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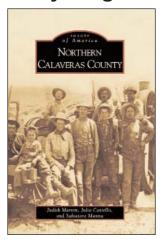
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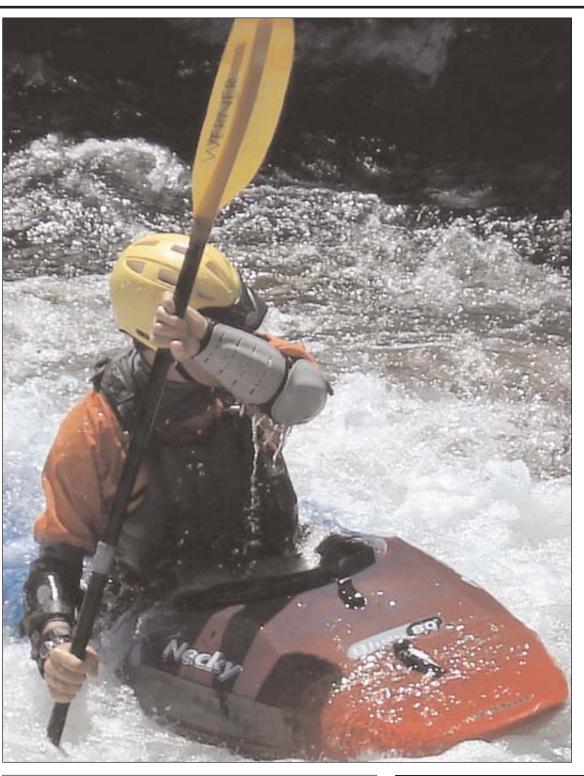
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Big show needs artists

Lumberjack Day art show entries due

Entries are sought for the second annual Lumberjack Day Art Show and Competition. Artists may enter up to three pieces to be displayed in an indoor gallery setting on Main Street in West Point during the Oct. 6 Lumberjack Day.

The art will be judged, with Best of Show cash prizes of \$200 for first place, \$100 for second and \$50 for third.

A Popular Choice Award will also be awarded based on the votes of visitors to the Art Show, which will be open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Youth Center. In addition, art is judged in ten media categories with ribbonsforthe best of each medium.

The Lumberjack Day Art Show and Competition and the Quilt Show will highlight

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It's wild, and it's scenic

United States Congress 'Wild and Scenic' designation for the Mokelumne would preserve the river for sportsmen, anglers and recreation. For an explanation of the designation and some of the effects on those who use the river and its shores, see Opinion, page 4. STANDARD U.S. POSTAGE PAID PERMIT #4 SONORA, CA



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Lumberjack Day royalty hopefuls

Lumberjack Day King and Queen contestants (left) raise money for their own post-high school education. The boy and girl who raise the most money will be crowned King and Queen during Lumber-jack Day on Saturday, Oct. 6. Pictured from left to right: top row, Bowsher, Javan Aguayo, Courtney Atnip, Sierra Keller and Joshua Church; bottom Richelle Miller, Kayla Kenyon, Kayla Reeder and Lindsay Wolf.

Show in its second year

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local artists. Other plans include a Youth Art Show and storytelling in the West Point Library.

A gourmet lunch, local wine, apple cider and desserts will be available at Blue Mountain Playhouse. Proceeds will benefit local youth projects in the arts.

The annual West Point event historically draws more than 5,000 visitors.

A \$10 entry fee per piece is required to be submitted along with an entry form. Artists can receive applications by email or by calling Elizabeth Gosende at 293-4068.

All two-dimensional art pieces must be framed and have a means of hanging. As the entry forms are returned, first priority for acceptance will be given to artists residing in Calaveras District 2 (West Point, Glencoe, Wilseyville, Rail Road Flat, Mountain Ranch and Mokelumne Hill). As space permits others in the region will be accepted. Deadline to return the entry forms is Sept. 21.

History of Calaveras County a collaboration of local talent

archeologist Julia Costello and writer Salvatore Manna have compiled a pictorial history, "Northern Calaveras County."

They enlisted the help of local geologists, ranchers, researchers and descendants of pioneer families, present vintage photographs and stories taken from the files of the Calaveras County Historical Society and the Calaveras County Archives for the project.

Proceeds from the book will be donated to the Calaveras County Archives, Calaveras County Historical Society, Mokelumne Hill History Society and the Society for the Preservation of West Calaveras History

The book provides an overview of the forces and events that have made Calaveras County what it is

Two hundred images fill the pages, each accompanied by a comprehensive caption. The book is available at local independent bookstores, retailers, online retailers, or partners through Arcadia Publishing

ww.arcadiapublishing.com.

Judith Marvin, for many years the curator and director of the Calaveras County Museum and Archives, has served as a historian for a wide range of cultural resource projects throughout California, for public and private agencies, including the California Department of Transportation and the National Park Service. A graduate of the University of California, Berkeley, she is a recognized expert on the state's architectural resources.

Archaeologist Julia Costello, an authority on cultural resource management of historic sites in the western United States, has served on the California State Historical Resources Commission and as president of both the Society for Historical Archaeology and the Society for California Archaeology. She received Ph.D. from University of California, Santa Barbara.

Marvin and Costello are in Calaveras County-based Foothill (888) 313-2665 or Resources, Ltd., a cultural

resources firm founded in 1983.

Writer and journalist Salvatore Manna has written features on a wide variety of subjects for Time and Playboy and newspapers from the Los Angeles Times to the Boston Herald. A graduate of the Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern University, he is the president of the Society for the Preservation of West Calaveras History, which he founded in 1996.

According to the authors, Despite Calaveras County's fascinating history, there has never been any authori-

tative book that has covered. in text or photos, the entire northern part of the county, from Valley Springs to San Andreas, Mountain Ranch to Mokelumne Hill to West

Northern CALAVERAS COUNT

> Point. As this region continues to grow, it has become increasingly important that current residents as well as new ones and visitors become familiar with the

heritage of this historic

The history of these communities, scattered south of the Mokelumne River, are tied together by gold, water and agriculture, from prehistoric times to modern tourism.

The region's story is told in vivid photographs, many of which have never been published before. Readers will learn about the Mi-Wuk, the Gold Rush and mining, immigrant settlers, logging, railroads and 19th century ranch

The authors say they hope the book is an evocative and accessible history of Northern Calaveras County. The authors will sign books on Sept. 6, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., Hotel Leger, Mokelumne Hill.

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Hometown Forum

Wild and Scenic – what's in the name?

What is a Wild and Scenic River designation and is it right for the Mokelumne River?

That will be for Congress to Efforts by the Foothill Conservancy to gain Wild and Scenic designation for the river have been under way since the organization successfully defeated the Devil's Nose dam project in 1989.

The conservancy is seeking the designation for the north fork section of the river, from Salt Springs Reservoir to Tiger Creek, and for the main stem between Tiger Creek and Highway 49.

A recently-published Bureau of

OPINION

Land Management (BLM) Sierra Resource Management Plan states the main stem of the river is both eligible and suitable for Wild and Scenic designation because of "outstandingly remarkable" cultural, historical and high-water-quality values.

The benefits of Wild and Scenic designation for Amador and Calaveras Counties would be preservation of the river as it exists today and protection from the construction of new dams

"It's the only way to make sure our grandchildren and their grandchildren can use and enjoy the Mokelumne in the future," said Chris Wright, Foothill Conservancy Executive Director. "It's also the only way to make sure thirsty urban water users can't take away our river and condemn private land to build a new dam and reservoir on the sections of river we use and enjoy today."

The National Wild and Scenic Rivers Act was signed into law Oct. 2, 1968, by President Johnson as recom-

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Help the board schedule public hearing continuances

The Community Development Agency (CDA) has received an inordinate number of public hearing continuance requests this year.

Since multiple revisions to the Planning Commission agendas have caused some confusion, we have decided to change our process. Effective immediately, we

website to communicate these public hearing continuances:

www.co.calaveras.ca.us/plan ning_commission.asp

CDA also will use this location to post notices of Board of Supervisors agenda continuance requests that involve our agency. The board agenda notices will be

will be using the following an information item only and will be in addition to any notice procedures used by the Board of Supervisors.

> For official information relative to Board Supervisor agendas, please continue to contact the Board Clerk.

> We hope this procedural change will save time and effort on the part of county

staff and the public. Please feel free to communicate any suggestions or questions regarding this change to: planningdepartment@co.cal averas.ca.us

Thank you.

Stephanie Moreno Director of Community Development Calaveras County

eScrip – have you signed up yet?

The Amador County Child Abuse Prevention Council, most schools, plus many youth groups and clubs can benefit financially from the eScrip program, but support is needed.

eScrip is a way for schools and groups that support children's programs to raise funds through everyday purchases.

eScrip and merchant partners have created a system that rewards customer loyalty by contributing a percentage of purchases to your chosen group.

Parents, teachers, friends and families can register their credit, debit and grocery club cards as supporters with the eScrip program. Upon receipt of registration, a percentage of all purchases made at eScrip merchants will be given back to the designated school or

• Log on to www.eScrip.com and go to "sign up.'

- Designate a favorite school or children's group to receive contributions
- Register a grocery club card from a participating merchant and your debit/credit

Only schools receive funds from grocery stores, so those who want the Amador County Child Abuse Prevention Council or another organization to receive contributions must register their debit and/or credit card numbers and designate one or two schools so they will receive your grocery contributions.

For a list of participating schools and organizations, www.myamador.com/amadorcapc.

Robin Valencia Program Coordinator, Amador County Child Abuse Prevention Council

Letters welcomed

West Point News and Upcountry News welcome letters on any subject as long as they are tasteful and responsible and are signed with the full name of the writer (who should include a phone number and address for verification).

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Fire Company News

Fire Safe Council has help for seniors

Fire Amador Council has help for senior citizens who want to make their homes more safe through two grant programs. A Forest Service grant will pay to clear a defensible space around the homes low-income, full-time residents who are age 65 or older or disabled.

Cathy Koos Breazeal, Amador Fire Safe executive director, said there is a two-

Safe month backlog of homes waiting for this service, in part because of the popularity of the program and in part because the work cannot be done in hot, dry weather.

> The second grant program, offered by the Area 12 Agency on Aging, offers a free smoke detector to fulltime residents 60 and older. To receive an application call 296-6220.

Central Fire reports call data, news

Central Calaveras Fire and Rescue reports the following emergency call statistics for July and the year to

Medical aids, 24 (146); vehicle crashes, 9 (40); smoke checks, 2 (14); vegetation fires, 4 (18); vehicle fires, 1 (2); structure fires, 3 (11); public service assists, 4 (25); hazardous materials incidents, 0 (1); fire investigations, 0 (1); false alarms, 0 (1); emergency standbys, 2 (9); total, 47 (268).

Firefighters had two

training sessions during the month: Confined Spaces and Forcible Entry Fireground Operations in Wildland urban Interface. Average attendance was 15.

The department has 21 response personnel on the roster, plus one cadet /explorer.

All fire apparatus is in service.

safety/VCOS-Target IAFC training grant money was awarded for a year of on-line training for 24 personnel.. The Safer Grant has run out.

Also, the department has two workers from Mother Lode Job Training for about four months. The program pays all or part of their salaries and the workers in exchange get work experi-

The district has a vacancy on its board of directors. Applicants must reside in the district and be registered

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Please send letter of interest to Central Calaveras Fire & Rescue, P.O. Box 2, Mountain Ranch, CA 95246-0002, or email to ccfrpd@goldrush.com.

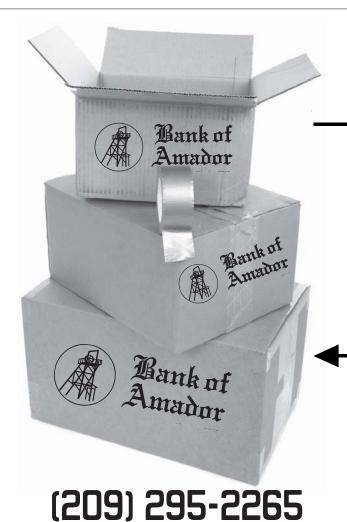
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Amador firefighters keep busy with emergency calls

Battalion 10 reports the following emergency call statistics for July: structure fire, 1; brush or grass fires, 4; vehicle fire, 1; medical aids, 46; vehicle

Amador Fire Protection District crashes, 8; electrical fire, 1; smoke checks, 5; alarm system activation, 2; carbon monoxide detector activation, 1; public assistance, 3; dispatched and canceled en route, 5; total, 77.

Average response time, 7 minutes. Battalion 10 serves the Upcountry area out of stations located in the Mace Meadows, Red Corral, Pine Grove and Ridge Road areas.



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Cancer camp-out

Local postal employees will deliver hope at this month's Camp Out for Cancer

They will gather again this year to participate in the STARS annual Camp Out for Cancer to be held from 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, through 9 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 23, at Argonaut High School stadium in Jackson.

"This year our booth will have a letter-writing station with cards, stickers and markers provided to decorate letters for our delivery team to distribute to other campsites throughout the event," said Rose Lantz, Glencoe Postmaster.

"Last year the Postal Service employee team raised more than \$7,000 for STARS," said Lantz. Opportunity tickets will be sold again for this year's fundraiser. The top prize is a truckload of class-1 gravel delivered within Amador or Calaveras counties.

There will also be several themed gift baskets to win in the drawing and other items. There will also be a silent auction with gift certificates and more. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. For more information, call Lantz at 293-7075 or 293-7730.

Oil filter swap

A free oil filter exchange will be held Saturday, Sept. 22, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at ATI Parts, Highway 88 at

Pine Grove-Volcano Road, Pine Grove.

Participants will receive a free oil and filter recycling container and \$6 off purchase of a new oil filter.

The offer is limited to the first 50 persons.

All about books

The third annual Friends for the Library Lumberjack Day Reading Contest for elementary school age children is in full swing and will end Sept. 25.

There is still time to join, and whether youngsters read one book or many, all may participate with Friends of Library in Lumberjack Day Parade.

Costumes are welcome as long as they are safe. Schools and the library have entry forms.

A Prince and Princess will be selected from the top readers in the fourth, fifth and sixth grades. Two attendants will be selected from kindergarten through third grade. Pre-schoolers will be recognized with prizes. All participants will receive ribbons. Immediately after the Parade, youngsters are invited to pick up their prizes at the library.

Dinner and a story

On Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2001, the Blue Mountain Coalition for Youth and Families served its first community dinner and has since served twice-weekly healthful dinners for local youth. To commemorate, they will serve a free community dinner at 5:30 p.m. on Sept. 11, at the coalition building, 364 Main St., West Point.

The event will begin with a dinner for community members, followed by an evening of story-telling with Mark Dyken.

The event is tobacco- and alcohol-free. Bring a chair to enjoy the storytelling outside. For more information, call 293-7177.

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Agencies join forces to encourage composting

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Compost is created when the correct amount of fresh organic waste is combined with aeration, water and dry organic agents such as wood chips.

Compost is the dark brown or black finished product with a soil-like, earthy smell that can be used as a soil amendment to grow healthy plants.

The compost methods are on display daily at the Interfaith Food Bank.

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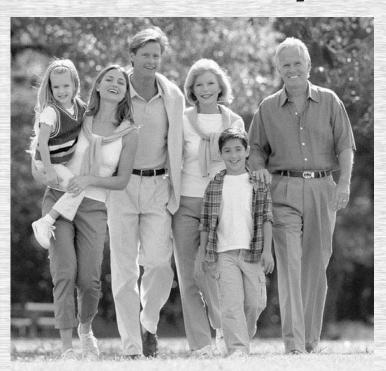
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Rivers considered for protection under Wild and Scenic status

Continued from page 4. mended by a Presidential commission.

A river or river section may be designated wild and scenic by the U.S. Congress or the Secretary of the Interior. As of 2004, 164 river segments have been granted wild and scenic stathis in country. California has 13 rivers or river sections designated as Wild and Scenic, including

portions of the American access and Tuolumne rivers.

Wild and Scenic is not as stringent a designation as a national park or wilderness area, according to Wright. "It doesn't halt the development and use of a river," said Wright. "Instead, the goal is to preserve the basic character of a river for the future."

During an August interview aired by Jackson public

station Amador County District 5 Supervisor Brian Oneto inaccurately stated, "A designation of wild and scenic would put restrictions on the river. It would take away basically the right of determination of what they do with the river and how it's done and goes under the Congressional wild and scenic act and then what is done on that river is mandated by that act and our input would basically be meaningless at that point and I have a problem with that."

Contrary to Oneto's statements, landowners would see no change in land use with Wild and Scenic. Within three years of the designation, a comprehensive river management plan must be developed and must include public input.

"Here's what to expect," said Wright. "The Forest Service and BLM will develop a management plan with public input to protect the

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river's cultural and historical resources, water quality, and scenic beauty. People who own land along the river will keep using their land the way they do today. PG&E will keep generating power. Amador County and downstream users will keep using water and those who use the river to camp, fish, swim, kayak or hunt nearby will keep doing all of those things. That's what's reasonable to expect."

Calaveras County District 2 Supervisor Steve Wilensky, a proponent of the Wild and Scenic designation, sees benefits in that the public can shape the nature and activities for the future of the river. "With the timber industry suffering, river recreation is a source of income," said Wilensky. "If there is something that we can bequeath to our children, any natural asset we could leave for them or future generations, this would be it. This is the lega-

Oneto also inaccurately stated Wild and Scenic designation would hamper the thinning of underbrush to lighten fuel loads in the river canyon.

According to Wright, Wild and Scenic designation assures best practices for forest and fire management will always be upheld. For information on Wild and Scenic designation, visit www.americanrivers.org and www.foothillconservancy.org

Ebbetts Pass marks scenic designation

A community celebration will mark the designation of Ebbetts Pass as a National Scenic Byway. The event will be held Sept. 15 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and will feature activities at eight different venues with a chance to win prizes.

Passports will be handed out to each participant free of charge.

The byway is a 61-mile stretch of Highways 4 and 89 between Arnold in Calaveras County and Markleeville in Alpine County.

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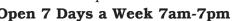




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Joe Craven - recycler of music

By Savannah Mulderrig

Multi-talented, multiinstrumentalist Joe Craven and Calaveras County's own Clan Dyken recently played a concert in August to support the Blue Mountain Coalition for Youth.

Craven grew up in the Southeast, mostly Georgia and the Carolinas, but moved often. His parents' record collection introduced him to a wide variety of musical styles, and Craven said the music would create pictures in his mind similar shops at festivals and music to reading a book.

Jimi Hendrix the Experience. Intrigued by the different sound Hendrix created with his guitar, Craven bought an amplifier the size of a refrigerator and started jamming.

instruments and relishes the chance to create another. He will play a gas can, a chipped tea cup, driftwood or other discarded objects. "Listen to



Joe Craven

said. "It isn't the car, it's the driver. That is, it isn't the tool but the process you put

Craven teaches workoutreach programs. When he was 13, he heard received his formal degree from the University of South Carolina.

Craven has worked with many different types of musicians including Michael and Spearhead, Franti Bonnie Raitt, Jerry Garcia, Craven plays a variety of and a personal hero of his, Utah Phillips. "Utah has a wonderful perception, a wisdom of life. He's engaged it, been down the river of life. He taught me to think for the sounds they create," he myself, find the good in

things, and to remind yourself to laugh. He talks about such heavy things with humor, it makes the world wonderfully more accessible. He reminds me that things matter," said Craven.

Craven said it is gratifying to be asked to collaborate with so many different artists but feels lucky, which he defines as being prepared when opportunity knocks, to learn different dialects. "Music is the only universal language," said Craven.

He draws his influence others, from, among Brazilian musician Hermeto Pascoal, Robert Rosenberg, educator John Dewey, Dr. Patch Adams, Georgia O'Keeffe and Frank Zappa, who helped him see that we are the product of our listening environment.

"Every tradition begins as innovation and every innovation is based on tradition."

Master Gardeners offer plants

Calaveras Master Gardeners will hold their annual Fall Plant Sale on Sept. 22 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Demonstration Garden at the Government Center, 891 Mountain Ranch Road, San Andreas.

The garden is on the west side of the Historical Society Red Barn along Mountain Ranch Road. Admission is free

The sale will feature a variety of native plants, succulents, daylilies, ornamental grasses, euphorbias, perennials and shrubs, all at reasonable prices. Planting in the fall before winter rains allows plants to establish roots before the summer heat. Master Gardeners will help buyers find the right plants and will be available to answer general home gardening questions, diagnose plant problems and give tours of the garden. There will also be demonstrations.

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'Humble Boy' on Murphys stage

Family dysfunction, love lost and found, secrets discovered are in bloom in Murphys Creek Theatre's last production of the 2007 Theatre Under the Stars season, "Humble Boy" by award-winning British playwright Charlotte Jones.

Jones's funny poignant meditation on family and loss opened August 23 at the Cornelia B. Stevenot Amphitheatre at Stevenot Winery Murphys.

"Humble Boy" is rated PG-13 as it deals with adult themes and contains strong language. It is not recommended for younger chil-

The cast combines local favorites with distinguished artists from across Northern California. Artistic Director Graham Scott Green brings the sensitive and struggling Felix to life.

The cast performs under the direction of Elly Award winner Allen Pontes.

Seating is festival style, on the lawn; patrons should bring a low chair or blanket to sit on.

To order tickets, call MCT at 728-8422 or purchase online at www.murphyscreektheatre.org.

Exchange program seeks host families

lies are sought to host foreign high school students for the upcoming school year. According to John Doty, Pacific Intercultural Exchange executive direc-

Calaveras County fami- tor, the students are all 15 to 18 years old, speak English and have their own spending money, accident and health insurance and are English-speaking

Doty sees this program students abroad.

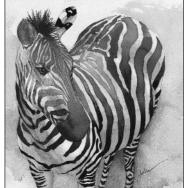
as a meaningful cultural exhchange for all involved. Call toll-free at 866-546-1402 to become a host family or for information on placement of American

Artists open studios for a tour

The 2007 Artists Studio Tour, a self-guided excursion to 35 artists' studios, is set for September 29-30 in the Gold Country.

Presented by the Gallery Group of the non-profit County Arts Calaveras Council, this second annual event will give visitors the opportunity to find a ceramicist throwing a bowl, an enamellist melting color onto copper, a glass artist firing or a painter revealing a new technique.

Participating artists: Kathleen Canning, Judie Cain, Peggi Kroll-Roberts, Helen Scofield, Karen O'Neill, Rory Gage, Carol



Fields, Jane Boone, Sarah Evans, Janie and Mike Nelson, Donna Perkins, Nanette Hoffman, Marilyn Richards, The Painter Sisters Peggy Huth, Kate Frederick and Ruth Morrow. Culver, Bambi Papais, Marilyn Hinsdale,



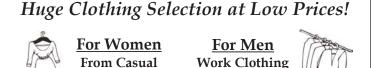
Zebra (left) is an original watercolor by Galen Hazelhofer. Woodflower (above) is by Michael Wood.

Lura Francis, Ray Roberts, Ann Nancy Macomber, Martha Wallace, Sue King, Maren Sampson, Margaret Roberts, Pat Rohovit, Joani Taylor, Ruth Morrow, Galen Lu-Ann Hazelhofer, Tillman, James Aarons, Ken Winebrenner, Lori Kelly, Sarah Switek and Pam Quyle, Robert Atkinson, Marchand Heimann, Luke Nelson, Megan Aguilar, Kevin Brady, Staria Stine, and Janet Trinkle, Josh Ryun, John McDaniel, Michael Woods.

The exhibit in the Calaveras Arts Council Gallery features the works of the 45 artists who will be in the Calaveras Artists Studio Tour.

A reception for the Artists Studio Tour will be held at the gallery on Friday, Sept. 28, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Admission the Calaveras Artists Open Studio Tour will cost \$12.50 per person; \$20 per family. Guests will receive a directory that includes maps, artist's biographies, and a photo of an artwork sample. Call 754-1774.

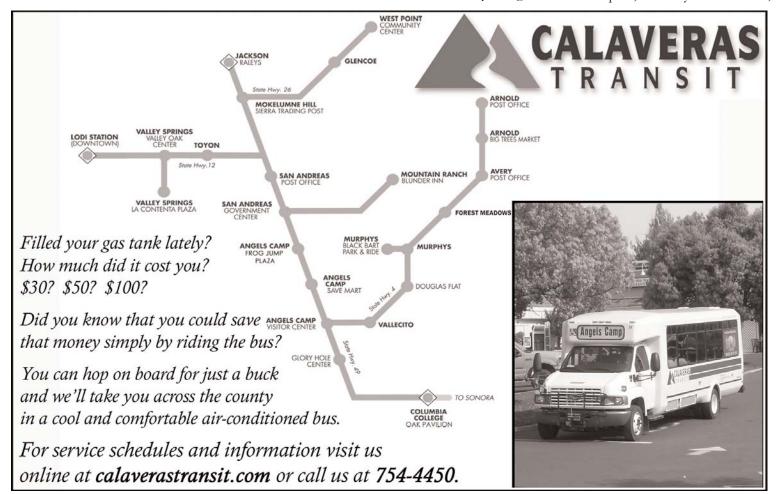


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Happy birthday

Happy birthday to those in our community celebrat-

ing a September birthday: Sept. 1 – Gary Ristrom and Gunner Smith.

Sept. 2 – Nicholas Acasta, Taryn Garcia,

Rose Ann Fox and Lenora Shipp. Sept. 3 – Emily Ann Simpson. Sept. 4 – Pooley Beccera and Teresa Ron.

Sept. 5 – Nicole Hale, Chuck Rathbun, Alexis Timm and Ken Wright Sr. Sept. 6 – Brandon Becker, Rod Landreth and Kaycee Ranee Wiley.

Sept. 7 – Mary Carlins, Julia Maynard and Justin Schmollinger. Sept. 8 – Kenny Whitten. Sept. 9 – June Hurley, Trent Pappin and Lance Wilson.

Sept. 10 – Courtney Bates, Lori Eisenhower, Cecilia B. Joyce and Selby Silviera.

Sept. 11 – Mike Dickerson, Doris Marciel, Ashley Maynard, Doris Marciel, Ceci Ross and Daniel Schembri.

Sept. 12 – Shanel Enderlein, Leslie Mote, Genelle Soracco and Megan Winfield. Sept. 13 – Jessica Edmunds, Melvin Everett and Jeff Haight.

Sept. 14 – Lillie Crawford and Lefty Irons. Sept. 15 – Jamie Bannon, Jeff Bedyk, Stan Brown, Mariah Fischer, Kayla Humphrey, Eric Miller Jr., Kevin O'Meara, Kathy Reding and Pat Wagner. Sept. 17 – Joseph Cook, Fred Porter and Thomas Wilson.

Sept. 18 – Tamara Hale, Bill Pappin and Marissa Wilson. Sept. 20 – Stephen Johnson, Cindy Landreth and Betty Radusinovich.

Sept. 21 – Missy Harris, David Martin Phillips, Cathleen Smith and Christy Wilson.

Sept. 22 – Linda Avilla, Taylor Bennett, Timothy Johnston, Michael

Johnston, Michael Oshell, Kathy Ron, Maygon Risso and Antha Toren. Sept. 23 – Pete Cavagnaro, Shawn Clinton and Vicki Hurst.

Sept. 24 – Ashley Boyer, Jeni Dickerson, TJ Hood and Lorrayne Kennedy. Sept. 25 – Chelan Ballard, Desire Fox, Michele Garcia, Hazel Hickman and Garrett Johnston. Sept. 26 – Al Lockwood and Brittany Whitten.

Sept. 27 – Phil Rummerfield. Sept. 28 – Rose Marie Queen and Chuck Whiteley.

Sept. 29 – Michelle Franco, Kim Scharmann, Mary Signorelli and Christian Zahniser. Sept. 30 – Alex Bower.



Happy anniversary

Congratulations to those celebrating a wedding anniversary: Sept. 4 – Bob and Joyce Brown. Sept 5 – Jack and Melody Edmunds,

and Rodney and Heidi Hurst. Sept. 10 – Bill and Kathy Derby, and Chuck and Virginia Rathbun. Sept. 15 – Paul and Marin Boggs. Sept. 18 – Frank and Danielle Bianchi. Sept. 20 – Anthony and Ester Powel. Sept. 21 – Piero and Jill Martinucci, Bobby and Stephanie Neal, and Genelle and Sam Soracco. Sept. 26 – Mike and Karan Bowsher.

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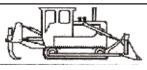


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Going fishing

The kids are back in school, cooler weather is approaching and summer vacations have become memories. Day trips are still to be had, however, and Bear River Lake Resort is one destination.

Unlike other lakes in the area, Bear River, on Highway 88 east of Pioneer, still has plenty of water.

For anglers, expert and novice alike, the cooler nights have brought back the fish. The last Fishing Derby of the season will be held at Bear River from 6 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 18, to 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 19. Three- to 10-pound trophy rainbow trout are being planted for

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the event.

To register, call the resort at 295-4868. One-day registration fee is \$30 and twoday fee is \$45. Prizes will be awarded for Rainbow Trout only and will be based on weight. First prize will be \$700; second prize, \$200; and third prize \$100.

Boat rentals are available by the hour, half day or full day. The general store offers snacks as well as a restaurant.

The resort will close up for winter on Oct. 31.

Films in Amador

The first Amador Film Festival will open Sept. 20 in Sutter Creek and continue at several locations in Amador County through Sept. 23.

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The festival is presented by the Amador County Arts Council.

The theme of the festival The Art of Film. Sponsors, volunteers and filmmakers and film lovers are welcome. For more information, contact Mike Kerrigan, festival director: telephone, 267-9251; fax, 267-9258; mail, P.O. Box 356, Sutter Creek, CA 95685; or email, Director@Amador FilmFestival.

Computer group

The Amador Computer Users Group (ACUG) General Meeting will be Tuesday, Sept. 4, at 7 p.m. in the main meeting room at the Jackson Senior Center, 229 New York Ranch Road, Jackson.

The program will be "Is **UBUNTU** titled, LINUX on Your Horizon?"

Dave Blair will give a brief introduction to Open Source

software and how it is developed and supported and will discuss UBUNTU Linux along with its major derivatives including UBUNTU, KUBUNTU, EDUBUNTU AND XUBUNTU.

The group will hold its raffle to support community service efforts, and the prize will be the UBUNTU system used during the meeting. This will include CPU, monitor, keyboard and mouse, donated by Blair and the American Association of Retired Persons. Other prizes will be a "tech" memo cube and Elastic Closure Notebook.

A raffle will be held for a dinner for two at the Bonanza Bar & Grill in Jackson.

ACUG is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping members of the community learn more about computers and software. ACUG meetings are

recommended for the business community, teachers, professionals, seniors, parents, high school students and young adults. Visitors are welcome, and admission is free. Visit www.acug.net, or contact at info@acug.net, or 296-2390.

Living in Mexico

Amador County residents who also have homes in Mexico will offer a gathering on Sept. 8 at 4 p.m. at the Folk Art Center in Pine Grove.

These residents, who generally spend winters in Mexico, will offer information about their second homes and the towns where they are.

The public is welcome, but space is limited, so those wishing to attend should call 223-3322. Refreshments will be served, and there is a \$5 donation requested for the Folk Art Center.

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Dance auditions

Satori Jazz Dance Company will hold auditions on Sept. 8, at Kline's Fitness Club, 2116 Highway 4, in Arnold for its upcoming production of "Romeo and Juliet." Times are 1 p.m. for youngsters age 8 to 11, 3 p.m. for dancers age 12 through adult.

All levels and styles of dancers both female and male are sought. Hip hop, jazz, modern, Latin ballroom, and lyrical dance styles will be the main focus.

"Romeo and Juliet" will be a 2½-hour modern ballet adapted from William Shakespeare's classic tragedy.

For more information or for an audition packet, contact Sarah May-Davey, artistic director, at 795-4274

Packets are also available at Kline's Fitness Club in Arnold and Family 4 Fitness in Vallecito.

Find out how government works – then get involved

As fall begins, there is own congregations and excitement in the air.

More and more people are becoming involved in different community activities - some are concerned about smart growth and what it means, and as a consequence, are attending city and county meetings and organizations.

Others are concerned with family and personal issues, also finding the appropriate groups to join. This is especially true for faith groups, reaching out for solutions in both their

Government by the book

Amador County and the Amador Community Foundation are sponsoring educational classes for residents to learn about how their local government functions.

The classes are free of charge and will be held on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month, from 6:30-9 p.m. in the Amador County Administration Building, 810 Court St., Jackson.

For a list of classes offered through the fall of 2007, go to www.myamador.com/classes or call 296-5435.

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What everyone has in common, however, is the need for more information about our county itself.

How is it structured? How is it governed? How does the county relate to us? What is our budget? Who do we turn to when we want information and help? When the system doesn't seem to be functioning, what do we do next?

Seeking this information, about 18 months ago, a few of us met several times with Shannon Lowery of the Amador Community Foundation.

Also present were representatives from the Board of ing the idea of a series of Adult Education workshops provided by the Board that would provide us with this What happened? data. You guessed – nothing.

But, as a recent result of discussing these needs directly with the Amador Board of Supervisors' staffs, the support was instanta-

Approval took place at the administrative meeting of the board chaired by Supervisor Louis Boitano, and a fall workshop schedule, complete with location, is now in place. (See separate story, this page).

For starts, these workshops will parallel the structure of the county budget, with Chief Administrative Officer Terri Daly leading off on Sept. 26 at the Board of Supervisors' Chambers, at 6:30 p.m.

She will provide us with a description of the CAO's function, and give us an

Education. We were explor- overview of the budget, Fall 2007. elections and supervisors. There will be time for questions and answers. See you there!

> Another learning source is provided by Nora Coryell, whose fall classes include Mexican cooking, Mexican homeowners who have information about properties to rent and or buy, and Nora's ongoing Spanish language classes. Contact her at 223-3322.

Last but not least, up and running is the Amador Learning Center of the Cosumnes River College for

These are accredited classes on Early Childhood Education/Family and Consumer Science, Constructive Math and Science in Early Childhood Education, and Introduction to Horticulture.

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Community plans welcome if timely

The Calaveras County Board Supervisors has voted unanimously to approve continuing community planning efforts for Valley Springs, Copperopolis, San Andreas, Glencoe, Rail Road Flat, West Point and Wilseyville concurrently with county's general plan update.

The decision ensures the communities can continue working on their community plans and receive assistance from the county planning department as long as the plans are done with the county's general plan in mind.

"We're asking the board how we want to do robust community planning, budgeting and requests for proposals (RFP) and said Calaveras Community Development Director Stephanie Moreno. "We have committed lots of time and effort in (the communities). They are very interested in timing.

"It is our intent to have the communities

At question was the county's ability to fund continued community planning efforts while facing an already critically under-funded and understaffed county planning department. Calaveras communities have already spent considerable time organizing public meetings, educating themselves and working on community plans. Of more than 80 community members in attendance, 23 addressed the board with comments.

"Every community is represented here today," said Murphys resident Addie Jacobson. "Don't let dollars stand in your way. Leverage the resources you have so nobody is left behind."

The board's decision is contingent upon community plans not delaying the general plan update.

For more information, call Holly Mines at 293-4953.

'Players' sign new director

The Blue Mountain Players have added Chris Borden of Pioneer to the playbill. He will direct "Legends!" by James Kirkwood, scheduled to open this fall.

Borden graduated from University of Arizona in English Literature and Communications, which lead him into radio and eventually movies and television. He has traveled widely, lecturing on the numerous full-length travelogues that he pro-



Chris Borden

He was a regular on, "Jake and the Fat Man" and had principal appearances on other shows. On stage, he appeared in "The

Pajama Game," "Six Women with Brain Death," "Sweeny Todd," "Grand Hotel," "Ruthless," "A Party at Dave's" and "Off Balance."

"Legends!" is a comical farce based on the predicament of two aging stars of screen and stage who are desperate to once again be in the limelight. It will open in November. Call 293-7979 or 293-3100 or visit bluemountaintheater.com.

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Moaning Cavern puts zip into tour

Visitors to Moaning Cavern can take flight thanks to new twin zip lines unveiled in July.

The 1,500-foot lines, also known as a flying fox or tyrolean crossing, consist of pulleys suspended on cables mounted on an incline so the rider can traverse propelled by gravity. Once limited to challenge courses and Costa Rican Canopy Tours, zip lines are becoming increasingly popular for pure entertainment. Anyone who is in moderate health and can fit in a harness can experience zip lining.

Moaning Cavern, run by Underground Adventures, has been open for almost 30 years for rappelling and spelunking excursions.

Visitors approach the launch tower by crossing a 60-foot sky bridge before being strapped into a climbing harness and then rigged to the cable. Double cables mean zippers can race in pairs. The landing is atop limestone bluffs overlooking Coyote Creek Canyon.

The Moaning Cavern Zip Line, available daily, year round, will be open to anyone between 70 and 260 pounds, no experience necessary. Tickets will be \$39 for the first zip and \$24 thereafter.

Other above ground activities include gemstone mining, gold panning, free nature trail hikes and picnicking. For more information call (866) 762-2837 or visit www.undergroundadventures.com.

Moaning Cavern is at 5350 Moaning Cave Road in Vallecito.

CONTINUING CALENDAR

Mondays

Oaks Resource and Family Center at Rail Road Flat School, open 8 a.m. to noon, information and resources for families. 293-1211.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), basement of the Baptist Church, 300 Cemetery Lane, West Point. Weigh-in, 5 to 5:45 p.m., meeting, 6 to 7 p.m.

Hamburger dinner, 5-7 p.m., VFW Post, West Point, hamburgers. 293-3322.

Tuesdays

Calaveras Works and Human Services, outreach office hours for MediCal, food stamps and cash aid 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., 291-A Main St., West Point. 754-6433 or 768-7523.

West Point Friends of the Library, 9:30 a.m., first Tuesday of each month, library, Main Street. Call 293-4072 for location.

Domestic Violence Support Group, 2 to 4 p.m., social room, Church of the Living Word, 23717 Highway 26, West Point. 754-1300.

West Point Fire District Auxiliary, first Tuesdays, 7 p.m. in District the fire station on Spink Road. West Point Ridge Riders Trail Club, second Tuesdays. Call 293-4747 for location.

Sons in Retirement, second Tuesdays, 11 a.m., Senior Center, San Andreas. Call 754-5635, 754-3978 or 754-3771.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 7 p.m., Community Hall, Rail Road Flat. Call (800) 851-1304.

West Point Lions Club, first and West Point Lions Club, first and third Tuesdays, 7 p.m., West Point Community Hall, Highway 26. First Tuesday, potluck dinner, third Tuesday, business meeting.

Community Revive and Re-Leaf, third Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m., 174

Spink Road, West Point. Call 293-

Calaveras Genealogy Society, cond Tuesdays, Calaveras second Tuesdays, Calaveras County Library, San Andreas, except the social meetings in July and December.

Children's Story Hour, 10 a.m., Mokelumne Hill Branch Library. Call 286-1783.

Free dinner, 6 p.m., Blue Mountain Youth and Family Center, Main Street, West Point. 293-4500.

Mokelumne Upper Watershed Council, fourth Tuesdays, Central Sierra Resource Conservation and Development Agency, 235 New York Ranch Road, Suite C, Jackson. Call 257-1543 for information.

Wednesdays

AARP, third Wednesdays, West Point Community Hall. Call Jose del Castillo 293-3135. West Point School Parent-

Teacher Group, first Wednesdays, West Point School, alternating afternoons and evenings. Call 293-4255

AARP Blue Mountain Chapter 732, third Wednesdays, West Point Community Hall. Call 293-7506. West Point Business Council,

second Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m., West Point Community Hall, Highway 26. Call 209-293-7482.

White Bison Women's Talking Circle, 2:30 p.m., sponsored by M.A.C.T. Behavioral Health, 311 Main Street, West Point. Call Terry Garcia at 533-4385.

Calaveras County Fish and Game Commission,
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Chambers, Supervisors Chambers, Government Center, San Andreas. 754-6370.

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Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anon, 7:30 p.m., West Point Community Covenant Church,

Blue Mountain Rebekah Lodge, first and third Thursdays, 2 p.m., IOOF Building, West Point. 293-

Central Calaveras Fire and Rescue Protection District Board, second Thursdays, 6:30 p.m., fire station, Jesus Maria Road off Rail Road Flat Road.

Mother Lode Newcomers Club for women, first Thursday. For location: 419-0755 or e-mail newcomers@volcano.net.

West Point Fire District Board, second Thursdays, 7 p.m., West Point Firehouse, Spink Road.
West Point Rod and Gun Club,

third Thursdays, 6:30 p.m., Rai. Road Flat Community Center, 250 Rail Road Flat Road. Call 754-5490

Blue Mountain Community Renewal Council, fourth Thursdays, 6:30 p.m., downstairs in the back, American Legion Hall, Highway 26. Call 293-4166 or 293-7160.

Free dinner, 6 p.m., Mountain Youth and Family Center, Main Street, West Point. 293-4500.

Blue Mountain Community Board Renewal Council Directors, fourth Thursdays, 6:30 p.m., downstairs conference room, West Point Veterans Memorial Hall.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m., Community Covenant Church, Highway 26, West Point. Call (800) 851-1304.

Fridays Pedro Card Game, Fridays 7 p.m., West fourth Point Community Hall, Highway 26. Call 293-4259

Pedro Card Game, second Fridays, 7 p.m., Rail Road Flat Community Hall.

Mountain Ranch Community Club potluck dinner and meeting, first Fridays, 6:30 p.m., Mountain Ranch Town Hall.

Spaghetti Night, second Fridays, 5-7 p.m., VFW Post, West Point. Call 293-3322.

Saturdays

West Point Lions Bingo, second Saturdays, doors open at 5 p.m., West Point Community Hall.

West Point Lions Bingo, second Saturdays, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., at the

Mountain Ranch Fire Station.
West Point AARP Bingo, third Saturdays, doors open 5 p.m., West Point Community Hall.

Women's' Relief Corps Bingo, fourth Saturdays, 6 p.m., Veterans Memorial Hall.

Sundays

Blue Mountain Rebekah Lodge Bingo, first Sundays, 1 p.m., IOOF Hall, Main Street, West Point.

West Point Boy Scout Troop, first and third Sundays, Scout Hut, Winton Road. Call 293-7613.

Breakfast Buffet, first Sundays, 8 to 11 a.m., Glencoe American Legion Hall.

American Legion breakfast, third Sundays, 8 to 10 a.m., Veterans' Memorial Hall, Highway 26, West Point.

Overcomers Outreach, 9:30 a.m., First Baptist Church, West Point. Call Pastor Ken Terry at 754-

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School	Service
9:30am	10:45am & 6pm
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'Team Kid'	Thursdays
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Annual Toxics Collection Event

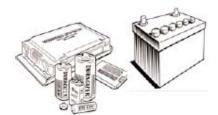
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Location	Date	Time
Angels Camp— Calaveras County Fairgrounds Hwy 49 at Frogtown	September 8, 2007	9 am to 1 pm
Copperopolis— Unit 8A parking lot Corner of Copper Cove and Feather Drive	September 8, 2007	9 am to 1 pm
West Point—Caltrans Maintenance Yard 22412 Hwy 26	September 9, 2007	9 am to 1 pm
Arnold—County Maintenance Yard 1191 Linebaugh Road	September 15, 2007	9 am to 1 pm
San Andreas—Government Center 891 Mountain Ranch Road	September 16, 2007	9 am to 1 pm
Rock Creek Solid Waste Facility 12021 Hunt Road, Milton	Open Daily (361 days per year)	8 am to 4:30 pm

Events are limited to Calaveras and Alpine County households only

Proof of residency is required at all events. Businesses are served at our Permanent Household Hazardous Waste Facility at the Rock Creek Solid Waste Facility in Milton.

Transportation laws

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State law limits transportation of tires to a maximum of 9. If you need to haul more than 9 tires please contact Environmental Health at 754-6399.

For more information

Contact Calaveras County Public Works at 754-6403 or www.CCSolidWaste.org

