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(Editor's note: Instead of our usual column "How'd Ya Get Here?", we are placing this article about Doug Ferrier on the front page. Doug, who passed away in February, 2015, was a major participant in many of the groups and activities in and around Dutch Flat - most importantly the operation of the swimming pool and Golden Drift museum. His passing is being felt by everyone who knew and worked with him.)



Photograph by Susan Prince, 2006

DOUGLAS CHRISTOPHER FERRIER (1948-2015)

Doug Ferrier, age 66, passed away peacefully at Roseville Sutter Medical Center on Friday, February 27, 2015, after a short illness.

Doug was born on October 1, 1948 in Berkeley, the second of four sons, to Dr. Philip and Esther Ferrier. He spent his childhood in Berkeley before receiving his Bachelor's Degree in Forest Resource Management from the University of Idaho at Moscow in 1971. He then took a private forester's job in the Fresno area for a short time. He soon missed the foothill area and Dutch Flat and found a position working for James Nichols in Fair Oaks for a number of years before starting his own business.

In Dutch Flat, he established Forest Slopes Management and was a well-

respected leader in the forestry industry over the past forty years. During his career as a consulting forester he was very dedicated and worked tirelessly with the California Board of Forestry, the Association of Consulting Foresters and California Licensed Foresters Association. He served on the Professional Foresters Examination Committee (PFEC) where he represented the highest standard of professional forestry for over 25 years and was Chairman of the PFEC for the majority of that time served.

He was an accomplished historian of the area, publishing many articles, and President of the Golden Drift Historical Society and Museum for more than 10 years, working closely with Placer County archives in providing them with historical information. He was also the Chairman of the Board of Governors for the Dutch Flat Swimming Pool Corporation for many years.

Doug's family has been coming to Dutch Flat since the 1920's and he finally settled in the cabin owned by his grandparents. His relationship with Nancy Dailey evolved in to a life partnership, inheriting her five children, eventually 12 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. His love and pride of Nancy and her family was evident when he spoke of their accomplishments.

In an interview conducted by the Placer County Archives and Research Center in 2014, Doug explained how his interest in the local history started. "My place shares a common driveway with property just to the west of it. The person that owned the property claimed he owned the driveway. I remember my grandfather telling me that he had gotten the County to pay half the cost of paving and oiling the driveway; they wouldn't have paid any money to do a private driveway.

"Of course, there were records for that so I looked up the deed to my neighbor's property and his deed literally said that he owned from ten feet below the miners ditch down to the Dutch Flat-Alta Wagon Road, then from Greg Water's fence from the wagon road to the Towle Brothers sawmill. That is all it says.

"So where was the Towle Brothers Sawmill? Who was Greg Water? Where

was the Immigrant Road? Is the miners ditch just another generic term for a water ditch? All this required more digging. As I dug more in to it, it seemed kind of stupid that I didn't make notes or anything about what I was finding. I started making notes and in the course of things, I found old photographs and this and that so one thing led to another. Who owns the driveway? Actually it is a public road."

Doug was preceded in death by both of his parents, and his long time partner Nancy Dailey in 2008. He is survived by three brothers: Alan Ferrier of Tucson, Stephen Ferrier of Lawrence, Kansas and Dave Ferrier of Chico, as well as his closest friends, Alan and Connie Gulling of Dutch Flat; Doug and Alan became friends and "brothers" at eight years old. He was loved and respected by many in Dutch Flat and Placer County.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Golden Drift Historical Society and mailed to P.O. Box 20, Dutch Flat, CA 95617.

There will be a public memorial gathering in Dutch Flat on Saturday, June 13 from 3:00-7:00 at the Dutch Flat Community Center. Everyone is invited to attend. The main course of beef and chicken is being provided. We're asking anyone attending to bring a salad, bread or dessert.

Doug worked closely with the staff from the Placer County Parks Department in his role at the community pool. To honor the years of Doug's service and dedication, the County has had a plaque made which will be installed on the grounds of the pool.

REMEMBERING DOUG FERRIER

BY JOHN RAMIREZ, PLACER COUNTY PARKS ADMINISTRATOR

When I first met Doug about 15 years ago, I felt like I was talking to a friendly, ruffled and totally-relaxed uncle. Never have I met someone who wore so many different hats at the same time and who remembered everything! I thought I would like to share some of the many things Doug worked on

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SPECIAL EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 6:00-9:30 PM

Alta-Dutch Flat School 8th grade graduation party - Dutch Flat Community Center

THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 12:00 - Opening day for the swimming pool

SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 3:00 PM.

Memorial for Doug Ferrier - Dutch Flat Community Center

SATURDAY, JULY 4 - 10:00

Independence Day parade, salad luncheon, and vendors - Dutch Flat Community Center)

SUNDAY, JULY 5, 8:00 - 11:00 AM

Odd Fellows & Rebekah Lodge pancake breakfast and raffle - Odd Fellows Hall, Main Street, Dutch Flat

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 5:00-8:00 PM

Odd Fellows & Rebekah Lodge Tri-tip dinner
 Odd Fellows Hall, Main Street, Dutch Flat

ONGOING EVENTS

Alta Attic - Thursdays 10:00 - 1:00

Bingo, Alta Community Center, 1st

Fridays, 7:00 PM - proceeds benefit the Alta Volunteer Fire Department.

Dutch Flat Community

Center Board of Directors meeting

2nd Mondays, 6:00 PM - location varies (or contact President Marybeth Blackinton, 530-389-8393)

Dutch Flat Community Center

potluck 3rd Thursdays. Sept. - June, 6:00 PM - . Dutch Flat Community Center, 933 Stockton St. Bring a place setting and a dish to share

Dutch Flat United Methodist

Church - 2nd Saturdays, 8:00 AM -10:00 AM- pancake breakfast

Dutch Flat United Methodist

Church - Sundays Fellowship Dinner, 5:00

PM and Worship Service, 6:00 PM

Historical Society Board Meeting

Golden Drift Museum **1st** Mondays - .

NFARA board meeting 3rd Tuesdays, 7:00 PM - , locations vary. For more, call Jim Ricker, 530-389-8344

Pioneer Union Church, Gold Run Sundays, 10:00 AM - , Sunday Service

Sierra First Baptist Church, Alta Sundays, 11:00 AM - , worship service

Sierra First Baptist Church bible study, Mondays 8:30 a.m., 33990 Alta Bonny Nook Rd., Alta. Bible study, For more, call 530.389.2168

Sierra First Baptist Church, free community lunch Mondays 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., 33990 Alta Bonny Nook Rd., Alta. For more, call 530-389-2168

Sierra First Baptist Church Food Pantry, Thursdays 10-Noon, 33990 Alta Bonny Nook Rd., Alta. For more, call 530-389-2168

2015 COUNTY AND STATE OFFICE CLOSURES

Friday, July 3 - Independence Day

Monday, September 7 - Labor Day

Monday, October 12 - Columbus Day

Wednesday, November 11 - Veterans' Day

Thursday, November 26 - Thanksgiving

Friday, November 27 - Thanksgiving Holiday

Friday, December 25 - Christmas



JULY 4 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

8:00 – 5K Fun Run downtown (see details on Page 7)

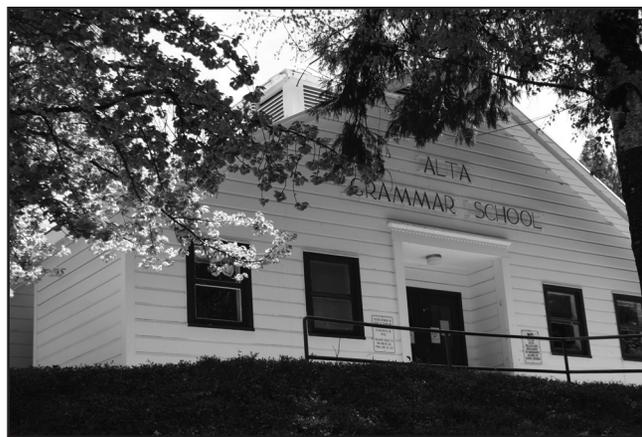
9:30 – Parade participants gather (no registration needed - please reduce use of water this year)

10:30 – Festivities start

10:45 – Parade starts

11:30 – Salad luncheon, vendors, hamburgers, tacos, strawberry shortcake and more





ALTA-DUTCH FLAT SCHOOL NEWS

The last day of school will be Thursday, June 4th. There will be Parents Club picnic and play day activities.

The 8th grade will hold their grad night on Wednesday, June 3 at the Dutch Flat Community Center from 6:30-9:30. For those of you living near by, the kids will have a DJ playing but they will stop at 9:30.

This year's graduates are:

Sam Bailey
Bryce Breech
Tucker Davey
McKayden Davis
T.J. Johnson
Illana Melcher
Kira Mullen
Colin Sibley
Nicholas Thompson
Brandon Watkins

The Community Center will be sponsoring two \$50 scholarships to two outstanding students who will be announced at the graduation.

COLFAX HIGH SCHOOL IMPORTANT DATES



(Editor's note: Due to our limited space, non of the sports teams schedules are included here. They can be found on the high school's website.)

Monday, June 1, 2015 6:30 PM

CHS Parent Club Meeting

Wednesday, June 3, 2015 -

Minimum Day Finals Schedule (students released 12:26)

8:00 AM - Tech Essentials

Thursday, June 4, 2015 - FINAL DAY OF SCHOOL

Saturday, June 6, 2015 - 9:00 AM

CHS Class of 2015 Graduation Ceremony

PRESIDENTS COLUMN

BY MARYBETH BLACKINTON



We've had a lot of activities in the past three months and more to come in the next three months. I'd like to thank **Debby McClatchy** and her crew of volunteers

(**Laura Glassco, Betty Fetherston, Cathy Gallardo, Joanne Blohm, Robin Reynolds, and Susan Winje**) who were responsible for the seventh annual Easter egg hunt on April 4th. Luckily, the weather was beautiful (even though it snowed the next day, Easter morning) and Debby estimated we had about 50 adults and children show up for the free egg hunt and lunch.

Another big thank you goes out to **Frank Harryman**, a Solar Designer with **Max Ray Irrigation** who donated his time and much of the supplies to install a solar-powered control system for the irrigation at the Community Garden below the Hearse House. **Eric and Julianne Smith** helped with the installation.

If you haven't seen our "new and improved" website, we're trying to get more information out to our members and the public. My thanks to **Heidi Suter and Bill Junker** for helping me transfer from the old to the new. Let me know if you'd like to see additional or different information there.

The Community Center grounds are slowly showing the improvements we've waited 2 years for. We have a new fence around the tennis court. Unfortunately, we have hit a financial snag in getting a new surface for the court. Since the surface is so cracked and uneven, it is going to cost quite a bit more than we planned. We are still trying to find a solution but it is our goal to get the playground base and equipment installed before July 4th as well as six new windows on the court side of the building.

Speaking of July 4th... We are all suffering the effects of our record drought. With July 4th celebrations just around the corner, I'm hoping we can set a precedent this year and not waste our valuable water on parade participants. The Dutch Flat Mutual Water District, which provides treated water to the "metropolitan downtown" area is under strict regulations to reduce useage by the State and Placer County Water Agency. I know using water

is a long-standing tradition but we need to be responsible citizens this year and reduce or completely cease the use of water. It's been an unwritten rule that if the parade entrants don't shoot water at you, the crowd should not shoot water at them. We are asking all participants (you, too, fire departments) not to bring super-soakers, hoses, buckets or other containers of water. The festivities can be just as enjoyable without a frivolous waste of water. I'm throwing out a challenge to all involved to make this year better than ever.



BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

HOWDY TO SOME FAMILIAR FACES

* THE MONTE VISTA INN *

BY JOANNE BLOHM

(Editor's note: This is the fourth of several articles that will feature our local businesses. As always, we would like to remind people to eat and shop locally in order to support these hard-working entrepreneurs.)

Most of us are aware that the historic Monte Vista Inn Bar and Restaurant sits picturesquely at the Dutch Flat exit off 180. Many of us also know that John and Abby Wardwell have been the owners for over 43 years. So let's take a moment to re-acquaint ourselves with some old friends.

John and Abby moved to our community from Walnut Creek in March of 1972. After purchasing the Monte Vista Inn with Larry and Katie Kelly, they embarked upon creating their own version of a mountain roadhouse. John became the sole owner in 1994 when Larry and Katie left to start another restaurant in Colorado.

The Wardwells have been extremely active and generous in our community with numerous donations to many of the non-profit organizations. For example, the rib dinner hosted by the Alta-Dutch Flat School is an event highlight every year and John is instrumental in preparing the main fare.

Over the years, the Monte Vista has gone through various transformations. Currently, with the help of their daughters, Alli Miskimeen and Holland Lorang, the restaurant is not only a local gathering place but a well known fine dining destination for delicious and creative dinners and desserts.

Monte Vista continued on Page 5

NORTH FORK AMERICAN RIVER ALLIANCE NEWS

(Editor's note: This article first appeared in 1978 in a semi-monthly newspaper. Western Slopes Connection - WSC. It is being re-produced with the permission of its author, Eleanor Vicent in order to honor the life and legacy of Matt Bailey who passed away in February, 2015. For more information on Matt's life, you can read the Spring, 2014 issue of this paper which is available on the Dutch Flat Community Center's website, dutchflatcc.org)

10-Year Struggle

MATT BAILEY'S VISION FOR NORTH FORK AMERICAN RIVER NEARLY A REALITY

AUGUST 1978

BY ELEANOR VINCENT

For 10 years, Dutch Flat resident Matt Bailey has had a love affair with a river. He's worked and worried over it. Spent sleepless nights writing countless letters because of it. And even evoked community hostility as a result.

After a decade-long struggle, Bailey's crusade to protect the North Fork of the American River from commercial development is about to be successfully culminated in the U. S. Senate.

Starting at the local level, Bailey has nursed his effort through County, State, and Federal politics. Now he's jubilant at the very likely prospect that the Senate will vote to include the river in the National Wild Rivers system early this Fall.

The House of Representatives has

already acted to safeguard the North Fork. Early in July, it overwhelmingly approved the National Park and Recreation Act which will preserve a 35-mile stretch of the river (from Colfax to just above the river's Royal Gorge) as a wilderness area.

The fate of the river rests with the Senate but Bailey is confident his 10-year effort will pay off. Although other parts of the legislation may fall to pressure from special interest groups, the North Fork faces no major opposition, he says.

In fact, Bailey's cause has been promoted by California Congressman Harold (Bizz) Johnson (Democrat, Roseville) and Senator Alan Cranston (Democrat) who support the river's preservation as a wilderness area.

Bailey, who works as a powerhouse operator for P G & E began hiking the river's steep gorges 25 years ago when he first settled in the area. But his love for the North Fork didn't blossom with full force until he began his fight to preserve it in 1968.

When the Placer County Water Agency proposed a 550-foot high dam at Giant Gap to harness the river's hydroelectric power, Bailey feared the effects that altering the river's course would have on fish and wildlife. In addition, he believed that the Giant Gap Power Project was unnecessary, uneconomical and would pave the way for commercial development and resorts in the river canyon.

"The Giant Gap dam seemed like a tragedy to me" he recalls. "I'd spent years working in hydroelectric powerhouses and I could see obvious flaws in it. I thought it would destroy the canyon. I had a deep affection for the area – I wanted to see it preserved."

So with a group of four others, he formed the North Fork Wild River Council, a loose-knit coalition of environmentalists and sportsmen. With backing from a variety of organizations, including the Sierra Club, the group began seeking support for preserving the river.

The opposition – and sometime outright hostility – he encountered from County officials and others who supported the dam made Bailey more convinced that ever that the North Fork needed special protection.

He decided to take the fight statewide. The Council put together a slide show on the river and, with Bailey as spokesman, began talking to any group who would listen.

Recalling those years is easy for Bailey. He saves every letter, every newspaper clipping, every document generated by the controversy. Compiled in half a dozen black binders and a stack of manilla envelopes, the evidence of his fight sits in a mountain atop a

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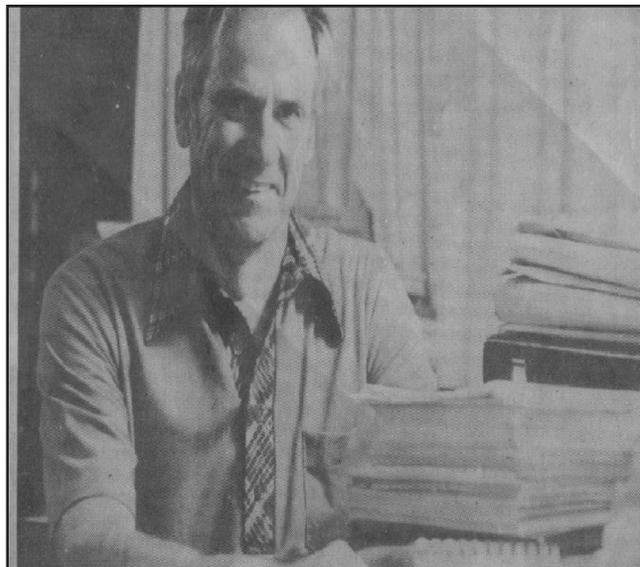
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broad expanse of desk in his den.

He remembers his children being harassed in school for their father's convictions. There was even an attempt to have him removed from his job. But as preserving the



Environmentalist Matt Bailey, a Dutch Flat resident, is nearing the end of his battle to protect the North Fork of the American River from development. Surrounded by records of his 10-year effort, Bailey recently recalled the controversy for Western Slopes Connection.

North Fork gained statewide support, local opposition waned.

"I'm not sure if I created any life-long enemies. But I think I did create life-long suspicions that some people may never get over." he says candidly assessing the effect of his stance.

But his efforts payed off. The North Fork was granted protection by the State legislature in 1972 when the California Wild and Scenic Rivers Act became law, four years after he began his campaign against the Giant Gap Dam.

Bailey was not content with State protection, however, because much of the land bordering the river is held by the Federal government. So early in 1973 he and his supporters began contacting congressmen and hearings in to the matter were opened.

After a five-year study by the U. S. Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management and the State Department of Fish and Game, the North Fork was recommended for inclusion in the National Wild Rivers system.

What would make a man tie up his free time for 10 years writing hundreds of letters, giving talks to groups as small as two or lobbying State and Federal representatives? "Mules." replies Bailey simply. "I used to work with mules and they say you have to be like one to work with them. I'm stubborn."

His determination was honed by several years of packing mules through the southern Sierras near Mt. Whitney in the Onion Valley early in the 1950's. He's also herded cattle and sheep and, to this day, keeps a donkey named Ramona for occasional hiking trips.

At 53, he finds his love for the wilderness undiminished. Although new commitments in the conservation field (among them a possible appointment to the California Fish and Game Commission) usurp most of his time, he still hikes the North Fork canyon several times each year.

"We are slowly destroying our quality of life. We need to protect places that are still primitive for people who don't want to be in the midst of turmoil all the time. More and more people are learning to enjoy a wilderness experience."

If the Senate extends Federal protection to the North Fork, as Bailey believes it will, the government will take over maintenance of the old mining trails and upgrade them for hikers. Motor vehicles will be restricted, primitive campgrounds created and water quality monitored and protected. A new campground and access trail will be built at Gold Run.

The best thing that's resulted from Matt Bailey's fight – besides protecting the North Fork – is his conviction that one person can make a difference.

"Many people believe that they're part of the herd; that they're helpless. That's not true. You find out that if you try hard enough, you can change the course of events in your own life, in the lives of others and even change the destiny of a river." he says.



Monte Vista, continued from Page 3

The bar area has its own character and, on most evenings, you will find locals having a drink, playing cards, relaxing after a long day or just getting together with friends. There is a separate bar menu that includes burgers, wraps, sandwiches and prawns to name a few. The bartenders are ready to have you try a new trendy drink or to make you an old staple.

The original building was built in 1929 along old Highway 40, long before the construction of Interstate 80. The bar area was added after Prohibition ended around 1933. It is an extremely charming log building with petrified wood fireplaces and a quartz back-bar mined locally.

When holidays come around, it is always fun to see what Abby's decorating and creative flair will produce but you can bet it will be stunning. Everyone agrees it is a "feast for the eyes".

So, if you haven't been in lately, check out their new menu and wine list, have a sandwich or just say howdy to some great old friends.



ALTA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NEWS

BY KAREN CALVERT

The Alta Fire Protection District is continuing to provide exceptional service from its many volunteers. A long history of an active and fiscally responsible board has allowed the department to serve the local community in many different aspects with a very small budget.

The community hall is available for groups to rent for events at a competitive rate. Please see our website at www.alta-fire-protection-district.org for information about rental for your upcoming event. We now have air conditioning!

With the very recent addition of our new air conditioning unit, the hall is now one step closer to being a fully ready Red Cross Shelter in the event of a local emergency with the support of the very active CERT (Community Emergency Response Team). We are working with Camp Alta and Sierra First Baptist Church to have in place an extensive network of facilities available in the event of a local disaster.

The CERT team will also be taking over the Community Emergency Response Network that was started a few years back by our local Placer Sierra Fire Safe council. This data base of individuals who may need an extra hand during a large storm or other event will be maintained and updated now by the CERT team. If you or a family member are a non-driver or have another concern that you may need assistance during a local event, please send your contact information to The Placer Sierra Fire Safe Council at P.O. Box 661 in Alta, 95701 and someone will contact you to gather more information and explain the intent of the data base.

The District, along with the CERT team, has been awarded a grant to fully fund an emergency response HazMat trailer that will be housed at the department. The grant through the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's Office of Spill Prevention and Recovery, is the first of it's kind and will be used as a model for mountain communities.

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INTERESTING NUGGETS OF INFORMATION GLEANED FROM THE GOLDEN DRIFT MUSEUM

BY DEBBY MCCLATCHY

As you walk down the Picture Gallery of our historical museum, there is a dresser on the left full of binders. These binders contain first-hand recollections from past residents, and are really worth a good read. I spent the summer of 2010 going through them noting stories and bits of information that might be of particular interest to our community. I should point out that reminiscences can sometimes be based upon biased or even wrong information, so take these nuggets with a grain of salt.

Hearse – The historic Dutch Flat horse-drawn hearse was purchased in 1875 with subscribed donations from organizations and individuals at a total cost of \$916.26. The Masons, Oddfellows, and Oneida Tribe lodges each donated \$100. Rules for the hearse included a speed limit of 4 mph, and special brakes were ordered for the hilly Dutch Flat area. There was a dispute with the builders, Merts and Riddle of Ravenna, Ohio, over freight charges, which seems to have been resolved. The hearse was in use from 1876 through 1932. If the occupant was an adult, the horses would be white; if a child, they would be black. The hearse is now owned by the Community Center and is displayed in its own little building at the end of Main St.

Rosy – There is a grave in our cemetery for Alfred Rosenberg. Known as Rosy, he and his horse, Snyder, would pick up the

mail at Monroe's Store, by the railroad, in the early 1900s. He was a kind and generous man, and would give children and older citizens a free ride to town. He would charge other people, but only for the trip back, as he felt they should not want to leave Dutch Flat!

In winter, to save Snyder from icy falls, he would take the mail back and forth on his back, making several trips. On a particularly cold day in 1907, Rosey found an Indian named Sam Porter apparently frozen dead by the railroad tracks. A doctor tried for two hours to revive him, but to no avail. It was then discovered that a Chinaman named Chin Duck had sold him alcohol, which was then against the law.

Chin Duck was put in the jail, awaiting transport to Auburn for trial. The next morning he was found hanging in his cell. The town mourned both men as both were well liked, and Chin Duck probably had not been aware of doing wrong; Sam Porter had a wife and four children ... a sad tale.

It is a measure of the compassion of Dutch Flat, in that the owner of a general store, Will Jamison, outfitted Sam's widow and children with warm clothing for the winter. When the County Coroner refused to bury the two men, Dutch Flat residents loaded Sam on a buckboard and buried him in an Indian cemetery near Red Dog.

Chin Duck was given a full official burial in the Chinese cemetery, on Depot Hill. Chin Duck's grave was covered with all kinds of food, candy, and a suckling pig, to help with his journey. The Chinese would not touch the grave offerings, but it was acceptable for local children to help themselves. The Chinese cemetery no longer exists. It's believed most or all of the Chinese buried there were dug up and sent home to China, a common practice.

Construction companies often used prefab, collapsible houses for their crews. These structures could easily be moved from location to location. Many were erected in Dutch Flat during the construction of the Dutch Flat Powerhouse, and four were left here on Stockton and Jay Streets. Which do you think they are?

The indentations on the interiors of the pillars on the Dutch Flat Hotel porch were made by men resting their hob-nailed boots with spurs up against the wood.

In 1955, Ed Uren, a professional mining expert, expressed these views: "We often hear nowadays that our mines are finished. *

Sundays in Dutch Flat in the nineteenth century afforded couples the oppor

A local family had a long mirror in their formal parlour. There was a superstition that anyone caught in its reflection during a funeral service would be the next to die! (I'd move that mirror during those times)

Dutch Flat was the largest town in Placer County during the 1850s and 1860s.

The Chinese teamsters, with their "packjacks" would leave their shoes unlaced and their overalls loosely stuffed into these shoes. They would walk ahead of their jacks, watching for rattlesnakes. If the snakes struck, the loose material would usually protect them from the bite.

They cooked over little charcoal fires, and made their own charcoal from the dry manzanita. One day two local men came into the Chinese Masonic Hall in Dutch Flat, during a meeting, and demanded everyone's money, then rode off. The next morning, a Chinaman found two men on his doorstep, demanding food. Recognizing them as the two robbers, he invited them into his cozy cabin, cooked them breakfast over his charcoal brazier, then went outside, closing the door. After two hours the Sheriff came by looking for the robbers, but they were both asphyxiated by the smoke.

The actual distance from Dutch Flat to Grass Valley, as the crow flies, is 13 miles. It took people about 9 hours to walk the road, which was routinely done by residents.

The road to Smart's Crossing originally was a skid road to transport logs down to the river.

There lived an attorney named Souden in Dutch Flat sometime between 1908 and 1911. There wasn't much business for him, so he took to drink. He had lost a leg in the Civil War and was known as "Peg-leg Souder". When he was "in his cups" he thought he was arguing before the State Supreme Court, and one could hear him pacing and extolling in his loft, his peg-leg pounding down with every step.

The building now housing the Post Office used to be an ice cream store in the 1930s, then became a rental home (I stayed there at age one). The post boxes were where the newspaper racks are now, with a garage behind. Later the Trading Post was enlarged to include this area. At one time the Ladies Aid Society met in the post office building then moved to where our museum is now located. The small building behind and to the right of the hotel was an Assay

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office for a local bank. Where we now have our community garden was once a grazing area for cattle, and the alley behind the hotel, now named "Nichols Alley", was once called "Pig Alley" because of all the pig pens kept there. When I read this I became confused because, when I was a kid, Jay St. was known as Pig Alley. I've heard it was really Pigalle St., the redlight district of Dutch Flat. "Jay" St. should really be "J St", as it was named after Joself Dornbach. Everything changes!

In the 1900s a local Christmas tree would have ropes of popcorn and cranberries, tinsel, small dolls, and miniture candles, placed carefully so as not to drop on anything valuable below. Presents were not wrapped, just hung on the tree. If there wasn't enough money for new dolls, there would be new head and homemade clothes for the old one. Toys were also generally homemade. Everyone would get nuts and candy, and one orange each, a huge treat

School went from April through October, with a break in Winter, instead of summer, obviously because of the weather.

Sundays in Dutch Flat in the nineteenth century afforded couples the opportunity to promenade up and down Main St. Women would dress in their best silk dress and men would bring top hats and canes.

A popular float at the July 4th parade was the Liberty Cart. Local girls would vie to ride on it, wearing pretty white dresses and different colored sashes. Firecrackers were tied to the hotel roof, and set off after the parade. The Declaration of Independence was read, and the Star Spangled Banner sung. Local politicians would give speeches to the dismay of children. Before the parade would be a annual baseball game between Alta and Dutch Flat (I couldn't find out who usually won). After the parade would be a meal at the hotel, then games and races, followed by an all-night dance. New shoes for the kids were bought about then, so as to be broken-in by Fall, as most went barefoot in the summer.

Our volunteer fire department has been in continuous existence since 1854. (It is now in desperate need of new people - please step up to help)

Dutch Flat in 1929: 40 houses and about 150 residents, and 9 students in the school. Cows wandered the streets, the store and hotel were both open, but Main

Street contained mostly rotting buildings. The street had finally been paved.

Dutch Flat residents contributed \$45,000 to the original subscription for the railroad.



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The funds will be used to purchase, equip and train a team to respond with the trailer in the event of a spill. With Interstate 80 and the railroad lines running through our communities, pre-positioning the trailer in Alta will enhance our region's ability to respond to potential hazardous materials spills that could pose a threat to our area streams and water-courses.

On another note, the Department now has a pilot program running to staff the station with volunteer interns. These individuals are Firefighters who as part of their education need to serve a local community through volunteer service. We are currently staffed about 50% of the time with these recruits, who, under the supervision of our own volunteer Chief Thickens, are available for 24 hour shifts. The recruits are gaining valuable experience and the community benefits from more first responders immediately available in our community. The department is actively pursuing more grant opportunities to make this more of a permanent program.

We have also just recently received word that we have improved the ISO fire rating for homes within the District. The extra services and improvements will hopefully reflect in slightly lower homeowner insurance rates for homes within our small district. Be sure to check with your home insurer to see that they have the most up to date information about your home in the Alta Fire Protection District.

The Alta Fire Protection District is also forever grateful to the Ladies Auxiliary who run the weekly Attic. Their very generous latest donation just bought a set of beautiful red turnout lockers for the fire fighters to use to keep their gear organized. This small and mighty group of volunteers continues to provide valuable support to our department. Be sure to check in on Thursdays from 11-1 and find that "new to you" treasure.

There are always needs for more volunteers. From helpers at the Attic, Firefighters to CERT members. If you have a desire to help your local community please don't hesitate to call the office and leave a message. The number is 530-389-2676. Someone will call you and chat with you about your

skills and how you can help. Inventory counters, blanket folders, water tender drivers and picnic bench repairers, the list is as long as you can be creative. Have a skill? We can use you! Our board meetings are every first Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Board of Directors room at the station.



JULY 4TH FUN RUN

BY SHANA BROWN

The first annual Dutch Flat 4th of July 5K Fun Run will start in front of the Community Center, 933 Stockton Street at 8:00 AM. \$20 pre-registration, \$25 day of the race (registration opens at 7:00). The 2.5K course includes hills and will be run twice, walkers welcome. Awards will be given to overall male and female finishers.

Check dutchflatcc.org for the registration form. Flyers and forms will also be posted around town. Make checks payable to "DFCC" and mail to Shana Brown, P.O.Box 234, Dutch Flat CA 95714.



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DUTCH FLAT SWIMMING POOL NEWS

BY TONI FONSECA

I realize that attempting to fill our late Doug Ferrier's shoes as president of the swimming pool board is a huge job, but I am fortunate to be working with strong and active board members and am confident that together we can continue where Doug left off.

You will read about Doug's many contributions to our community elsewhere in this issue, but on behalf of the Swimming Pool Board of Directors, I will tell you that Doug was our rock and is greatly missed.

Our current board consists of me, **Toni Fonseca**, President; **Jim Johnson**, Vice President; **Rochelle Baiocchi**, Secretary/Treasurer; At-large members: **Ken Weatherwax**, **Shana Brown**, **Burdette Sladek** and **Mike Mutto**. After serving as a member of our board for many years, **Liz Lorang** felt it was time to step down. We will miss Liz and thank her for her contributions during the time she served on our board.

News about our 2015 pool season: We are happy to announce that **the pool will open on June 4th at noon**. We are working on plans to offer swimming lessons (likely in mid-July) and will announce more information once details have been confirmed.

As always, we are very grateful to our many volunteers. Work done by volunteers would otherwise have been done by County staff, which quickly eats into our annual budgets. There have been times in the past, when due to budget constraints, it was necessary to postpone opening the pool, or to close it early. The money saved because of volunteers has allowed us to, among other things, adhere to our traditional pool season.

There are many examples of on-going work done by volunteers. **Jim Sanders**, **Leland Lyter**, and **Ken Weatherwax** manage the pool chemicals, eliminating the expense of paying for a County employee to come from Auburn daily. **Roxane Bertell** plants and maintains the planters around the pool and **John Hershey** vacuums the pool and

helps keep the grounds neat. **Jim Johnson** coordinates projects with volunteers, and does much of the "hands on work" himself. This year, Jim made a special effort to locate lifeguard certification classes and helped recruit lifeguard applicants.

Volunteers saved us a substantial amount of money on our annual "Pool Clean-Up Day." This year's event was held on May 16th and, despite the cool weather, over forty-five people came to help get the grounds ready for the season. Thanks to Cal-Fire, and to our own District 5 Supervisor, **Jennifer Montgomery**, who continues to show her support for our community and who, on that day, did more than her share of pine-needle raking. **Rick Armstrong** and his Kubota and **Diane Starr's** Gator hauled loads of pine needles away.

Although the pool closes in September our volunteers don't take the winter off. Below is a list of some of the major work done by volunteers since last September.

- New roof on lifeguard shack. Our heartfelt thanks to **Matt Maclean of Quality Roofing**, who very generously donated galvanized metal roofing material and nails for the new roof.

- New foundation for lifeguard shack
- Prepped and painted dressing rooms and lifeguard shack
- Repaired and painted bathrooms
- Power washed and touched up pool paint
- Power washed and stained filter room
- Trimmed trees

Throughout the year, hundreds of volunteer hours have been logged by more people than I can list here. We hope to have a year-end party at the pool to thank everyone for all of their hard work, but for now, Thank You, Thank You! It really does take a village and I think everyone agrees that ours is the best "Village" anyone could hope for.



GOLDEN DRIFT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

BY JIM RICKER



This year has been tough on the historical society as well as the community at large. Two of the historical society's founding members passed away earlier this year; Harry Binder on January 10 and Matt Bailey on February 24. These two men were instrumental in creating the historical society and establishing the best museum in Placer County. We owe them our deepest gratitude for their efforts preserving the area's rich history.

On February 27 our president, Doug Ferrier, passed away unexpectedly. Doug was involved with the society for over 20 years and served as president for the past 15 years. He was also a volunteer at the Placer County Archives. Doug did just about everything associated with the Historical Society and the museum. He also knew more about the history of the area than anyone. Doug's research, his photograph collection, his information binders in the gallery and the exhibit room and his collection of reference material in the library has helped make our museum what it is today. We are honoring him by naming the library The Doug Ferrier Memorial Research Library.

The Historical Society is well-established and resilient. We have a strong Board of Trustees, a great volunteer base, and a devoted membership. There will be a few changes, but in general everything will work as is has. We will continue to operate the best museum in the county. The biggest change will be not having someone like Doug to answer our questions. The information is all there in the museum not just in one person's head.

The Board of Trustees has made a couple changes. Jim Ricker has agreed to assume the duties of President, Anne Holmes will be Vice-President. Toni Fonseca and Sarah Sunderland will remain as Secretary and Treasurer, respectively. Michael Bar-

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ham, Connie Gulling, Heidi Johnson, and Eric Smith are At-Large board members.

So many have passed away recently that it reminds me we need to reach out to the community and let everyone know the historical society is interested in their history. If anyone has old photos, papers, letters, whatever, the historical society would like to copy them. We have files on various families who lived in the area and we'd love to make one for your family. Contact Jim Ricker at 530-389-8344 or jvricker@prince-ricker.net.



THE HERITAGE TRAIL

BY JIM RICKER

Placer County's 8th Annual Heritage Trail will be held on August 15 - 16, 2015. Participating museums from Roseville to Tahoe will showcase history in a fun and entertaining way. Admission is free to all visitors. Museums will be open from 10:00 AM. to 4:00 PM. on both days.

Activities at each museum are varied. For example, visitors to the Roseville Telephone Museum will see the history of telecommunication, blacksmiths will be in action at the Forest Hill Divide Museum, and Native American stories can be heard at the Maidu Museum. Hands on activities include gold panning, biscuit making, and 19th century games. In Dutch Flat, Golden Drift Museum docents will conduct half hour walking tours of town on both Saturday and Sunday starting at 11:00. The museum will offer light refreshments.

As in past years bus tours will be available from Auburn for \$10. On Saturday the Discover Tahoe bus heads up the hill stopping at the Museum of Sierra Ski History and the 1960 Winter Olympics, Watson Cabin, Gatekeepers Museum, and Donner Summit Historical Society Museum. On Sunday, the Explore the Mountains bus will go to the Donner Summit Historical Society Museum, the Golden Drift Museum, the Colfax Area Heritage Museum, and the Forest Hill Divide Museum. Buses depart and return to Gold Country Fairgrounds.

This year, Pride Industries will provide two buses on Saturday for the 7 Valley museums. They are free and will continuously loop through the area stopping at each valley museum. This will enable visitors to go to one museum, park, and then rotate through the rest of the museums before returning. There will be about 45 minutes between shuttles at each stop, plenty

of time to get a taste of each museum.

For complete information visit theheritage-trail.blogspot.com or call 1-530-889-6500.

Trail Guides will be available in June at every museum and online.

Valley Museums - located in South Placer Maidu Museum and Historic Site (Roseville) Roseville Historical Society Carnegie Museum
Roseville Fire Museum
Roseville Telephone Museum
Lincoln Area Archives Museum
Rocklin History Museum
Griffith Quarry Museum (Penryn)

Auburn Museums - within one mile of the Historic Courthouse
Placer County Courthouse Museum
Gold Country Medical History Museum
Auburn Joss House Museum
Bernhard Museum Complex
Gold Country Museum
The Benton Welty School Room

Mountain Museums - located in the Sierra Nevada and Lake Tahoe
Forest Hill Divide Museum
Colfax Area Heritage Museum
Golden Drift Museum
Donner Summit Historical Society Museum
Gatekeepers Museum (Tahoe City)
Watson Cabin (Tahoe City)
Museum of Sierra Ski History and the 1960 Winter Olympics.

AESOP'S FABLES

TRANSLATED BY GEORGE
FYLER TOWNSEND

THE FATHER AND HIS SONS

A father had a family of sons who were perpetually quarreling among themselves. When he failed to heal their disputes by his exhortations, he determined to give them a practical illustration of the evils of disunion; and for this purpose he one day told them to bring him a bundle of sticks. When they had done so, he placed the faggot into the hands of each of them in succession, and ordered them to break it in pieces. They tried with all their strength, and were not able to do it. He next opened the faggot, took the sticks separately, one by one, and again put them into his sons' hands, upon which they broke them easily.

He then addressed them in these words: "My sons, if you are of one mind, and unite to assist each other, you will be as this faggot, uninjured by all the attempts of your enemies; but if you are divided among yourselves, you will be broken as easily as these sticks."

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BUBBLEGUM SUMMER

BY ELAINE DALTON

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Sun-kissed air
And rustling green grass,
A flower in my hair –
Can you feel it?
It's a bubblegum summer!

Walks in the evening
And cool water lapping the beach,
All the birds are singing –
Can you hear it?
It's a bubblegum summer!

I'll wear a flowery skirt
And snack on strawberries
While we play in the dirt –
Can you sense it?
It's a bubblegum summer!

Cherries and ice cream,
Pizza, strawberries and barbecue,
Such juicy fruits – I could scream!
Can you taste it?
It's a bubblegum summer!

Pretty blue eyes
And flowers galore
Frame a crystal sky –
Can you see it?
It's a bubblegum summer!

Filled with enchantment
And wonder,
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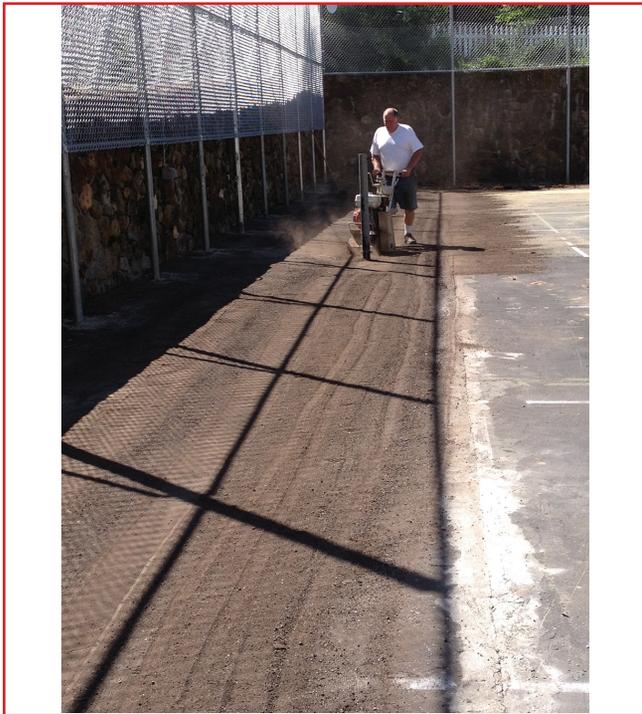
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Laura Glassco scraping old asphalt preparing court for new surface



Roxane Bertell and Rick Armstrong working on the tennis court



Jim Sanders using a grinder preparing the court for a new surface

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Frank Harryman, Jim Sanders and Eric Smith installing solar irrigation at the Hearse House for the community garden



I WANT *YOU* TO RUN FOR MAYOR!

BY MARYBETH BLACKINTON

The honorary mayoral race for the Dutch Flat Fourth of July parade was created in 2006 and has become one of the major fund-raisers for the Dutch Flat Community Center. Its premise was borrowed from the political races in Chicago and the Boss Tweed era of Tammany Hall in New York City: vote early, vote often, vote if you are dead. The mayoral candidates solicit votes “by hook or by crook”, bribery and, let us not forget, the outlandish campaign promises that will never be met (somewhat similar to our current political system).

In the nine years since its inception, the mayoral candidates have raised approximately \$15,800 for the restoration, repair or replacement of the windows of the Dutch Flat Community Center (which occupies the building formerly the old school house on Stockton Street in Dutch Flat). One hundred percent of the money raised by the mayoral candidates go to the Community Center.

The rules for the Mayor’s Race are simple: every vote is \$1 and the candidate who obtains the most “votes” (dollars) is the winner. Before the Fourth of July Parade, there is a small ceremony in front of the Methodist Church in Dutch Flat where the Mayor is announced by proclamation and given the key to the town, a sash, a medal and a “beaver” top hat to wear. Their picture also appears in our local paper. If the Mayor chooses, he or she may ride in a place of honor in the parade. After the parade is over, the Mayor has bragging rights for a year but there are no actual duties associated with the office. Remember, it is an honorary title.

The polling places are located at the Dutch Flat Trading Post (on Main Street in downtown Dutch Flat), Monte Vista Inn (off Interstate 80 at Ridge Road in Dutch Flat) and the Alta Store. The polls close at 8:00 PM on July 3rd. Results will be announced at the beginning of the parade and the winner will be given a ride in the parade.

If you would like to join the fun and be a candidate this year to help raise money for the Community Center, please contact Laura Glassco at lauraglassco@yahoo.com (or cell phone 916-778-8308).

So in the grand old tradition of Chicago: Vote early, Vote Often and let us make this race another record-breaking year!



TIME TO GET YOUR BEST SALAD RECIPES READY!

BY MARYBETH BLACKINTON

As summer and the July 4th holiday approach, the Dutch Flat Community Center is planning its annual salad luncheon and we need your help. The salad luncheon is held on July 4th at the Community Center following the parade. We present salads, breads, and cookies donated by community members.

This year, the luncheon will again be expertly coordinated by Laura Glassco and Betty Fetherston, and a bank of volunteers.

You may be contacted soon by a member of the community for your donation. Our goal is 40 salads and 20 dozen cookies. If possible, please call Cindy Goldman at 530-389-8203 to advise what you can donate. Donations should be dropped off at the Community Center between 3:00-5:00 Friday July 3rd or Saturday July 4th before the parade. If you want your container returned, please put your name and phone number on it.

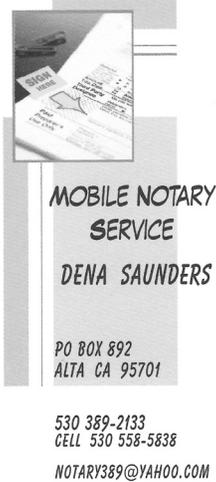
The cost is \$8 for adults and \$5 for children for all-you-can-eat wonderful salad creations and more. We also need a few volunteers to help in the kitchen and clean up. If you would be willing to help volunteer, please contact Laura (lauraglassco@yahoo.com) or Betty (kefetherston@gmail.com)



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A VISIT TO THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY HEADQUARTERS BY RICK SIMS

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I graduated from law school in May, 1968. In July of that year, I joined the Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA). VISTA is like a domestic Peace Corps. VISTA Volunteers are sent to live and work in poverty areas in this country and are paid a subsistence wage (I was paid \$198.00 per month, and my rent took 40% of that).

VISTA sent me to Denver to train with 45 other lawyers. It was VISTA'S first experiment with training lawyers as VISTA Volunteers. After training, I was sent with four other VISTA lawyers to San Francisco, where we were assigned to work with the San Francisco Neighborhood Legal Assistance Foundation (SFNALF). SFNALF maintained five neighborhood offices—one in each of the City's main poverty communities. I was assigned to the Central City office of SFNALF, which served South of Market and the Tenderloin. In those days, South of Market was also called "Skid Row."

My first task was to find a place to live. After looking around a lot, I found a fourth floor walk-up apartment at 449B Tehama Street, an alley located half a block from Sixth and Howard, which was ground zero of Skid Row. It had a bedroom, a bathroom, a living room and a kitchen full of cock-roaches. It had no refrigerator. I bought a used refrigerator for \$25, and my college friend, Tim Savinar, helped me carry it up four flights of stairs. Ever since then, I have had to do whatever Tim Savinar has wanted me to do, day or night.

The apartment had no heat, but it did have a functional gas stove in the kitchen. A guy from PG&E came to turn on the gas and set the meter. He was a nice guy. He said: "It's pretty warm now, but this winter, you're

going to want to use the stove to heat this place up. Don't use the oven. If you do, all the heat will go up the stovepipe and you will simply burn out the thermostat. Just turn on all the burners on top of the stove full blast." "But if I do that," I said, "won't I die from carbon monoxide poisoning?"

"Did your mother have a gas stove?" he asked, and I said she did.

"Did she ever cook Thanksgiving dinner or Christmas dinner using all the burners on top of the stove?"

I said she must have.

"Did you die?"

I stayed in VISTA, working South of Market and in the Tenderloin, until December 31, 1969, but I stayed in my apartment on Tehama Street, because the rent was cheap and I wanted to repay my law school debts. I was in my apartment in the afternoon of April 17, 1970, when I got a phone call from attorney Barney Dreyfus. Barney had gone to Stanford with my father, and they had become good friends there. Barney Dreyfus was a name partner in the law firm Garry, McTernan & Dreyfus. That firm did a lot of the legal work for the Black Panther Party in the Bay Area (you may remember attorney Charles Garry in that role).

Barney said, "There are reports that Panthers in Oakland ambushed a police vehicle with automatic weapons. The San Francisco Panthers are afraid that the police will attack their headquarters on Fillmore Street tonight. They think it would be a good idea if we could send a lawyer to their headquarters to be there to negotiate with the police if they show up. We can't find anyone in our office who can go. Would you happen to know anyone who could go down there?" he asked. "Yeah, I can go," I said.

"Great. Their headquarters are on Fillmore Street, near McAllister. Show up a 7 o'clock. Have dinner first. Bring your sleeping bag."

When I thought about this commitment a little bit, I really didn't feel like having much for dinner. I didn't have a car, so a little after 6 p.m. I tucked my sleeping bag under my arm and walked up to Market Street, where I caught the No. 5 McAllister Street bus that crossed Fillmore Street near where I wanted to go. I got off the bus and walked half a block to the Black Panther Party headquarters. I noticed that there were not too many White people around; in fact, there were NO White people around.

The headquarters building was a totally nondescript, two-story green stucco building located in the middle of the block. I knocked on the front door, and a small peep door opened at eye level.

"What's your name?" someone asked. I gave them my name and said I was the lawyer who was supposed to be there. I guess I looked convincing, what with my sleeping bag under my arm. The door opened, and a tall Black man in his early 30's ushered me in and gestured to a chair. I sat down. The man disappeared. Then I noticed a small, open room across from me that had electronic equipment of some kind in it. A teenage boy, maybe 16 years old, was sitting in the room. "Are you really a lawyer?" he asked.

"Yeah, I am," I said.

"I want to be a lawyer someday," he said.

"What do you have to do to become a lawyer?"

"Just read a lot of books, starting now," I said. At that point, the tall Black man reappeared and said, "Follow me."

He opened a door and led me up a circular iron staircase. It was awkward with my rolled-up sleeping bag.

Then I noticed that the entire inside front wall of the nondescript, green building had sandbags stacked, two deep, against it. There were gun ports about every four feet. The circular staircase ended at a wooden catwalk that ran the length of the front of the building, right behind the sandbags and the gun ports.

We got to the mid-point of the catwalk, and the Black man pointed at the floor and said, "This is where you are going to sleep. Just put your sleeping bag down here."

I did as I was told and lay down on my sleeping bag, in my clothes.

Now I realized what the deal was: if the police attacked, the next day everyone would discover that they had killed a White lawyer who had been there to keep the peace with the police.

I didn't sleep for a second that night. About 6 a.m., the same Black man came and told me I could go home. Then he walked away. That was it.

I rolled up my sleeping bag and walked half a block to where I could catch the No. 5 bus.

I took the bus down Market Street to Sixth Street, then I walked down Sixth Street, stepping over the bodies sleeping on the sidewalk to my home on Tehama Street, which was heated with the top burners of the stove.



EAST MEETS WEST

BY DR. RICHARD RICHMAN

A major goal concerning health care is to increase our ratings relative to the World Health Organization. Just how did the United States end up ranked 38th? In my 30 years of experience, I have heard numerous times that "everything looks normal" after a myriad of exams and procedures have been performed. These "sub-clinical" conditions, usually chronic, seem to be off the radar of modern Western medicine. And yes, subtle can be very painful. We need a more common-sense approach to this frustrating dilemma.

A fresh view can be derived from Ayurvedic Medicine (A.M.) which has successfully been established for thousands of years. The Energetic Medicine (E.M.) portion of the Vedic philosophy has much to offer the West. E.M. has gained much notoriety with the advent of Quantum Physics (Q.P.). Quantum is a word that describes a quanta (quantity) of energy as in a photon of light. Q.P. is the science beyond the five senses and is not readily observable to modern medicine. The relatively new science of Quantum Biophysics (Q.B.) is assisting us to understand what we cannot see under a microscope. The fact is that there is a lot more than just what meets the eye.

Eastern Indian Ayurvedic Medicine, which I have mentioned, has been around for thousands of years and is the basis for "Energetic Medicine. The famous Dr. Oz suggests it is the next frontier. It is the absolute cornerstone of true health care, a critical aspect that is missing in today's health care system. The entry point to acceptance was Chinese acupuncture which overlies the more subtle Ayurvedic energy system, chakras and aura. This can be verified with Kirlian photography. The last two hold the answer to the ultimate cause of disease. The defining biofeedback is an intuitive turn-key system ANYONE CAN LEARN working with their own body's bio-computer. This energetic approach definitely has a lot of the answers. Doctors will confidently be able to inform their patients on the spot exactly what is wrong.

I have traveled to China, Tibet, Nepal and Japan and have successfully integrated these techniques in to my practice. I have found excellent results in such ailments as lower back pain, weight loss, extremity conditions and circulation problems. The proof is in Result Oriented Medicine demonstrated with biofeedback. I know this to be true because this is what I do as a Quantum Holistic

Kinesiologist and have done so for 30 years.

Anyone interested in learning more may reach me on my website, www.drrichman.net, or e-mail docrich9@gmail.com. I will also be hosting an informal free seminar open to the public on **Saturday, June 13, at 11:00 AM in the back room of the C and J Cafe in Alta. If you are interested in attending, please contact me at 510-967-1189.**



ARTIFACTS FROM THE DUTCH FLAT FORUM 1875-1878

SELECTED AND EDITED BY
RUSSELL TOWLE

March 30, 1876
ALTA

The village bearing the above name is two miles above Dutch Flat on C.P.R.R. The town has about 500 inhabitants and is a rather nice place considering its place among the mountains. The main arteries

that contribute to its continued prosperity, are the lumbering interests although considerable mining is done near it. The medium elevation in the mountain ranges has given it a reputation for being healthy, and the pure atmosphere and gentle breezes of summer make it a most desirable place to rusticate (to go into or reside in the country; follow a rustic life). The scenery surrounding it is grand, even bordering on the sublime. The people are very sociable, and always willing to "render unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's" but won't stand much outside foolishness. The business of the town consists of the dry goods and general merchandise firm of Messrs. Taylor & Pickens, who have a well-filled establishment of dry goods, groceries, clothing, hardware, etc., and are also dealing largely in lumber, wood, bolts, and shakes. They have also a boarding house and saloon in a building adjoining their store, and have quite a number of boarders. E. M. Banvard is proprietor of the Depot Hotel. He has a splendid house, completely furnished, and sustains the well earned reputation of keeping as good a house as any in Placer County. The usual number of shops that go to make up a place the size of this can also be found here. We like Alta.

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BY DEBBY MCCLATCHY

CHAPTER 8

Here's a re-cap of the cast of story characters:

Constable Charlie Cummins - new on the force; young but keen

Emily and Walter Cummins - his parents

Mr. Clarence Warrington - the town curmudgeon

Carole Thorpe - police station receptionist; a motherly type

Detective Sergeant Ray Thorpe - her son, the police chief

Hugh Shallows - Welshman, recently bought local hotel

Molly Shallows - his daughter, the hotel's chef, and Charlie's secret love

Tom Clark and Brad Feeny - local farmhands and pranksters

Gloria and Lareen Evans - spinster cousins and gossips

Lord Calvin Commander - Lord of the Manor

Lady Casey - his American wife

Corrine Commander - his eldest daughter

Juliet Commander - his youngest daughter

Lord George Commander Denton - his butler

Alan deLay - the butcher with extracurricular activities

Lara deLay - his wife, also with sidelines

Carstairs - the blacksmith and motor mechanic

John and Mary Tadbourne - farmers

Mike Tadbourne - their son, loves Juliet

Valerie Givens - artist who rents cottage for the season

Connie - barmaid at the Endeavor

Madge - Lindenmouth's telephone operator

Celeste Woodward - town's premier literary recluse

Manning - her live-in staff

Roger Smith-Robbins - Celeste's ineffectual nephew

Sharon Woodward - Celeste's ward

Marcy Wallace - millinery clerk, loves Roger

Sir Mathew Broadstairs - town barrister

Dr. McKnight - town physician

Vicar Constanton - elderly clergy

Cornelius Spanner - owns antique shop

Art Friendly - hardware shop

Sarah Daley - lace and notions shop

Tom's Friend and the Older Couple - seaside visitors?

Horace Green and Carrie Thompson - victim of pranks

Detective Babbitt - Exeter police

Detective Babbitt was out of central casting. He was so tall he had to stoop slightly to get into the old station house. His hair was dark and worn long, more like a professor than a policeman. His suit was bespoke from family tailors and fitted him perfectly; his boots gleamed. He had a ready smile but his eyes were just a little too close together. Much smiling had creased them at the corners more than age would show. He, therefore, always looked a little sleepy, and that, coupled with the ready smile, hid a devious, complicated, and totally narcissistic nature, which fooled most suspects and witnesses into discounting his abilities. He led you on, then pounced for the kill. He loved to play with someone first, like a kitten with a small mouse.

Detective Babbitt slid out of his jacket and placed it carefully over the back of Carole's chair. He smiled broadly at everyone and got directly to the point. "So, you have another death. Very intelligent of you to bring in the more-expert crew. I'll be needing a desk here, a phone, and at least three constables to canvas the area checking on witnesses."

Ray sat down at his desk. "You're welcome to that desk, Sir, but we all share one phone line; hope that's all right with you. As to constables, we just have the one, Charlie over there, but he has already talked to anyone who could have seen or heard anything."

Detective Babbitt looked through Ray; he knew this was the sticks, but not that it would be this bad. He thought of the large airy station in Exeter, with its modern phones and typewriters, and compared it unfavorably with the present space. He sighed and showed his teeth. "Well, we need to do it again, more of a broad canvas, find more people. Two of my sergeants can join your constable. Dr. Page, our medical examiner,

needs to go to the body immediately."

He looked over at a quiet, small man, resting in the corner. He looked pretty well done-in. His mostly bald, but freckled, head was leaning on his shoulders, making it seem that he had no neck. His clothes were rumpled and slightly too large, as if he had recently lost a lot of weight. Detective Babbitt said reluctantly, "Maybe we all should have a break first; it was a long and tedious ride." He checked a pocket watch, the fob was a gold nugget. "It is after three. Is there anything still open where we could get tea and food?"

"There's a tea room just down the block, Bonnie's Nook", Ray replied. "Should be open for another hour or so. There's a number of B&B's and guesthouses down off the Esplanade. They are clean and fair-priced, and would be glad to do rooms and an evening meal."

Babbitt nodded dryly in agreement, then inquired a little high-handedly, "Of course, I would need a better hotel. There has to be one in town." He turned to Charlie "Chester, my lad, you know the kind of place I need. Phone and make a reservation for one; sea-front room. Make it for one - no, better make that two nights. Shouldn't take more time than that."

Charlie didn't bother to correct him, and dutifully picked up the phone and asked Madge to get him the Royal Devon.

Meanwhile, Ray got out the list of suspects they had spent the last two hours compiling. Detective Babbitt glanced at it vaguely and stuck it away in his briefcase, "Yes, yes, a good start. But we must first ascertain the method of death for this new victim. I understand not a popular lady, so should be easy enough to get people to talk about her. Does seem like murder from the evidence, but let's wait on Doctor Page's results. First, on to Bonnie's Nook."

The Exeter group swept out of the station as much they had arrived, only Detective Babbitt went out first, as befitted the Captain of the Ship.

While the Exeter police were getting fed and housed, Charlie decided to get going on re-interviewing shop-keepers and others along the High Street. He felt it a useless exercise, already done, and unfair to himself and those he now had to re-question. This policing was more and more like being in the army. Did he have second thoughts? Not really, but he had the frustrations of youth, for whom time moves so slowly.

Because it was on its own, not on the way anywhere, and because its owner had never been formally questioned, Charlie headed uphill to Mr. Warrington's Georgian home. Again, the temperature seemed to drop the

closer he came, and, by the time he once again rang the bell, he was shivering slightly.

He had to ring twice before Mr. Warrington appeared. He was as before, except his glasses were on a chain around his neck, and he seemed less tidy, less prepared for company. He snapped reproachfully, "I didn't phone in; whatever are you doing here now, Constable?"

Oh dear, thought Charlie. This has to be the worse part of policing; dealing with indignant older citizens was trying of one's patience, but, as Mum often told him, you don't get flies with vinegar, so he replied nicely, "As you know, Mr. Warrington, we have had two suspicious deaths lately, and, as you have had dealings with one of them, Tom Clark, you are a very valuable asset to our investigations, so I hoped I could come in and..."

Mr. Warrington interrupted crossly, "As my dealings were in no way personal with the miscreant, I see no reason to talk to you." He started to close the door.

Charlie said, soothingly, "Please, Mr. Warrington, Sir, can we just go in for a short time. We don't want to be loudly talking out here in front of the neighbors." Charlie looked about, realized that the neighbors were a distance away, and shrugged, with a grin. The old man, who had many reasons to be a hermit, but secretly missed human companionship, took in the young man's honest demeanor, and made up his mind. "All right, come in Constable, but watch your step as you come through."

Charlie followed him into the foyer, or what might have been the foyer, if it hadn't been crammed from floor to ceiling and wall to wall with boxes upon boxes, collections of objects, including jelly jars precariously perched on top of racks of old mill bobbins. There were piles of books everywhere, and flattened, dismantled objects that might be furniture. As Charlie walked stiffly behind Clarence, he found he was in a home of corridors, not rooms. They rounded a corner created by stacking multiple radio sets upon each other, and entered the main lounge. There was just enough room for two overstuffed armchairs. One was full of newspapers, correspondence, and circulars. Clarence took up the pile, looked for a space, and deposited it on a small table, already overburdened with piles of childrens' tops and games. A grand piano took up one corner, but it was so covered by other instruments in cases, it was unavailable to play. Charlie looked above him. Suspended from the high ceiling was netting. Every net contained bags spilling out paper receipts and birthday cards, out-of-season clothes and packets of custard. Some mice had found the custard and most of the cloth-

ing was covered with yellowish powder.

Charlie looked over at Mr. Warrington and suddenly felt very sorry for the pompous old gentleman. "I just need to ask a few questions," Charlie prodded gently. "Do you remember you and me talking after Tom and Brad played that prank on you?"

Mr. Warrington nodded reluctantly.

Charlie continued carefully, "And did you see them at any time after that?"

"No, I stayed home and clipped from my newspapers. I was a little behind, like a year or so, and I'm collecting all the news pertinent to Lindenmouth, you know, for the archive for the historical society. I've been doing so for thirty odd years. The clippings are in the kitchen; it's getting a little hard to cook because that's also where I keep all the cookbooks, of course. Not that I can use them; they're behind the clippings. But as soon as I can convince the society to use them, the clippings will be gone. There's just a few committee members being obstinant. I can win them over eventually, I'm sure." The old man began to wind down like a tired recording.

Charlie resumed, "Did you leave the house all that day?" Mr. Warrington shook his head. "Did anyone come to call; some-

one who can verify that you were here all day?"

Clarence regained some of his beligerance. "Now, young man, I thought we were getting along here, and now you are not trusting my word."

"No, no," Charlie protested, "We just need to eliminate you from the list of possible suspects." He had heard that somewhere and it sounded about right.

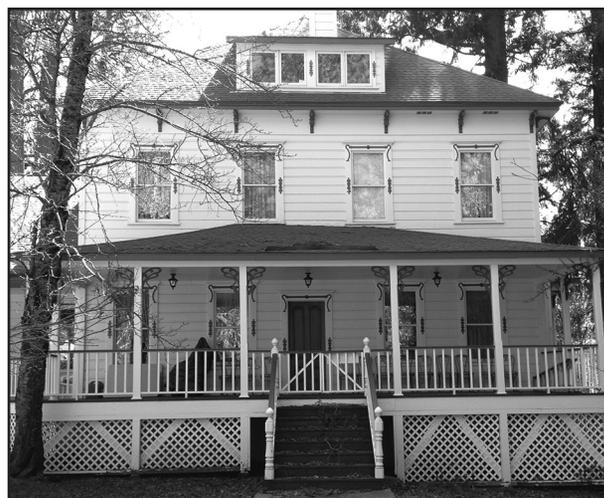
The old man was getting tired and redundant, so Charlie thanked him and threaded his way out to the front door. My, my, he mused. You never know what you will see in this business.



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Lt. Commander Dave Jenkins took charge of the California Highway Patrol Gold Run Area office on May 1, 2015. "I'm excited for the opportunity. Gold Run CHP has an outstanding reputation for providing service to Placer and Nevada Counties, and I plan to build on this through collaborative partnerships with the community and with our allied agency partners. Gold Run is a special place, and I look forward to meeting the residents and other stakeholders, working together to overcome any challenges as we enhance traffic safety along the I-80 corridor."

Lt. Jenkins succeeds Captain Andy Williams who promoted to Captain and is now the commander of the CHP office in Modesto. Lt Jenkins, 40, manages three sergeants, two clerical staff, an automobile mechanic, a janitor, and currently 17 patrol officers and 3 special duty officers, who include the Public Information Officer and front desk officers.

Lt. Jenkins is a 19-year-plus veteran of the CHP, starting his law enforcement career in 1996 in Winterhaven. Between the years of 1996 – 2003 he was assigned to Winterhaven, Dublin, Hanford and San Andreas areas. From 2003-2008 he was assigned as the Resident Post Officer at Ebbetts Pass in San Andreas.

In 2008, Jenkins was promoted to sergeant and served assignments in South Lake Tahoe, San Andreas, Sonora areas and Office of Assistant Commissioner, Field Division. In 2012, Jenkins promoted to Lieutenant and served assignments at CHP Headquarters in the Administrative Assistant to the Assistant Commissioner Field Office as well as the Internal Affairs Section.

He is currently married to Yvette Jenkins and lives in Roseville. He has four children, Cody (23), Cayden (12), Camrey (5) and Carsdyn (3).



CODE ENFORCEMENT STARTS WEEKEND EVENT COMPLIANCE PROGRAM

April 08, 2015

As the weather warms, the number of parties, weddings and other events begin to increase. So too do the complaints about these events. Problems can include large, unpermitted events, loud or after hour noise, parking on private and public roadways, unpermitted beer and wine tastings and public gatherings. Complaints typically come from affected citizens and neighbors. Weekend Event Compliance Program and

Hotline

In response to ongoing community concerns, Placer County is beginning a new Code Enforcement Weekend Event (WE) program and hotline. Beginning April 9, 2015, the program will assist concerned citizens and neighbors with after hour and weekend events. Through a newly established hotline, a Code Enforcement Officer will now be on call and able to respond to problems and complaints at the time of the event.

Noise complaints generated by events, tastings, or public parties will be handled through the WE program. Other noise complaints about private parties, motorcycle tracks, loud occupant music and similar issues should be referred to the Sheriff's Office at 530-886-5375.

"The County continues to demonstrate its commitment to the community and this program is a great example of how the County is listening to residents and developing ways to address their needs and concerns," said Chief Building Official Tim Wegner. "With officers available on the predominant days and times events occur, County staff will be available to quickly find solutions to problems and return community balance and harmony."

The on-call officer will be available to respond Thursday through Sunday, including evening hours and holidays. On holiday days occurring outside of the Thursday through Sunday window, a code enforcement officer will still be available. Code Enforcement staff will focus on reports from the public, and investigate events and parties as they occur.

Weekends are typically the days when most of these large, unpermitted events happen and having a Code Enforcement Officer on call will help ensure complaints and concerns are addressed when they happen. The pilot program will primarily be directed to the County's western side. Once the program is up and running and the wrinkles ironed out, Code Enforcement will consider expansion to other areas of the County.

Concerned citizens and neighbors can call the WE hotline and convey their concerns about an event while it's happening. To reach an officer for weekend event concerns/complaints, please contact the WE hotline by calling 530-401-8229.

Additionally, the new hotline can be found on code enforcement's webpage: WE Program.

To ask questions of the WE Program, obtain additional information or offer comments during regular business hours, please contact Ted Rel, Supervising Code Enforcement Officer, at 530-745-7542 or e-mail to trel@placer.ca.gov.

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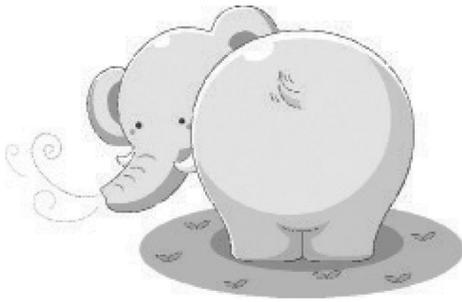
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WHITE ELEPHANT SALE NEWS

BY MARYBETH BLACKINTON



The annual White Elephant Sale will be held over Labor Day weekend, Saturday and Sunday, September 5 and 6 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

If you have anything you would like to donate for the sale, we will be accepting donations on Saturday, June 13th, from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Starting July 8th, donations will be accepted every Wednesday and Saturday from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM.

Besides donations, we are always looking for volunteers to help us in the days and weeks leading up to the sale with accepting donations, sorting, displaying, pricing and selling on the days of the sale. Please contact Volunteer Coordinator, Laura Resendez (530-389-8840), if you are interested

We have already received a number of interesting and valuable items that should help bring in funds necessary to maintain the Dutch Flat Community Center building. Be sure to mark your calendar for this fun event.



AESOP'S FABLES TRANSLATED BY GEORGE FYLER TOWNSEND THE ASS AND THE GRASSHOPPER

An ass, having heard some Grasshoppers chirping, was highly enchanted and desiring to possess the same charms of melody demanded what sort of food they lived on to give them such beautiful voices. They replied, "The dew." The ass resolved that he would live only upon dew, and in a short time died of hunger.

A NEW WEBSITE

BY MARYBETH BLACKINTON

I have noticed a void for information about our area and have decided to create a website showing the Alta-Dutch Flat-Gold Run's many features as well as a reliable source of all our activities, events and businesses. With luck, I am planning this to be free resource for everyone.

If you have an event that you would like posted on the website, please contact me (see below). I will be including the Alta Auxiliary Bingo games and any other community event I find out about

If you are a business owner in this area and would like to be included please contact me (see below). I would like to include your street address, mailing address, website (if applicable), e-mail address, phone number and hours. My tentative business categories are:

Automotive repair / fuel

Dutch Flat 76 station

Churches

Dutch Flat United Methodist
Pioneer Union, Gold Run
Sierra First Baptist, Alta

Dining

C and J Café
Dutch Flat 76 station
Monte Vista Inn

Government / law enforcement

CHP, Gold Run
Placer County Sheriff (Colfax and Auburn)
US Forest Service, Tahoe National Forest (Nevada City)
US Post Offices
Alta
Dutch Flat
Gold Run

Lodging

Camp Alta
Crystal Springs Inn, Alta
Dutch Flat RV Campground
Harmony Farms

Services

Electrical
Plumbing

Shopping

Alta Store
Dutch Flat 76 Station
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For information to be included on the new "Alta-Dutch Flat-Gold Run" website, contact Marybeth Blackinton (e-mail marybeth0112@gmail.com, 530-389-8393).

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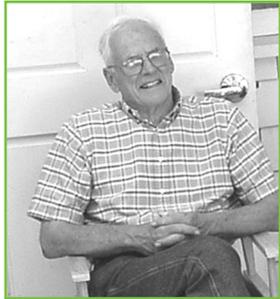
ANOTHER LOSS

Sadly, we have run out of room on our "Remembering" page. We recently lost another one of our citizens, Sandi Twisselman.

Sandi was born in Lansing MI on Jan 25, 1936. She grew up in Fresno, then moved to Aptos before moving to Gold Run in 1978. She passed away May 20, 2015 at her home behind the Gold Run Post Office. She is predeceased by her husband, Bud Twisselman who was employed with R. J. Miles.

Services for Sandi are pending.

REMEMBERING



MATTHEW BAILEY 1925 - 2015

Matthew Alfred Bailey left this life February 24, 2015. Born in San Francisco to Matthew and Phoebe Bailey in 1925, Matt spent his childhood in San Francisco and

at the family retreat in Boulder Creek. Following graduation from Lowell High School, he enrolled at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo. When the campus was converted to military use, he took an appointment to the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy at King's Point and graduated a marine engineer in 1946. Following several years at sea, he did ranch work in Montana and California and packed mules in the High Sierras.

In 1952 he married Betty Behrens, whom he had met while a midshipman at King's Point. After trying his hand at farming in Pennsylvania, he returned to the west and took a job with PG&E at Lake Spaulding, later transferring to Drum Powerhouse.

In 1958, Matt and Betty and their three daughters settled in Dutch Flat. Matt's pursuits were varied, including pivotal roles in establishment of the Dutch Flat Water Company and historic zoning for Dutch Flat. He was an avid reader and life-long student of local and world history, active in both the Golden Drift and Placer County Historical Societies. He was actively involved in a variety of wildlife and land conservation issues, including several terms on the Placer County Fish and Game Commission. His crowning achievement was inclusion as a 38-mile reach of the North Fork of the American River (Heath Springs to Colfax) in the National Wild and Scenic River System, in 1978. The 10-year crusade to protect the North Fork of the American River included formation of the North Fork River Council and a campaign to prevent construction of a proposed dam at Giant Gap. Matt was predeceased by his wife of 62 years, Betty Bailey, and his elder sister Phoebe. He is survived by

three daughters and sons-in-law: Heidi and Clif Youmans, Gretchen and Richard Dyson and Lisa and Doug Balmain; granddaughters, Amy Balmain and Lizzie Dyson; grandsons Doug Balmain and Peter Dyson and beloved nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life for both Matt and Betty took place in May, in Dutch Flat.

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PATSY CRULL

1932 - 2015



Patricia (Patsy) Galvin Crull, age 83, of Dutch Flat, CA, died at home of natural causes on Saturday, February 28, 2015. She was born January 21, 1932 in San Francisco, CA and

grew up in Millbrae, CA. She attended Notre Dame Elementary/High School in Belmont, CA and graduated in 1950. She loved music and was an accomplished pianist, enjoying Classical, Opera, and Celtic genres. She was married to Jim Crull in the summer of 1950. They lived in Verdi, Nevada where Jim worked for the US Forest Service. They later moved to San Luis Obispo, CA, where they spent 35+ years working and raising their six children.

Patsy was a full-time homemaker, part-time Licensed Vocational Nurse, and bookkeeper, but her greatest joy was watching and raising her children and grandchildren. She loved attending their school and sports events. Her life revolved around her faith, family and friendships. On the side she enjoyed knitting, reading, swimming, caring for her dogs, and horse racing.

She was a devout Irish/Catholic, active as a parishioner of Nativity of Our Lady and Mission San Luis Obispo de Tolosa and recently, St. Dominic's in Colfax, CA. Her Irish heritage and St. Patrick's Day were noted highlights. Patsy moved to Dutch Flat, CA in 1987 for her retirement. Known for her hospitality and generosity, her home was always 'open' to family, friends, and her neighbors. She volunteered for Salvation Army and was very generous with her various charities, especially the St. Anthony's Dining Hall in San Francisco. She regularly followed the NFL and was a die-hard 49ers fan. Patsy will be missed not only by her family, but by many of her good friends in Dutch Flat and at her favorite gathering

place, Monte Vista Inn.

Patsy is preceded in death by her parents, Michael and Helen Galvin; her brother, Thomas Galvin; and her eldest son, Michael Crull. She is survived by her husband of 65 years, James Crull and five children-Kerry Kautz (Rob), Laurie Crull, Nonie Stockon, Molly Crull and Patrick Crull (Mary); daughter-in-law, Rene Crull Conrad; 8 grandchildren; and 2 great-grandchildren.

In honor of Patsy, you are welcome to donate to one of her favorite charities: St. Anthony's Foundation, Doctors Without Borders, Special Olympics, or Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur (California).



ISAIAH LUMPKIN (BOB) MILAM JR 1927-2015

"Bob" Milam was born in Atlanta, Georgia on September 24, 1927 to Isaiah "Lum" Milam and Irene Bryan. He was known as "I.L." back then until a girlfriend, who couldn't understand his southern drawl, called him Al. After going back and forth, she said "I think I'll just call you Bob".

He joined the Navy in 1945 just prior to his 18th birthday with the blessing of his mother. After two enlistments including the Korean War, he settled in San Francisco and worked for the railroad. It was there he met his wife, Shirley whom he married in 1956. Upon marrying Shirley, he had an instant family as Shirley had two children from her previous marriages. They son added their own children, Tim in 1957, Marian in 1959 and Pam in 1962. They lived in their new home in South San Francisco for 23 years.

Bob worked as a carpenter and helped build the first \$1 million condominiums sold in San Francisco at the end of Union Street next to Julius Castle. He worked extra jobs to help finance family summer camping trips. The family would leave home from June – Labor Day. Bob would take two weeks off every summer until 1971 to get the family settled in a camp site and then would return to work. After killing three rattlesnakes in one day at Shasta Lake, Shirley claimed she was "done camping".

Friends brought them to Placer County where they found the site of their current home in Alta in 1972. Bob built a garage and the family camped there until 1979 when he started building the house. Bob and Shirley retired in 1985 and moved up full time.

Shirley and Bob loved to go to Boomtown: Bob would play in Blackjack tournaments and Shirley would play other games

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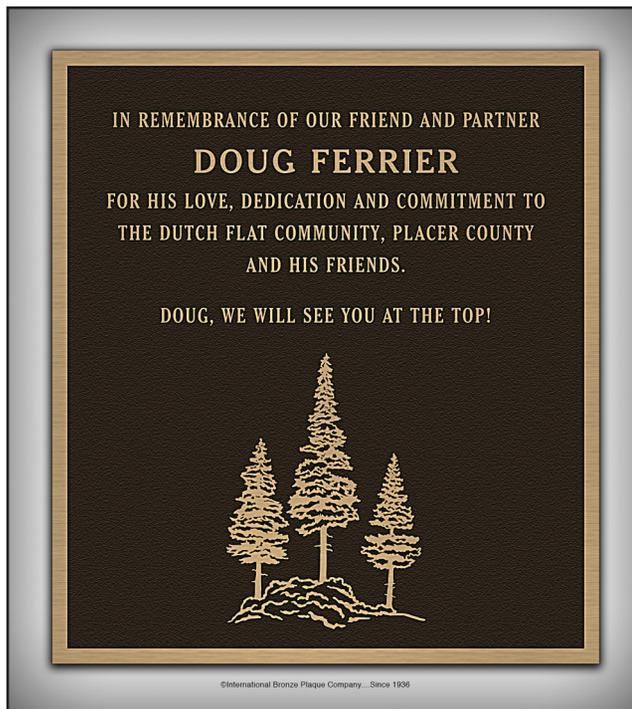
until she passed away in 1999. Bob then started playing Cribbage with Jerry Chellev and the Monte Vista Cribbage League. He was surrounded by his family and friends (Mike Martin, Lee Todd and son, Tim) in a game of Cribbage the night before he passed to a better place.

Bob is predeceased by his wife of 43 years, Shirley, and daughters, Marian Rodriguez and Lisa Milam. He is survived by sisters, Freida Holland and Grace Otting, son, Tim, and daughters Pamela Hartman and Leslie Zinza. He is also survived by eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

A memorial was held at the Dutch Flat Community Center on Friday, April 24, 2015.



Ferrier, continued from Page 1



together with Placer County Parks.

We worked together on several large projects in Doug's capacity as a Registered Forester. The first project we worked on was when Placer County was designing Squaw Valley Park. Because Squaw Valley is in the Lake Tahoe area, I was working with more regulatory agencies than I knew existed. The forest in the park was in poor health and was over planted. I was referred to Doug Ferrier and told Doug could help me come up with a plan to deal with the trees that regulatory agencies could agree with. Doug produced a Fuel Load Reduction Plan that was quickly approved by everyone. He also gave me information for an interpretive kiosk so park visitors could appreciate the value of trees in the area and the need to manage the forest. After the work was done at the park, the forest looked natural, was healthy and was much safer from wildfires.

I liked working with Doug so much, we

hired him to do our Vegetation, Fuels and Range Management Plan Fuel for our most popular park, Hidden Falls Regional Park. We've followed pretty much all of Doug's recommendations and just this past month we started running goats at Hidden Falls, like Doug wanted us to. The goats have been popular with park visitors and have done a great job eating everything in sight.

Over the years, Doug made several presentations to the County Parks Commission. He explained complicated projects in a very easy to understand way. As he was talking, Doug would interject stories on the history of Dutch Flat so he made the information fun and he made us smarter without us even realizing it!

Volunteer work for the swimming pool in Dutch Flat ran through Doug. Each year, Doug spear-headed volunteer work days to be sure the funding to operate the swimming pool was stretched as far as it could go. If the work was not done by volunteers, then the County would have had to do the work and it would cost the pool budget a lot more money. Volunteer work has allowed the pool to stay open, swimming lessons to be given to the community, and for the Reserve bal-

ance to grow to where it is today.

The community of Dutch Flat needs to know that, because of Doug Ferrier's tireless energy, enthusiasm, and his love of Dutch Flat there is not another community in Placer County that donates so much volunteer time to recreation. It is really refreshing.

MATT DIAS, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, CALIFORNIA BOARD OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION wrote the following on Doug's position with the Board: Doug was appointed in 1992 by the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection to the Professional Foresters Examining Committee (PFEC) of which he served until his passing. Fourteen of his nearly 23 years of service to the Board were as the Chairman of the PFEC. He worked tirelessly in representing both small non-industrial land owners and the professional foresters in both written and oral testimony for decades before the Board. In conducting research on past regulatory efforts, one will nearly always find written comment from Doug that offered compelling comment on pending regulatory development that often resulted in positive changes for the regulated public.

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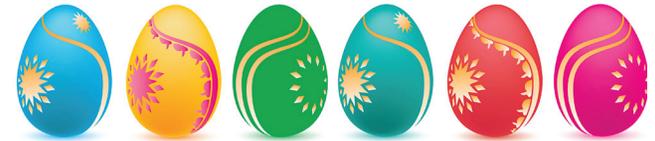
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