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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 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.
California City Dog Dayz

When: 12 April, 2014. 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Where: California City Central Park, 10150 Heather Ave. California City, CA, 93505

Come have a true community day with our pets at the Fourth Annual California City Dog Dayz. Donations directly benefit California City's animal shelter and Rainbow Rescue.

Pet donations of all types, food or supplies, will be heartfully appreciated.

This year there will be pet blessings; pet and people games, activities and contests with prizes; 50/50 and grand raffles; low cost pet vaccinations; low cost micro-chipping; licensing; pet adoptions; a barbecue and chili cook-off contest; and bake sales!

There will be a Super Grand Raffle for $1 per ticket:
- Grand prize: Family four-pack one-day Disneyland tickets
- Second place: Two Childrens one-day Legoland tickets

Pre-registration is required for all contests.

Chili cook-off contest judge by our own California City Fire Department!

Chili cook-off w/cornbread, baked goods, hamburgers, hot dogs, chili dogs, corn dogs, chips, soda/water, vendors welcome!

Volunteers, raffle baskets and baked good donations are needed, and be sure to bring your own lawn chairs and blankets. Well mannered dogs are welcome, but no retractable leashes please.

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!

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 ever 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.

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 kittens 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.

Rainbow Rescue

Rainbow Rescue is a no-kill 501(c3) 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!

Marley’s Mutts Dog Rescue

(a 501(c)3 Non Profit Org)

was created to find homes for dogs in high risk shelters that may not otherwise get a second chance at life.

Visit us online www.marleysmutts.com
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.

Rebel

$50 Adoption Fee (to qualified applicants) for Rebel, a tan colored 7 month male Terrier mix puppy who likes kids and plays well with others. To adopt playful Rebel into your heart and forever home, wait no further: Call Aleshia, 661-750-1409, or Save Tehachapi’s Orphaned Pets (STOP) at 661-823-4100, menu #2.

Spunky

$50 Adoption Fee (to qualified applicants) for Spunky, an adorable 7 month male Terrier mix puppy with a beautiful black silky coat, likes kids and plays well with others. To adopt sweet Spunky, wait no further: Call Aleshia, 661-750-1409, or Save Tehachapi’s Orphaned Pets (STOP) at 661-823-4100, menu #2.

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 his well-deserved 2nd chance at life. Call Save Tehachapi’s Orphaned Pets, 661-823-4100, menu #2, to meet mellow fellow Maverick and adopt him in to your heart and forever home – How about it?

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

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. Therefore it is not suitable for a brooder floor cover. The litter should be changed out every couple days, and never allowed to remain litter should be changed out every couple days, and never allowed to remain.

Food and water

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 grown and can be put outside for short periods of time if the temperature is warm. They MUST be kept warm. They CAN move fast, squeeze into small spaces, and are helpless against 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

If left untreated this can kill them. Check them (and some won’t!).

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 kept warm. They CAN move fast, squeeze into small spaces, and are helpless against 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!).

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Temperature

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.

Have a Heart Recieves Union Bank Grant

Have a Heart Humane Society would like to thank Adam Wojack and everyone else at Union Bank of Tehachapi for awarding our organization a generous grant. The money will be used to provide more spay/neuter surgeries for pets owned by local residents. Have a Heart is pleased to report that we have now put on more than a half dozen spay/neuter/vaccination clinics in Tehachapi for our low income, senior fixed income and military veterans. Each clinic has spayed or neutered 35 to 39 cats and dogs. They were also given rables vaccinations, microchipped and licensed. In addition, our dedicated volunteers have helped out at four other clinics in Tehachapi and Mojave sponsored by Supervisor Scrivner.

A rabbit is not a toy, she’s a living, breathing 10-year commitment.

Rabbits can be litter trained and make wonderful indoor companions, but they are not low maintenance and are not a good “starter” pet for a child. Learn what it takes to care for a bunny. Then, if a rabbit is right for your family, consider adoption first!

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Adam Wojack (right) awards Chelley Ketzmiller of Have a Heart the check for this generous grant.
Charlotte L. Ruse is a Kern County registered and bonded Legal Document Assistant (LDA), serving Kern County for 10 years by providing affordable self-help legal document preparation and Notary Public services.

In February of this year, Charlotte and her husband Tommy Baker, moved to Tehachapi from Lake Isabella, and in March she opened her second office here in Tehachapi.

Services provided include: Revocable Trusts, Trust Amendments, Trust Distributions, Wills, Codicils, Powers of Attorney, Healthcare Directives, Grant Deeds, Quitclaims, Deeds of Trust, Promissory Notes and other legal documents related to real property transactions, Mobile Home transfers, Evictions, Probate and much more.

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.

Charlotte Ruse is not an attorney and can only provide self-help services at your specific direction.
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‘I’ll Call You When I Have a Million Dollars’

She was trying to be funny when she said it, but hearing this underscores the need for clarity about financing. If you had a million dollars, maybe you wouldn’t need leverage. For the rest of us, the path to owning real estate has to do with making informed decisions about how to borrow money.

When you’re considering getting into the market, you should start with a good understanding of your financial health. Can you comfortably afford your current expenses? Is your job stable? Do you have some money put away in case of an emergency? Are you contributing to your retirement fund?

If you can answer in the affirmative, there are plenty of ways to buy a home or an investment property without having a million dollars. Remember that we’re going to be prying into your banking records, so have your earnest money deposit accounted for before you begin. In our area, the minimum deposit has usually been $1,000. Since we have a shortage of homes for sale, nowadays that figure can be higher.

Military Veteran home buyers, and those who qualify under the Rural Housing program, might be able to buy without having a down payment. Note well that doesn’t necessarily mean “no money out of pocket”. There are still closing costs to be paid. Sometimes we can find a way to offset 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, 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 beforehand what to expect.

The bottom line is that cash is nice, and cash might mean a quick and easy escrow closing. We don’t all have liquidity like that, but don’t let it stop you from investigating what is possible for your family. Contact your local mortgage advisor now to get started with your personal financing plan.

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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 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 Chattins 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 and Tommy
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 aporno-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
temporary 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. St. at
Robinson Street, in Downtown Tehachapi.
Tickets may be purchased next door at
Mountain Music, Tehachapi Treasure Trove 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.
The concert begins at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.
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 can 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 are “sizzle – and in any case, they might not be right for your needs. Here’s another 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. 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 lessens our environmentalism can help you, as an investor, for all the days and years ahead.
Community Clean UP!

Experiencing “Spring Fever”? Has it motivated you into a “Spring Cleaning” mode? The City of Tehachapi is partnering with Golden Hills, Stallion Springs and Bear Valley in hosting “Keep Kern Clean,” May 3. Residents are encouraged to bring their unwanted furniture, appliances or e-waste items for free disposal by the City.

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 free pick-up of up to two items.

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 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.
- Accetable 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

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 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 can 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 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!

Uganda, Tehachapi, Ireland, Scotland and England Forever!

— Pastor Nancy

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From the Pastor’s Desk

It’s a Toxic Roundup!
Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off Collection Event — One Day Only!

Tehachapi Sanitary Landfill
12001 East Tehachapi Blvd.
SUNDAY, April 5, 2014
9:00 am - Noon

Transportation Guidelines
- Transport no more than 15 gallons or 145 pounds of waste per trip.
- Make sure containers are not leaking and are properly labeled.
- Keep waste separated and away from passengers.

Acceptable Waste Items:
- Automotive Fluids
- Batteries
- Fluorescent Light Bulbs
- Household Cleaners
- Paint
- Pesticides
- Pool Chemicals
- Sharps

Kern County Residents Only. No Business Wastes accepted at this event. For more information call the Kern County Waste Management at 800-551-4200, Cotton St, or check us out on the web at www.KernCountyWaste.com

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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 worker. Her job 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 prehistoric animal and climbed through fences to photograph airplane and car crashes.”

In 1953, 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!”

My mother’s education included Those industries that she saw come to California in Tehachapi (the site of the new Edwards AFB), Edwards AFB (she later added California to the list, once it came into being).

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, 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 Edwards AFB), 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

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.

The play is set in Truvy’s beauty salon in Chinquapin, Louisiana, where all the ladies of “anybody” come to have their hair done.

Helped by her eager new assistant, Annette (Jessica Jans), the outspoken, wise-cracking Truvy (Ronda Heath) dispenses shampoos and free advice to the town’s rich curmudgeon D’Etue (Laura Ho); an eccentric millionaire, Miss Claire (Laurie Howlett), who has a raging sweet tooth; and the local social leader, M’Lynn (DeAnn Surratt), whose daughter, Shelby (Spencer Surratt), is about to marry a “good ole boy.” (Featuring Norman Colwell as the voice of KPPD.)

Filled with wit, insight, love, and later, tragedy, you will be captivated and moved. The underlying strength of the play - and its characters - make them truly touching, funny and marvelously amiable company in good times and bad.

This production will run March 28, 29 and April 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, 19 at 8 p.m. (doors open at 7:30 p.m.), and April 6 at 2 p.m. (doors open at 1:30 p.m.). Tickets are $15 general admission, $12 for children ages 6-12 and seniors. (Children under five are free, however the themes within the show may be difficult for younger patrons.)

This is a show you will not want to miss!

Bakersfield Community Theatre is located at 2400 South Chester Avenue, Bakersfield, 93304, between Wilson Road and Ming Avenue. Parking and entrance are behind the theatre, off of South Street.

Reservations may be made at 661-831-8114.

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 expert does not make. I am more of an aficionado, and that suit me just fine.

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

1. **Number one** among the five tips: Learn a little bit about the region where the wine is grown, the question we’re judging, is from. As we have discussed previously some of the finest wines in the world are 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 more than 80% of the nation’s wines that collectively the other 49 states, which includes Alaska and Hawaii, produce 10%.

2. **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.” I will never learn anything. But 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.

3. **Number three:** Ok, 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, all but from succeeding years such as a 2008, 2009, and 2010. All must be from the same vineyard and the same varietal.

4. **Number four:** Ok, so what is a horizontal tasting? It is the mirror image of the vertical. 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.

5. **Number five:** 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.

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Bob - the ‘Wine Guy’
Could This Get Rid of Knee Pain Once and For All — Without Drugs, Shots or Surgery?

by Dr. Brian Martin, Doctor of Chiropractic

Living with knee pain can feel like a crippling experience. Let’s face it, your knees aren’t as young as you used to be, and playing with the kids or grandkids isn’t any easier either. Maybe your knee pain keeps you from walking short distances or playing golf like you used to.

Nothing’s worse than feeling great mentally, but physically feeling held back from life because your knee hurts and the pain just won’t go away!

My name is Dr. Brian Martin, Doctor of Chiropractic and owner of Mountain View Chiropractic. Since we began using this new technology, we’ve seen many people with knee problems excited to leave our office pain free.

If you’re suffering from these conditions, a new breakthrough in medical technology may completely eliminate your pain and help restore normal function to your knees.

Finally, An Option Other Than Drugs or Surgery

The Cold Laser is an outpatient, non-surgical procedure, often used in physical therapy and sports medicine to accelerate the healing process. It offers non-invasive treatment to promote healing for those who suffer from pain in muscles, nerves, and joints, like that associated with chronic knee pain. This same laser is used by professional sports teams including the New York Yankees and Cincinnati Bengals.

It Promotes Rapid Healing Of The Injured Tissues

This pain-free, non-surgical approach works by stimulating the body’s natural healing processes, providing pain relief and reducing injury damage. This leading edge technology has an impressive success rate of returning patients to work, sports and competitive activities, as well as everyday life.

Patients treated with the Cold Laser often show a higher level of function, both during and after the treatment period. The therapeutic laser provides a tremendous alternative for those facing surgery.

Could This Noninvasive, Natural Treatment Be The Answer To Your Knee Pain?

For the First 25 Callers Only, I’m running a very special offer where you can find out if you are a candidate for Cold Laser therapy.

What does this offer include?

• An in-depth consultation about your problem where I will listen…really listen…to the details of your case.
• A complete neuromuscular examination.
• A full set of specialized x-rays (if needed) to determine if arthritis is contributing to your pain.
• A thorough analysis of your exam and x-ray findings so we can start mapping out your plan to be pain free.

You’ll see everything first hand and find out if this amazing treatment will be your pain solution, like it has been for so many other patients.

The First 25 Callers Only can get everything I’ve listed here for only $57. The normal price for this type of evaluation including x-rays (if needed) is $450, so you’re saving a considerable amount by taking me up on this offer.

Remember what it was like before you had knee problems; when you were pain free and could enjoy everything life had to offer? It can be that way again. Don’t neglect your problem any longer – don’t wait until it’s too late.

Here’s What To Do Now:

Due to the expected demand for this special offer, I urge you to call our office at once. The phone number is 661-822-5004. Call today and we can get started with your consultation, exam and x-rays (if needed) as soon as there’s an opening in the schedule. Our office is called Mountain View Chiropractic and you can find us at 840 Tucker Rd, Suite H in Tehachapi. Tell the receptionist you’d like to come in for the Knee Evaluation.

Yours in Health, Dr. Brian Martin, Doctor of Chiropractic

P.S. Now you might be wondering, “Is this safe? Are there any side effects or dangers to this?”

The FDA cleared the first Cold Laser in 2002. This was after their study found 76% improvement in patients with pain. Their only warning – don’t shine it in your eyes.

Of course at our office, the laser is never anywhere near your eyes and we’ll give you a comfortable pair of goggles for safety.

Don’t wait and let your knee problems get worse, disabling you for life.

Take me up on my offer and call today 661-822-5004.
**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 attempts 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 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 huged 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: anemarienovinger7@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.
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 one 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. 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?
Test Your Knowledge of Financial Basics

3. Which of the following is a key benefit of a 401(k) plan?  
   a. You can withdraw money at any time, regardless of your needs as 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. c. 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.
March 30 - Doctor's Appreciation Day

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The Forde Files

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 sequencer 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 hours 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 theDash-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 dam 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 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 a heart attack. 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 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 terra-cotta brown trim and yellow topside. Her nickname long ago was “The Flying Banana.”

She shared space in that big hanger 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?
Shedding light on local issues.

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 $22 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 Well 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.

The board hires top fundraiser

Conclusion

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 Pre 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 move 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.”
A touch of art and whimsy in most everything she does is how best to describe the life of Bear Valley Springs photography 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 place my initials LAV, in ink on every egg laid by her ‘Girls of the barn.’

Q: “Girls of the barn.”

A: “Yes indeed, they are good hens.”

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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.

For additional information on the upcoming Bear Valley Springs Cultural Arts Association Art Show from April 12 to 20, contact member Tina Dille at DILLEYart@sbcglobal.net.
The process of “moving west” sometimes left something that every citizen did not possess. The mid-nineteenth century literacy was and others. One must remember that during spellings of an already hard to spell name. In the railroad. disappeared into history after the advent of site in a lovely grove of oaks and nearby Greene – was located northwest of our present Old Town. No facts were ever Old Tehachapi at one time and just evolved the Southern Pacific Railroad settled upon. Old Town lost its name and may have been called the railroad. Then the railroad came through once Williamsburg, but ended up being called Tehichipa. Then the railroad came through and many of the Old Town families moved Tehachipa. Then the railroad came through the Tehachapi Mountains to the south and the valley with tall waving grasses, ample wild grew in profusion along with pine and fir. With the Tehachapi Mountains to the south and the the 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 Nuwa (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 Kohnns) 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 Tehetcia, 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 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 “Tih-sipi-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 greeting. 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!

To the Indians of the Sierra Nevada range, 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.

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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.
Sky Watch: Keeping an eye above the horizon

"Looking up the 500-foot barrel of Kitt Peak's McMath-Pierce Telescope. The observatory has scheduled than Mount Palomar's famous 200-inch Hale and now has three telescopes that are larger than those at 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 unique 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 precisely. 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 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 unthinkably low tolerance. Mirror one was completed in 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.

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 games 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 we 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 from beneath the waves.

In 1980, Dr. Carl Sagan launched Cosmos 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 youngest researchers 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. Saratoga 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.

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 residing in 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 an 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 other mediums.

All artwork will be exhibited to the public as 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.

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 Petticoats 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 my husband 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 stories 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.
A Tale of Two Kitties
by Daphne Sherring, The Pet Nanny

Meowy 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 kittens. 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 kittens.

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 it’s my pleasure to share the story of how she came to share her home with these two of my kitty clients - Moe and Bowie.

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She bottle fed him and weighed him daily to make sure he was gaining weight. She stayed in a carrier on a heating pad for four weeks until his body temperature normalized.

Then she admiringly 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.

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

• The POA 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.

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

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 Graumann 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 signal. If you used your PC for something that requires it always have the latest and 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. I 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.

Follow Those Track

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 Hollyer, 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.

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 of, 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
**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 collectibles, 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.

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**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 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.

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**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 Celidh (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 organisation 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 Sporrnan, 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 boggs 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 events for 2014, all a short distance from Tehachapi.


### 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.

Anyone interested in learning to play the bagpipes, may contact James Carmichael at 661-821-0493.

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Community Happenings

THS Drama Presents: A Midsummer's Night's Dream
Hear ye, hear ye: Tehachapi Advanced Drama class is delighted to performed A Midsummer’s Night's Dream; A Child's Version, orginally written by William Shakespeare and adapted by Doctor Adrienne Harrop (a professor of Theater Arts at Santa Monica College). This whimsical version introduces young children to Shakespeare while entertaining older audiences. The play is being performed at the Tehachapi High School Performing Arts Room behind the cafeteria. The price is $6 for general admission and $4 for students with A.S.B. cards.

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 go 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 online 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 for more information.

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.

Jazzercise Classes at E.M.B. Martial Arts Studio
151 N. Mill St. Ste.#F
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Jazzercise, one-hour classes
M-F 8:30 a.m. (every weekday)
MWF 10 a.m.
Tuesday
– Pinochle/Cards
10 a.m.
1 p.m.
- Poker on the Green Felt
1 p.m.

Tehachapi Mountain Quilt Guild Meeting April 7
The Tehachapi Mountain Quilt Guild’s next meeting is Monday April 7, at 7 p.m. at 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 entire quilt or an element, 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 Salzer of Quilters Haven quilt store, in Bakersfield, as our program for the evening. Quilters will have time to peruse her beautiful creations, and we hope you will come for an evening of inspiration and encouragement.

Customer Appreciation Festival on March 29
The Tehachapi Home Depot will be hosting a Customer Appreciation Festival on March 29, 2014 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in our parking lot.
We will be having fun activities 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 10:55 p.m. This year’s fish prizes include $250 and $500 tagged fish, big fish, small fry, and five line stringer prizes. The Fishing Derby is brought to you by Bank of the Sierra, RST Cranes, Airstreams Renewables, Amasing fish attractants, Albertsons, Kmart and Solar City. Bring your family and enjoy a day of fishing with record water and fish levels.

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.tvrdp.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 CE. Register at www.tvrdp.org or active.com. Active Duty military, senior and multi-family discounts. Sign up. Run up.

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?

Check out 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.

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 Max 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.

Send us your Community Events!

Submit them to: articles@theloopnewspaper.com by Friday, April 4

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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.

“One 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.

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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.

AAUW Celebrates 31 Years

by Phyllis Belcher

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

Hostesses Jeannette Roye 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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The Harvest Starts Here.....

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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.
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

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, Zach Zach Reeder and Wen Painter were there too!

Triassic Legacy Passing the Torch!

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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