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Dr. Grossman

by Zach M. Skow, Executive Director,
Marley's Mutts Dog Rescue



Dr. Grossman with Natalie (Natty) during one of their sessions.

Photo provided by Marley's Mutts.

I just finished a five-mile run during which, by some sweet stroke of serendipity my iPod went dead, leaving me undistracted to ponder the life and influence of Dr. A Richard Grossman.

While he was not generally a practicing veterinarian, rather a doctor for humans, Dr. Grossman handled one of the worst dog injury cases Marley's Mutts has ever seen. Not only did he save the lives of two special puppies; he greatly influenced my life as well, and I am a better man for having known him.

Phoenix and Natalia were two month-old pups that had sustained more serious burns than any other dogs operated on up to that point.

I felt helpless to save these dogs that needed my help if they were to live. I did my best but it simply wasn't enough. Just when I thought I had failed them, Dr. Grossman came to the rescue, along with a team of other doctors, including Bonnie Werner and Dr. Grossman's son, Peter.

Dr. Grossman worked on Natty and Phe Phe three or more days per week, throughout their entire touch-and-go recovery, for almost three months. That is an unbelievable amount of dedication considering how busy this man was!

Dr. Grossman once proclaimed, "I do it because I can." He could help and knew he could, so that is exactly what he did.

The work Dr. G and his team performed in order to save these puppies was miraculous.

Now, at two and a half years old, they both work in a therapeutic capacity, helping to cheer up and inspire children who have been burned, and who attend

It's A Dog's Life

the Burn Survivor Camps held at the Grossmans' own home.

Dr. Richard Grossman passed away today (March 13, 2014), but not without leaving a wake of wonderment behind him that positively affected millions. Aside from pioneering burn care for all creatures, he left me with some of the best and most moving memories of my life.

I cherish my time with him and appreciate his introducing me to the "Grossman Burn Center family." Few people on this planet have made me feel as loved as his assistant and go-to-gal, Cathy Butter. She has always helped me to understand my worth and truly accept who I am. She is no doubt mourning him, and I look forward to our next hug. Dr. G's wife, Elizabeth, has become a wonderful confidant and rescue-helper as well – most recently with our big Dane, Mr. Cool. She's a heck of a woman as well. What's that they say about surrounding yourself with strong women? Well, I'd say he knocked it out of the park in that regard. Once you are accepted into the Grossman family, you are just that, family. I feel very lucky to be an honorary Grossman.

The world has lost a pioneer, a lifesaver and gentleman. While the man himself is gone, the lives and legacies of thousands of two- and four-legged beings will live on with glory because of Dr. Grossman, including his own.

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For more information, please contact: California City's Parks and Recreation Facebook page (or call them at 760-373-3530); or contact Rainbow Rescue online at www.Rainbowrescuepets.com or by calling 760-373-2907.

Vendor registration, contest registration and volunteer forms available at California City Parks & Recreation center or direct application at www.Rainbowrescuepets.com website.

Watch www.Rainbowrescuepets.com for current event updates and schedules!

Romeo

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



Rainbow Rescue is a no-kill 501(c)3 dog rescue located in California City specializing in puppy rescue. Your donation toward our high puppy vet bills will make their life rescue through our Paypal account to make their true life differences possible. Our available adoptable pets can be seen at rainbowrescuepets.com adoption page or private appointment by calling (760) 373-2907. So many sweet puppy kisses waiting to share with you!

Cupid

This bouncing baby boy is **Cupid**, a Rat Terrier blend, 7 weeks old. His sister, Valentine is also available. Both pups made all three local news stations when they survived their mom's difficult labor and survived.



Misu

We rescued **Misu**, a poodle blend, 4-6 yrs old, from a once reputable Palmdale rescue that was closed down by animal control. This boy is 90% blind but appears in otherwise good health. His blindness does not affect the quality of his life, except he doesn't run! He is also house trained.



Dakota

Dakota, a 3-4 yr old male, possibly a Min-pin blend, was one of three dogs left behind the owner returned to Germany to spend what time she had left with her family before she passed from a terminal illness. Dakota is over missing her and ready for a new life. He is house trained and kennel trained. He's a nice easy-keeper dog that will make a great companion.



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.

Renee

Renee came from the City shelter over a month ago. She spent the first few weeks in isolation battling a terrible case of kennel cough. She has fully recovered and has been spayed and placed in a foster home. Renee is a beautiful tri-color pit bull who absolutely **loves** children and babies! She is very curious about cats and would likely do best in a home without kitties or other small critters, like guinea pigs or rabbits. She does well with other dogs of all sizes. She is very strong and playful but listens well and is ready to please. Adoption application for Renee are at www.marleysmutts.com.



Oswell

This gorgeous young fellow is named **Oswell**, after the street on which he was found...all busted up, as if he had been hit by a car. From his initial X-rays it appeared that Oswell had a broken femoral head in his left hip. When Dr. Willis performed surgery to further investigate, he indeed found a break, but it had already begun to heal and calcify, making it a better idea to leave it alone. This five month-old pit bull pup is as gentle as a summer rain; so sweet and loving. With the cutest under-bite you've ever seen! Applications for Oswell can be filled out at www.marleysmutts.com.



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Kevin



Kevin has had a rough start in life. He was attacked at about 6 months of age by his littermates and badly injured. Kevin was removed from that situation into one where he had to be crated all day long. Kevin is a high energy youngster and this proved to be too much confinement for him, so he was given to us. Kevin is small-to-medium sized red male with natural ears and a docked tail. He was born in February of 2011. At the rescue Kevin has a large yard to play in and a female Doberman as companion and they do well together. He is an energetic, athletic and somewhat dominant male: we would not place him with another male dog, but a social female would be fine. Kevin is crate-trained and he is learning some manners. Kevin has a good basic temperament and he will make a good companion for an active, dobie-savvy owner who is willing to put in time training and socializing him.



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Maverick

\$50 Adoption Fee (to qualified applicants) for Maverick, a 2 year young male Terrier mix, very gentle and sweet (he's also housetrained) is waiting for you to give him



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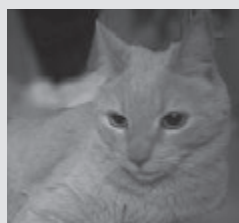
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Bonnie

A Female, Orange Tabby, 11 years of age, spayed and current on her shots.

Miss Bonnie, aka BonBon, is super adaptable, comfortable being herself, and very sociable. She would be a great cat for a family with young children. She lets our baby learn how to stroke her with great patience. She's a bit dog-like in her desire to be with people. She isn't above joining you on the floor for family game night. The combination of her rumbly purr and her weight makes her a very soothing lap cat. She is a big girl, but don't let her hear you talking about her weight - her ears will go back and she'll know you're talking about her. She's a smart girl too. Bonnie's long-time owner recently passed away, and I've been amazed at how quickly she has adjusted to a new household. Indoors only please.



Coquette

Coquette is a 2 year old black and white Chihuahua mix. She is spayed and current on her shots. She is micro-chipped. She is house trained, crate trained and good on a leash. She likes car rides. She gets along with older children. She gets along with other small dogs. Not sure about cats. Won't you consider giving her a forever home.



Bailey

Bailey is a spayed female who weighs approximately 45 pounds who was rescued from the local Kmart last year. She is up to date on all of her vaccines. She is approximately two years of age. Bailey is very friendly and sweet, don't let her look fool you. She does well with children of all ages. Bailey does great with other dogs; however, has not been exposed to cats. Her



owners are moving and there is no room for her. This animal was placed as a public service.

Raising Baby Chickens - The First 60 Days

provided by Ranch Supply, the original article can be found at: <http://www.backyardchickens.com/>
 Edited to fit The Loop newspaper's format.

Brooders

The chick's first home will be the brooder. For brooder designs and ideas see our chicken brooders section. The size of the brooder will depend on the number of chicks you have. Aim for at least 2.5 sq feet per chick, if possible more is better. The bottom of the brooder should have a layer of clean litter (pine shavings or similar). For very small chicks paper towels over wood shavings is recommended. Newspaper is slippery underfoot and can cause foot or leg problems in chicks. Therefor it is not suitable for a brooder floor cover. The litter should be changed out every couple of days, and never allowed to remain damp - cleanliness is **very** important at this stage. Baby chicks are prone to a number of diseases such as Coccidiosis, which thrives in a damp environment. This and other chick health problems can be avoided with proper sanitation. When the chicks are around a month old, add a low roost about 4" off the floor of the brooder to encourage the chicks to start roosting. Don't put it directly under the heat lamp, it will be too warm there.

Temperature

The brooder can be heated by using a light bulb with a reflector, available at any hardware store. A 100-watt bulb is usually fine, though some people use an actual heat lamp. The temperature should be 90-95 degrees for the first week in the warmest part of the brooder and should be reduced by around 5 degrees each week thereafter, until the chicks have their feathers (five to eight weeks old). A thermometer in the brooder is helpful, but you can tell if the temperature is right by how the chicks behave. If they are panting and/or huddling in corners farthest from the light, they are too hot. If they huddle together in a ball under the light, they are too cold. You can adjust the distance of the light (or change the wattage of the bulb) until it's right. Make sure you always cooler spots in the brooder where the chicks can cool down if they feel the need to.

Food and water

Make sure you always have fresh, clean water available for your chicks. Place the waterer as far as possible away from the heat lamp and if you are using a bowl, fill it with marbles or clean pebbles to help prevent the chicks from drowning or

getting soaked if they accidentally fall in.

Even baby chicks will naturally scratch at their food, so a feeder that (more or less) keeps the food in one place is good. A popular design is made of galvanized steel; the top slides off to clean and fill it. Again, cleanliness is important; the chicks will poop right into their own food, so you must clean and refill it often. Chicks start out with food called "crumbles". It is specially formulated for their dietary needs; it comes both medicated or not. Medicated feed is usually medicated with a small amount of Amprolium drugs, which helps prevent Coccidiosis. If you choose non-medicated feed, pay more attention to cleanliness. Chick crumbles is a complete food - no other food is necessary. However, feeding your chicks treats can be fun. After the first week or two, you can give them small amounts of treats every day. Remember when feeding treats to offer the chicks grit to help them break down the new food. If you cannot find chick size grit, coarse sand works just as well.

Play Time

Chicks are insatiably curious - after the first week or two, they can be put outside for short periods of time if the temperature is warm. They **MUST** be watched at this age, however. Chicks can move fast, squeeze into small spaces, and are helpless against a variety of predators, including the family dog or cat. If they have bonded to you (the first large thing a baby chicks sees is forever it's 'mama', this is called "imprinting"), they will follow you around. Chickens become fond of their owners; some will come when you call them (and some won't!).

Keeping chicks healthy

Chicks are prone to a condition called "pasty butt" where dropings stick to their vents and clog it up, making it impossible for them to relieve themselves. If left untreated this can kill them. Check your chicks' bottoms every few hours, especially during the first 2 weeks. If you find a pasty bottom carefully soak and remove the plug, pat the area and dry and apply a little vaseline or vegetable oil to the area. Organic ACV (apple cider vinegar) in their drink water is found to really help prevent this condition. A ratio of three to four tablespoons per gallon of water is recommended.

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vaccinations, microchipped and licensed. In addition, our dedicated volunteers have helped out at four other clinics in Tehachapi and Mojave sponsored by Supervisor Scrivner.

We are committed to making Tehachapi the first no-kill community in Kern County, which means that cats and dogs from our community will not end up in a Kern County shelter and die because they were unwanted. We see a day not so far in the future when that goal can become a reality, and Tehachapi becomes known and praised as a pet-friendly community.



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Charlotte L. Ruse, Legal Document Assistant

Business Spotlight

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April 4, April's First Friday, will be her official Grand Opening! Please stop by 102 So. Robinson St. in downtown Tehachapi between 4 and 7 p.m. for food, wine, music and art from the Tehachapi Treasure Trove.



There will be a Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting ceremony at 4:30 p.m. Charlotte can be reached at 661-699-7025.

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Mortgage Matters

by Tammy Engel, Mortgage Advisor



those costs with seller credits or interest-rate credits, but it takes a savvy mortgage advisor to help you create such a plan. Pre-qualify with someone well-versed in these loan types to avoid drama later.

If you are buying a home for your family to live in, so far the FHA loan is still requiring a 3.5% down payment. On conventional loans, you can get away from monthly mortgage insurance when you bring between 5% and 20% down payment.

For those wanting to acquire investment properties, be ready to put 20% down. These scenarios also require that you have savings or retirement accounts as leftover "reserve" funds. Be sure to consult with a professional about how all this works before you meet with your Realtor. Lending guidelines are stringent and you'll want to know before hand what to expect.

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Meet Your New Neighbors

by Pat Doody

Kathi and Scott Chattin have just settled into their home in Bear Valley. Kathi had been commuting from Lancaster, Calif. daily since June when she began her job as Administrative Assistant for the Bear Valley Springs Association. They had been in Lancaster for a long time. Scott had been there for 12 years and Kathi since 1989 but they knew they needed to make the move. She had previously been the office manager for Mission Linen Supply in Lancaster, Calif. but before that had worked in aerospace for Raytheon. Scott has worked for the Union Pacific Railroad as a conductor and engineer since 2003. When I asked him if he had ridden over the Tehachapi Loop, he said, "Oh yes, lots of times". He did his engineer training on the Loop.

Neither of the Chattins were born in California. Scott is from Mechanicsburg, Penn., which is near Harrisburg. His dad was in the military so he spent many of his early school years in Germany. The family returned to the United States in 1976. He spent four years in the Navy as a mover and driver. Most of his family is still in Pennsylvania. His parents have a home at Underwood Lake and his brother and sister are also there.

Kathi comes from Montana where she grew up on a 16,000 acre ranch with lots of cows and about 50 broodmares. The horses were bred and broken for sale. Her parents and two sisters still live there.

The Chattin's have four daughters between them. Scott's youngest is in Pennsylvania but the remaining are in Lancaster, Calif. Kathi has two daughters and four grandsons between the ages of three and 18 who are also nearby.

They both have individual hobbies. Scott is into cars and fishing and Kathi is into crafting and sewing clothing and purses. However they both share a passion for football, and it is no surprise that Scott is a Steelers fan. Most of all, I was surprised to learn that they are tournament bowlers. They just returned from Las Vegas where their Lancaster team placed a respectable 53 out of 202 teams. Kathi also claims that one of her hobbies is also her two dogs, four-year-old Spaniel Buddha and a 14-year-old Shepherd-mix Pepper. They make quite a household and we are very happy to welcome the Chattin household to Tehachapi.

In December, when **Charlotte Ruse** and **Tommy Baker** bought their Tehachapi house,

no one would have guessed that three months later it would be a lovely view home. Now there is no sign of the house I saw in pictures – the house that had been used in a porno-horror film. Tommy said it took a long time to clean up the fake blood. Copper wiring had been stolen as well so he really had his work cut out for him. The outside still needs some work and that is now his current focus.

Charlotte and Tommy had lived in Lake Isabella for ten years on family property and felt they needed to be away on their own. Tehachapi was an ideal move as Charlotte's son lives here and they also had good friends here to encourage them. Besides, "It's cooler here with more work and more people and more to do."

Charlotte is a legal documents assistant and has opened an office on Robinson St. (in downtown Tehachapi), while keeping a space at Lake Isabella and visits weekly. Tommy has been in construction for many years; it runs in his family. His grandfather was a plumber, his father was a plumber and his cousins are electricians.

The couple met in Forestville, Calif. where Charlotte ran a coffee shop called "A Mindful Cup" and made jewelry. Tommy's two daughters, Lilah and Dolly, are still in that area along with his two grandchildren. Charlotte's daughter, Kathy, is in Bishop, CA, her son, Sean, is in Michigan and her son, James, is here in Tehachapi. Charlotte also has two grandchildren and two great grandchildren. We also can't forget their three household cats named Bear, Wolf and Junior. That is really quite a family.

In his free time Tommy is a gunsmith and enjoys hunting and fishing while Charlotte still makes jewelry and indulges in fiber arts and painting. She has joined the local Chamber of Commerce, has connected with the art association and is fast becoming an active member of our business community.

Charlotte, Tommy and company, "Welcome to Tehachapi!"



Eric Taylor Brings a Texas Voice to Fiddlers Crossing

by Deborah Hand-Cutler

This season Fiddlers Crossing has been introducing Tehachapi to some of the best contemporary singer-songwriters now touring.

The next performer in this series of exceptional concerts is Eric Taylor, an icon of the Texas style of songwriters, coming to Fiddlers Crossing Saturday, April 12, at 7 p.m.

Taylor has been called "a sage musician, a lyrical genius and a master of the guitar."

His songs have been recorded by Lyle Lovett, Nanci Griffith and many others.

Griffith calls him, "The William Faulkner of songwriting in our current time."

Taylor is a Kerrville Folk Festival "New Folk" winner, has played National Public Radio's "Mountain Stage," and has appeared on "Late Night With David Letterman," "Austin City Limits," and NPR's "Morning Edition." He has also been a headliner for the prestigious Newport Folk Festival.

Taylor grew up in Atlanta, Georgia and started playing soul music in his early years. After high school and a brief stint in college, he set out for California, but ran out of money and ended up in Houston. The Texas music scene in the 1970s proved to be just what he needed to inspire his writing.

He learned intricate blues guitar stylings from such legends as Lightnin' Hopkins and

Mance Lipscomb, and then developed his own unique picking style, which in turn has been imitated by others.

Taylor tours extensively in the US and Europe, playing the most notable venues in each location. Fiddlers Crossing is proud that he has chosen to add the Tehachapi venue to his list.

Fiddlers Crossing is at 206 E. F St. at Robinson Street, in Downtown Tehachapi.

Tickets may be purchased next door at Mountain Music, Tehachapi Treasure Trove in Downtown Tehachapi, Tehachapi Furniture in Old Town, and Lucky's Barbershop in Downtown Tehachapi or with a credit card by calling 661-823-9994.

Tickets to the concert are \$20, and as always, coffee and goodies are included.

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Improve Your Own 'Investment Environment'

This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor.

On April 22, we celebrate Earth Day – a day devoted to education and action on environmental issues. As a citizen of the world, you may have a keen interest in protecting your physical surroundings. As someone trying to reach long-term financial goals, such as a comfortable retirement, you're probably also interested in improving your investment environment.

Here are a few suggestions:

- **Respond to environmental factors.** Over the past few years, we've had a favorable investment climate, marked by low inflation, low interest rates and generally strong corporate profits. Investors who have taken advantage of this positive environment have, for the most part, been rewarded. Things can change, so it's always a good idea to understand the current investment environment, as it may affect your investment choices. For example, if it seems likely that long-term interest rates are going to rise significantly, you might need to review your long-term bond holdings, as their price would be negatively affected by a rise in rates.

- **Nurture your investments.** One area of environmentalism involves planting seeds or saplings and nurturing them to maturity. You can do the same thing with investments – and a good way to nurture them is to give them time to grow in all investment climates, – but how long should you hold these investments? You might heed the advice of Warren Buffett, one of the world's most famous investors, who says this about his investment company: "Our favorite holding period is forever." It takes patience to follow the buy-and-hold strategy favored by Mr. Buffett – and it also requires the discipline necessary to keep investing through the inevitable downturns you will encounter. Over the long term, your perseverance may well be rewarded.

- **Avoid "toxic" investment strategies.** Unfortunately, many human activities are bad for the environment. Similarly, some investment strategies are "toxic" for your prospects of success. Consider the pursuit of "hot" stocks. They sound inviting, but, by the time you hear about them, they may have lost their sizzle – and in any case, they might not be right for your needs. Here's another "poisonous" investment strategy: trying to "time" the market. If you're always jumping

in and out of the market, looking for "low" points to buy and "high" points to sell, you'll probably be wrong most of the time – because nobody can accurately predict highs and lows. Even more importantly, you may find yourself out of the market during the beginning of a rally, which is when the biggest gains tend to occur.

- **Diversify your "species" of investments.** Drawing inspiration from Earth Day, the United Nations has designated 2011–2020 as the United Nations Decade on Biodiversity. And, just as preserving the diversification of species is important for life on Earth, the diversification of your investment portfolio is essential for its health. By owning a variety of investments – stocks, bonds, government securities, certificates of deposit and so on – you can help protect yourself from downturns that primarily affect just one asset class. (Keep in mind, though, that while diversification can reduce the effects of volatility on your holdings, it can't guarantee profits or protect against loss.)

Earth Day happens just once a year – but the lessons of environmentalism can help you, as an investor, for all the days and years ahead.

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Whether you file a tax return by the April due date, or obtain an extension to file, filing an annual tax return is mandatory if your income is above a certain level, which will vary depending upon your filing status. There are many reasons to file an extension. You may be waiting for an important document such as a late 1099, or K-1 form showing income which needs to be reported on your tax return, you may be overseas and unable to file by the April deadline, or you may just be a habitual procrastinator. Whatever the reason, filing an extension will grant you another six months for individuals and corporations (five month extension for partnerships, LLC's, estates and trusts) to file the return.

Filing an extension, however, will not allow you to delay payment on any tax you may owe. The extension is to obtain additional time to file a true and accurate tax return. The tax is still due by the original filing due date, therefore you should have a reasonable estimate of the tax liability you will owe. If you anticipate your tax withheld, or taxes paid by estimated tax payments, will not cover the tax due, you should file a federal Form 4868 and/or a California Form 3519 and pay the additional tax you anticipate will be due.

Failure-to-pay penalties are 0.5% of the unpaid balance per month up to a maximum penalty of 25%. So what if you say, "Who cares if I file my tax return on time?" If your tax is overpaid, there is no penalty for filing late (the government thanks you for giving them a longer interest free loan). If however you owe money and file late (do not get an extension) the penalty is 5% of the unpaid balance per month up to a maximum penalty of 25% of the underpaid tax. Hence the recommendation to make a reasonable estimate of your tax liability before the April 15th deadline. California automatically allows a six-month extension to file all tax returns (you don't need to file an extension form with the state) unless you owe money, and then you should file Form 3519 with payment of the additional tax due by the April 15th filing deadline to avoid the late payment penalty.

If you are part of a partnership, limited liability company or limited liability partnership, or an S-Corporation, the federal late filing penalties become horrendous. The penalty for late filing of a partnership, LLP, LLC or S-Corporation tax return is \$195 per partner, per month, up to 12 months (even if no tax is owed). For example, if a partnership did not obtain an extension, had three partners, and filed the return three months late, the late filing penalty would be \$1,755. This, from the "new, friendlier Internal Revenue Service".

Should you decide to file an extension, make certain you pay any taxes owing the Federal and/or State taxing agency by April 15, 2014, or be prepared to pay penalties and interest on taxes

owed.

There are three ways you or your tax professional can request an automatic extension of time to file a U.S. individual income tax return: (1) you can electronically file Form 4868 (Application For Automatic Extension of Time To File U.S. Individual Tax Return); (2) you can pay all or part of your estimate of income tax due using a credit or debit card; or (3) you can file a paper Form 4868 by mail.

Amended Returns

If you have already electronically filed a tax return with the IRS or sent in a paper return and there was a mistake on the return or an important document was left off, you may need to file an amended individual federal return (Form 1040X) and/or an amended California return (Form 540X). These forms and instructions are available on the websites IRS.gov and FTB.gov. Some of the reasons for filing an amended return include, but are not limited to (1) correcting income, deductions, credits or other items incorrectly reported on an original return (2) changing your filing status (such as from married filing separately to married filing jointly – sorry you can't go the other way!!) and (3) changing amounts previously adjusted (oftentimes incorrectly) by the IRS thus giving you a chance to show why their assumptions and changes could be wrong.

An amended tax return may be filed at any time if additional tax is due, but to obtain a refund of tax previously paid, the claim for that refund must be filed within three years (four years for California) after the original return was filed or within two years after the tax was paid, whichever is later. If a return was filed late, a refund claim must be filed within three years from the date the return was due (including extensions). There are some exceptions to the above rules, but you get the general idea. If there is an error in your return, it is best to file the amended return to correct the error. If you file an amended return, the IRS will charge you the tax and late payment interest. If they catch the error and you ignore their notice, they will add penalties to the tax and interest. If the underpayment of tax is "significant" (IRS definition of significant is understatement of the tax that is more than the greater of 10% of the amount due or \$5,000) the IRS can assess (and they like to) an "accuracy related penalty" of 20% of the tax underpayment. If you are filing an amended return for the purpose of claiming a refund, it must be filed within three years after the date the original return was filed, or within two years after the date the tax was paid, whichever is later.

The office of D R Moats & Company trust this information has been helpful in determining what an "extension" is, whether you should obtain an extension to file your tax returns, if you should send a payment with your extension, and instances where you should file an amended tax return.

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The drop off center is located at 100 Commercial Way, Tehachapi, and will be open on Saturday, May 3 from 8 a.m. until Noon.

In addition to bulky waste and e-waste, the city will also be accepting documents for secure shredding. These items must be delivered in a covered, disposable container.

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 1 and Saturday, May 3. Residents in need of this service must contact Tehachapi City Hall at 661-822-2200 to schedule a collection pick-up time.

There will be a volunteer/information center located at Railroad Park on Saturday where individuals and groups looking to get involved are encouraged to show up. Wear sturdy shoes and bring gloves and we will assign you to an area and provide the trash bags.

Acceptable Bulky Waste Items: Sofas, chairs, lawn furniture, washers, dryers, refrigerators, microwave ovens, stoves, tables, water heaters, coolers, air

conditioners and exercise equipment.

Acceptable E-Waste (Electronic Waste) Items: TV's, computers, scanners, fax machines, phones, car batteries and the like.

Document Shredding: Items must be delivered in a covered, disposable container.

Please Note: We will not be accepting any hazardous waste such as tires, paints, chemicals, batteries, etc. For information on how to dispose of hazardous waste, take them to the Toxic Round Up on April 5 from 9 a.m. to Noon at the Tehachapi Landfill or contact Kern County Waste Management at 661-862-8900 and at www.kerncountywaste.com

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Happy Spring!

by Rev Nancy Bacon

Recently, it was a tremendous joy to be installed as pastor of Tehachapi Community Congregational Church. It doesn't get any better than festively sharing (with family, friends and the best congregation on the planet) Celtic music, jokes, and good food. I will treasure the memories forever.

I'm part Irish, and the celebration reminded me of my dad's big family and my million Catholic cousins. My dad was the youngest of 14 children. When he was just three years old, his mother died of tuberculosis and his father, a manual laborer, injured his hand – making it impossible to work and care for his family. The children were visibly hungry. When my dad broke his arm, there was no treatment the first week.

I imagine that life in rural parts of Africa may be a bit like what my father experienced as a child: preventable illnesses taking the lives of loved ones; inadequate access to medical treatments; hunger; working hard just to get by; and yet, simple pleasures and moments of treasured joy.

After Easter, I will be in northern Uganda for three weeks, and my preconceptions will likely prove inaccurate. Through AidAfrica.net, I have chosen to use some educational leave time to work alongside Ugandans attempting to reclaim and improve village conditions. I hope to learn and maybe, if I am lucky, be transformed.

My biggest fear is that my pilgrimage

From the Pastor's Desk



outside of middle class America won't have a lasting effect on me. My first world problems and busy schedule keep me insulated from dire poverty. My prayer is that God will allow me to get to know someone I work beside well enough that I may carry him or her in my heart, and that I will keep a schedule that allows me to be with people in dire need of attention.

Before I leave, I plan to enjoy one more Celtic celebration: A Kirkin' 'O the Tartan on Tartan Day, Sunday, April 6 at 10:30 a.m. in our sanctuary. This is a Scottish service to honor families, deceased loved ones, perseverance of clans and celebration of neighbors living peacefully side by side.

Besides Irish, I'm Scottish and English and other things too – quite a mutt actually.

I know my Celtic relatives likely shot at each other in various battles. Somehow Great Britain has found its way from bloodshed to acceptance and honoring of cultural differences. The Kirkin' gives hope that other people may do the same. Would that it be so!

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About My Mother

by Susan Wiggins

Normally I write about articles my mother Marion Deaver wrote about, area history, and things that other people did.

Today I am writing about my mother and some of the things she did. I found an article that the *Bakersfield Californian* wrote about her. The paper was writing articles about various correspondents in honor of National Newspaper Week.

My mother had the bad habit of tearing things out of the newspaper and not leaving the top of the page with the date on it, so I am not sure when this was written. It mentioned her son William Deaver who was a Pfc. at the time. Bill told me that had to have been between 1959 and 1960. That would have made me nine or ten at the time.

I learned from the article that my mom had first started writing for a newspaper in high school. I never knew that. It was in 1924 when Mark Wilcox, a journalism teacher at Kern County Union High School, asked my mom to write articles for the *Bakersfield Californian*. She agreed and wrote them for several months.

Thirty years later she learned that the *Californian* needed a correspondent and again began writing for the newspaper. At first she only covered Mojave and later added Rosamond, Boron, Willow Springs, Tehachapi and an occasional article about Edwards AFB (she later added California City to the list, once it came into being).

"The best part of writing about the desert has been seeing the growth of the area," she said, "I have seen the entire area blossom with new homes, new roads, and more industry."

Those industries that she saw come to the area included Crescent Carbon added to Rosamond, Calif., Portland Cement Company west of Mojave, Spencer of California in Tehachapi (the site of the new city police department), an expansion of U.S. Borax (including the change to add open pit mining), development of new communities (including California City and Desert Lake) and finally new facilities and flight tests at Edwards AFB.

My mother's education included

A Page of History

Bakersfield's Lincoln, Lowell and Emerson Elementary Schools, high school and junior college, then a major in Economics at Stanford University. (Didn't know what her major was either. I am impressed – I hated economics!)

Later she took a training course in Los Angeles to prepare her for juvenile work in Kern County and with the state as a case aid. Other jobs included working for one year as a drug store clerk, spending a year as Mojave's only florist, and volunteering as secretary of the Mojave Businessmen's Association for several years. (I still have her notebook from that association.)

All of this, she said, prepared her to be a correspondent.

At the time the article was written, she served as a local registrar for the Kern County Health Department, signing off on death certificates for those who died in the area. This way the funeral homes did not have to drive to Bakersfield to have the papers processed.

She was also a member of the Antelope Valley Branch of the Red Cross. Later she would be a charter member of the Kern-Antelope Historical Society.

Mom said she enjoyed that every day was a new adventure.

"I have ridden in a crane near Boron to photograph a new desert gas line, ridden a bucket down into the ground to see the bones of a pre-historic animal and climbed through fences to photograph airplane and car crashes.

She added that she had photographed Gov. Edmund G. Brown and former Gov. Goodwin Knight, traveled to Florida to see an air show, arose six (count 'em) times to write about the X-15, photographed rattlesnakes "and loved every minute of it!"



Five Tips for Becoming a Wine Expert

Being an expert simply means that you have a very good understanding of something. Being a wine expert means you have a very good understanding of wine. All of them. You've got to be kidding. There are painfully few wine experts out there and Bob the "Wine Guy" certainly isn't one of them... really. I am well versed in a few wines of the world. While familiar with most – I do know more than most of the folks who ask me questions about wine, and can speak moderately intelligently about them –, that an expert does not make. I am more of an aficionado, and that suits me just fine.

If you want to hone your vinous skills, here are five approaches I've adopted to help make it happen!

Number one among the five tips:

Learn a little bit about the region where the wine in question, the one we're judging, is from. As we have discussed previously some of the finest wine in the world is grown in California, so finding a little bit about the area in California where your wine comes from could be very helpful. All 50 states in the United States now grow wine grapes; however California produces 90% of all the wine in America. That means that collectively the other 49 states, which includes Alaska and Hawaii, produce 10%.

Number two: When judging wine for yourself, and again this is to make you the expert, one helpful technique is drinking in squares. I know what you're thinking; Bob the "Wine Guy" has once again lost his mind, but no – drinking in squares refers to tasting wines in multiples. One is called a horizontal tasting, and the other is called a vertical tasting. They both offer fabulous opportunities to learn about wine.

Okay here's how it works. When doing a vertical tasting you will be tasting three or more wines from the same producer, also known as the vintner. Example: Zinfandel, but all from succeeding years such as a 2008, 2009, and 2010. All must be from the same vineyard and the same varietal.

Okay so what is a horizontal tasting? It is three or more wines of the same year, example 2007, the same varietal, example Merlot, but from different vintners. This is really a great way to see what you like and how to do a comprehensive taste test. A malicious rumor has been spread that horizontal tastings are the result of too much vertical tasting, this is patently untrue.

Number three: Do what I call, "Drink with your eyes open." By this I mean drink with all the info you have available to you. Sounds obvious but it's something we certainly don't do when simply drinking wine. When we really want to learn something from a tasting it's a good idea to understand what style and techniques the wines are made in. Once we find producers whose wines resonate with our palates, we're going to want to seek out similar wines.

Number four: It's called drink with your eyes closed. Blind tasting. The only way this works is by tasting blind. We are often influenced by what we see. If you want to study wine and be honest with yourself, hide the damn bottles. So if you really want to test yourself eventually try doing that with your eyes closed the experience is enlightening you might even say eye-opening (this guy should be arrested).

Bob - the 'Wine Guy'



Lastly, **number five:** Be honest. This is the last step to becoming a wine expert of any sort. Be honest with yourself. Many of the people who make wine unpleasant adopt dogmatic approaches to wine. Sometimes you might love a natural wine, and sometimes you might love an industrial wine. You know what I'm talking about, they come in those boxes, but hey that's okay. You have not let down "your side". You've just chosen not to take sides. For me that is the only path one can honestly take for I have tasted great and terrible wines made both by artisans and faceless corporations. What I choose to buy may be a different story, but what I choose to vilify can be driven only by what is tasted. Blind.

As we've talked about many times before, what we at the Souza winery would like you to consider when you come and see us is to enjoy yourself, and learn something you didn't know before about wine, and hey, it should all be fun!

It's Spring, and things have become beautiful. Take a look around and you will notice that our little Tehachapi Valley is becoming somewhat of a wine growing area, and we couldn't be more proud. Thanks to all you wine experts out there, keep it coming.

Okay before leaving ya, you got it, it's Family Nugget time!

My Uncle Aldo, on the morning of my Aunt Teresa's birthday walks into the kitchen, and my Aunt says, "I had a dream last night that you gave me a diamond necklace for my birthday. What do you think it means?" So, Uncle Aldo says, "Maybe we'll find out tonight." That evening he comes home with a small package and gives it to Aunt Teresa. She's so excited that she whips off the wrapping paper thinking this is the answer to her dream, only to find a book titled, "The Meaning of Dreams". Which she promptly strikes him on the head with. Bada bing.

Until next time, I remain your Bob the "Wine guy." Abbondanza Fortuna.

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Bakersfield Community Theatre is proud to announce our next production, and the cap to our 87th Season: Robert Harling's "Steel Magnolias," directed by Pat Kerley.

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by Dr. Brian Martin, Doctor of Chiropractic
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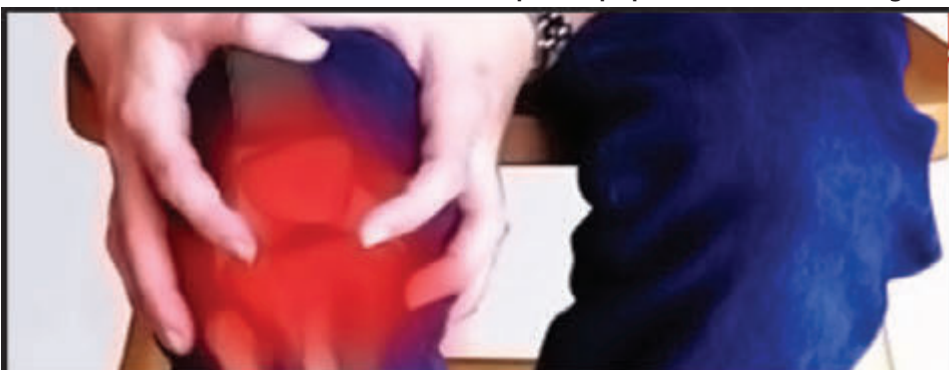
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~Kathryn Hennich

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PCT: Trail of the Angels

Article and photos by Sam K. White

Last issue I left you with time for a pause. During this pause I learned a bit about the Tehachapi Trail Angels.

The Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail 2000, commonly known as the PCT, is a pathway that leads intrepid backpackers from the border of Mexico to the border of Canada – over 2,500 miles. A few attempt to cover the long distance in one journey. Most, like myself, do what is called “section hiking.” (A little bit here and a little bit there.)

I have also volunteered as a local “Trail Angel,” one of a group of 20 plus Tehachapians that delightfully provide services to the weary traveler.

The services we provide can be as little as a ride to town from where the PCT crosses the Tehachapi-Willow Springs highway at Cameron Road, to as much as opening up a home to one of these weary travelers and letting them use a personal vehicle (see the November 2013 issue of *The Loop* for Debbie Williams’ first-hand experience), or anything in between.

Maintaining the water drop at Cameron Road, my job, led me to an encounter. I drove up, checked out the water, walked down the trail, and began picking up colorful items that conflicted with the desert drab. Along the trail, I discovered something glorious....

I found some Desert Groundsels, a member of the sunflower family, in blazing bloom. They were everywhere. The vibrant yellow blossoms and deep green leaves of this flower were spread in a fragrant bouquet, expressing joy at the Spring’s warmth.

Wow, what a delightful landscape. I wonder who designed it?

At the bottom of the hill a traveler was walking across the bridge. Heavy pack, sunburned face, a big smile when she saw me. Her phone battery had gone dead, and she had no way to connect with her contact in town. We refer to an occurrence such as this as “Trail Magic.” Sometimes – when you are feeling down on the trail because of lack of food, water,

morale, companionship, sunshine or a dead phone battery – something unexpected comes along and makes all your troubles disappear. This “Trail Magic” is frequently delivered by a Trail Angel.

One of the beauties of being a Trail Angel is that one meets the most interesting people. For example, Katie - the traveler I met at the bridge - in her early thirties, blond hair in a pony tail, trim and athletic; she had a floppy hat, nice smile and was friendly. She shared that she is a musician, cello mostly, from Santa Barbara; and a section hiker with plans on taking this summer to travel as many sections of the PCT as she can, and some she has already crossed off her list. She hopes to complete the trail by early Fall. She did not object when I offered to carry her pack up the hill to the car. Katie is an ultra light backpacker, so I could handle the weight without looking like a wimp. Fortunately for me, there was only two liters of water left of the twelve liters (26 pounds) she had when she started at Hikertown; a place on the 138 Highway located about 58 miles to the south. She used my phone to contact her friend in town, then we drove to Kohnen’s Bakery for a sandwich, photos and some conversation. We were soon joined by Katie’s friend Christy (Rockin’). Christy lives here in Tehachapi, is a school teacher, and guess how she spends her summers... Yep. Almost done with the PCT, she has an interruption this summer, as she is doing “The Great Outdoors Challenge” – a very challenging backpack in Scotland.

I learn so much from these hikers. I have discovered that “Trail Magic” works both ways. For example: Here I am sitting with the warm sun on my back on the front deck of Kohnen’s Bakery with two very pretty ladies and we discuss tales of the trails. Our mental images are fueled with conversation of the trail, and our passion is obvious.

Example number two: Greg (Cinch) and Curtis (White Rabbit). Early this year I was taking a look at the PCT with an interest on doing a backpack trip sometime in the future. At the Cameron Road water drop there was a list of Trail Angels. I wrote in my name and phone number.

A couple months passed, then one morning I received a call from Greg. He and Curtis requested a ride to town, and I quickly obliged (anything to distract me from gardening and other chores).

These guys are incredible. Retired firemen from the Sacramento area, both were over six feet tall, two hundred plus pounds, no fat and had bulging muscles. I was glad they were friendly. Greg is turning 60 this year and plans to complete the entire PCT before the big event. Curtis is not far behind in



ABOVE: The water drop at Cameron Road is a welcome sight to the “voyageurs.” Sometimes they may discover some soda pop in addition to the water. Here they find the list of Trail Angels and contact info.



LEFT: One of the many pleasures of being a Trail Angel is meeting and sharing trail tales with delightful people such as Katie at Kohnen’s Bakery, where we had lunch.

both cases. Both are section hikers. They have been packing together – sometimes with their families, and sometimes just them, for many years.

They bought me breakfast at Kelcy’s Cafe. The conversation was mostly comparing notes and exchanging views of the trail. The emotions very parallel to the Kohnen’s conversation above.

When I dropped them off the next morning along Highway 58 we walked through the gate and to the pathway. They are loaded with their 40 plus pound packs, headed north with Walker Pass, their next stop, some 60 miles. We hugged and they headed up the trail. A hint of tears in my eyes as I watched their quick-paced progress upward, I thought, “Soon I will

follow”. I later learned that they made this trek in three days. I then thought, “Soon I will follow, but not at that speed”.

The role of the Tehachapi Trail Angels is to delightfully provide and receive the above benefits. If you have a love for the freedom the PCT offers so many, and would like to be an Angel, contact Anne Marie-Novinger: annemarienovinger7@gmail.com, or myself: samattheloop@yahoo.com.

Next issue I am headed south, to the San Gabriel, mile 403 to mile 418 of the PCT, it promises to be a dramatic voyage. Stay tuned. For my more attentive readers of my articles, I have hinted at some “Trail Names” I’ve been able to pick up on my travels.



Greg and Curtis are ‘Mean Machines’. These two usually average some 20 miles a day transporting their 40 plus pound packs on their backs. Doesn’t that sound like fun?

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Consequentialism, Deontology, Ethics, and Virtue

Know the Law

by Stephen F. Rudin, Esq.

We are all presented with ethical/moral questions in our life. The actions or behavior we choose can impact both our life and the life of others. The fundamental question is: as an individual person (including corporations) of our society how should one act?

The term deontology comes from the Greek words for duty (deon) and science (or study) of (logos). Deontology deals with what we ought to do (deontic theories). The deontic theory views morality as comprised of duties and rights. Deontologism is a rule based approach that defines moral action by axiom, such as "treat others as you would like to be treated." Therefore a deontic theory is bound to rules, not material interest or experience. Within this view, moral duty is derived from reason where moral decisions are based on one's duty and the rights of others.

Consequentialism theories (aretaic theories) deal with the kind of person we should be. The question in consequentialism of whether an action is ethically right depends on the consequences of that act. The result of ones action and not duty or rights define what one ought to do. Consequentialism is the analysis of the expected benefit of the results for a given course of action. Through empirical means consequentialism seeks the most desirable ends good for mankind. In summary, consequentialism looks at the result of one's chosen action as the norm for how one ought to act.

Virtue ethics looks at the character of a person. Virtue ethics has its classical roots in Plato and Aristotle. A similar focus on character is also found in Chinese philosophy. Virtue ethics philosophy in its return to the table of discussion puts much effort in distinguishing itself from consequentialism and deontology. Virtue is defined in terms of desirable characteristics such as: prudence, justice, courage, and temperance.

These three philosophical ethic models are distinguished by their respective normative bases. In deontology, it is to follow the rules presupposed by moral absolutes. In consequentialism, it is the results of action that define right behavior. The virtual ethics model focuses on good characteristics. There are other philosophical views that are less present. Of the three presented the first two make up the majority of current debate. Also, these three approaches represent the normative ethics branch of ethics in philosophy. Although the models have different criteria for analysis the results can be and often are the same, however, not always. The current normative ethic models are concerned with how one ought to act. The reality of course is that most people do what

they do regardless of any philosophical ethics model. That is, presented with an ethical situation, we choose a course of action based on our experience and knowledge without thinking about an underlying ethical model.

Consider as an example the new generation of Hepatitis C medications. The new medications have significantly reduced side effects and much greater efficiency eliminating the virus for a cure. One pharmaceutical company has a newly approved medication that they are offering for sale in the U.S. at \$1,000 per pill, that amounts to about \$84,000 for a 12 week treatment. The propriety of charging that much has come into question. On the one hand, the action appears to be within the law and in business that should be the end of it. Looking at consequences is another story. Treating all three to five million people believed to be infected would amount to a cost of more than \$250,000,000,000. The concerns from a bio-ethical view include the likely impact on equality of treatment and the potential harm to those that do not have the resources for treatment. Also, without mitigation on cost the national fisc will be negatively impacted.

Outside of the manufacturer, one option being considered is to only provide coverage for the medication to patients in the more advanced stages of the illness. The pharmaceutical company has stated they would provide the medication for free or significantly reduced cost for those in need that can not afford the cost. It is not clear to me how the story will end. My question is, what would you, the reader, consider to be an ethical solution to this example of high cost medication?

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Test Your Knowledge of Financial Basics

Jennifer's Thoughts...

Working with a trusted financial professional is one of the best ways to help improve your overall financial situation, but it's not the only thing you can do. Educating yourself about personal finance concepts can help you better understand your advisor's recommendations, and result in more productive and potentially more prosperous financial planning discussions. Take this brief quiz to see how well you understand a few of the basics.

Questions

1. How much should you set aside in liquid, low-risk savings in case of emergencies?

- a. One to three months' worth of expenses
- b. Three to six months' worth of expenses
- c. Six to twelve months' worth of expenses
- d. It depends

2. Diversification can eliminate risk from your portfolio.

- a. True
- b. False

3. Which of the following is a key benefit of a 401(k) plan?

- a. You can withdraw money at any time for needs such as the purchase of a new car.
- b. The plan allows you to avoid paying taxes on a portion of your compensation.
- c. You may be eligible for an employer match, which is like earning a guaranteed return on your investment dollars.
- d. None of the above

4. All of the money you have in a bank account is protected and guaranteed.

- a. True
- b. False

5. Which of the following is typically the best way to pursue your long-term goals?

- a. Investing as conservatively as possible to minimize the chance of loss
- b. Investing equal amounts in stocks, bonds, and cash investments
- c. Investing 100% of your money in stocks
- d. Not enough information to decide

Answers

1. **d.** Conventional wisdom often recommends setting aside three to six months' worth of living expenses in a liquid savings vehicle, such as a bank savings account or money market mutual fund. However, the answer really depends on your own individual situation. If your (and your spouse's) job is fairly secure and you have other assets, you may need as little as three months' worth of expenses in emergency savings. On the other hand, if you're a business

owner in a volatile industry, you may need as much as a year's worth or more to carry you through uncertain periods.

2. b.

Diversification is a smart investment strategy that helps you manage risk by spreading your investment dollars among different types of securities and asset classes, but it cannot eliminate risk entirely. You still run the risk of losing money.

3. **c.** Many employer-sponsored 401(k) plans offer a matching program, which is like earning a guaranteed return on your investment dollars. If your plan offers a match, you should try to contribute at least enough to take full advantage of it. (Note that some matching programs impose a vesting schedule, which means you will earn the right to the matching contributions over a period of time.)

Since 401(k) plans are designed to help you save for retirement, the federal government imposes rules about withdrawals for other purposes, including the possibility of paying a penalty tax for nonqualified withdrawals. You may be able to borrow money from your 401(k) if your plan allows, but this is generally recommended as a last resort in a financial emergency. Finally, traditional 401(k) plans do not help you avoid paying taxes on your income entirely, but they can help you defer taxes on your contribution dollars and investment earnings until retirement, when you might be in a lower tax bracket. With Roth 401(k)s, you pay taxes on your contribution dollars before investing, but qualified withdrawals will be free from federal, and in many cases, state taxes.

4. **b.** Deposits in banks covered by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation are protected up to \$250,000 per depositor, per bank. This means that if a bank should fail, the federal government will protect depositors against losses in their accounts up to that limit. The FDIC does not protect against losses in stocks, bonds, mutual funds, life insurance policies, annuities, or municipal securities, even if those vehicles were purchased at an insured bank. It also does not protect items held in safe-deposit boxes or investments in Treasury bills.

5. **d.** To adequately pursue your long-term goals, it's best to speak with a financial professional before choosing a strategy. He or she will take into consideration your goals, your risk tolerance, and your time horizon, among other factors, to put together a well-diversified strategy that's appropriate for your needs.



Jennifer Williams

Tehachapi's Own Kelly Saunders is Here for You

Kelly Saunders, who many may remember as a former manager of our local Union Bank, has joined Keiffe & Sons Ford as their Fleet Sales Consultant.

Kelly is involved in the Tehachapi branch of the Rotary Club and was a co-founder of Rotaract – the young adult version of Rotary.

As a lover of music, he has also donated his time, talents and use of his sound equipment to several local events at no charge to non-profit organizations in order to make their events even better.

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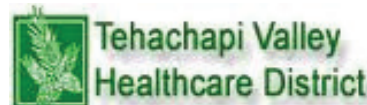
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The Forde Files

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The Dash-80 rollover

A test pilot cowboy sold the 707 to the world

By Tina Fisher (Forde) Cunningham

I was sad and upset when the federal sequester of funds targeted things the public loves, like veterans memorials, national parks and especially the Navy/Marine Blue Angels Flight Demonstration Squadron and the Air Force Thunderbirds demonstration team. These exciting teams once again are giving the taxpayers their money's worth at air shows around the country. The Blue Angels performed at Lancaster's Fox Field at the Los Angeles County Air Show on Mar. 21-22. I was not able to attend, but our photographer Nick Smirnoff sent some photos from their practice runs a few days before.

My memories of both these demonstration teams go back to happy years in Seattle, when we would watch the Gold Cup hydroplane races on Lake Washington from our home on a hill overlooking the course. It was always a glorious day, featuring the thundering hydroplanes with their big Rolls Royce engines racing to cross the start line, their proud rooster tails throwing up a wall of water, hundreds of boats on the log boom and a big party at our house catered by Trader Vic's.

Who can forget the elegant pink Hawaii Kai or the local favorite Slo-mo Shun? We were hydroplane wonks.

Race day, Aug. 7, 1955. I was 11. We still lived in a small town in central Washington and had not yet moved to the big house in Seattle. We were guests on a boat on the log boom. The morning heats were completed. The Blue Angels or the Thunderbirds – I can't recall which, as they both flew at the Gold Cup races – had just finished performing. The TV camera crews and half a million people around the lake were kicking back for a lunch break or a swim before the final hydroplane races.

Suddenly there was a buzz and everyone's eyes turned toward an aircraft that was coming in from the south over Seward Park, a peninsula that juts into the lake. People initially thought it was a solo demonstration by one of the military team jets.

As the aircraft came closer, a murmur of recognition swept through the crowd as everyone saw it was the Boeing 707 prototype, the Model 367-80, or XB-80, known as the Dash-80. Boeing called it a prototype jet tanker-transport. It was a familiar sight in the skies over Seattle, and I recall the roar of the impossibly loud jet engines being tested to the max, apparently uncovered, at Renton Field, several hills and many miles away. Four Pratt & Whitney JT3 turbojet engines powered the aircraft.

At that time, the passenger airline

industry was skeptical about purchasing jets. The first Western commercial passenger jet aircraft, the British De Havilland Comet, placed into service in 1952, had twice crashed, fully loaded with passengers, and was retired. The problem was found to be the square windows had created stress cracks. Airplane windows henceforth were round. Another early passenger jet was the Soviet Tupolev TU-104 twin-engine turbojet, which successfully flew commercially beginning in the early '50s.

Jets were associated with military and war, and people in the '50s were too close to wars and didn't want reminders, nor did they trust the darn things. The major American airline companies were not ready to commit to passenger jets until they found an aircraft they could trust, that performed well and was comfortable.

The legendary Boeing test pilot Tex Johnston had been given permission to stage a fly-by during the Gold Cup. Boeing executives were entertaining representatives of the international airline industry, who were convening in Seattle for meetings. Boeing President Bill Allen was on a barge on Lake Washington. Many of the Boeing execs were at the home of a future school friend of mine whose father was the company's chief aerodynamicist.

Instead of a sedate fly-by, Johnston emerged from the south, dropped down over Seward Park, came in low over the water and put that puppy into a beautiful slow barrel roll, pulling up over the Floating Bridge and rising into the sky.

Then Johnston turned around and did it again. He flew in the other direction, pulling up over Seward Park.

It left us breathless and cheering. It was an awesome sight. It was so big, so graceful, so powerful. So upside down.

The Boeing execs nearly had heart attacks. My uncle was with the gentleman whose company provided insurance to Boeing.

"We didn't insure a stunt plane," he gasped.

Later that day, Bill Allen called Johnston into his office for a good chewing out. Allen had taken a big gamble and the entire fate of the company was riding on those Dash-80 wings.

Allen did not fire Johnston. Funny



From the Boeing Archives

thing, they started selling 707s pretty quick after that.

Johnston knew exactly what he was doing and exactly what that Dash-80 could do. For a long time, he had been executing the same maneuvers in routine tests out over the ocean. The only difference was that half a million people saw it that day. He had told no one what he intended to do. There were only a handful of people on the airplane. He said later he wanted to show how safe the aircraft was.

"I wanted to get their attention," Johnston said.

Few photos or film records of the event exist, or have made it from household archives to the public. The TV crews stationed around the lake were giving their cameras a rest before the final races. There was no mention of the event the next day in the Seattle papers. It's said (and may be true) that Boeing put some pressure on the newspaper owners to hush it up.

As if anyone who was there could ever forget.

Years later, at high school reunions, I discovered that each schoolmate who was there that day – and who would be anywhere else on Gold Cup day! – remembered it differently. The first pass came in from the north. No, it came in from the south. Well, it came over twice, maybe you only saw it once. It was 100 feet off the water. No, it was 500, a thousand. No, it was barely a wing span off the deck.

I researched. I interviewed the aerodynamicist, my friend's father, who had been aboard most of the test flights. I got permission from Boeing to peruse Tex Johnston's original flight log in the Boeing archives in Bellevue, Wash.

It says: DATE 1955, 8-7, TEST NO. 70-1, FLIGHT NO. 129, FLIGHT TIME 1:18, TOTAL PERIOD TIME 3:13, TOTAL AIRPLANE TIME 194:27, TEST DESCRIPTION CHANGES AND REMARKS Slow Roll Over Gold Cup.

A grainy video (film) of the rollover can be found on the internet, but it fails to convey the true impact.

With the help of another classmate who is a Boeing test engineer, in 2002 I was able to visit a massive wooden hangar at Boeing field that shelters old aircraft. The Dash-80, a peace sign scrawled on her windshield and surrounded by crates of airplane parts,

was dusty but dignified. She wore her original colors – a dull grey belly, a terracotta brown trim and yellow topside. Her nickname long ago was "The Flying Banana."

She shared space in that big hangar with a gorgeous silver Boeing 307 Stratoliner Clipper Flying Cloud, which – during the restoration process – was ditched in Elliott Bay off Seattle due to fuel miscalculation, and seriously damaged by exposure to the salt water.

The Dash-80 was a true test aircraft, pushed to the limit in every way. Through the years, engineers chopped and cut and patched and pounded and measured the aircraft, first to make the 707 model perfect, then to develop newer passenger jet models. To test the viability of the 727 tri-motor configuration, they slapped an extra engine on her back, then took it off. To test moveable stabilizers, they hacked holes in her rear and built lumpy frames out of wood. They sliced in doors and sealed the skin up again. They modified the flaps. They built a huge proboscis, then prettied her up with a new nose job.

She was the prototype of the most successful passenger jet airliner in history. The Dash-80 was the mother ship, the alpha aircraft, the creation that made the world smaller by half.

A few years after my visit to the dusty lady, in a final farewell flight the Dash-80 hopped her way slowly across the continent so as not to stress her old bones, to her ultimate destination at the Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Annex of the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum near the Dulles International Airport at Chantilly, Va.

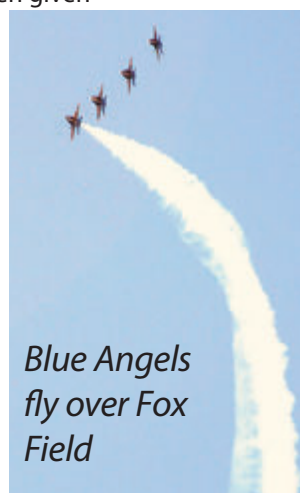
She has been designated one of the ten most important aircraft of all time.

I remember that day in 1955 and I cheer the jets of the military demonstration teams, happy that youngsters today get to experience the same thrill.

Well, almost the same.

The extracurricular stunt that Tex Johnston pulled off could never happen again.

Could it?



Blue Angels fly over Fox Field

Photo by Nick Smirnoff

Shedding light on local issues.

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March 24, 2014 – A crew from Johasse Rebar, Bakersfield, installs rebar for the foundation of the Tehachapi Replacement Critical Access Hospital. From left, Brandon Haycock, Bobby Pate, Jose Gonzales and Adam Molina.
Photo by Tina Fisher Forde

Hospital \$20 million short; board hires top fundraiser

The Tehachapi Valley Healthcare District board of directors approved an expenditure of \$25,000 to hire financial advisor and investment banker Gary Hicks to provide a plan for raising \$20 million to complete the construction budget of the Tehachapi Replacement Critical Access Hospital.

Interim Chief Executive Officer Evan Rayner said at the Mar. 26 board meeting at the Golden Hills Community Services District that the district “will come up with new ideas and explore other avenues of financing and funding.”

Those ideas include looking at new options for equipment, loans, grants and philanthropy in what Rayner called “a faceted approach to planning.”

Both Rayner and Interim Chief Financial Officer Chet Beedle have worked with Hicks and spoke highly of his ability to locate funding possibilities. Hicks’ resume lists his fundraising projects for more than 200 healthcare-related entities, for a total of \$3,450,170,756.00 in funds found.

The new Tehachapi hospital is now 30 percent complete, with a targeted opening in the first quarter of 2016.

Project Manager Stacey Pray of SHP Project Development told the board that \$22.8 million has been spent on construction, of which \$22.2 is bond money. She said \$44.5 million is left in the bond funds.

“I am managing an \$86 million project,” she said. “I am not showing any other source of funding at this point.”

If funds drop too far, she said, “I will recommend a cease and desist order.”

The construction of the hospital at the Capital Hills site is stalled due to four

construction problems, two of which have been resolved, she said. Additionally, the Inspector of Record, who is required to be on site full time, has given notice, creating a vacancy the district must full for construction to continue. Pray said she is negotiating with another inspector.

While the schedule is lagging, contractors are still at work completing the foundation (see photo).

“Right now we’re dead in the water,” Pray said. “I believe we can catch up. Next month we will see a slight shift.”

The project has been spending \$1.5 to \$2 million a month but with the unexpected delays, that amount has dropped.

“We’re not spending as much money as I would like,” Pray said. “We’re not building as much as I would like. In April we’ll get it back up to \$2 million [a month].”

In other healthcare district business, the board (director Dr. Kim Horowitz attending remotely by speaker phone) approved moving the remaining \$44,549,124 in bond proceeds from a Wells Fargo money market account to a Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF). The Wells Fargo account earns .01 percent, while the LAIF will earn approximately .25 percent.

The LAIF will earn \$110,000 more in annual interest, minus a \$1,000 transfer fee. The account also provides the liquidity needed for construction.

The board approved the extension of interim pharmacist Dr. Kim Hoffman’s employment to July, for a total of 12 months. A former pharmacist at Tehachapi Hospital, she returned when the staff pharmacist quit suddenly.

DRILL, MAYBE, DRILL!



At its Mar. 19 meeting, the Tehachapi-Cummings County Water District board of directors mulled and tabled a proposal to pay for the construction of a new well that possibly could prevent a cutback in agricultural water delivery this drought year.

The Golden Hills Community Services District would own the well, dubbed the Steuber Well after its location off Steuber Road just north of Highline Road at the east end of the Tehachapi Basin. Under the proposal, set forth by district Manager John Martin and the Golden Hills CSD, the water district would pay for the construction of the well, maintain it, sell the water to agricultural customers and turn it over to Golden Hills in three to five years when that CSD needs the additional water.

Approximately 85 to 90 percent of the cost would be reimbursed by the Golden Hills CSD in the year that they connect to their system, Martin reported in his presentation.

The well, which engineers estimate would produce 300 to 400 acre feet for this year’s farming season if completed by July 1, would enable the water district to fill all agricultural orders. The lack of water would put 80 or more acres out of production, depending on the crop.

“This is something the water district is asking for,” Golden Hills CSD Manager Bill Fisher said. “They need help because of the drought...we can wait.”

The wide-ranging discussion ended when the directors (Rob Schultz absent)

concluded they wanted more information on the cost of the venture and expressed doubt that the water production would be assured. David Hadley, Jean Prel and Harry Cowan voted to postpone a decision until after the Golden Hills CSD opens construction bids April 7.

“There are a lot of ‘ifs’ involved in a well,” Chairman Harry Cowan said. “Until you start pumping it, you don’t know.”

“It’s a lot of money to give somebody else,” director David Hadley said.

Fisher said the original cost estimate for the well was \$300,000. He said that because of the drought – which has placed a high demand on the services of water well drillers – and the short July 1 deadline for completion, the cost may be closer to \$425,000. He said that Golden Hills has invested \$100,000 in the project, including the purchase of the 20-acre property, California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) studies, engineering and design.

“It’s a pressing issue,” Martin said. A delay now, he said, would set the process back by a month and the season’s yield from the proposed well at 200 acre feet instead of the needed 300.

“The district was formed to protect the local economy,” he said. “Our mission is to deliver water.”

Martin pointed out that next year the district will have to bring up [the hill from the aqueduct] more water to replace the water they are using now.

The water board set a special meeting for 4 p.m. April 8, after the Golden Hills CSD has qualified the bids.

Fisher expressed disappointment at the outcome of the water board meeting.

“I’m shocked,” Fisher said. “We are trying to work together.”

LOCAL ENTITIES TO COORDINATE WATER PLANS

The Steuber Well proposal triggered some concern from the city of Tehachapi regarding future development of water resources in the Tehachapi Basin. The city requested that the Tehachapi-Cummings County Water District, the Golden Hills Community Services District and the city of Tehachapi work more closely to plan ahead on matters of water, including the possible sharing of wells, pipelines and tanks, easements, water rights and interconnections.

Subsequently the water district and Golden Hills CSD approved a non-binding

letter of intent for the formation of a “Joint Agencies Agreement for Water Supply Coordination in the Tehachapi Valley” at their board meetings Mar. 19 and 20, and the City Council is scheduled to address the proposal on April 7.

The agreement would call for the three agencies to consult on the location of new water wells and make recommendations to Kern County “on the ability to provide, or not provide, service to proposed developments in the Tehachapi Valley that are outside the Golden Hills CSD boundary and city limits.

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Art in Everything 'I See'

by Nick Smirnoff (NPPA)

BVS Artist Spotlight



(Left):
Leslie Vo Villa
showing
a small
portion of her
portfolio.



(Right): Arranging a color
pallet in eggs and placing
her initials LAV, in ink
on every egg laid by her,
"Girls of the barn."

A touch of art and whimsy in most everything she does is how best to describe the life of Bear Valley Springs photo artist Leslie Vo Villa. From ink stamping her initials on eggs freshly laid by her hens, watercolor painting, flower gardening, growing vegetables "to become dinner for the deer," and now into the world of photography.

An avid artist all her life, *The Loop* recently visited Leslie in her studio at her hilltop home in the Bear Valley Springs community:

Q: "I see you have eggs of many different colors as you sit and stamp your initials on each of your day old eggs."

A: "Well yes, it seems I cannot do even the simplest task without some form of art going in to it. I even have carefully chosen four or five different breeds of hens to give me a variegated selection of egg colors to work from."

Q: "You earlier said you have nearly 44 hens. What do you do with so many eggs?"

A: "After I arrange them in some kind of color order in the flat I then stamp them and give them away to friends and neighbors."

Q: "For your latest undertaking into the world of photography, what camera gear do you currently work with?"

A: "I enjoy my Nikon D-80. I shoot with

a selection of lenses from wide angle to telephoto. I enjoy getting out in the field and seeing what just might happen in front of me. The play of light, the unfolding composition by moving around an object gets my creative juices flowing. I just returned from taking photos of two million Tulips at the Michigan State Tulip Festival. I have also become an ardent Lighthouse fan along the Great Lakes region. Surprising but there are still over 100 such lighthouses waiting for a photographer's lens."

Q: "Any nearby locations that you can share with our readers for extended day trips or over the weekend photo adventures?"

A: "Oh my yes; absolutely our Central California coast area is a favorite. I enjoy shooting what I find, the way I find it. From Point Reyes south to Ventura are areas for a wide variety of subjects and light, talents and taste."

Q: "You donated a photograph printed on canvas to help raise funds for the April Bear Valley Springs Cultural Arts Association's Art Show and Fund Raiser, is this the first piece you have donated?"

A: "I have donated other pieces for various fund raisers. If I have a gift in the arts that someone else might enjoy, then I'm pleased and humbled. I like to share. I want to do far more art, but I still work in Bakersfield full time. I must do art on the fly as they say. My husband Matt and I travel a great deal, and photography fits this mold nicely as there is less equipment and mess to carry around then when I do watercolors."

Q: "In the world of historical photographers, do you favor any one artist?"

A: "I liked (Ansel) Adams' eye. He had a gift for seeing the beauty of the moment where ever he patiently waited to create a Photograph."

Thank you for your time and the fresh eggs Leslie, we look forward to seeing you and your fellow artists on display at the Whiting Center next month.

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In the Beginning....

by Pat Gracey

Tehachapi was once a vast, spacious valley with tall waving grasses, ample wild game and running streams. Magnificent oaks grew in profusion along with pine and fir. With the Tehachapi Mountains to the south and the tip end of the great Sierra Nevada Range to the north, the valley in between was blessed with pleasant summers and enough rain and snowfall to grow any food needed.

Although the vast Mojave Desert was located just over the Tehachapi Range, it didn't seem to intrude upon the ideal home of the valley's first residents.

The first local people – the Kawaiisu, or the Nüwa (The People) as they called themselves – were peaceful, Native Americans who welcomed the first explorers passing through their land. In 1776 Father Francisco Garces was greeted kindly by these people as was Kit Carson, Jedidiah Smith and John C. Fremont in the early 1800s.

Later in 1879, Father William Denpflin, a Catholic Priest of the Dominican Order, began yearly trips through the valley. He ministered to the Indians of the Sierra Nevada range and established such an orderly routine for his visits that the Kawaiisu were able to send scouts ahead to announce his coming so they could have rude brush chapels (called Kahnis) already built in which he could celebrate Mass.

They were somewhat in awe of him because of his large stature, thick red beard and white robes. They called him Padre Blanco and were the first, but not the last residents of the Tehachapi area to be kind to visitors coming to their valley.

Padre Blanco was called to Rome in 1896 and was next heard of in the mission fields of Guatemala. Years later, old, thin and weather beaten, he died in a New York hospital. His last request echoed his love of the California Native Americans who had befriended him, when he asked for an Indian blanket to be put around his shoulders.

As the population of the valley began to include its first settlers, the residents tried out a few names before making a final decision for their community. Old Town was once Williamsburg, but ended up being called Tehichipa. Then the railroad came through and many of the Old Town families moved to the newly founded town site. Some also moved their houses on log rollers. Early day mobile homes! They experimented with the name Summit for a while, but it didn't stick. The town's name moved right with them, and it became Tehachapi – which is the spelling the Southern Pacific Railroad settled upon. Old Town lost its name and may have been called Old Tehachapi at one time and just evolved into simply, Old Town. No facts were ever recorded as to the actual details. They were busy making history, not recording it. Another little community – Greenwich, founded by P.D. Greene – was located northwest of our present site in a lovely grove of oaks and nearby water. It was a thriving little community that disappeared into history after the advent of the railroad.

It is interesting to note the many different spellings of an already hard to spell name. In that period of time many versions were used such as Tehecita, Tehichipa, Tah-ee-chay-pah and others. One must remember that during the mid-nineteenth century literacy was something that every citizen did not possess. The process of "moving west" sometimes left education behind for a time.

Some folk could not read and write at

The Spirit of Tehachapi

all and those that could were often not as learned as they would have liked people to believe. This could possibly account for the varied versions that prevailed for a time. As aforementioned, the Southern Pacific Railroad finalized it and, right or wrong can be responsible for the current spelling: Tehachapi.

Even the meaning of the word seems to vary with the person telling the story. When it's in print, people are likely to think it is authentic, but that really is not always the case. Sometimes local interpretations creep into what is thought to be actual lore, and – as a result – many variations evolve. "Plenty of water and acorns," "windy place," "high eagle's nest," "crow's nest" and "flat place covered with oaks," could all be valid as far as description goes. It is documented, however, that the Kawaiisu word "Tiha-cipi-a" means "hard climb," so it must also be included on the list. I used to favor the one about the high eagle's nest, but in later years I have come to the conclusion that the Kawaiisu definition should be the one that should prevail. After all, they were here first!

The cordial greeting of the Kawaiisu seems to have stayed in our valley throughout the years. When meeting someone on our local streets I feel the need to say hello, whether I know them or not. One day, when I did that, I was asked by a lady, "Am I supposed to know you?" I assured her that we were not acquaintances; the meeting was just a friendly hello. Often, I think the same thing when greeted by someone by thinking, "Now, who in the heck was that?"

As a child, I was spoken to when meeting an adult on the street, who would ask how I was, how was my Mama and to be sure and tell her hello. At any rate, it seems that the old Kawaiisu habit of a friendly greeting has not disappeared, for most of our citizenry do extend a friendly hello. To greet you as our first Kawaiisu people might have, I will say, "Hagare 'enaan?" I just asked you how you were!



Father William Denpflin, O.P., Missionary to the Indians of the Sierra Nevada, 1879-1895.

Stuff

by Cathie Sibley

Stuff, junk, belongings, treasures, property, possessions... call it what you wish... but it's just stuff, and we all have way too much of it.

I do say we because I'm riding in the same boat with everyone else

I mean really, we all have too much of it. For heaven's sake, there are television shows dedicated to entertaining us by showcasing hoarders...how sad is that!

That's not the only industry related to our overwhelming need for stuff. The self storage industry is one of the fastest growing industries in the United States for the last thirty-eight years.

There are over 59,000 self storage facilities world wide with a whopping 81.5% of those being in the U.S.

Why does the U.S. hold less than 5% of the world population, yet have over 80% of the storage space?

Houston, we have a problem!

In the U.S. alone we have over 2.3 billion square feet of self storage space generating more than \$24 billion dollars annually and employing over 172,000 people.

According to the Self Storage Association – a registered lobbying agency –, there is 7.3 sq.ft. of self storage space for every man, woman and child in the nation; thus, it is physically possible that every American could stand – all at the same time – under the total canopy of self storage roofing.

Holy cow, that's a lot of stuff.

Here's the funny thing about all that stuff in the storage units.

We don't need it.

If we needed it, it would be in our homes being used on a daily, weekly, monthly or yearly basis. It's not in our homes, "Out of sight, out of mind" the saying goes.

Therein lies the problem.

Storage facilities bank off that very truth.

The fact that we love our stuff and will keep paying on average \$130 per month to keep our precious belongings.

Thirty percent of storage space renters keep their units for over two years.

Here's the joke, storage facilities win either way.

If you don't pay, they auction the units off to the highest bidder, which has become fodder for a few reality television shows. Wow, we really need that stuff.

Taste of Italian

A few years ago I was offered the keys to a storage unit that someone just didn't want anymore for \$50, all I had to do was clean it out by the end of the month, which was about ten days away.



Being a true patriot I jumped at the chance to own someone else's treasures, I mean really, who wouldn't, right! There must be some real treasures in that there storage unit because the owner had paid over \$10,000 in storage fees over the years. And there were a few treasures scattered amongst the **trash**. The 10 by 20 unit was over half full of trash, and I mean that literally.

Trash!

Load after load after load went directly to the dump.

I don't see the problem improving either. After all, we are a nation of consumers, we need more stuff. If you don't believe me, just ask WalMart, and Target, and Costco and so on and so on.

There's a saying among people who love their stuff, "He who dies with the most toys wins."

It's a lie, he who dies with the most toys is dead, and someone else owns all his toys.

Peace and blessings to all and may your life be full of good stuff!

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Tuscon Trek

Article by Dale Hawkins

This column is about aerospace happenings in and around Tehachapi. I'm going to stretch that definition and tell you about a marvelous trip to Tucson, Ariz. If you don't mind driving ten hours at a stretch, you can get there in a day. I chose to go by train: Metrolink from Lancaster to Union Station, and Amtrak will get you there at dawn. The 24/7 party at the Congress Hotel across from the train station will probably still be going strong. (Complementary earplugs are available for hotel guests.)

Tucson is something of an "astronomy Mecca." Its crystal clear skies and relatively temperate weather make it one of the finer dark sky sites in the nation. The crown jewel of Tucson observatories is owned by all of us: Kitt Peak National Observatory. Construction began in the late 1950s as part of the worldwide upsurge in fascination with the cosmos. Today the observatory has grown to total of 24 optical and two radio telescopes and is considered the largest and most diverse gathering of astronomical instruments in the world. It includes the largest solar telescope in the world and now has three telescopes that are larger than Mount Palomar's famous 200-inch Hale Telescope. The observatory has scheduled daytime tours and nighttime star parties.

The observatory is situated within the lands of the Tohono O'odham Indian Nation, which the United States leases by treaty in perpetuity. The tribe is proud to support the work of the observatory, and the observatory is proud to support the causes of the tribe.

Another amazing facility is the University of Arizona's Stewart Observatory Mirror Lab. Located under the football stadium, this unlikely factory turns out the mirrors for the largest telescopes in the world. Their current projects include the Large Synoptic Survey Telescope that will take time-lapse photos of the entire sky twice-a-week. I wish space allowed me to go into the details of how they make these engineering marvels. One thing: Their glass chunk supplier is in Japan; not because they're cheaper (they're not!), but because no one else in the world will even try to make glass so perfectly. Think Samurai sword!

Their most ambitious project is the Giant Magellan Telescope (GMT), which will combine seven mirrors into a massive 22-meter instrument. The great Hale Telescope on Mount Palomar would be merely an oversized finder scope for this behemoth! Each of GMTs seven 8.4-meter (27.6 feet!) mirrors takes seven years to make. The Mirror Lab has ambitious plans to get it down to three years (but they don't seem sanguine about achieving that).

The GMT will have ten times the



"Looking up the 500-foot barrel of Kitt Peak's McMath-Pierce Solar Telescope is truly awesome!" Photo by Lauren Hollen.

Sky Watch:

Keeping an eye above the horizon

resolving power of the Hubble Space Telescope. Each of its seven giant mirrors will weigh over ten tons, yet will be held steady to an unthinkable tolerance. Mirror one was completed in late 2012. Mirrors two and three are in process, and mirror four will be started later this year. Completion is targeted for 2019. Let's hope Hubble can hang in there that long.

Tours of the Mirror Lab are available by reservation through mirrorlab.as.arizona.edu/tours.

The third unique aerospace facility I visited had a special interest to me: The Titan Missile Museum. The area south of Tucson was a major missile base of the Cold War. All have been decommissioned, but one has been left intact – by treaty – so that the high-stakes game we were playing would never be forgotten.

To me this was the 'flip-side' of the Cold War, for I served as a Polaris Missile submariner in the 1970s. While these Air Force airmen were threatening to rain down megatons of hell from Tucson, we were threatening to launch megatons from beneath the waves. I'm convinced that us submariners got the better end of the deal. We had better food and more interesting routines; not only did we drill to unleash Armageddon and spend endless hours babying our missiles, we still had to be sailors. We played war games hunting and killing aircraft carriers, and even got to launch a few of our missiles now and then (how cool is that!). Those poor Air Force guys (and in the end a few gals) had little new to look forward to when it was time to "go to the office." We even got paid more because of the "hazardous duty," but I think boredom can be just as hazardous. As for the claustrophobia that most people mention when the subject of submarines comes up—well, it wasn't much more spacious down in that Titan missile silo.

Tucson really is an aerospace mini-vacation worth taking one day!

Cosmos

In 1980, Dr. Carl Sagan launched what was arguably the most enlightening miniseries in television history. Thirty-four years later, his widow and co-writer of that series, Ann Druyan, has teamed up with renowned astronomer Dr. Neil Tyson to do it all over again. Old-timers can get up to date on the latest and youngsters can get up to speed on humanities latest accomplishments in our endeavor to understand ourselves and the Universe we inhabit. As Dr. Sagan put it so well, "We are a way for the Universe to understand itself." What a marvelous gift! Check it out on Sundays at 9 p.m. on FOX or Mondays at 6 or 10 p.m. on the National Geographic Channel.

Dark Sky Watch

There will be a **total eclipse of the moon** on the night of April 14 to 15. The moon will begin to darken at about 10:30 p.m. and will be completely within the earth's shadow at around midnight.

Sunrise/Sunset (Apr. 1) 6:40 a.m./7:16 p.m.



Lauraine Reads: More Than Petticoats

by Lauraine Snelling

This is one of those winters where I am really grateful I live in California. We had snow in December, and – while more would be welcome – our snowplows remain parked. We pray for any drop of moisture we can get, but I am really enjoying the sunny days. I admit I am a weather wuss. I complain about the cold when temperatures are in the teens and can't imagine what my friends in other parts of the country must endure with temperatures below the zero mark for days. That's not even including the wind chill factor. The daffodils have sure been brightening up my backyard. I keep reminding my blooming roses we could still have a bad freeze, but as usual they ignore me. Both are sure signs of spring.

Although my schedule seems to be filled with appointments, classes and meetings; I have been able to carve out some time for reading – always a welcome gift.

This month I'd like to introduce you to an entire series of thumbnail biographies spotlighting women called More Than Petticoats. Each book contains the stories of remarkable women of that particular region. I chose "More than Petticoats: Remarkable California Women" by Erin H. Turner. It was an engaging read and a marvelous way to learn more of California's history as many of these women helped create that history.

Some of them I'd heard of before like the darling of early films Mary Pickford and Sarah Winchester, whose money and dreams built the bizarre domicile known as the Winchester Mystery House. Others played more behind-the-scenes roles like Toby Riddle – a Modoc Indian woman –, who fought to save many lives (both Native American and white) during the Modoc Wars.

Mary Austin's personal life would make a riveting soap opera and led her to become a multi-published author.

Readin' & Writin'

Mary Ellen Pleasant was a financial genius who not only propelled banker Thomas Bell to a place of prominence, but owned a good portion of San Francisco as well.



The scandals made fascinating reading. Florence Hutchins, a young woman who ignored the strictures of society, guided both family and guests around Yosemite to share her love of the mountains and promote the park. Pioneer Jessie Benton Fremont, wife of explorer John Charles Fremont, used her pen to stimulate interest in the West and thereby expand our country.

As an added value at the end of each book in the More Than Petticoat series, there is an index to help readers find specific bibliographies more easily. I can't wait to read more books in this series, as I am sure the stories about the women in the other states are equally as fascinating as those in California.

I would not have found this book had not two friends read it and insisted I do so too. When readers recommend what they've read to their friends, we are all the richer for it. If you find a book you really enjoy, share it with others.

I am currently writing away, working on book two in the new Songs of Blessing series, which continues the lives of the Bjorklund family and the folks of Blessing, ND. Book one, "To Everything a Season" will be released in September. On July 1, check out your favorite bookstore for "Heaven Sent Rain." My copy has arrived so I know it is for real now. If you want to keep in touch, join me on Facebook or Twitter. Sign up at www.laurainesnelling.com to receive my e-newsletter. Happy reading and writing from Lauraine.

2014 Annual 'An Artistic Discovery' Congressional Art Competition for High School Students

Congressman Kevin McCarthy announced today that he is inviting all high school students in the 23rd Congressional District to compete in the 2014 Annual "An Artistic Discovery" Congressional Art Competition for high school students.

High school students from portions of Kern, Tulare, and Los Angeles counties who reside in the 23rd Congressional District can submit artwork on a wide variety of subjects and mediums. The deadline for submission is Friday, April 11, 2014. Entries will be accepted at McCarthy's Bakersfield office. The winning entry from Congressman McCarthy's 23rd Congressional District will be displayed in a corridor leading to the United States Capitol for one year.

The artwork must be an original concept, two dimensional and no larger than 28" x 28" (the measurement should allow for framing) and 4" in depth. Paintings (oil, watercolor, acrylic, etc.), computer generated

art, photography, drawings, collages and prints (lithographs, silk screens, monotypes, woodcuts and intaglio methods) are acceptable.

The winner of the overall competition will receive roundtrip airline tickets to travel to the exhibit opening in Washington, D.C. in June.

In addition to the overall winner of the competition, awards will be given to those who place first, second and third in the following three categories: photography, computer generated art, and artwork of all other mediums.

All artwork will be exhibited to the public at an awards reception on Friday, April 25, 2014 at Metro Galleries, 1604 19th Street in Bakersfield from 6:30PM-7:30PM.

For further information, please contact Congressman McCarthy's Bakersfield office at (661) 327-3611 or any high school art department in the 23rd Congressional District.

A Tale of Two Kitties

by Daphne Sherring, The Pet Nanny

The Pet Nanny



Meowly greetings! I'm The Pet Nanny, and it's my pleasure to share the story of two of my kitty clients - Moe and Bowie.

I remember the day I met them. I lightly knocked on the door, and I was met by their fur mom. I would also like to mention a very special family member Dixie, a gorgeous Bloodhound, who greeted me nose to chest at the front door. I glanced across the room to see two long haired black kitties. Moe, the male (and older of the two), came cautiously out to see who I was, then Bowie - the female - came right up to me.

Moe's fur mom proceeded to tell me how she came to share her home with these kitties.

It was the night before Mother's Day. She heard meowing coming from a hedge. Right before she could catch the kitten, he suddenly fell to the ground right in front of her. She gently scooped him up into her arms and realized he was only a week old.

He only weighed 6 oz.

She bottle fed him and weighed him on a food scale daily to make sure he was gaining weight. He stayed in a carrier on a

heating pad for four weeks until his body temperature normalized.

Then she admirably shared how Bowie - her female kitty - came to live with her. While her daughter was away in college this black female kitty kept hanging around. Some of the students thought she was mean. Her daughter was patient and gentle with Bowie. It worked because she eventually brought this adorable and very hungry kitty home.

Ironically Moe and Bowie look a great deal alike, yet their "puss-onalities" are on the opposite ends of the spectrum. Moe likes fresh whipping cream, and Bowie prefers crunchy cat treats; Bowie talks incessantly and Moe is the strong silent type; Bowie begs for me to play the entire time I'm with her, while Moe gets caught up with a toy and suddenly stops as if he realizes - wait a minute, I'm too cool for this! Remember, if you hear meowing in the night - investigate, because you may find a bundle of love.

~The Pet Nanny

Daphne's Pet Sitting information can be found in the Pet Section on pg. 6.

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What's Up in Stallion Springs?

by Ed Gordon

The Stallion Springs Police Department recently received a new patrol car. The car, a 2007 Ford Interceptor, was provided through the Interagency Exchange at no cost to the department. The car was repainted and new decals added at a cost of just \$1,500. The car now supplements the current two Ford Explorers being used for patrol.

The department interviewed several residents for their new citizen volunteer program to assist the police department in performing their duties.

Successful applicants go on to attend a four-day training course and then begin performing a variety of duties. 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 Police Activities League (PAL) held its first Open House on March 22. Community Organizations participating are the CERT Team, Neighborhood Watch, Property Owners Association, Parks and Recreation, 4 H, the Library, and PAL. These organizations had displays and information for attendees.

The PAL Judo classes gave demonstrations. There were booths for robotics, Judo, and CPR class sign-ups.

Upcoming Events

Neighborhood Watch holds its next meeting on April 14 at the CSD. Everyone is invited, and you do not have to reside in Stallion Springs to attend.

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

The POA is holding its annual Dinner Dance on April 26 in the Corral room of the Stallion Springs Community Center. Proceeds from the dance will go to a scholarship fund for graduating students living in Stallion Springs.

Community cleanup day is scheduled for May 3.

The annual Roundup and Flea Market will be held the second Saturday in May (May 10) at the Community Center and in the gym.

The CSD also offers open Volleyball, fitness classes, Open Gym, Men's Basketball, Kids' Crafts, Family Skate Nights and scrapbooking classes. Contact the CSD at 661-822-3268 for more information.



Stallion Springs Police Chief Mike Grant displays the new patrol car received at no cost to the department. Photo by Ed Gordon

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Follow Those Track

by Bruce Gripkey

I have been told on more than one occasion by my soon to be sainted mother, that – as a child – I had the unique ability to simultaneously astonish her and be the chauffeur on the ride to crazytown. Returning from a cross country trip in the summer between Second and Third grades, I would let my parents know when we were in the vicinity of any railroad tracks that we had crossed, driven along side of or been anywhere near the previous time through; whatever part of the country we happened to be in. At about the same age I was taken aside and quietly rebuked by mom and Pastor Gruamann that it was considered poor form to jump up and run out of church to watch the train go by; even if it had just blown it's horn for the grade crossing two blocks away. Where I grew up in Riverside was conveniently centrally located one mile in either direction from Union Pacific and Santa Fe mainlines heading east out of Los Angeles on their way to Cajon Pass. I rode my bike many a mile following any spur track that switched off of the mainline. I mean, hey, it had to go somewhere.

The explorer mentality is still with me to this day. Not long after moving to Tehachapi fifteen years ago, I started eyeballin' those tracks that cut across Highway 14 as you head west out of Mojave. Before the Hwy 58 bypass was constructed, all that you could see of those tracks was that they headed north, around the Mojave Airport and then deliciously disappearing into the desert. They had to go somewhere. As time went by I found myself wondering, intrigued and fascinated by the mystery of what adventure could be found by following those tracks. Where did they go? For what purpose did they exist?

My wife has pretty much always enjoyed the sharing of my wanderlust mentality, even when we would end up in places that we probably would never have gone to intentionally. When they were younger and full of wonder, our two boys enjoyed the trips to nowhere just for the sake of going there. As they got older, it got less and less cool to do day long road trips with the old folks. Today

Windows EXpiration

by Alexander Kunstmann of A-OK Computers

As of late, I've been getting a lot of calls from clients, concerned about Microsoft stopping support for Windows XP on April 8 of this year. Let's try to clear some of the panic surrounding this.

First off, XP **will** continue to function after support ends. Your system will turn on and run just fine. There are a few things that won't be available to you anymore, though:

- You will no longer be able to call Microsoft for technical support.
- Automatic Updates won't be available for your system.
- Microsoft Security Essentials will no longer be available for your system.

Though it may not be possible to install MS Security Essentials on your system, if it is already installed before April 8, you'll continue to get security updates for it. I personally recommend third-party security/anti-virus software over Security Essentials.

The next question is, if these elements don't mean all that much to you, what's the big concern? If you use your PC for something that requires it always have the latest and

was different. Today we were going to all follow the tracks. I mean, hey, they have to go somewhere.

Using a map would be cheating. This Saturday morning we would follow the tracks with only our eyes, intuition, imagination and dead reckoning. Heading north on Hwy 14 out of Mojave the tracks come in and out of view across the landscape. We found our way through Cantil and Roberto, remnants of towns still surviving in the desert. When trying to keep the tracks in view from the car you don't always recollect what road you turned down or the number of the highway. As long as the tracks are still in view, all is well. At some point in the desert is a place called Searles Jct. and we decided to follow the tracks towards Trona, Calif. Come to find out that in Trona they mine soda ash and have their own railroad that interchanges with UP there at Searles Jct. On the way to Trona we make an absolutely wonderful discovery. There, rising out of Searles dry lakebed were the Trona Pinnacles. This otherworldly landscape is made up of over 500 tufa (calcium carbonate) spires formed from minerals in underground springs that bubbled up into the lake thousands of years ago. I don't remember if we went the ten more miles into Trona, but we had quite a fun day exploring. The pinnacles have appeared in dozens of SciFi TV shows and movies – including Star Trek, Lost in Space, Battlestar Galactica and Planet of the Apes. We followed the tracks, officially known as the Jawbone Branch, into the desert and discovered another world, complete with bizarre geological formations, learned some local history and had a great time doing it. I urge everyone to get out there and follow the tracks to somewhere you have never been before.

greatest software, you may need to upgrade to a newer Operating System, or you'll run into problems. Also, other companies will eventually stop writing drivers for XP. If you decide to buy something like a new printer down the road, there may be no way to install it on XP. Eventually, you will have to upgrade your system, though when that might be, is a different story.

What it basically boils down to is this:
– Unless you need to update your system now, don't worry about it. When it does become necessary, decide what will work best for you. I recommend Windows 7, though a couple of my clients have switched to Linux with their older systems to get more power out of them, and prefer it. If your system is too far outdated, you may want a new PC all together. If you're not sure which option is best for you, ask your technician, or feel free to call A-OK Computers at 661-972-9385.

The bottom line is this; **you've got time.**
Until you decide that you want to change your system, you don't have to do anything.

Train of Thought



Gallery N Gifts Celebrates Youth Art

submitted by Michelle Miller

April's First Friday will feature the successful All Tehachapi Youth Art Contest (ATYAC) at Gallery 'N' Gifts. This year marks the eighteenth year of this contest and spotlights the creative efforts of talented youth found within the greater Tehachapi area.

Art work includes flat works of all media, sculpture, photography, (High School only), wheel thrown pottery or works of baked or fired clay.

Please join us at the Gallery for this fun evening.

Young artist don't miss this exciting event. Entry forms are now available at Gallery N' Gifts in downtown Tehachapi until March 31.

The ATYAC is staffed and funded by volunteers willing to give of their time and money to make this contest a success. Qualified Judges are brought in to examine each piece submitted and determine those works of art worthy of special recognition. First, second and third place ribbons are given for outstanding works as well as honorable mention awards. In addition, two "Best of Show" awards are given, to honor the best work by a High School student and the other for the best work by an Elementary level student. These two recipients will each be honored by a ribbon, and a monetary award.

Art works that will be accepted are: Flat works of all media, sculpture, photography, (High School only) wheel thrown pottery or works of baked or fired clay. Please see the application for additional requirements. Entries will be accepted until March 31, 2014 at the Gallery. Only one entry will be

Community Church Make a Better Garden

by Phyllis Belcher

Composting is the topic for the First Friday event at Tehachapi Community Church, 100 E. E St., from 5 to 8 p.m. on April 4. Rick Gillies, owner of Mountain Garden Nursery, will demonstrate how home gardens can benefit from composting. He will also be discussing water saving plants. Gillies has owned the nursery at the corner of Curry and C streets for many years and is an expert on plants in Tehachapi.

Carol Rush, representing Tehachapi Resource Conservation District, will be assisting Gillies and talk about native plants. She has information about the sale of native plants by TRCD.

Bob Hellyer, a resident of Bear Valley Springs and a breeder of worms, will demonstrate a worm's role in composting. He will explain his interest in worms and the way they benefit the gardener.

First Friday



"Lanie Hatala, Elementary School Winner Best of Show", displays her prize from 2013's contest.

allowed for each child. All entries will be on display throughout the month of April and featured for April's First Friday event. Applications are also available on the web site at www.galleryngifts.org. There is a fee of \$1 for each entry.

Gallery 'N' Gifts is located at 100 W. Tehachapi Blvd., (the corner of Tehachapi Blvd. and Green Street). Business hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., seven days a week. For additional information call the gallery at 661-822-6062.

First Friday



Rick Gillies, owner of Mountain Garden Nursery will demonstrate gardening techniques at First Friday event.

There will also be activities for children. This event will be interesting and educational for all ages.

Further information may be obtained by calling the TCC office at 661-822-4443.

Juanita Niemeyer

On Friday evening April 4 from 5 to 8 p.m., Tehachapi Treasure Trove will again celebrate our First Friday Fun Fest. Join us for food, champagne, and wine. Meet local artist Juanita Niemeyer. In addition, the Treasure Trove has recently added collectables, antiques, and more fun stuff to our extensive line of art and craft supplies, artist services, local arts, handcrafts, jewelry, gift items and more. Stop by and see our collection of uncommonly eclectic and unusually unique stuff. Additional art work by Treasure Trove artists will be on display from 4 to 7 p.m. at Legal Document Services at 102 S. Robinson St. They will be celebrating their grand opening on First Friday with Hors d'oeuvres, wine and music.

Tehachapi Treasure Trove hours: Monday through Saturday at 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Visit us at www.facebook.com/TehachapiTreasureTrove 116 East Tehachapi Blvd., Tehachapi, Calif. 93561 (Located across the Street from the Water Tower) 661-822-6794.



Juanita finishing her coiled clay pot

First Friday

Baskets of Refugia Williams

submitted by Charles White

New exhibit of Williams family baskets at the Milano Gallery

Opening on First Friday (April 4), a new exhibit at the museum will feature four baskets made by Refugia Williams. The four baskets attributed to Refugia are of typical Kawaiisu coiled construction, with the coils formed of deer grass foundation, wrapped with split willow and with woven designs on the individual baskets created by combinations of the coils being wrapped with Joshua tree root, bracken fern root and yucca root.

The large round basket is of the type referred to as a cooking bowl. This type of basket was used in preparing the traditional meal of finely ground acorns into a type of thick stew or porridge by using rocks heated in a fire to bring the liquid to a boil in the basket.

A small oval basket, prior to 1930, is possibly the last basket made by Refugia. The smaller gift basket or treasure basket was returned to the family by Judy Barras many years ago. The final addition to the exhibit is a large, flat winnowing tray used to separate the foodstuffs from chaff, sand and other non-edible bits.

Refugia was born in 1852 in the Panamint Mountains near Tacopa, Calif. She later lived in a cabin in the old town of Isabella after the death of her husband. She and the people of her tribe continued to adhere to their tribal traditions.

In his book, "The Rough and Righteous of the Kern River Diggins," Ardis Walker devoted a short chapter



Rufugia Williams, on left, was a well known weaver of Kawaiisu baskets. On the right is Martina Collins, another basket weaver. Photo courtesy of Tehachapi Heritage League

to Refugia, referring to her as a "gentle spirit." Ardis purchased some of her baskets, which she made and sold to support herself. He considered her baskets the most beautiful in his large collection.

Refugia Williams died in Bakersfield, Calif., Oct. 25, 1938, at the age of 86 and is buried in the Rankin Cemetery at Walker Basin, Calif.

First Friday

Tehachapi Pipes and Drums to Perform at KCSS in Bakersfield

Tehachapi's Police Pipes and Drums will be participating in the upcoming 19th Annual KCSS (Kern County Scottish Society) Games, Gathering and Ceilidh (Scottish Party). The event is being held at the Kern County Fairground at 1142 So. P St. in Bakersfield, Calif. this Saturday, April 5, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The KCSS is a non-profit organization designed to promote the Scottish traditions in Kern Co. The Highland Games, Celtic Music Festival, Highland and Scottish Dancing, Genealogy, Highland attire and Piping and Drumming are just a few of the activities and demonstrations performed throughout the day.

Tehachapi Police Pipes and Drums will be providing Celtic Music for the guest entertainment.

Questions are always welcome regarding the Scottish attire (No, it is not referred to as a costume). Learn more about the Sporrán, and how the original kilt was also fashioned into a sleeping bag and the history of the Sgian Dubh.

The shoe – or Ghillie as they are referred to – appears, to our untrained eye, decorative with the eyelet cutouts and laces, but they had a practical purpose. The cutouts in the shoes were to help the shoes to dry after having spent a day slogging through wet terrain known as the bogs and the laces were to assist in keeping the shoes on their feet and to not be pulled off by the thick mud and moss in the bogs.

In answer to the question everyone secretly wants to ask: "What do they wear under their kilts?" I'll never tell....

Following are the upcoming Scottish



Tehachapi Police Pipes and Drums, (L to R.: Front row: Julie O'Shay, Robert Hardy, Peter MacQueen; Back row: James Carmichael, Travis Combs, Billy Monhahn, Steven Combs.

Out 'n' About

events for 2014, all a short distance from Tehachapi.

April 5: 19th Annual Kern County Scottish Society (KCSS) Gatherings & Ceilidh (Scottish Party) - Kern Co. Fairgrounds, 1142 P St. Bakersfield, Calif.

April 26 and 27: Sacramento Valley Games - Yolo County Fairgrounds, Woodland, Calif.

May 24 and 25: United Scottish Society Highland Gatherings - Costa Mesa. This is the largest game in Southern California and some of the members of the Tehachapi Police Pipes and Drums members will be participating in the games.

May 31: Modesto Scottish Highland Games - Tuolumne River Regional Park, Modesto, Calif.

July 5 and 6: Monterey Scottish & Irish Festival Monterey Fairgrounds, Monterey, Calif.

June 14 and 15: Santa Cruz Scottish Festival - Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds, Watsonville.

June 28 and 29: San Diego Scottish Highland Games - Brengle Terrace Park Vista.

Oct. 3 and 4: Celtic Music Festival – CSUB Amphitheater, 9001 Stockdale Hwy., Bakersfield, Calif.

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Community Happenings

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Play Dates Are:

Saturday, March 29 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.
Sunday, March 30 at 2 p.m.

Children are encouraged to come in fairy costumes or in Renaissance attire. Come and see our *Midsummer's Night's Dream*.

Eggstravaganza: Call for Entries

The Tehachapi Valley Arts Association is sponsoring its Fourth Annual Eggstravaganza – an egg decorating contest for the most creative egg in Tehachapi.

Hand decorated, non-perishable eggs of all types may be entered.

Eggs can be a dimensional or a flat presentation and real eggs must be blown out. Maximum dimension is 8" x 10".

Any medium is accepted – wood, paper mache, Styrofoam, etc. can be used and eggs can be presented in an "egg scene".

The entry fee is \$1 per egg and is open to all age levels.

Eggs will be judged in two categories: Adult over 16 years, and Youth. Judging will be by ballot by the general public and everyone is invited to by Gallery 'n' Gifts to cast their vote (one vote per day).

Entries are due between March 31 to April 7, with voting taking place from April 8 to 19.

Entry forms are available on-line at www.galleryngifts.org, or can be picked up at Gallery 'n' Gifts, 100 W. Tehachapi Blvd.

Please call Chairman Peggy Cowden at 661-822-6062 with any questions.

First Friday 5-8 p.m., April 4

Gallery 'N' Gifts and the TVAA

will be open for First Friday. Located on the corner of Tehachapi Blvd. and Green St. come by to see what they are up to. Featured is the Youth Art Contest. See page 24.

Sh Sheridan's Boutique Home

Consignment are featuring fine furniture and home deco. They are located at 108 W. Tehachapi Blvd. next to Kelcy's Restaurant.

Oak Tree Art, Antiques, Etc. is right next door to Gallery 'N' Gifts.

Tehachapi Treasure Trove, 116 E.

Tehachapi Blvd. will be open during First Friday with refreshments and live music. Come see their new look. Featured artist is Juanita Niemeyer.

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

10:00 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.)

Bouquet of Thanks to Have- A-Heart Humane Society

I would like to thank Chelley Kitzmiller from the Have a Heart Humane Society for sponsoring an outstanding first grade assembly at Golden Hills Elementary. The children enjoyed learning about how to care for a dog, how to treat a dog, and some basic training tips which were presented by Rosemary Evans from Thunder Paws Dog Training.

In addition, the children enjoyed learning about the training that goes into preparing a dog for being a guide dog and how they improve the quality of life for a blind person. Fiona Nelson provided an informational presentation with her guide dog, Pharaoh, right by her side. The children had many questions and were very interested in the material presented.

At the end, Chelley Kitzmiller from the Have A Heart Humane Society provided the children delightful coloring books that provided lessons on pets and their needs that had wonderful illustrations. She also gave each child a goodie bag to take home to his or her pet. My students have been very excited about the upcoming book Touched by a Furry Angel that will have selected student writing samples. Though students in the first grade are in the beginning stages of the writing process, this additional motivation has inspired wonderful writing samples in my children. We are hopeful that a few first grade samples will make the final cut and we will have some published writers!

Sincerely, Heather Gibson; First Grade Teacher at Golden Hills Elementary

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.

Tehachapi Mountain Quilt Guild Meeting April 7

The Tehachapi Mountain Quilt Guild's next meeting is Monday April 7, at the Country Oaks Baptist Church at 5:30 p.m.

This is our first and only evening meeting, and we will resume meeting in the mornings in May.

All attendees are asked to bring an entree or an appetizer, and we will enjoy dinner during the meeting. All quilters and those interested in quilting are invited to attend. The cost for guests is \$5.

We are pleased to have Raylene Salazer of Quilters Haven quilt store, in Bakersfield, as our program for the evening. Quilters Haven is the home of the popular "Less Than Traditional" series of patterns, tool and notions. The technique was designed by Charlene Bement and makes traditional patterns that were intermediate to advanced in skill level, easy enough for any skill level. Ralyene will be showing us how, step by step, at the class that will be held the next day. the cost of the class is \$30.

Come and join the fun and enjoy the company of fellow quilters.

Pancake Breakfast Benefit for Tracey Reese

Please join us on Saturday April 12, 2014 from 8 to 11 a.m. at the Tehachapi Veteran's Memorial Building at 125 East "F" St. A \$5.00 donation will be greatly appreciated to help Tracey with medical bills.

Breakfast will include pancakes and eggs, sausage, coffee and juice.

We would like to Thank You in advance for your generosity and are looking forward to a large turnout for this event.

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GriefShare Meetings

Sessions of GriefShare meet every Tuesday through April 8, 2014, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. This confidential, non-denominational, Christian-based series is to aid community members in processing grief associated with various losses. The group meets at Country Oak Baptist Church, 20915 Schout Road. Call 822-1379 for more information.

Customer Appreciation Festival on March 29

The **Tehachapi Home Depot** will be hosting a Customer Apprection Festival on March 29, 2014 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in our parking lot.

We will be having fun activites including a bounce house, carnival games, 30-minute raffles, pet adoptions, kids clinic, and free food.

We hope to see you there!



Events

Tehachapi Valley Recreation and Park District has some fantastic community events coming in April and May. Come out to West Park Activity Center on April 5 from 9 to 11 a.m. for a free technical fishing seminar to tune up for the annual Brite Lake Fishing Derby.

Dustan Hostetler, who has caught 100 fish in one day at Brite Lake, Steve Cartright, and Big Willie Mays will offer technical advice. Topics to include:

1. Trout fishing in our local lakes and rivers
2. Bass, Crappie and Catfish fishing
3. Pier fishing, Deep Sea and Surf fishing

There will be a large tackle display with the latest in baits and techniques you may not know about and TVRPD staff will be on hand to pre-register for the Brite Lake Fishing Derby.

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

Brite Lake Fishing Report

by Dustan Hostetler, TVRPD Contributing Author

Brite Lake has reached record water levels! TVRPD has continues to dedicate efforts improve the fishing, including removing road cables and adjusting the fishing dock.

High winds and warm water temperatures continue to keep the majority of fish in deeper water. Fishing limits on trout continue for those soaking bait in the early morning and the hour before sunset.

Timely tips: Fishing in zero to seven MPH winds is ideal, in seven to 14 MPH is not advised (and above 14 MPH definitely not advised). This goes for the boating and floating public. Always check Tehachapi weather for current conditions.

Do you know what the number one lure is for catching the trophy fish at Brite Lake?

Checkout the free TVRPD Fishing Seminar and pre-register for the 2014 TVRPD Brite Lake Fishing Derby on April 5, 9 to 11 a.m. at West Park Activity Center! Don't be caught in the long line at the Derby, preregister there and get your arm band early!

This year's Brite Lake Fishing Derby cash prizes are provided by Airstreams Renewables, Bank of the Sierra and RST Cranes!

Last stocking was 3/10/14 with Kern River Rainbow trout.

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.

Also on 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 out www.tvrpd.org for the age group egg hunt times. Play 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.

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.

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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!

T-Ball (ages 4-7) – April 1 through June 10, 2014 (Registration has ended)

Brite Lake Fishing Derby – April 19, 2014

Good Shepherd Preschool Picnic in the Playground

April 11 come join administration and staff for some good old fashion fun! If you are, were or want to be an educator in the early childhood sector please bring a picnic dinner. All teachers and staff are invited, drinks will be provided. 6:30 to 8 p.m.

RSVP by calling Miss Sarah or Miss Candace at 661-823-7740.

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 availed at our website: GalleryNGifts.org or at Gallery 'N' Gifts, 100 W. Tehachapi Blvd.

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Tehachapi Tractor Supply Co. Store Grand Opening - Mar. 29

Bentwood, Tenn. (March 26, 2014) – The Tehachapi, Calif., Tractor Supply Company store will hold its grand opening on Saturday, March 29, with specially priced merchandise March 27-30. The store officially opened for business March 22.

The Tehachapi location is Tractor Supply's 27th store in California and employs 13 team members. The facility has 19,097 square feet, including sales floor and support service space.

Tractor Supply is the largest retail farm and ranch supply store chain in the United States and has been operating in California since 2004.

"Tehachapi is a great location for Tractor Supply Company because the store is centrally located, and we have a variety of products that cater to the lifestyle of the community," said Store Manager Tom

Scott. "There are numerous horse and cattle owners in the area, and we are their one-stop shop for their everyday needs. Our friendly, knowledgeable team is excited to provide Tractor Supply's legendary customer service to our neighbors who have been waiting for our store for quite some time."

To celebrate the grand opening of the store, shoppers will receive 10 percent off their first purchase, up to \$100, from March 27-30, and can enter to win prizes including store gift cards, pet feed, clothing, power tools, and a lawn tractor and chain saw. Free Tractor Supply caps will also be given away while supplies last.

Regular operating hours for the store, located at 480 N. Mill St., are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Sundays.

TVAA Fine Arts Scholarship Deadline, 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.

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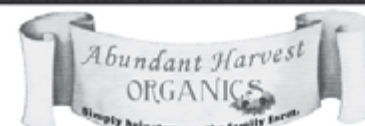
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The Local Scene

TVRPD - Basketball League 2014



These Fifth and Sixth Grade Boys were undefeated with 13 wins, including two Playoffs and the Championship Game. Congrats "Oreo's" on the great job! Coach Tom Dugan, Jonathon Birks, Matthew Clark, Mason Madden, Zachery Woods, Joseph Luna, Jake Dugan, Zachery Daffern, and Asst. Coach Ian Steele. Photo by Bob Souza.

The Harvest Starts Here.....

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AAUW Celebrates 31 Years

by Phyllis Belcher



Helen McAllister, Linda Coverdale, Jeannette Royce, Susan Hill, Dixie Brandel-Weymeyer and Carol Coleman wish AAUW's Tehachapi Mountain Branch a happy 31st birthday.

Tehachapi Mountain Branch of American Association of University Women celebrated its 31st birthday at their March meeting.

Hostesses Jeannette Royce and Dixie Brandel-Weymeyer served tea and a lovely birthday cake to commemorate the event.

Marti Sprinkle and Evelyn Seaman organized a group of women in 1980 to become a satellite of the Bakersfield Branch.

After three years there were over 40 members, enough to become a separate branch. In March of 1983, Tehachapi Mountain Branch became the 93rd AAUW branch in California.

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research.

Membership is open to anyone with a two year or higher college degree.

Call Susan at 661-821-6008 for information.

Wedding Bells

Eli Corpus and Mary Lou Corpus-Zamudio announce the uniting of their families on March 20, 2014. Congratulations to MaryLou and Eli, and their wonderful family Erika, Regina, Aaron, Edwin, Philippe, Keily, PJ and Kinnadi.

May God bless this beautiful marriage with a lifetime of happiness. You both so deserve this. We at the Loop are so happy for your families. We love you all!

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AltaOne Federal Credit Union Donates to TMRA

AltaOne Federal Credit Union Member Service Center Manager Lisa Ross (left), and AltaOne Member Service Specialist Brittany Miller (right), presents \$495 donation check to Tehachapi Rodeo Association member Dal Bunn.

Tehachapi Lions Club Honors Local Students



The Tehachapi Lions Club honored three outstanding students from local schools for the month of March at their General Meeting on March 20.

Maddie Williams is a senior at Tehachapi High School, Tyler Etherton is a senior at Monroe High School and Jessica Riggs is in the seventh grade at Jacobsen Middle School. Pictured from left to right are: Maddie Williams, Tyler Etherton, Jessica Riggs and Vice President of the Tehachapi Lions Club, Sue Morrison.

Jacqueline Olivia Scrivner



I'd like to introduce the newest member of our family. Jacqueline Olivia Scrivner was born on March 5th at Kern Medical Center at 8:17 am. She weighed 6 lb, 11 oz, and measured 19.5 inches.

Christina is recovering well from her C-section surgery, and we are grateful to God that Jacqueline is perfectly healthy. Zachary (7), Robert (5) and Jane (2) love their new baby sister. Submitted by Zack Scrivner.

Leprechauns Invade TVRPD



Leprechauns invaded Tehachapi Valley Recreation and Parks District Parent and Me class on Thursday, March 13. Please be cautioned they like cupcakes. Submitted by Megan Turk.

U.S. Navy TPS & USAF TPS BBQ



Photos By- Cathy Hansen

Another successful U.S. Navy TPS & USAF TPS barbecue at the Hansen Hangar at Mojave Air & Space Port! What fun meeting all of these wonderful young pilots and flight test engineers from all over the world! We enjoyed meeting exchange students from Australia, Great Britain, Italy and Canada. Thank you Midge Wright, Doug Burdick and Sean Cooper for all of great help! Doug and Sean always make the hangar look good and do the cooking chores! Great seeing Lars Hoffman and Jill Rutan Hoffman again! Mic Williams, Dave VanHoy, Randy Kelly, Leigh Pinkston Kelly, Zack Zach Reeder and Wen Painter were there too!

Triassic Legacy Passing the Torch!



Photos By- Michelle Vance

Chuck McCollough and Jim Arnold, giving thanks to everyone--planters, customers, supporters, & family that have contributed to Triassic Legacy Vineyards. The torch was passed...the canon boomed !!!

On Saturday, March 22nd appetizers served, entertainment and art were on display to celebrate the changing of ownership.

Be on the Look Out It's Snake Season!



Diane Holloway Kunick shared Jack Brown's Facebook post with us: "Check this out! These guys were spotted coming out of their den just south of here in the Redrock Canyon area. Looks like they are all Mojave rattlesnakes. Don't kill them but be careful around them. Mojave Rattlesnake (Crotalus Scutulatus), venom is neurotoxic and much more dangerous than a diamondback." Unfortunately, he did not say who took the pictures. Stay safe, everyone!

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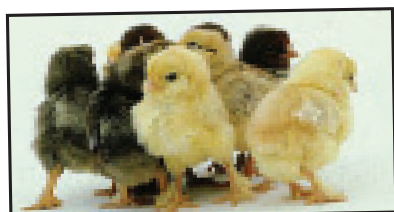
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