will be hearing more from you.

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When **Lottie Ahrens'**

doctors told her that she should no longer live alone and could no longer live in Bakersfield due to the air quality, her grandson and granddaughter-in-law, Bruce and Allison Russell, decided that the whole family should move to Tehachapi, where the air is much cleaner. They found the perfect house quicker than they thought and made the move in March. The family had lived in Bakersfield for the last four years. Bruce works in the oil fields and is still commuting daily, leaving for work in the middle of the night. Allison is the family's social director.

Lottie was raised in Porterville and Delano, the sixth of seven children. She says that she can remember picking figs in the Central Valley at the age of three. She married a sailor and moved to San Diego in 1959 where she lived for 54 years and raised her family. She has three children, five grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

Before moving to Bakersfield, Bruce and Allison lived in the Temecula area and all four of their girls were born in San Diego. Allison grew up in Ramona which is also near San Diego. Her grandparents who have been married 47 years still live in Manatee. At one time Allison worked for ACS Call Center dealing with student loans but now she is way too busy keeping the family organized. Their oldest girl, Shayla, is almost 21 and no longer lives at home. However Kyleigh (14), Makenly (11) and Halle (8) keep Allison on her toes.

According to Lottie, Allison loves to rearrange furniture and is likely to do so at any time, which can be very confusing for the rest of the family.



Building Tehachapi

by City Manager Greg Garrett

One of the best things about being the City Manager of this great city is that I have seen the improvements we've made over time. I can be proud that we've delivered projects that, I believe, have increased the quality of life for the residents of Tehachapi. What's more, our team is working every day to develop future improvements that I know we will all be proud of as we continue our community's forward progress.

In the last decade, we have designed, funded, and constructed over \$20 million in public improvements. These projects have included water, wastewater, stormwater, roads, parks, cultural facilities and more. Each and every one was carefully planned with community input, designed by excellent professionals, and then constructed primarily with grant funds that allow us to stretch our modest City funds into something much greater. In the past three years alone, our small staff at City Hall has delivered over \$10 million of those projects, including needed improvements to our wastewater treatment facility, the construction of a creatively designed police headquarters that will serve future Tehachapi residents for decades to come, enhancements to the Tehachapi Event Center, and numerous road improvement projects.

I tell you these things both because I'm proud of our accomplishments, but also because I know there is plenty more to do. Despite obtaining more than our share of grant funds for road maintenance projects, our overall asphalt pavement condition is still deteriorating. This is a problem throughout California because of legislative decisions that have diverted funding for roads to other areas. To address this issue, we have catalogued every roadway in the City and measured current pavement conditions. This inventory

From Our City Manager

is now being evaluated to identify roadways where limited funds can be maximized through the appropriate pavement rehabilitation methods.

Statewide drought conditions are also highlighting the need in every California community to reduce potable water demands and in order to create a more sustainable future. Tehachapi is ahead of the power curve with a completed design for a wastewater plant that can produce higher quality recycled water. We have also begun developing a recycled water master plan. Through this process we will create the roadmap to fund and construct recycled water improvements throughout the City.

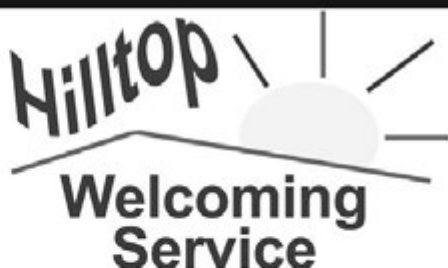
It's not just plans that are being developed, we're still building too. This year, we will be completing additional pavement reconstruction on Tehachapi Blvd., constructing Challenger Drive to connect Capital Hills to Dennison Road, we'll be constructing intersection and pedestrian improvements near Tompkins Elementary, converting potable water uses to recycled or ag water uses, and many more. Information about these projects, and an outline of our future plans, are all available on the City website at www.tehachapacityhall.com.

Thank you as always for your support of our City. With your support, we can continue to deliver great projects and great services that will continue to advance our quality of life. If you ever have any questions or comments regarding anything happening in the City of Tehachapi, I encourage you to call me at 661-822-2200 or contact me at ggarrett@tehachapacityhall.com.



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Gift of Presence

by Liz R. Kover, Marley's Mutts Dog Rescue

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The short answer is that after all we do and all we see and the stories we hear in a day's work with Marley's Mutts Dog Rescue, we are utterly exhausted. The longer answer explains how I believe it is that we are able to go to bed exhausted, but not defeated. How we are able to get up the following morning and do it all over again.

In animal rescue, the work is never done and is often horrific, so – one might wonder – do we desensitize ourselves to the implicit negatives that are the inevitable side effect of caring? No, because that would mean deadening ourselves to feeling. Not just to pain but to all of it. And I am firm believer that we are here – having this sublime and surreal human experience – for the distinct purpose of feeling our emotions. Not just some of them but all of them.

Then, how do we manage the overflow

It's A Dog's Life

of emotion we feel at seeing dogs that have been dumped and burned and hanged and beaten and injured and discarded? We use it as fuel. We use the anger and sadness that could hold us back to instead propel us forward. We take conscious action to set our spirits free when we can, in an effort to maintain balance. For it is only when we practice sustainable use of our energy that we are of any benefit to the animals.

Personally? I run. I do yoga. I listen to stand-up comedy. I make photo and video art. I walk and hike and blade and board with dogs. I laugh and love; hurt and cry. I study and learn. I create and write. I grieve and heal. I'm working on lucid dreaming.

I love every dog that comes into my care – freely and completely – regardless of how long they are with me or under what circumstance. I try to stay in the moment; the central, constant now, inside which I am able to see the beauty in every single experience life has to offer – pleasant or unpleasant. The moment is always fleeting, but it is where dogs exist. It is from this place that dogs give us the gift of presence: theirs and our own.



Tulie, a black Labrador puppy, has fun in the snow with her Treatstick treat dispensing toy from Canine Creek. Photo provided.

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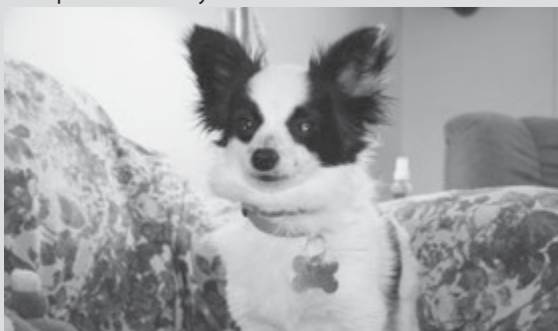


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Squeekers is a 4ish lb. 10-11 mos. Papillon Mix. A tiny guy that thinks he is the biggest guy on the block, always has tail wagging telling everyone hello so happily (including other dogs) and absolutely makes your heart laugh all day long! Squeekers loves to trot his tiny butt around sharing your day. He is so tiny, completely cute and vivacious, he'll need a family with older children since he can easily get himself in trouble if he is not watched with all the puppy guards of responsible family care.



Kipper

Kipper, a 2 yr. young Aussie Shep Mix is the perfect pet to fill your heart for all types of families! Playful, cuddly, very sweet, Kipper shows us his loving devotion every day always hoping we'll love him as much as he shares his love with us and his playmates. Warm, snuggly and loving is everything Kipper is. He is waiting to find someone who will simply share his warm love with his very special heart.



Romeo

Romeo, approx 2 yr. male, American Eskimo/ Chihuahua Mix, is the instantly perfect pet for all types of families and playmates! Romeo loves to play, cuddle and will absolutely tickle your heart with his playful antics, warm love and magical spirit.



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Pansy

The little tyke is **Pansy**. She is the largest of her 3 siblings— all Chihuahua mixes. She is 6 weeks old and will be ready to be introduced to the world in two weeks!

She's too cute for words, all puppy breath and snuggles. We took her pregnant mom from SPCA in Bakersfield and mom has a fabulous temperament.



Allie

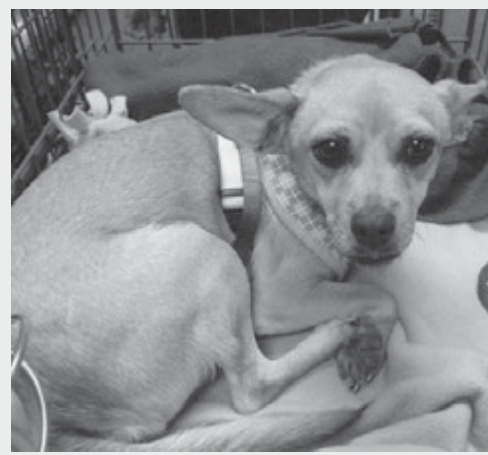
Our **Allie** is a 6 year old (approx.) Heinz 57. She loves to go for walk and car rides.

She is housetrained, good with other dogs and cats. Her foster mom says she will romp and play with another playful dog and that she dances for her meals. Otherwise, she is affectionate, and quiet and likes to stay close to her human.



Puppy Puppy

Puppy Puppy is 15 months old. He is an extremely loving, cuddly, mix-breed boy who has been raised around kids, other dogs and cats. He weighs approx. 9 lbs and is full grown. He is very playful and fun to be around.



We're the proud sponsors of Tehachapi's Low Cost Spay, Neuter and Vaccination Clinics. Clinics are funded by donations and grants. Our goal is to make Tehachapi the first No-Kill community in Kern County. Spaying & neutering pets helps stop them from getting out and running the streets and it's the **only** way to stop the mass killing of pets in Kern County. 20,100 dogs and cats died needlessly in 2012! The clinics can only continue as long as there are funds to support them. If you're interested in donating toward a clinic, want to help our foster pets, would like to receive our fabulous newsletter, email haveaheart@bak.rr.com. We also invite you to visit our webpage at <http://www.petfinder.com/shelters/CA1573.html> or join us on Facebook.

Layla

This lovely little lady's name is **Layla**. She was found stray and pregnant in Bakersfield. She is approximately 4 years old, and recently had 6 puppies. She is very sweet and her favorite place is a warm lap. She is her foster mom's little shadow, and did a superb job of taking care of her babies. She always let her fosters or anyone else handle the pups and help her out without a problem. She loves people and does well with kids as long as she isn't scared from loud noises or sudden movements. We aren't sure how Layla would fare with cats; but with a strong pack

leader, and some active play and socialization with other animals, we are sure Layla will be a fantastic canine companion to any family. For adoption applications, please visit www.marleysmutts.com.



Niki

Niki is a happy little girl, who has managed to become a member of her "foster pack" in record time. She and her Chihuahua foster-sister,

Mia, have bonded and Niki washes Mia's face & ears every night. It is surprising how quick she gets around in spite of her big cast! Niki has so much love to give. She is great with every person and dog she has come in contact with. She has no aggression or fear whatsoever. Her relationship with my 13 year-old cat is one of mutual indifference. She is content with sitting on a lap or just hanging out with the other dogs. She is a good eater -- a little messy, but I find it endearing. This kid's future is looking bright! If you are interested in Niki, please visit www.marleysmutts.com for her adoption application.



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Carina



Carina is a pretty black female born late in 2010. She has natural ears and a docked tail. She was rescued from a rescue that had become overwhelmed. Poor Carina appears to have been confined most of her life: she does not seem to know anything about anything, has no training, has large calluses on her legs, and she appears to be dog-aggressive, all of which tell a tale of physical and social deprivation. Carina's a project dog that needs someone willing to put in lots of time and care to help her adjust to the world. Her temperament seems basically sound and she likes people, so training and socialization will bring her around.



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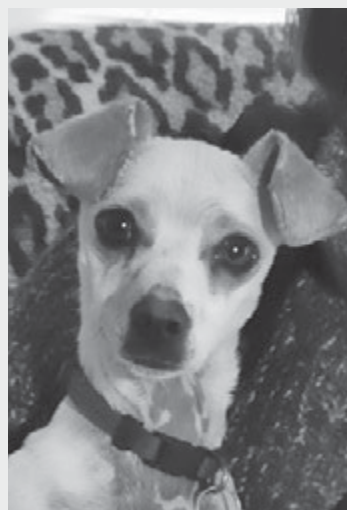
Rocky

Rocky is a tan colored 8 month 8 pound male Terrier mix puppy who likes kids and plays well w/others. To adopt Rocky in to your heart and forever home, wait no further: Call Aleshia, 661-750-1409, or Save Tehachapi's Orphaned Pets (STOP) 661-823-4100, menu #2. (Special \$50 Adoption Fee (to qualified applicants).



Betty Davis

Betty Davis Eyes is 2 year young, 10 pound gentle, sweet female Jack Russell Terrier mix, who is waiting just for you to provide her with a well-deserved 2nd chance at life. To adopt sweet Betty with such pretty eyes, call Aleshia, 661-750-1409, or Save Tehachapi's Orphaned Pets (STOP) 661-823-4100, menu #2 (Special \$50 Adoption Fee (to qualified applicants).



Scout

Scout is an adorable 8 month 9 pound male Terrier mix puppy with a beautiful black silky coat, likes kids and plays well w/others. To adopt your loyal friend, Scout, by all means: Call Aleshia, 661-750-1409, or Save Tehachapi's Orphaned Pets (STOP) 661-823-4100, menu #2. (Special \$50 Adoption Fee (to qualified applicants)



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All animals are living with foster families and are only available for visits by appointment. Please leave a message and we will return your call as soon as we can.

Savannah



Savannah is a very dark chocolate point Siamese s/f 6 years. She was abandoned in the local high school. She was probably a senior's pet and something happened to them. She is very low energy and should probably be the only pet. She loves to be brushed, and has beautiful blue eyes that are crossed sometimes. She is really a great and beautiful cat.

Scruffy

Scruffy is a Wirehaired Doxie/yorkie mix. He has been neutered and is micro chipped.



He is current on all of his shots, house trained and crate trained. He walks on a leash and is good in the car. He gets along with all of his foster sisters and brothers, and loves to be held and brushed.

Merlin

Merlin, declawed and about 11 is a great, mellow fellow! He accepts all two legged ones as friends no matter what age they are! He gets along great with dogs (likes to play with them if they are willing) and cats. He does like to go outside with you for a little while, but sticks close to his person. He definitely wants to sleep with you and likes getting under the covers. We had a benign cyst removed from the skin on his back, had a tooth pulled, his teeth cleaned and a booster shot, so he is Vet checked as very



healthy. Merlin has a lot of love and good years left to give to someone. Would that someone be you?



Teams Needed

by Duana Pera, Event Chair for Tehachapi Relay for Life 2014

The 2014 Tehachapi Relay for Life has kicked off and teams are needed! Teams make Relay, and it is the Teams who raise funds for research so that we may have more Survivors on the track and in our lives.

Relay is a Team Event sponsored by the American Cancer Society. For 24 hours teams of one to 100 walk the track at Jacobsen Middle School in honor of or in memory of all those who have fought cancer; cancer never sleeps and neither do the teams.

Today, two out of three cancer patients will survive cancer and we **celebrate** at Relay by honoring our Survivors with the opening lap on Saturday morning. For most that attend Relay this lap is one of their favorite moments; to see all the purple shirts walking the opening lap solidifies why we Relay and why we keep hoping for a cure.

Relay for Life

Relay is also about Remembrance; the Teams also gather in the evening to remember all our loved ones who are no longer with us. The Luminara Ceremony is the most powerful moment at Relay, and strengthens our resolve to finish the fight!

Relay meetings are every second Thursday of the month and everyone is welcome to attend and find out about Relay for Life. The next meeting is April 10 starting at 5:30 p.m. at Carden School on Brian Way.

To find out more information about the Tehachapi Relay for Life and forming a team, please go to www.relayforlife.org/tehabapica or call Tracy at 661-805-5210 or Lynda Frerichs at 661-823-7525.

Teams can be formed from now until Relay, so log on now and join the fight!

Willowcraft: How the Kawaiisu Used Arroyo Willow

by Charles White

On Saturday, April 19, Jon Hammond will lead a field trip and workshop as part of the "Native Plants in Native Culture" series at Tehachapi Mountain Park from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This installment is called "Willowcraft" and participants will be taught some of the many traditional Kawaiisu Indian uses for Arroyo Willow, including hands-on lessons in making a willow mat and a willow stirring tool, and stories and folklore about Kawaiisu lifeways.

This workshop will take participants outdoors so that they can learn to identify and harvest plants in their natural settings, and Jon will introduce Kawaiisu plant names. There will be a plant identification walk and time for a picnic, as well as the hands-on willow workshop. Those attending should bring their own bag lunches or food to barbecue as there will be a barbecue grill in use.

The great outdoors served as the "supermarket" to the Kawaiisu for thousands of years, and they still enjoy many of its offerings to this day including acorns, pine nuts, elderberries and wild parsley. All their "kitchen" tools were also created from natural resources such as flint for blades, stones bowls for mortars, and willow/deer grass for cooking baskets. You may have seen some of the stone mortar holes in the rocks around Tehachapi. The Kawaiisu put acorn flour mixed with water into deep round baskets, dropped in heated stones, and stirred quickly until the food came to a boil and thickened like a pudding. The stirring tool, called a chikurinübü (pronounced "chi-kuri-nuba") was created by bending

a green stick into a loop and tying it with plant fibers. Those who attend the Saturday workshop will have an opportunity to create a chikurinübü as well as a small willow mat, which had a variety of uses around a Nuwa kahni (house).

Tehachapi Heritage League is partnering with the Kawaiisu Language and Cultural Center for this event. KLCC will work with Luther Girado, a fluent Kawaiisu speaker, to create a language CD for the workshop. It will include Kawaiisu names of plants and short phrases that describe them and the processes used to make food, tools and medicine from plants. Each workshop participant will receive a CD to take home.

Class size is limited and reservations are suggested. Tickets for adults are \$15 each and can be purchased at the Tehachapi Museum during regular hours (Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays, from Noon to 4 p.m.) or by calling the museum at 661-822-8152 and leaving a message. People 18 or younger may attend free of charge, but should still make a reservation. The museum is located at 310 S. Green St. Tehachapi, CA. You can get to Tehachapi Mountain Park by taking Highline Road to Water Canyon Road, then following the signs 3.4 miles to the county park. Participants will meet at the wishing well and pond. Remember to bring your own lunch and a pocketknife. There will be a different chapter in the "Native Plants in Native Culture" series on May 17 at a new location, so keep an eye open for the announcement or go to the Calendar page on www.kawaiisu.org.



A traditional Kawaiisu stirring tool made from Arroyo Willow. Photo by Jon Hammond.

TVAA is Putting Art Back in the Classroom



Tehachapi Valley Arts Association recently learned how little funding for art is available for the local schools. With this information at hand TVAA's mission was to put art back in the classroom. They began by collecting "wish lists", from art teachers and had a phenomenal response.

After hours of online shopping and several days of transit time the TVAA storeroom looked like Christmas in the spring.

Tables were overflowing with gallons of tempera paints, glue, sets of oil pastels, crayons, markers, play dough, pom-poms, jars of glitters, reams of rainbow of construction paper, colored pencil classroom sets, tissue paper, craft sticks, pounds of buttons and two hundred sets of watercolors.

TVAA delivered the supplies and the teachers were surprised and thrilled the supplies came so quickly.

The purchase of the supplies was made possible by contributions from TVAA and generous local businesses who supported the 2013 TVAA Chalk on the Walk event with their \$100 sponsorships. TVAA would like to thank Cal Portland Cement; Grunge Hobbit Art Studio; The Loop; Tehachapi Candle Co; Shannon Hill, Allstate Insurance-Bakersfield; Rob Hill, Allstate Insurance-Bakersfield; Linda Clough, ReMax Tehachapi; Hungry Howie's Pizza; Michael B. Jones, DDS; Dalias Boutique; Bank of the Sierra; Tehachapi Tax Service; Better Ledger; Terry & Charmaine Livingston; Skylark North Glider School; Snow Orthodontics and Mainstreet Tehachapi.

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What’s in a Name, Anyway?

by Pat Gracey

When I was in school, and perhaps today also, the students figure out clever, witty and often a stupid simile to fit our initials or to create a rhyme. I was Pat Davis, so I was named Police Department or Patty Watty. My daughter was Ellen Gracey, so she was “Ellen, Ellen, watermelon.” How about “Tony, Tony, macaroni!” How about “Silly Lilly?” It could probably be termed as abuse today, but in my day it was just what we did.

Students were also identified by their accomplishments; sometimes loosely called talents. When I was in Kindergarten (in Mojave) our teacher was Mrs. Plank, another funny name. She was a widow with two children; Miriam and Paul. Miriam was ahead of me two grades but Paul was only four. Mrs. Plank brought him to school each day because he was no trouble to speak of and it eliminated a baby sitter. Paul, however, knew how to stand on his head. What an accomplishment! Sometimes in the moments before the dismissal bell we watched Paul do his trick. I never could stand on my head but my brother could.

Speaking of accomplishments, the Yates Twins were in our class. Identical twins that could fool anyone trying to tell them apart, except us, their classmates. They were much alike but different in facial expression even though the features were the same. We called them William (not Bill) and Dick (not Richard). The Yates Twins could wiggle their ears; both ears at the same time! Sometimes, Mrs. Webb, our Fifth Grade teacher would occasionally let the twins show off their talent for us during the very last minutes of class time.

They, the twins, used to perform little boxing matches during the Fourth of July celebration. There were never any knockouts; just judges decisions. Local boxing fans used to admire their ability and their footwork and after the match people would throw money into the ring. One time Dick could not get his boxing glove off and William got most of the money. I am sure they had to divide it equally, though.

The same grammar school, later called Wells, was a lovely new building when we attended. I began in 1937 after we moved to Tehachapi when I was nine and in the Fourth Grade. It had been built just two years before in 1935 for the astounding cost of \$43,000!

It was a beautiful school architecturally and the Fifth, Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Grade classrooms faced the city park which afforded a lovely view. Teachers, often, had to remind us to get back to work and stop staring out the windows. Maybe that’s why schools today have no windows. Local man Hugh Vasquez, another of my classmates, remembers the fine slate blackboards and the roomy cloak rooms for our lunch boxes and coats. He and I shared a few good laughs when I called him for some information today. We especially remembered the fun times at school, both Grammar and good old Tehachapi High.

The Spirit of Tehachapi

A well remembered fact from Wells were the wonderful names some of the teachers had. What fun we had making rhymes that we did not openly tout. Mr. Wells, was the Principal and it was only his second year when I came but he had a funny name (to us). I used one of the names we had for him in one of my columns: “Wells bells!” I am sure the boys had another adjective for his name, also.

Of course, one of our favorite names was the Sixth Grade Teacher, Mr. Duck. Mr. Duck’s wife had a baby boy and the rumor was he had named it Donald, but of course he had not. Many years later, his wife died and he married a former THS teacher, Phoebe Cale. That’s a good rhymers too, but we were out of school by that time.

Mrs. Webb, as aforementioned, was a wonderful, pretty lady, and we loved her. Besides the “three Rs,” she taught us manners, poetry, folk dancing and how to get along with each other. She could always pick something about you that was good and mention it to you. She liked my stories.

There is always, in all classes, a camaraderie that develops that is almost family-like and is noticed by both students and teachers. Our class was no exception, and we had our own brand of humor and even a sense of protection, if something was amiss.

It was about 1939 that Miss Hood came to teach First Grade. Naturally, we did not see much of her except that she had an unusual name. She taught us, once a week, a class in Arts and Crafts, a subject in which she possessed great talent. She always called me “Patty” and I continued to feel like her student, even after I was an adult, until one afternoon, some years later, I had to bring her some crafts items for some project on which she was working. She was already retired by that time. When I came to her door, she said, “Come in, Patty,” and I still felt like her student. But, after several minutes of conversation we finally clicked and I left as her friend; no longer her pupil. Her married name was Gladys Chabre who taught generations of Tehachapi children.

There was a Miss Horn, a gorgeous blonde, who didn’t last long but her name was funny to us. She played a mean piano and somebody married her and she left. Hugh Vasquez did not remember Miss Horn but he asked me if I recalled a young Kindergarten teacher who came when we were in eighth grade: Jane Edwards. She had no funny name but was “drop dead gorgeous” and didn’t stick around long either.

There was a Miss Walton whom we couldn’t make much of except “Miss Walnut” but she taught the whole school music. That’s who taught us to read music, taught us to sing harmony and introduced historical, patriotic and just pretty songs for us to sing.

Even as an adult I was given names by some friends. The late Bobby Lee Smith (called Fox Tail) used to call me Patty Lou. Joan Johnson sometimes calls me “Patsy,” a name nobody else ever gave to me before. The late, Bert McLaughlin (many of my friends are “late” these days) used to call me “Paderewski.” I think I liked that one best of all.

As the years go by the things that were silly and funny remain only as very dear, good memories, and that’s how it should be.



Easter and the Healing of Wounded Souls

by Father Wes Clare of St. Jude's Church

This season, as our culture focuses on bunnies laying chocolate eggs and the festive reflections of springtime, is a powerful reminder of hope. It emerges to bless any soul in need of healing, including our warriors touched by the challenges of combat operations. In the course of our lives; any one of us can face personal trauma.

For our veterans, trauma from combat brings the conflicting feelings of grief, anger, embarrassment and pride. The grief and anger often comes from the loss of fellow warriors, of innocent lives and sometimes lost relationships at home. Embarrassment comes from a sense of weakness tied to needing help or of recurring struggles over tragic memories. Often missing in our culture is the sense of dignity associated with hardship – especially suffering for the sake of others –, and the strength discovered in healing. Easter offers a strong reminder of this, making the message of Redemption deeper and more joyful than Easter Egg hunts and bunnies.

Holy Week is the high point of the Christian calendar, even more than Christmas. This is because it is all about getting a second chance in life and not merely getting gifts. Holy Week starts with Palm Sunday, which commemorates Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem and the events leading to His death on the Cross. Maundy Thursday focuses on the Last Supper, where Jesus washed His disciples’ feet and then told them that He would soon die and rise again. Good Friday commemorates the most significant event in human history, the death of Jesus on the Cross – when the debt of guilt for the sins of all mankind was paid for, voluntarily, to fulfill both the justice and mercy of God once and for all. Easter overshadows Good Friday, because the Resurrection of Jesus proves this redemption and the life to come is real. Popular culture today portrays God as distant, arbitrary, even cruel. The mercy of the Cross proves otherwise.

Warriors I encounter in my ministry as a National Guard Chaplain, as well as parishioners with regrets from the past, often ask me how God could ever forgive them for mistakes from long ago. Some of these friends have hung onto these spiritual wounds for decades.

“What ifs” and “if onlys” haunt the

soul, even the faces of lost friends or terrible scenes of the past visit those who have endured much. When we nurse our regrets, how can we possibly find a second chance?

The death of Jesus had to be terrible because our guilt is terrible. Looking on His suffering, how can anyone claim to be such a mighty sinner that such suffering is not enough? St. Athanasius, in the Fourth Century, taught that the divinity of Jesus shows His sufficiency to die for us, just as His humanity lets Him represent us on that Cross. This is more than symbolism and more than some mere example of love.

His death can’t be loving anyway unless it achieves something. We call this transaction of Justice “Substitutionary Atonement”. We owe the debt, but He paid it for us. It is the heart of the Christian Faith.

The Resurrection of Jesus shows this to be real, because it proves His sovereignty even over death. Thus Christians know that He lives, and when He promises new life, He delivers. This is why Easter is so important, and why every Sunday is a mini-Easter throughout the year.

What better antidote to the despair faced by a wounded soul. Warriors are reminded of the dignity of suffering for the sake of others. Grief from the past is healed by a relationship of faith that reveals mercy. A new life is built, gratitude known, and pain is translated into ministry toward others who are wounded too. This is what makes Easter special, and it is sweeter than all the chocolate bunnies in the world!

Fr. Wes Clare is the Rector of St. Jude’s in the Mountains Anglican Church. He is also the State Chaplain for the California National Guard and the Wing Chaplain for the 144th Fighter Wing in Fresno. He hosts a veterans’ fellowship dinner at the church every Saturday at 5:30 p.m., called “The Landing Zone”. He is a combat veteran from Desert Storm and also deployed to Iraq in 2009 as a chaplain.

Holy Week Schedule

Maundy Thursday Holy Eucharist – April 17, 6:30 p.m.

Good Friday Service with the Stations of the Cross – April 18, Noon and 6:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday Holy Eucharist – April 20, 8 a.m. and 10:15 p.m.



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Big Bang News

by Mark 'Doc' Fisher

About 14 billion years ago the universe came into existence with the Big Bang.

Early in process the universe was too hot for matter to form and there was a fairly uniform "glow".

As the universe expanded it cooled. You can think of compressed gas in a can being released, like spray paint or cooking spray, as the gas expands it cools off.

After a while things cooled down so that matter could start forming.

That "glow" is still around. It too has cooled off, to just a few degrees, but it comes from everywhere as its discovery was some of the first, best, evidence for the Big Bang.

That "glow" is called the cosmic microwave background radiation (CMB). If the "glow" was uniform then how did we end up with matter clumping into stuff. Well NASA put up a couple of observatories and showed that the CMB actually had some variation in it.

The Big Bang is well accepted as what happened, but there are always details to work out. Back in the 70s, it was noticed that there were problems with the Big Bang. Some of the things that were predicted, weren't found, so an addition to the Big Bang theory was made. That was of "inflation". Not the other kind of inflation that was big in the 70s, but a theory that shortly after the Big Bang, (and I do mean shortly 10-32 seconds after, and that's small) the universe had a short period where it expanded quickly (faster than the speed of light).

While inflation did help explain some things, science grows by confirming predictions. One of the predictions that were made about inflation was that gravitational waves would have caused a certain type of polarization of the CMB. These predictions were made years ago (back in the 80s).

Well, just recently BICEP2, a special telescope built down near the South Pole, released a report where the polarization was confirmed. This has provided good evidence for the hypothesis that this period of inflation occurred shortly after the Big Bang happened.

That's the way science is supposed to work. People come up with a hypothesis and from that hypothesis they make

Lost in the Stars

predictions.

Things that can be measured. At least in theory. Sometimes you have to wait a while before technology catches up so the devices can be built that can measure the effect that was predicted, but then you or other scientists make the measurements and determine if the predictions were true or not.

If the predictions were found to be true, then the hypothesis gets some confirming evidence. Once enough evidence is found that the not believing that the hypothesis is true is silly, the hypothesis graduates up to a scientific theory.

Which unlike the vernacular is a pretty prestigious class of scientific ideas. (In science, saying "It's just a theory" is a good way to get you laughed at. You're not using the word the way scientists do.)

Right now, we might still be wondering about the wacky idea of cosmic inflation. For now the scientists that hypothesized it have some evidence to back them up. I think I can hear them saying "Bazinga" right now.

If you would like to let me know what you think, send me an email at mathnerde+loop@gmail.com. If you would like links to additional information or comment, visit my blog at <http://mathnerde.blogspot.com/>.



Are You Ready for the Summer?

Are you overweight? Does your back hurt too?

How to calculate your Body Mass Index: (BMI)

$$= \frac{(\text{Weight in Pounds}) * 703}{(\text{Height in Inches} * \text{Height in Inches})}$$

Normal BMI = 18.5 – 24.9

Overweight = 25.0 – 29.9

Obese = 30.0 and above

Unless you are one of those people that work out every day, chances are that you need more exercise. Exercise is so good for our health and helps prevent so many diseases that you can hardly get too much. The fact is that a vast majority of people don't get enough exercise. The Center for Disease Control claims that 65% of Americans are overweight and of those some 30% are considered obese. You can have a slim build and still not be getting enough exercise to maintain optimum health, so you can see that most of us would benefit from getting off the couch more often.

One of the best ways to determine if you are overweight and need exercise is to calculate your body mass index (BMI). You can use the formula above. The BMI formula is fairly accurate but if you are really fit athlete and/or work out a lot it may wrongly show you to be overweight. Most overweight people have extra fat around their stomach or waist which we sometimes call a "spare tire". This type of fat is particularly bad for your health and is associated with higher levels of triglycerides in the blood, higher insulin levels and higher blood pressure. It increases

Dr. Brady - the 'Spine Guy'

the risk of coronary artery disease and type 2 diabetes. So, if your waist measurements are getting up there around 37 inches for men and 35 inches for women, you are at higher risk and you need to take action.

Also, when you are overweight or obese according to your BMI, your back is placed under excess stress and you are more likely to have back and spinal problems. The more you weigh the more work your lower spine has to do. Before and during your quest to lose weight and live a more pain free life, check with your chiropractor and keep your spine aligned while you go through the process.

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Music on the Road in Lancaster

by Shirley Given

Enjoy music? Ever give any thought to driving on a musical road? Probably not, yet our neighboring city of Lancaster has boasting rights to just such an attraction. There are musical roads in Japan, South Korea and Holland but Lancaster, to date, claims fame to the only one in the United States.

The summer of 2008, a commercial sponsored by Honda Motor. Co., Inc. built the musical road on Avenue K in Lancaster. Grooves were cut in the road on a quarter-mile strip. The cuts were engineered to play the notes of the "William Tell Overture," better know as the theme song for "The Lone Ranger." It was short-lived and two weeks later it was paved over, due to complaints from neighbors. Sleepless nights and "crazy behavior" of some of the drivers was annoying, and it appeared the road would become a faint memory in Lancaster history.

Then the city began to receive hundreds of calls, lauding the road. The decision was made to relocate the road in an industrial area, away from residential homes. The original road on Avenue K was thought to be far enough away from residential homes to not be a sound issue but sound carries far, across the high-desert landscape. The new location, on Avenue G is over two miles from residential homes.

Mayor R. Rex Parris said "This unique and innovative attraction is a valuable addition to our City, attracting new visitors

and increasing Lancaster's notoriety. Not only is the road fun and entertaining, but it is an extraordinary engineering feat which brings a new source of pride to our community."

"You drove over it and you didn't know what to expect. When we got to the end of it, I was smiling ear to ear," stated one visitor.

The Musical Road is located at 3187 West Avenue G. West of the 14 Freeway is stressed, so visitors don't unhappily drive six miles in the wrong direction. Many drivers have tried multiple speeds, but visitors wanting to experience the musical piece at is best, must stay in the far left lane of the three-lane road and maintain the posted 55 MPH speed limit, for optimal sound effect.

There is signage indicating when you have arrived. Unusual in today's world, it is free. If one continues on Avenue G and has brought a picnic lunch, one can make a day of a short musical experience at Apollo Park.

Several YouTube vidoes online can provide a preview. "Honda Civic Musical Road in Lancaster, CA" on YouTube seems to be one of the best. It is a short-lived experience, but not one to be found anywhere else in the U.S.



Out 'n' About

Spring Forth

by Cathie Sibley

Ahhhhh, the renewal of spring, don't we all just love it! I'm back out on my beloved deck listening to the incessant chatter of at least a dozen varieties of birds mixed in with the hum of a leaf blower and the growl of a lawn mower. Spring is here and I love it. I've missed my deck; we had quite an affair going last year. I'd sneak out every morning to my special place with my steaming cup of coffee to greet the world in my favorite way.

Every morning when I sit on my deck overlooking Stallion Springs and the Cummings Valley, I fall in love all over again with these beautiful mountains we live in.

This particular morning, under one of the giant oaks was covered with bright green newly budding leaves, and an elk has join me – quietly relaxing in his hidden anonymity.

About seventy-five feet straight out from my deck, in the top of a magnificent fir tree a red-tail hawk has been minding her eggs for about three weeks now, while her mate delivers her meals, hot and fresh.

Spring is my favorite of the four seasons, as it is for many of you.

It's a time of renewal, rebirth, rejuvenation, regrowth and resurrection; a do-over for the earth after the cold of winter. The days are getting longer and warmer, and pretty soon we'll be complaining about the heat and hoping for autumn. It happens every year without fail.

Why is it we humans inevitably do that?

Why do we wish away what we have wished for, seemingly only happy wishing

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We seem to spend our entire lives wishing them away...it's the human condition.

I for one intend to spend the spring enjoying the beauty of our mountains and wishing it would never end.

Peace and blessings to all, and may you live in the moment.





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90 Day Matching Fund Grant for an Ultrasound Machine

by Kele Main

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Residents who would like to take advantage of this opportunity, but are unable to move large items can pre-schedule a free pick-up of up to two items. Bulky waste pick-up will be available on Thursday, May 1st and Saturday, May 3rd. Residents in need of this service must contact Tehachapi City Hall at (661) 822-2200 to schedule a collection pick-up time.

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Want to volunteer?

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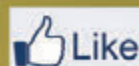


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Community Shares with Sharing and Caring

by Mary Clyde, wordsmith

Tehachapi is well-known for its compassionate community. Rain or shine, our community steps up to the on-going needs of some of Tehachapi's residents. Thrift shops abound: some have a designated end for the monies they raise and others "reinvest" their donations right back into their stockpile of help available. Sharing and Caring, in its current location at 203 South Pauly for about three years, is one of the latter.

"We have a variety of needs to meet," shared Ada Snapp who, in her words, sort of oversees the management end of activities at Sharing and Caring. "We must continually restock our pantry as well as having funds available to help those who may be homeless or need help paying gas or electric bills, or who may be in an abusive relationship and need to find a safe place to be."

While Sharing and Caring doesn't help with phone or cable bills, it also has helped folks meeting funeral expenses and emergency prescribed medications, Ada explained.

"We don't offer a hand-out, but rather a hand up in times of need," she added with a smile. "We're not here to judge anyone or any circumstance. We do our best to help whenever we can. Sometimes we are able to do more than at other times, it all depends on the donations we receive, whether through our store or via personal or business donations."

Sharing and Caring is one of the many places assisted by not only area churches but individual and corporate donations as well. After moving into its current location, a "special angel" donated the funds to build the back garage area which houses furniture items, a sorting room for clothing and the food pantry.

"We have been blessed with not only

support from the community but our volunteer staff," Ada said. "We are a 100% volunteer-based establishment. Some of our helpers have lots of time available, while others only have an hour or two. Everyone is here because they feel volunteering here is part of their individual calling. Many have discovered that when you help someone, you lose yourself and any difficulties you personally may be facing. We ultimately become more thankful for what we have because some of our clientele are in a much more difficult situation. Without our volunteers, Sharing and Caring would be nothing."

The garage area, as stated above, houses large household items, the sorting room and the food pantry, which fall into Dee's domain. "I'm always making sure our pantry is well stocked," said Dee, who has been volunteering for about two years in the garage area.

"Sorting the clothing donations that come in is also part of what I do," she said, proudly showing off the bags and bags of donated items. "There are times we get so many clothing donations that we just can't use it all," she explained further. "When we get 'overstocked' we then pass those items along to the Salvation Army. It's just another way to make sure usable items get back into the community where they are needed."

"We also have a new pick-up service available," Ada said excitedly. "If you have donations and can't make it by during business hours, just give us a call and we'll arrange to have your donations picked up. We found that many times donations would just be dropped off when we're not open. We'd find them obviously sorted through and strewn about, so we decided a pick-up service would solve that problem," she said.

"We are vandalized a lot," explained Dee. "They even crawl into our metal bins and just rip things into pieces, so we really appreciate getting a phone call if you can't get by during our business hours."

"We truly get by on a wing and a prayer," shared Ada. "And there just aren't enough words to thank our terrific community for their generosity," Ada and Dee both agreed. "We have the greatest folks who help through their donations to make it possible for Sharing and Caring to help everyone we do."

And remember, you don't have to be in need to visit Sharing and Caring! They have lots of neat stuff and collectable items just waiting

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to find new homes. "Some of our customers just come in to shop and maybe find that special treasure that just leaps off the shelf at them," explained Dee. "Everyone is welcome to stop in and browse. We have regular customers who keep Sharing and Caring on their list of shopping places," she said.

Sharing and Caring is open Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. If you have questions or donations but can't stop by during business hours, please give them a call at 661-822-3001.



Shopping for usable household goods and the possible collectible, Robyn, Steve and daughter Emma visit the garage area at Sharing and Caring.



Dee, one of Sharing and Caring's special volunteer angels, is always making sure the food pantry is organized and well-stocked.

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Spring Cleaning Your Debt

It's springtime – time for you to take stock of your surroundings and get rid of the dirt and clutter that you've accumulated during this past year.

In addition to typical spring cleaning tasks, you may want to take this time to focus on your finances. In particular, now may be as good a time as ever to evaluate your debt situation and try to reduce and/or eliminate any debt obligations you may have. The following are some tips to get you started.

Determine whether it makes sense to refinance

If you currently have consumer loans, such as a mortgage or an auto loan, take a look at your interest rates. If you find that you are paying higher-than-average interest rates, you may want to consider refinancing. Refinancing to a lower interest rate can result in lower monthly payments on a loan and potentially less interest paid over the loan's term.

Keep in mind that refinancing often involves its own costs (e.g., points and closing costs for mortgage loans), and you should factor them into your calculations of how much refinancing might save you.

Consider loan consolidation

Loan consolidation involves rolling small individual loans into one larger

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loan, allowing you to make only one monthly payment instead of many.

Consolidating your loans into one single loan has several advantages, including making it easier to focus on paying down your debt. In addition, you may be able to get a lower interest rate or extend the loan term on a consolidated loan. Keep in mind, however, that if you do extend the repayment term on a consolidated loan, it could take you longer to get out of debt and ultimately you may end up paying more in interest charges over the life of the loan.

Look into taking out a home equity loan

If you own a home and have enough equity, you may be able to use a home equity loan to pay off your debt. The interest on home equity loans is often lower compared to other types of loans (e.g., credit cards) and is usually tax deductible.

Home equity loans can be an effective way to pay off debt. However,



Jennifer Williams

there are some disadvantages to consider. If you end up having an available line of credit with a home equity loan, you'll need to be careful not to incur any new debt. In addition, when you take out a home equity loan, your home is potentially at risk since it serves as collateral for the loan.

Evaluate whether you should invest your money or pay off your debt

Another effective way to reduce your debt load is to take cash that you normally would put toward certain investment vehicles and use it to pay down your debt. In order to determine whether this is a good option, you'll have to compare the current and anticipated rate of return on your investments with interest you would pay on your debt. In general, if you would earn less on your investments than you would pay in interest on your debts, using your extra cash to pay off your debt may be the smarter choice.

For example, assume that you have \$1,000 in a savings account that earns an annual rate of return of 3%. Meanwhile, you have a credit card balance of \$1,000 that incurs annual interest at a rate of 19%. Over the course of a year, your savings account earns \$30 interest while your credit card costs you \$190 in interest. In this case, it might be best to use your extra cash to pay down your high-interest credit card debt.

Come up with a payment strategy to eliminate credit card debt

If you have a significant amount of credit card debt, you'll need to come up with a payment strategy in order to help eliminate it. Some options include:

Making lump-sum payments using available funds such as an inheritance or employment bonus

Prioritizing repayments toward cards with the highest interest rates

Utilizing balance transfers

Whenever possible, make additional payments

Making payments in addition to your regular loan payments or the minimum payment due can reduce the length of the loan and the total interest paid over the life of a loan. Additional payments can be made periodically and at a time of your choosing (e.g., monthly, quarterly, or annually).

Making more than the required minimum payment is especially

important when it comes to credit card debt. If you only make the minimum payment on a credit card, you'll continue to carry the bulk of your balance forward for many years without actually reducing your overall balance.

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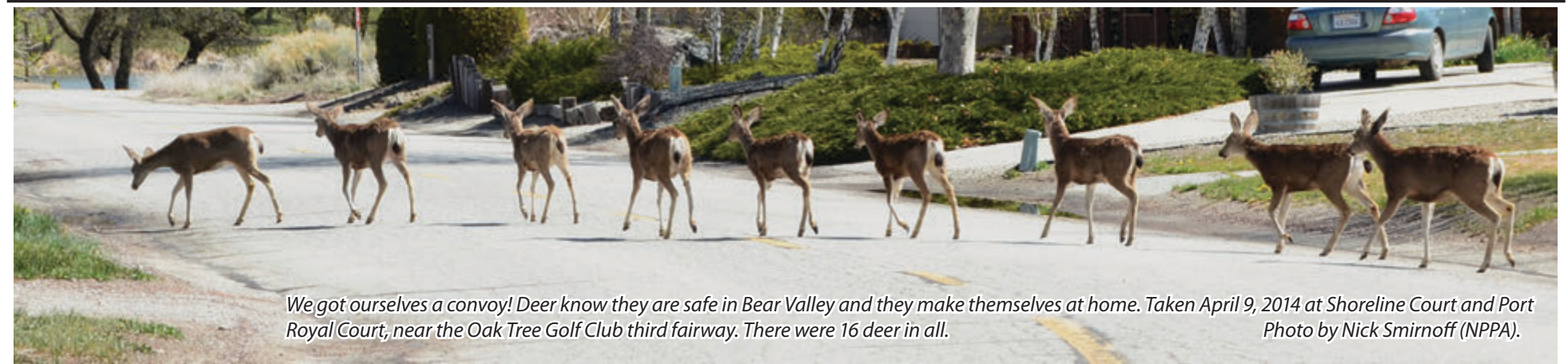
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We got ourselves a convoy! Deer know they are safe in Bear Valley and they make themselves at home. Taken April 9, 2014 at Shoreline Court and Port Royal Court, near the Oak Tree Golf Club third fairway. There were 16 deer in all.
Photo by Nick Smirnoff (NPPA).

City, state duke it out for RDA funds

by Tina Fisher (Forde) Cunningham

The city of Tehachapi’s 2013-2014 mid-year budget adjustment, showing an anticipated fund balance change of negative \$1.7 million, graphically illustrates the down-and-dirty battle between the city and the state of California over Redevelopment Agency (RDA) funds.

The RDA program – which enabled Tehachapi to carry out acclaimed projects like the Centennial Plaza (and enabled less conscientious cities to rip off the program, which contributed to its demise) – no longer exists, but the city and state are scrapping over money that the state required the city to transfer from its General Fund to the Tehachapi Redevelopment Successor Agency.

The money has not been lost to the city, City Manager Greg Garrett said at the April 7, 2014 City Council meeting, held in Wells Education Center, during Finance Director Hannah Chung’s mid-year report.

“We saved this money with our blood, sweat and tears,” Garrett said.

State auditors were due to show up the next day, however, to skirmish for the funds.

“The state auditors continue to create rules and regulations as they go,” Garrett said. “They will be three days in the conference room. We will fight to keep the money.”

Mayor Phil Smith called the state’s eradication of the RDA program “a typical state raid to balance their budget.”

“When this issue was passed, they didn’t know what they were doing,” City Councilman Ed Grimes said.

Garrett said the overall health of the city budget is “A-plus, excellent.”

The six-month budget tune-up shows that the city has been hit with variables, “but none of these numbers are scary. They are firm numbers. We don’t want more going out than coming in. The General Fund is the bank for Tehachapi. At the end of the day, we have \$2.8 million in hard cash in the bank and the mandated \$800,000 for emergency funds.

2013/2014 Mid-Year Budget Adjustments Summary

Fund	Fund Balance Increase (Decrease)		
	Revenue	Expenditure	Fund Balance Change
General Fund	437,770	1,352,350	(914,580)
Gas Tax / Streets & Roads	61,808	507,369	(445,561)
Capital Proj / Special Revenues	(387,688)	(214,296)	(173,392)
Refuse	72,430	72,363	67
Water	225,912	46,650	179,261
Sewer	(220,773)	82,082	(302,855)
Transit	24,801	9,289	15,513
Airport	214,879	304,408	(89,529)
Total	429,139	2,160,216	(1,731,076)
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“Your team keeps a keen eye on things,” Garrett said. “We don’t like spikes. We like growing in a nice arc.”

In response to a question from public speaker Charles White about millions that the city had set aside for low-income housing and other projects, Chung said, “After the state took the RDA, RDA no longer belongs to the city. The city is a managing organization.

“We have to report to the state what we’ll be spending in six months. The city is just a middle man. We jump through

hoops to use our money. We’re dealing with it as best we can.”

The state’s rules for housing, Garrett said, have not been made yet.

“I wouldn’t do it over again,” Garrett said. “The Successor Agency is a pain.”

Tehachapi is in good shape compared to some other cities.

The state of California is demanding \$70 million from one medium-size city, Garrett said.

“We need to be conservative in everything we do.”

Fiscal Impact

(From the city staff report)

In comparison to the 2013-14 original budget, the anticipated decrease in city-wide fund balance with mid-year budget adjustments is \$1,731,076. The three main items that make up this variance are as follows:

- \$1,367,972 spent on projects in previous years was returned to RDA bond proceeds fund by General and Street and Road funds based on the determination the State Department of Finance as non-RDA expenses.
 - \$210,483 Tehachapi Blvd. Rehabilitation Phase II project matching amount to be paid by the Street and Road Fund.
 - \$261,263 Sewer Fund connection fee revenue is reduced.
- A decrease of \$84 for Landscape and Lighting District fund balance is expected with mid-year adjustments.

See www.tehachapicityhall.com, clerk, agendas, for full reports.



Found the money – A discussion arose at a recent Tehachapi Valley Healthcare District committee meeting regarding a \$100,000 donation from Tower Investments toward construction of the new Tehachapi Replacement Hospital. A public speaker characterized the sum as “a bribe,” as Tower owns commercial property at Capital Hills near the hospital site and stands to gain from development there. According to the meeting minutes, the board committee members, who rejected the public speaker’s perspective, appeared to have forgotten about the offer. To Forde Files, it looks more like a promise than a bribe. Several items on the Tower Investments LLC web site, dated 2006, show that Tower pledged to turn over a check for \$100,000 at the opening of the hospital if it was built on the Broome Ranch property. Memo to board members: Don’t forget to collect that check at the ribbon cutting. On second thought, ask them for more.

A wave of prayer – The 28th Annual Kiwanis Prayer Breakfast returns to McMullan Hall at St. Malachy Catholic Church, Thursday, May 1. The breakfast, which attracts area leaders and features local clergy, starts at 6:44 a.m. That’s right, 6:44 a.m. Linda Pettitt is providing the breakfast; test pilot and aviation entrepreneur Russel O’Quinn is speaking. Tickets are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door. Buy a table of seven and invite friends. Tickets are available at The Original Apple Shed, Witt’s both branches of the Bank of the Sierra and from any Kiwanis member. Call Don Bowman, 661-822-5516 or donbowman@att.net.

Fixed it – The Forde Files first person story on the Dash-80 Boeing 707 prototype rollover on Aug. 7, 1955 in the last issue of The Loop had a couple of minor errors. (A journalist can proofread a story 50 times and still miss something.) To read longer, more detailed versions with additional photos and a copy of the flight test log of that day, see the online edition of The Loop, www.theloopnewspaper.com, or Forde’s site, fisherfordemedia.com.

Tenkara Style Fishing

by Craig R. Stockton, owner of Treasures eConsignment

I would like to talk about fly-fishing, however not western fly-fishing but the Japanese style known as Tenkara.

I gave a brief description of this style in an earlier article, but now I would like to expand on the topic.

Tenkara is the modern version of the earliest known style of fly-fishing.

Although the Japanese did not invent fly-fishing, similar styles of "rod-line-fly" fishing have existed in Europe – and probably throughout much of the world for centuries.

What is different is that the Japanese did not give up on that simple fishing style after reels were invented or when they became commonplace.

In Japan the technique has been used for centuries – and still is –, especially in high mountain gradient stream fishing for small trout in tight hard to reach areas where casting a long line is not necessary or useful.

Tenkara rods are quite long – most are 10 to 14 feet, and despite their length, they are extremely light, from 2oz. up to 4oz.

The rods are telescopic and can collapse down to 15" to 24", which make them very compact for travel, moving through brush, and hard to reach places very easily.

The Tenkara is simplicity personified.

There is a rod, line and fly and you can start to fish that quick. This style is not for large fish, although some newer models can handle up to 16" to 20" trout.

The flies used in Japan are called "Sakasa Kebari," which is nothing more than a reverse hackle fly.

In Japan, many traditional anglers use one fly pattern up to a few in two different sizes and do very well catching fish. This does not mean that you cannot use traditional western style flies.

Again, simplicity is the hallmark of Tenkara, whereas in the western world we have hundreds of different flies and sizes. So many that it boggles the mind, especially if you are new to the sport of fly-fishing.

If you have ever wanted to try fly-fishing and are overwhelmed with the choices of rods, reels, lines and everything else – this may be the right choice for you. It sure can save a lot of time, trouble and money in trying to

One Man's Passion

figure it out.

In 2012, I heard of Tenkara and was curious as to how it worked.

I started doing hours of research on the rods, lines and casting technique and thought that it seemed to simple and easy to work here in the US, but I found a small following that were getting excellent results.

After doing the research on what rod length would best suit the waters I like to fish, I decided on a Tenkara USA 12' Iwana rod.

I asked some questions on what line would work with the type of conditions I might have to deal with and ordered the line.

All that remained was to add a tippet, the same as used in western fly-fishing. My fly selection was based on western hatches or bugs commonly found for the time of year.



Local Fishing Tips!

by Dustan Hostetler & Matt Young

Brite Lake water level is at near capacity and teeming with freshly stocked fish! Uncommon weather continues to confuse fish keeping limit catches to deeper water approximately 40 yards off shore. Boater's utilizing trout jigs continue to have the best access to larger schools of fish.

Last stocking was 3/21/14.

Dusty's TVRPD Annual Fishing Derby Timely Tip: Stick to deep water with Power Bait or night crawlers dipped in Amaysing fish attractant.

Preregister for the April 19 TVRPD Fishing Derby at the District Office, 490 West D Street or by calling 661-822-3228. No fishing Friday, April 18 in preparation for the Fishing Derby.

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Events

Tehachapi Valley Recreation and Park District has some fantastic community events coming in April and May.

The annual Brite Lake Fishing Derby is April 19, 2014. Fishing begins at 7 a.m. with weigh-in at 1:05 p.m. This year's fish prizes include \$250 and \$500 tagged fish, big fish, small fry, and five line stringer prizes. The Fishing Derby is brought to you by Bank of the Sierra, RST Cranes, Airstreams Renewables, Amaysing fish attractants, Albertson's, Kmart and Solar City. Bring your family and enjoy a day of

fishing with record water and fish levels. Fish up.

Lace up your sneakers and start training for the Run with the Wind (and under the sun) 5K, and alternative energy expo, presented by World Wind & Solar on May 31.

Enjoy the sun, the mountains, a fun run, a post-race with Blue Mountain Tribe, beverages and grub while celebrating the alternative energy that surrounds us.

A technical race shirt, swag bag, post-race celebration and commemorative race medal are included with registration. This race is made possible by SunPower, Mid-American Renewables, Solar City and GE. Register at www.tvrpd.org or active.com.

Active Duty military, senior and multi-family discounts. Sign up. Run up.

Egg Hunt at West Park, April 19



April 19 is the annual egg hunt at West Park. Grab your baskets, hunt some eggs and find the bunny in the park for a picture. Check our ad below to find out where the age groups go to participate and the times. Play up.

Photo by Nick Smirnoff(NPPA)

Register in advance at the TVRPD District Office

Brite Lake Fishing Derby

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3yrs-5yrs 10:15am @Mata Field
6yrs-7yrs 11am @Uli Field
8yrs-9yrs 11:45am @Grimes Field

July 4 - 6:30AM Sign up!

Race benefits Wounded Warriors and the THS Warrior Boosters Club. Camouflage technical shirt, pancake breakfast and finisher's medal included with registration. Kids Red/White/Blue Color Fun Run \$5.00 - includes t-shirt

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2014 TVAA Youth Art Contest Winners Chosen

by Michelle Miller, 2014 Youth Art Contest Co-Chair

Winners of the TVAA 2014 Youth Art contest were revealed at a reception for all the entrants held at Gallery N Gifts on Saturday, April 5.

Cookies and punch were served as the young artist looked to see if they had been awarded a ribbon.

First, second and third place ribbons, along with many Honorable Mention ribbons were given to the talented young artist that entered this year.

Best in Show awards for 2014 were Evan Tenderholt for "Assasins Creed" in Grades K through Eighth and Elena Mankusic for "Distortion Sylvia Plath" in Grades Ninth through 12th

Many thanks to the teachers who put in so much effort to help bring this contest to Tehachapi each year.

Art is much neglected in our schools and many of the teachers use there own money to be sure children have the benefit of art education which brings so much joy into all of out lives.

TVAA donates money annually to Tehachapi classrooms to ensure art has a place in our youths lives.



Evan Tenderholt: "Assasins Creed" Grades K through Eighth



Elena Mankusic: "Distortion Sylvia Plath" Grades Nineth through 12th

'Altar Egos'

by Laura Crowe, T.H.S. Drama Instructor

All Mark and Colleen wanted was a simple wedding, and their simple wedding stays simple for about two minutes. Then, their families get involved!

The McMasters think the Frobishers are snooty and Frobishers picture the McMasters as possum-eating hillbillies. The bride's father keeps offering the engaged couple thousands of dollars to elope with no questions asked.

Meanwhile the two mothers are literally dueling over the rehearsal dinner seating chart. Bewildered, the bride and groom keep wondering where it all went wrong.



From left to right: Camden Weathers as Mr. Frobisher, Alexie Adams as Mrs. Frobisher, Anthony Dornay as Mark Frobisher, Taylor Shumway as Colleen McMasters, Ariana Benham as Mrs. McMasters and Ben Bartel as Mr. McMasters.

THS Drama Presents

Written by Pat Cook, and produced by special arrangement with Elridge Publishing Company, T.H.S Intermediate Drama is delighted to be performing this light-hearted play behind the T.H.S. cafeteria on April 25 at 7 p.m., April 26 at 2 p.m. and at 7 p.m. and a final matinee on Sunday April 27 at 2 p.m. This play is one of the best deals in town at \$5 dollars for general admission and \$4 with an ASB card. All proceeds go to support the T.H.S drama program.

Mark and Colleen wanted just a simple wedding, but they get a lot more than they expected!

TCT's Musical and Their Newest Director

by Ruthanne Jennings

Chris Morales joined Tehachapi Community Theatre (TCT) when she make her debut in "Red Velvet Cake War". Following that wonderful performance, Chris has agreed to direct TCT's musical this year. "110 in the Shade" is a beautiful musical capturing the story of the movie, "The Rainmaker." Chris brings a tremendous parade of talent from her past. Currently a member of Screen Actors Guild (SAG) and having been a performer since she was a child, Chris' greatest enjoyment is bringing laughter into the hearts of her audience. She has also been a stand up comic for most of her life. Chris asked me to be her assistant director for "110 in the Shade" (or 110 for short)and when we sat down to talk about how to put this show together, she shared some of her idea's – which I feel are worthy to share with you.

The movie the "Rainmaker" was such a big deal for me growing up. My dad truly is a Starbuck, who is the male lead in 110.

Although my mother is nothing like the female lead, Lizzie Curry, she did fall head over heels for a man that showed her the world through his imagination and ability to create anything. Being able to direct "110 In The Shade" is such a wonderful feeling for me. It takes me back to when my dad and I used to spend so much time together in the theatre. He designing shows, me watching his every move. The ideas, the way he talked with directors and how he presented his ideas for their show was magical to me.

How do I like directing as opposed to acting?

I love to perform. No doubt, I get up on that stage and I can't wait to make people laugh, or have them watching me to see what I might do next. Acting for me is everything. It helps me sleep, to stay sane, to not be afraid of trying new things. Directing, well that is all about vision, and teaching and believing in

yourself. It's hard, it's challenging and it gets me really excited when I can see a moment that I thought of come to life through actors and bring with it that reaction from an audience that I was hoping for.

How does 110 compare or fit in Tehachapi?

Pretty darn close I think. I mean: we are in a drought currently; the landscape is very similar, good people in a small town just trying to make a living, raise their kids and enjoy living in a beautiful place.

Do I wish there really was a Starbuck? Sure, someone who can bring rain and was so charismatic you just wanted hang out with him and see what else he could do. You betcha! Then again, I do sorta believe there's a Starbuck here in Tehachapi, or in any other town or city. People can do all kinds of things if they believe enough in whatever it is that they are trying to be or do. So, yeah, maybe there is someone who could actually bring rain. The Indians have done it for years, and I've seen people with those sticks that find water, so why not.

"110 in the Shade" opens June 6, 2014 and will run every weekend in June. Mark your calendars! The cast is phenomenal. The music is breathtaking. You won't want the show to end. For more information please go to TCT's website; www.tctonstage.com or you can call 661-822-4037 Ext 2.

TCT Spotlight



Evening of the Arts 2014

by Emile Crowe

On March 20, 2014, at 6:30 p.m. Tehachapi High School was proud to showcase a night dedicated to the arts. The audience filled the THS gym to see not only art created by THS students, but also the talented warrior band and star studded drama skits. The funds from Evening of the arts go to all of their programs to help keep them strong.

Four Tehachapi High School teachers put on Evening of the Arts. Carol Horst produced a movie that featured many of her students' art work. Paul Grana, the director of the Tehachapi Warrior Band and Jazz Band wowed the crowd with music such as On Broadway and September. Jackie Estes students' art works

were showcased in the foyer of the gym for all to admire. Lara Crowe, the Drama Teacher, had students perform a scene from their upcoming advanced play, A Midsummer Night's Dream. Also their new improvisational team engaged the crowd with two comedy games.

The night ended with an all cast curtain call, and the students were able to share the "lime light" and take pride in their art work. Evening of the Arts is a yearly event, so if you do not make it out this year come support Tehachapi High Schools art programs next time. " It is a truly great thing," says Ms. Crowe, "the students gleam with pride and its helps us out financially."

Classes & Events

submitted by Susanna Monette

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Free coffee, tea and hot chocolate are available to folks participating in open studios and classes.

Monday evening, 5 to 8 p.m., is Open Studio – Watercolor.

Friday morning, 10 to 1 p.m., is Open Studio – All Media.

PFLAG meets every Third Thursday at 7 p.m. (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays)

Treasure Trove Classes

Reservations for all classes with a deposit must be made at least 48 hours before the scheduled class. Students may bring their own supplies for classes or purchase supplies at the Treasure Trove. Please call 661-822-6794 for additional information and reservations or visit our facebook page at www.facebook.com/TehachapiTreasureTrove.

Every Tuesday afternoon, 3 to 5 p.m. – Working with Earth Clay with Gloria Moore. \$30 per class plus clay. A weekly open workshop to explore various methods of working with earth based clay. Learn about mining and processing local clay. Students may enroll one week at a time.

Every Wednesday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. – Ask Juanita. Bring whatever art project you are creating and work with other artists. This is not a class but Juanita will be available to help you with questions, advice and ideas. Juanita has taught art for many years and knows acrylics, oils, bisque painting, tole painting, pastels, drawing and more. Come any Wednesday morning. \$10 per session.

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April 6 through May 11, Sunday afternoons, 2 to 4 p.m., – Intermediate Acrylic Painting with Susan Cunningham. Cost is \$240 plus materials. Six Sessions. Students will learn painting landscapes with acrylics. The class will cost \$40 per session (If paid in advance \$210 or \$35 per session). Students may come to any session.

April 12, Saturday 10 a.m. to Noon – Iris Paper Folding Card. Easter Themed with Janet Meabon for \$20. Class price includes materials to make one card. Learn to make sensational cards with folded paper. The class price includes materials to make one card. Materials for additional cards will be available for \$5.

April 12, Saturday 1 to 4 p.m. – Polymer Clay Butterfly Wings Cane with Cathy Clark. \$35 plus materials. Get ready for spring and create a polymer clay butterfly wing cane and how to apply canes to create a beautiful butterfly.

April 19, Saturday 1 to 4 p.m. – Krackalakin Candle Making Workshop. Create you own soy candles. Your choice of colors and scent. \$25 for a 8 oz. candle. Additional candles \$10 each or discounted by the ounce. Bring your own container or use the ones that the instructor supplies.

April 26, Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. – Mine and Process Local Clay with Gloria Moore. Cost is \$30. Learn about mining and processing local clay. Students will travel to

Tehachapi Treasure Trove

Rosamond to gather local clay and then return to the Treasure Trove to process the mined clay. Additional Classes are available to work the clay and do projects using the clay.

April 29 to June 3, Tuesday 5 to 7:30 p.m. – Watercolor Painting with Jim Walsh. This class will cover various techniques for watercolor painting. \$180 per or \$30 per session plus materials, if paid up front, \$150 or \$25 per session.

May 3, Saturday 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. – Fused Glass Mask Workshop with Leila Kleiman. Cost is \$50, materials and firing included. Create a decorated glass Mask wall hanging using colorful glass pieces to create a unique piece of art. This class is appropriate for both beginners and experienced glass artists. Students will learn glass cutting and assembly. Pieces will be fired and available in about a week.

May 9, Friday 1 to 4 p.m. – Paint a Bird House with Juanita Niemeyer. Fling into Spring – Create a painted Bird House. Paint a bisque bird house or bring your own wood or otherwise to paint. \$25 plus materials. Maximum nine bisque bird houses available.

May 10, Saturday 10 a.m. to noon – Iris Paper Folding Card with Janet Meabon. Class price is \$20 and includes materials to make one card. Learn to make sensational cards with folded paper. Your choice of design. The class price includes materials to make one card. Materials for additional cards will be available for \$5.

May 17, Saturday 1 to 4 p.m. – Beaded Hanging Crystal with Cathy Clark. \$35 plus materials. Learn to use the peyote stitch to bead a crystal and create a beautiful decorative drop. A materials kit will be available for \$5.

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What's Up in Stallion Springs?

by Ed Gordon

Larry Barrett of Coldwell Banker Best Reality was the guest speaker at the March 25 meeting of the Stallion Springs Property Owners Association. Barrett noted that Stallion covers approximately 16.5 square miles, has the only Covered Bridge in Kern County, and one – of only two in the world – mega ramp for skate boarding located at Woodward Center.

Real estate in the area is selling for an average of \$105 per square foot and is trending upward. Seven homes have sold in Stallion since Jan. 1, 2014.

Police Department

The first group of six volunteers for the newly forming citizen volunteer unit went off, on April 9, to a four-day training course, and will soon begin performing a variety of duties to assist the department.

Some of these duties will be administrative in nature, such as data entry and filling out reports.

Other duties will be more physical in nature, such as assisting with traffic control, searching for evidence and transporting equipment or persons as needed by the department.

The Pool

Parks and Recreation is now accepting applications for Lifeguards. You can apply at the district office during regular business hours.

Hike and Ride

The Stallion Springs Trail Committee recently installed the third hitching post at Horse Thief Golf Course Restaurant so up to six riders can now tie up there.

CSD General Manager

To reduce water use, General Manager Mary Beth Garrison reports that the CSD will re-do the front entrances to the CSD buildings removing the water egregious junipers and grass replacing them with small flower beds, rock, boulders and decorative grasses.

Parks will be maintained but less water will be used to keep the parks green and a community garden operated by the Stallion Springs 4-H will give residents an opportunity to have a garden without the cost of a home garden's water use. Water at the garden will be provided by drip-lines and mulch will be applied to hold the water in.

Upcoming Events/Important Dates

– Neighborhood Watch will meet on April 14 at the CSD. Everyone is invited; a Stallion Springs residence isn't required to attend.

– The CSD Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. on April 15 in the CSD administration building.

– April 19 there will be a PAL **Easter Egg Hunt** at 10 a.m. in Man O'War Park.

– The next movie night in the Corral room is scheduled for April 25. The movie will be "Saving Mr. Banks." There is no cost for the movie.

– The POA will hold its annual Dinner Dance on April 26 in the Corral room at the Community Center. The proceeds from the dance will go to the Scholarship fund for graduating students living in Stallion Springs.

– Community cleanup day is scheduled for Saturday, May 3. at the CSD parking lot. Bulky item pick up for Senior and Disabled Adults will be provided on Friday May 2. Those needing pick up must call in advance to schedule the pickup 661-822-3268.

– The annual Roundup and Flea Market will be held on Saturday in May 10, at the Community Center and in the gym.

– Spring is here and weed abatement must be completed by June 15.

The CSD also offers open Volleyball, fitness classes, Open Gym, Men's Basketball, Kids Crafts, Family Skate Nights and scrapbooking classes. Contact the CSD for further information.

Summer Shouldn't Mean Hunger for Our Nation's Children

by Kevin Concannon, USDA Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services

As a child, I always looked forward to the carefree joy of summertime. I remember the long days of playing outside at a nearby park until I needed to come home for lunch. Unfortunately, many of our nation's children do not experience the simple joys of summer. In fact, far too many are left worrying where their next breakfast or lunch will come from when schools are dismissed for summer break.

During the school year, about 31 million American children receive school meals through the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program every day. About 21 million of those children receive meals at a discounted rate or for free, based on their family's income. When summer rolls around, though, only about 3.5 million of these children participate in USDA's summer meals programs.

That means millions of eligible low-income children are at risk of going hungry during the summer months. And we know that to thrive and reach their highest potential, children need good nutrition all year long.

USDA's Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) is working to fill this hunger gap for children who qualify for free and

reduced price meals during the school year. The program serves free healthy meals to eligible children ages 18 and under, and is made possible through the efforts of national, state, and local partners, including a cadre of energized volunteers.

While USDA has worked to increase access to summer meals for low-income children for many years, SFSP began receiving priority attention in 2013. Last summer, USDA employed a new tactic of working with partners to deliver intensive, targeted technical assistance on SFSP in five states. The result was a historic increase in the number of meals served, nationwide – 7 million more than the previous year! We hope to continue building on last year's successes with our state and local partners in 2014, and move closer to closing the summer hunger gap.

The key to success this year will be expanding the number of sites open for summer meals. We must spread the word to schools, parks and recreation departments, libraries, and faith and other community organizations across the nation; their participation is critical for the continued success of SFSP. The deadlines to become Summer Food Service Program sponsors vary by State, and begin as early

as April 15. Program sponsors oversee and provide meals to summer sites. In return, USDA, through the States, reimburses program sponsors for the meals served to children.

I'm sure it comes as no surprise when I say that galvanizing hundreds of faith-based groups, civic groups, recreation centers, food banks, schools, other non-profit organizations, and volunteers takes time, effort and commitment on all sides. For any community that treasures its youth (and I haven't met one that doesn't), we must organize now to fight hunger this summer.

If you or your organization is interested in helping us reduce the risk of hunger among our nation's youth, visit our website, www.summerfood.usda.gov. The summer meals outreach toolkit includes sample outreach plans, templates, customizable flyers, door hangers, letters to parents, examples of site activities, best practices, and more. State representatives are also available to answer questions and facilitate sponsor enrollment and site registration.

This year, let's work together to make sure every child in our great nation has a hunger-free summer.

Farmers Market and Chili Cookoff

by Charles White

Plans are underway for the Main Street Farmers Market, to be held at Railroad Park, to begin on June 5 and running for twelve weeks, until Aug. 14. Farmers and local growers will again be the focus, with additional vendors who sell handmade, local, and other related items. Food vendors will provide tasty treats and local musicians will provide the entertainment. Many participants from the previous years will return again this year.

Tehachapi Valley Recreation and Park District (TVRPD) and the City of Tehachapi are partnering with Main Street to produce this year's Farmers Market at Railroad Park.

The seventh annual Main Street Tehachapi Chili Cookoff is scheduled for Saturday June 14. Local amateurs

and restaurants will compete in local categories while competitors in the International Chili Society (ICS) sanctioned portion of the Cookoff will advance to regional and national competitions.

The MST Cookoff (June 14) is planned for Father's Day weekend so that families can enjoy activities like the Car Show, children's activities and food vendors. There will also be the annual Beer Garden so that fathers and mothers alike can rest while the children play. An added attraction this year will be the Main Street Chili Booth where you can purchase Main Street's own chili treats.

Applications for both the Farmers Market and the Chili Cookoff can be obtained by emailing info@MainStreetTehachapi.org.

Main Street Tehachapi

A Furry Love Affair

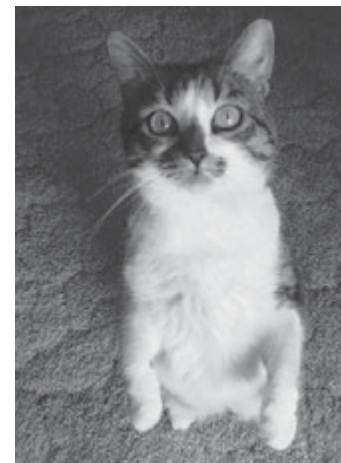
by Daphne Sherring, The Pet Nanny

Greetings my fellow pet lovers. I'm the Pet Nanny and I am so delighted to share a unique story of Buddy, the Bichon-Poo, and his best friend Molly, a tiger and white striped kitty. Buddy's tale begins at a busy intersection in Valencia, Calif. He was darting frantically in and out of traffic. Suddenly, a pet rescue worker happened to be driving by and spotted him. Buddy was horribly matted, covered in dirt and only weighed nine lbs. His weight should have been 18 lbs. Incidentally, that very same day, my dear friend woke up that morning and decided she couldn't live without a dog in her life one more day.

It had been three years since the passing of my friend's beloved dog. She called her vet to see if he knew of any adoptable dogs and remarkably they had just received a little dog that morning. My friend met Buddy that day and it was love at first sight. Buddy has truly lived up to his name, because a year later my friend adopted a five week old kitten. Buddy immediately decided he was Mr. Mom.



Buddy



Molly

Buddy and Molly are inseparable. They eat, play, and sleep together. It's so cute to see them waiting in front of the large picture window for their parents to arrive home from their travels or when I have the privilege of caring for this adorable duo.

I believe our hearts and homes become brighter when we take a chance to love - especially after a tragic loss of a pet. Won't you allow the healing joy of sharing yours today? May your day be full of love and peace.

Blessings, Daphne Sherring

Daphne is available to take care of your fur babies. You can find her information in the Pets Section, pg. 6 of this issue.

Teacher Appreciation Night at H.E.A.R.T.S Connection



Our mission is to enhance the quality of life for people with special needs through a family resource center that symbolizes professionalism, dignity, compassion, and respect.

We share the vision to be instrumental in the development of a community that is more comfortable with, and accepting of, people with special needs.

Last week we had a special event, on Tuesday, April 1. For our monthly support group we did a Teacher Appreciation Night. Families nominated teachers who have shown Excellence in Teaching in working with their child. There were Special Ed and General Ed teachers, and also Service Providers (speech, etc.). It was a great event, a great turnout. I am attaching a picture of the Teachers who were awarded.

Awarded that night:

Wilma Sweeney (retired from TUSD),

Monica Lange (private tutor),
Amy McKendrick (Valley Oaks Charter School)

Melva Bernasconi (formerly with TUSD, currently with Antelope Valley)

and then the rest all from TUSD:
Ranev Degener, Janine Trauger, Marjorie Keene, Annette Kirby, Debbie Rush, Jennifer Clifton, Eileen Pryor, Teresa Wagner, Stephanie Mattly, Julie Hammer, Terry Hedberg, Deborah Gadzia, Amy Trillo, Laura Mathes-Orr

Not present but also recognized:
Catarina Taylor, (Abernathy Collegiate Schools)

Rosa Styner (TUSD)
Debbie Slemph (TUSD)
Kristine White (TUSD)
Derek Devine (TUSD)
Ed Weaver (TUSD)
Bob Johnson (TUSD)



Local residents stock up on fresh produce at the Thursday Farmers Market, to be held weekly at Railroad Park starting June 5.



A local entry in the Amateur Division serves up his unique version of "Tehachapi's Best Chili."

Community Happenings

Accepting New Members at Summit Singers

by Corinne Stone

Are you regretting that you never got around to joining the Summit Singers? Well, quit regretting, and come to practice! We just had two new singers join us, and there's still time to learn the music for the May 17 concert. I promise you'll love it! The Summit Singers practice every Tuesday evening at 6:30 at the Tehachapi United Methodist Church, located at the corner of Schout and Backes. We have some wonderful music to prepare for the Spring concert, and everyone goes away from practice with a song in their hearts and a spring in their step! Music just does that, and it's a feeling we'd love to share with more of you. We hope to see you on Tuesday. Call 661-822-3836 with any questions.

Weekly Storytime

Enjoy Storytime every Thursday afternoon from 3:10 to 4 p.m. at Darlene's Real Swell Toys. Children of all ages are welcome. Darlene's is located at 103 W. H St. in Downtown Tehachapi.

Jazzercise Classes at E.M.B Martial Arts Studio

151 N. Mill St. Ste.#F

First class is free!

Jazzercise, one-hour classes

M-F 8:30 a.m. (every weekday)

MWF 7:15 a.m. (three days a week)

Smart Driving Course Being Offered

The AARP Smart Driver course will be conducted April 30 and May 1 at the First Baptist Church, 1049 S. Curry St., Tehachapi.

This course is designed to keep drivers aged 50 and older to stay current on driving rules and laws, and new technologies in vehicles today.

Driving situations are discussed and how medications might affect our driving. Strategies to aid us in our driving skills are offered. Reservations are required as state law limits class size to 30 .

Call Gene at 661-823-0825 to reserve your seat.

Bake Sale

The Tehachapi Humane Society is having a Bake & Craft Sale at Kmart on Saturday, April 12, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For future bake sales, bakers, craft makers and helpers for the day of the sale are needed.

Please call Carol at 822-5433 if you can bake or make craft items for future events.

Call Debbie at 822-0920 if you can help work the day of the sale. Spring is this bake sale's theme. Thank you Tehachapi!

TVAA's Coffee with the Artist

Tehachapi Valley Arts Association is beginning the 2014 "Coffee with the Artist" series with "Winter is Over".

The kick-off for the season is internationally known artist, Chris Paschke. Paschke uses a mixed media concept of watercolor, gouache (a method of painting with opaque watercolors), ink and collage on paper, panel, wood and canvas.

Don't miss this spring event at Gallery 'n' Gifts, April 26. Doors open at 10 a.m. and program begins at 10:20 a.m. Paschke will be available for a question and answer portion of the program and delicious refreshments will be served at the close of the program.

Gallery 'n' Gifts is located at 100 W. Tehachapi Blvd. For more information call 822-6062.

Beekeeping Workshop, May 24

Tehachapi Beekeeping Club is hosting a Beekeeping Workshop, May 24 and 25 with Les Crowder.

Les Crowder has been a beekeeper for over 30 years and is a former President of the New Mexico Beekeepers Association.

He has been teaching beekeeping classes both in the States and internationally since 1983. Les is a proponent of natural beekeeping practices. The cost of the workshop is \$120 per person for both days (10 - 5 p.m.). If you would like more information on Les his website is www.fortheloveofbees.com. Information regarding the workshop, please contact Liz and George Wolfe at 661-822-5892 or email Liz at liz.wolfe1@gmail.com,

Tehachapi Depot Railroad Museum Board Changes

A big thank you to Tim Trujillo who stepped down as our Board President as of Mach 31.

Tim will still be an advisor to the Board, however he is moving on. He will be missed and we all wish him the best.

Dennis Storms, who has also stepped down from the Board, will remain the head of our Monday morning crew, a group that does many things including signal maintenance.

Our two new Board Members are Bruce and Teresa Perry. They were part of the original group who started Friends of the Tehachapi Depot. They have recently moved back to the Tehachapi area.

Teresa, besides being a Member-At-Large, will also be our new Event Coordinator.

Don Stephens is the new President Effective 4/1. Don has been on the Board as Vice-President for a few years. He is excited about his new position and has been the face of the Depot during many meetings throughout Tehachapi.

Also on April 22nd, we will have our annual Volunteer Recognition event. This event is for our all of our volunteers that have worked hard throughout the year doing various jobs, e.g. docent, cashier, maintenance scheduling duties, updating our library. The Depot wouldn't be what it is without them. There commitment to their duties, makes us a success and a jewel to our Community.

Tehachapi Senior Center Weekly Activities

Lunch at Noon on Weekdays

Bingo Closed Until Further Notice

Monday

10:30 a.m. – Tai Chi

12:30 p.m. – Mexican Train (Dominoes)

1 p.m. – Line Dancing

Tuesday

10 a.m. – Pinochle/Cards

10 a.m. – Club Strength & Wood Carving

1:30 p.m. – Grief Support

4 p.m. – Bingo! Bingo! Closed UFN

Wednesday

10 a.m. – Zumba Gold

11 a.m. – Tai Chi

1:30 p.m. – Caregivers Education (1st Wed.)

1 p.m. – Early Stage Dementia/ Recipients (Second Wed.)

1 p.m. – Neuropathy Group (3rd Wed.)

1 p.m. - Poker on the Green Felt

Thursday

10 a.m. – Club Stretch & Bridge/Cards

12:30 p.m. – Game Day (3rd Thurs.)

1 p.m. – Knitting and Crocheting

1 p.m. – Caregivers Support (4th Wed)

HEARTS Connection Schedule of Events

• Tehachapi Mothers of Special Needs (sponsored by HEARTS), Girls Night Out, Saturday April 26, 7 p.m., dessert at Jake's Steakhouse. Moms only.

• Sensory Story Time sponsored by HEARTS Connection at the Tehachapi Public Library, Saturday, May 3, 10 a.m., story and crafts.for ages two to five.

• HEARTS Connection Support Group for parents only (always the first Tuesday evening of each month at 7 p.m.). next one is Tuesday May 6, 7 p.m., special guest speaker on Behavioral therapies.

• Playgroup for ages up to five, next one is Tuesday May 13, 10 a.m., a special day at City/Central park. (Others in the future will be at the playroom in my office, will let you know).

• Tehachapi Mothers of Special Needs, a Mom's Pampered Brunch, Saturday, May 17, 10 a.m., RSVP for location, special brunch with some makeovers and light pampering.

Visit Tehachapi Depot Railroad Museum

Free to Public - Open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursdays through Mondays, at the corner of Green Street and Tehachapi Blvd.

Third Annual Tortoise Days, May 3 and 4

The California City's Chamber Of Commerce is very excited to be hosting our Third Annual Tortoise Days of California City! We are very pleased with the changes we are making this year.

Our goal is to really bring the community and families together for this wonderful event. We will have a carnival, a police vs. fire departments softball game, the parade, and a 5k run sponsored by Cal City Fitness.

Attention California City Chamber members: We are offering a free vendor booth to all current chamber members. All we ask is that our members pay a \$50 deposit to ensure attendance both days of this great event.

Tortoise Days Events and hours are as follows:

Parade - Saturday May 3 at 9 a.m.

Events in park - Saturday May 3 from 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Events in park - Sunday May 4 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Softball game Sunday May 4 held at the Little League fields at 4 p.m.

The Lions Club will be selling hot dogs, chips and a drink for \$3 at Desert Tortoise Days on May 3 and 4 at Central Park.

We will have T-shirts for sale again this year and if you are interested in advertising and sponsoring the T-shirts please contact the chamber office at 760-373-8676 for more information.

We look forward to all your support and attendance at Tortoise Days 2014.



Programs

Have you ever wanted to take swimming lessons, learn about digital photography or attend a Summer camp?

Tehachapi Valley Recreation and Park District offers all of those activities and many more at our two community centers, public pools, Ollie Mountain Skate Park, Phillips Marx Central Park, Meadowbrook Park, West Park and in our Youth and Adult Team Sports Programs.

TVRPD now accepting online registrations for programs and classes, so go to TVRPD.org to find out more!

Upcoming Programs/Events Include:

Memorial Day Event – May 26, 2014

Run with the Wind (and under the Sun)– May 31, 2014 (Registration available online now; Race Day Registration starts at 8 a.m., and Race starts at 9 a.m.)

Brew and Grill Fest Needs Barbecue Competitors

Tehachapi, Calif. – The Tehachapi Mountain Brew and Grill Fest is looking for barbecue competitors to compete for cash, prizes and bragging rights on July 19 at the Benz-Visco Sports Park in Tehachapi, Calif.

The festival is looking for teams of four people to compete in Tri-tip, Chicken or Pork categories. Judges will award First, Second and Third place awards with a Grand Champion and the public will choose who they like the best in a People's Choice award. Each team will also get discounted tickets to the event. Entry is only \$75 per team and category.

General admission tickets (\$45)

Center Volunteers and Baby Bottles!

Every spring Family Life Pregnancy Center is swimming in bottles! Why you ask? We launch our Baby Bottle Drive. Supporting churches throughout Tehachapi and Cal City come to the Center to gather their baskets of bottles to fill with change, bills, checks, etc. We ask churches to hand out the bottles on Mother's Day Sunday, May 11 and bring them back filled on Father's Day Sunday, June 15.

How can you get involved? Are you a part of youth organization, religious group, or just want to support your local Pregnancy Center? Then please call or stop by the Center and let us know how many bottles you want to fill, and we will have them ready for you! This fundraiser is a great way for young and old alike to get involved in a local nonprofit. As the bottle sits on your windowsill, bedside table, your counter, or car, it serves as a reminder of the little lives that are saved, nurtured, and loved here at the Center. Please contact the Center by calling 661-823-8255 and come in at 112 S. Curry Street, Tehachapi, with any questions or to get your bottles!

TVAA Fine Arts Scholarship Deadline is April 30

Tehachapi Valley Artists's Association is offering Fine Arts Scholarships to graduating Tehachapi High School seniors.

The applicants plan on enrolling in an accredited institution of formal training in the upcoming year, intending to pursue continued training in an art field.

Since 1979, TVAA has been able to offer numerous fine arts scholarships to Tehachapi seniors. Many of these students have gone on to achieve their educational goals, made possible by the many community scholarships.

TVAA holds numerous fun raising events throughout the year for their scholarship program. Currently, a set of covered ceramic canisters made by Orion Ceramics is being offered. Raffle tickets are \$2 each or three for \$5. The drawing will be held at the Springtime Faire on Sunday, June 8.

Scholarship applications are available at our website: GalleryNGifts.org or at Gallery 'N' Gifts, 100 W. Tehachapi Blvd.

include lots of beer tastings and barbecue samplings, as well as dinner. VIP admission (\$100) includes a fully catered VIP section, wine, beer and other adult libations. Overnight R.V. parking is available, as well as shuttle service to select Tehachapi area hotels. The event is strictly for those 21 years of age or older.

Tickets and more information are available at: TehachapiBrew.com. The Tehachapi Mountain Brew and Grill Fest will donate a portion of its proceeds to local charities, including Make-A-Wish Foundation, AYSO Region 479 and more. Local vendors are welcome and may register on-site by June 23.

Tehachapi Library

– **Preschool Story-time:** Fridays at 10 a.m.

– **Cyber Penguin Story-time:** 4/11 at 10 a.m. The Tehachapi High School Robotics Team will provide a robot themed story-time for preschoolers.

– **American Sign Language:** Mondays. Teens/Kids at 4:30 p.m., Adults at 5:30 p.m.

– **LEGO Club (Ages 4+):** Saturday 4/12, and 4/26 at 2 p.m.

– **LEGO Robotics Demonstration** at the start of the 4/12 LEGO Club meeting at 2 p.m.


– **Beginning Adult Genealogy Workshop:** Saturday, 4/12 at 10 a.m.

– **Tech-Tutoring for seniors:** Saturday, 4/19 at 1 p.m. The Tehachapi High School Robotics Team will be available to provide assistance to any senior needing help with their electronic devices (e.g. phone, tablet, camera, laptop). Please call to reserve a spot, 661-822-4938.

– **Ebook/E-Audiobook help** is available on Saturday by appointment only. Call 661-822-4938 to schedule.

– **Computer Coaching** is available on Wednesday by appointment only. Call 661-822-4938 to schedule.

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Poker Benefit for BeeKay Theatre

by Kenny Chugg, Tehachapi Community Theatre

Poker players, ante up! Tehachapi Community Theatre is sponsoring a Texas Hold 'em Poker Tournament on Saturday, May 17 at 2 p.m. at the Golden West Casino, 1101 South Union Street in Bakersfield. Proceeds from the tournament will benefit the BeeKay Theatre Expansion Project. Buy-ins are \$100 with a chance for 2 additional re-buys. Top three winners will receive cash prizes!

Tehachapi Community Theatre is raising funds to expand the back of the theatre. Currently there is very little support space for sets and props, or dressing rooms and make-up stations. The space is so limited that when a large cast of actors, dancers or musicians must take to the stage, they must be housed in a borrowed RV behind the theatre when waiting for their entrance or they are crammed on the tiny stage when performing.

This expansion will add 12 feet to the stage and another 12 feet for the actors' dressing rooms. In addition, the expansion will include a fly loft, ticket office and other needed space. The expansion will also benefit others in the Tehachapi area, including Heritage Oak School, Tehachapi Pops Orchestra, Tehachapi Dance Studios and countless others.

Enjoy an afternoon of poker while supporting TCT's fundraising efforts! For information on the buy-in and to reserve your seat, visit www.tctonstage.com/texasholdem.html. Don't play poker but still want to help in this important project? Visit <http://www.beekayexpansion.com/> for the many ways you can help.

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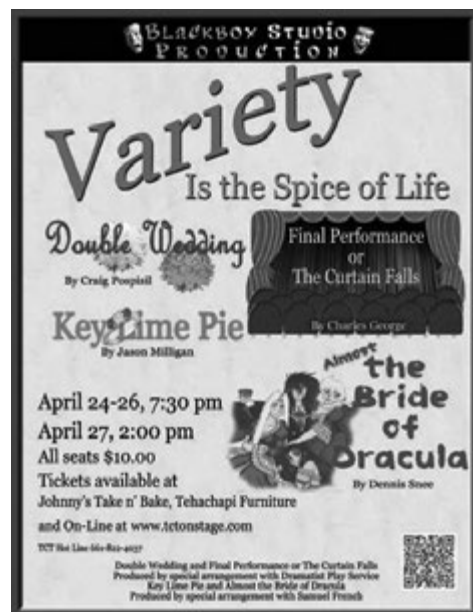
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Blackbox Studio Production Presents an Evening of Four Short Plays, 'Variety is the Spice of Life'

Friday, April 25, and Saturday, April 26 at 7:30 pm and Sunday April 27 at 2 p.m.

All seats are only \$10 and are available at Johnny's Take n' Bake Pizza, Tehachapi Furniture and Mattress Center and online at www.tctonstage.com

Appropriate for ages 12 and up.



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Double Wedding By Craig Pospisil
Final Performance of The Curtain Falls By Charles George
Key Lime Pie By Jason Mulligan
Almost the Bride of Dracula By Dennis Snee

April 24-26, 7:30 pm
April 27, 2:00 pm
All seats \$10.00
Tickets available at Johnny's Take n' Bake, Tehachapi Furniture and On-Line at www.tctonstage.com
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Double Wedding and Final Performance of The Curtain Falls Produced by special arrangement with Dramatic Play Service
Key Lime Pie and Almost the Bride of Dracula Produced by special arrangement with Samuel French

Show dates are Thursday, April 24,

Chicken Pot Luck Dinner April 25 at Tehachapi Senior Center

This month's fundraiser at the Tehachapi Senior Center is the popular pot luck dinner, this month featuring Baked Chicken on Friday night, April 25. Doors open at 4pm for a social hour and dinner is served at 5pm.

All ages are invited to bring their favorite side dish, salad or dessert to share and the cost is only \$5 per person and you don't need to be a member to come and enjoy. There will also be a 50/50 drawing.

TSC is looking for new members as well and offers a limited edition t-shirt or apron for those signing up for the 2014 membership at \$50 which includes receiving the monthly newsletter via email.

The center is located at East F Street and South Hayes in Tehachapi

(Photo courtesy of F. Jay Prisco with thanks to Lucia for modeling the apron.)



The Siren's Call

by Sam K. White

The Pacific Crest Trail, the Mexico to Canada footpath flows wild and rugged, while turning and twisting atop the backbone of the mountains of the American West. She calls so clear and loud. She calls: "Join me".

Since my last article, I trekked south to the San Gabriels for a fun 16 mile jaunt. For my journey, I started at trail mile 403 to the Mill Creek Ranger Station at mile 418, where my Angel picked me up.

I took a hard look at my 40 plus pound backpack: lifted it to my knee, put my left arm in the strap, swung my pack over back and my right arm went in, I bent over, fastened and tightened the waist belt, straightened, and adjusted the shoulder straps. Now I was ready for the "Trail."

Once loaded up, I received the usual passionate kiss and soft words of encouragement from my Angel. These feelings and words came back to me as I traveled along with the weight of the pack, the blackened fallen trees along the way that hindered progress, the narrow pathway across slopes where a wrong step could send me sprawling, all was lighter in mind and spirit with those words.

My intended campsite was Sulphur Springs.

Along the Trail, I met up with fellow hikers: a group of three adults, two dogs and two children on their way for a family picnic at the springs. Great to see these parents taking the little ones into the wilderness, even if only a day hike.

I arrived at Sulphur Spring, a delightful campground with a small stream --

sometimes as wide as three feet -- a few inches deep, deep enough to feel the joy of the icy cold water soothing my hot tired feet. The iciness of the water felt so good. I bent over, tilted my head, placed my ear close to the slow flowing stream, closed my eyes, and imagined the sound I heard was the rapids of the Colorado River. Memories like these last a lifetime.

Adventurer On The Trail



The water looked good, clear and clean. Just in case, I filtered it. Filtering is very important, as I learned as I progressed along the Trail the next day. The camp was clean with wooden picnic tables, fire rings and areas leveled for tents. It is a drive-in campground during the season. It was closed for winter at the time, so I was there alone and loved it. The fragrant scent of the Jeffrey pines' sweet vanilla scent filled my sense of smell. As I placed my cheek next to the sun struck, warmed bark, memories

of past experiences flowed: Zion, Alaska, Washington and Oregon, the Columbia River Gorge, Mt. Hood, Mt. Rainier and many other inhalations of that vanilla fragrance.

Along the Trail I stopped and rested frequently, taking time to look at the distant mountains, the fire-scarred trees, the birds, plants, lizards, and my thoughts went to



I came across this group on the trail. Mindy, Nicky, and Kenneth, two dogs, Doggie One and Doggy Two, and two children, Ryker and Ruby on their way for a family picnic at the spring. Great to see these parents taking the little ones into the wilderness for a day hike.



Fallen trees from a fire some five years ago block my path. Hmm, do I go over it? Under? Around?

the words of John Lubbock, "Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass on a summer day listening to the murmur of water, or watching the clouds float across the sky, is hardly a waste of time."

Day two began with a small campfire, warming the spirit and the body in the 20 degree temperature. Breakfast was freeze dried ham and eggs (tasted great) and sweet hot chocolate. I filtered water and filled the water bags, hoisted and swung on the backpack, buckled up (I wondered if the forest rangers would cite me if I didn't buckle up), and I'm on my way. Next stop was Fountainhead Springs, mile 411. Not sure just what is there, but there, there is water, a necessity in this arid climate.

This was a delightful day along the Trail. I was a bit wore out upon reaching the spring because of a few hassles with the fallen blackened trees hindering my way. When I arrived at the spring, I dropped the pack and kneeled at the water edge. The water ran slowly, but deep enough to cup my hands and I took a swallow of the crystal clear refreshment. Then I looked for a campsite. I left my "Monster" backpack (Cheryl Strayed comes to mind as she relates her travels on the Trail in her book, "Wild," a wonderful account of travels on the PCT. She decided to name her pack "Monster"), and headed up the trail.

Not good!

Nothing was level, steepness and boulders minimized possibilities. I finally located a bit of a level area, just short of a mile from the spring. Not excellent, but better than anything else in the immediate area. I went back to retrieve my "Monster".

A bit breezy, I set up the tent on the almost level area.

A ProBar meal and some hot chocolate made a wonderful dinner. The evening provided me with a delightful view of the setting sun, casting glorious colors of reds, violets and yellows brightening the puffy white clouds that hung loosely in the azure sky with their glory proudly demonstrated. The billowing clouds were

white on top and gray on bottom. Their gray drifted earthward with streaks of moisture, which evaporated before reaching the arid desert landscape, while I snuggled into the warm mummy bag. During the night I was constantly shifting my body away from the granite stones that stuck through the bag and poked into various parts of me. My body slipped, conforming to gravity on the less than level tent site. Curling up seemed the most comfortable.

Day three at 2 a.m. I was up and expelling, perhaps something in that sip of water at the spring? "Next time, I'll filter it!" I exclaimed with a grunt. In the morning I packed up and headed down the trail through the blackened landscape that once was a thriving forest, as it shall become again. The fire, some five years ago, was massive -- but now the forest is coming back. There is new growth everywhere if one looks close.

Cell service was bad, but I managed to contact Angel and arrange for a pickup at Mill Creek. Only six miles to go, and other than having to go around, over, or under the fallen blackened trees (crawling under a tree with a 40 pound backpack is somewhat challenging), otherwise it was an uneventful voyage. The most eventfulness was the feeling of Joy at being at this place at this time.

As I awaited my Angel's arrival at the trailhead I could see the upcoming trail glowing in the moonlight like a silver ribbon -- twisting, reaching northward --, and I heard a Siren's soft voice, very clear, "Come with me, the Adventure has just begun."

Come back soon for more Adventures on the Trail.



The cold sparkling water at Sulphur Spring was a delight for my hot tired toes and feet.



This Manzanita shrub, some 25 feet in diameter makes a striking forefront to the distant hills.

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Diego, Calif. of cardiac arrest. Lorie was in a beautiful time of her life, looking forward to spring and completing her backyard. Lorie was passionate about starting a community outreach service with a venue similar to Farmers market.

We want to truly Celebrate Lorie and her passions. A life celebration for Lorie will be at Grace Fellowship Church 213 E. Tehachapi Blvd. on 4/26/14, at 1 p.m. Lunch and reception to follow at Jennifer's Terrace 413 S. Curry St. Tehachapi, CA.

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The Local Scene

Kids Craft Day in Stallion Springs, Sat., April 5



Sara Morris (Gray Sweat shirt) showing the Kids how to make a sock Bunnie.
Submitted by Ed Gordon

Easter is on its Way



Reverend Nancy Bacon of Tehachapi Community Congregational Church and a young helper at a recent service. Photo by Nick Smirnoff (NPPA)

"Our children, their future is in our hands. All too soon our future will be in their hands. Please consider celebrating Easter at a church of your choice." ~ Nick Smirnoff

Tehachapi Christian Arts Fellowship



*Tehachapi Christian Arts Fellowship - God working through Tehachapi Gifts and Talents. Back row: Left to Right: Andrew Hansen, Ron Gaiser, Dorothy McReynolds, Brian Smith
Front: Mikie Pyle, Shawney Miller, Lauraine Snelling, Renee Hajj, Heather Simmons, Mike Sanders. TCAF is committed to waking, encouraging, perfecting, and using the creative spark God's put in all of us to nurture and grow God's Kingdom. Visit one of our Monday meeting, 6pm at First Baptist Church, 1049 South Curry Street, Tehachapi, toward the back of the campus.*

Soccer Drills in BVS



Young soccer players practice at Bear Valley Springs for the start of the 2014 soccer season. By Nick Smirnoff (NPPA)

Kelcy's Cafe Celebrated 45 Years on April 1



Kathy Bassler, owner of Kelcy's Cafe, gathers with her staff to celebrate the 45th anniversary with balloons and a cake special for the occasion. Tehachapi's oldest restaurant and still run by family, we are proud to celebrate their success over the years. Congratulations!

Welcome Paige E. Janssen



Paige Elizabeth Janssen was born Feb. 20, 2014 at 1:07 p.m., weighing 6 lbs 13 oz, and measuring 20 inches! Congratulations to the proud parents Craig and Laurel.

Setting Sail!

During our April 4 "Water Unit" kids set sail in our pirate ship at Tehachapi Valley Recreation and Parks District Parent and Me class.

Submitted by Megan Turk.



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This picture of wild life in Stallion Springs captured by our good friend Cathie. *The Loop* staff were able to identify him as a long-tailed weasel.

These weasels live in the ground, usually in a hole you might see while hiking around. With how fast they are it's amazing she got such a great a picture.

Photo by Cathie Sibley.

Congratulations to Cory Lockwood, Second Place in the Campagnolo Gran Fondo



Cory Lockwood representing Tehachapi at the Campagnolo Gran Fondo in San Diego! He finished 104 miles in five hours and 20 min! Tehachapi has an Outreach Booth in the background, set up promoting this **awesome** event! Whooo-hooo! Way to go!

Charlotte L. Ruse, Legal Document Service Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting April 4



Chamber of Commerce hosted joined Charlotte Ruse for the Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting of Charlotte Ruse Legal Documents/Notary Public on Friday April 4, 2014. The business is located at 102 S. Robinson St. Tehachapi, CA 93561. See her information in our Business Directory on pg. 29. Congratulations!

Photo by Nick Smirnoff (NPPA).



Way To Go, John Cramer

John Cramer, a 2010 graduate of Tehachapi High School and son of Silka and Moe Cramer Jr., was awarded the gold sword for the highest GPA in his ROTC unit at the University of Michigan.

He was also given the President's award for being the commanding officer of his unit.

Way to go Johnny! We're all very proud!

Tehachapi Tractor Supply Co. Store Grand Opening on March 29



Located at 480 N. Mill St., Tractor Supply Co. is open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Saturday and 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Sundays. Above, store manager Tom Scott cuts the ribbon surrounded by employees, city officials and chamber members.

Welcome to Tehachapi, Tractor Supply Co.!

2014 Annual Lip Sync at T.H.S.



Hey there Ginger Morgan, top left, just wanted to say how awesome you were at the Lip Sync at T.H.S. You got the moves! All the teachers and students were so much fun to watch. Good times! Thanks for sharing this picture with *The Loop*.

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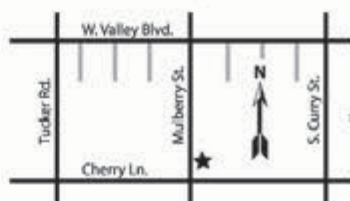
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