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Safety takes horse sense

Folsom Lake Trail Patrol volunteers use riding skills, first aid experience on Pony Express Trail

By Susan Belknap
Loomis News Editor

None ever plans to have trouble while enjoying a day at the lake. But thanks to the efforts of the Folsom Lake Trail Patrol, it's nice to know someone is there to help if trouble arises.

Loomis resident Steve Hallmark along with about 74 other people act as the eyes and ears year round for land areas around Folsom Lake. Members patrol their jurisdiction, which spans portions of the Pony Express Trail from Natomas

"It gives me the opportunity to be involved with horses."

— Steve Hallmark, Loomis

Dam, up to the area by the Auburn Dam on horseback on in an effort to make lake areas safe for all.

"Our group is recognized by the California State Parks Department," said Hallmark who has been a volunteer for about six years. "I enjoy doing it because it gives me the opportunity to be involved with horses."

Volunteer requirements include first aid experience and CPR accreditation. Volunteers and their



Steve Hallmark of Loomis, front, and Hans Peter of Newcastle enjoy a day at Folsom Lake on their horses volunteering for the Folsom Lake Trail Patrol.

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horses must be "qualified" every three years in order to maintain patrol status.

Members of the patrol need to be at least 18 years of age. In addition, the horses used on the trails must be at least 4 years old and also be tested to make sure they are trail worthy. Patrol members must be able to control their

horses and the horses must be comfortable around people.

To maintain patrol status members complete a minimum of 12 rides per year but Hallmark admits most members participate in several more than the monthly requirement.

Lead trail maintenance member and Newcastle resident Hans

Peter knows he patrols much more than once a month. He's been involved with the Folsom Lake group for about 10 years. Peter's schedule usually allows him to be out on about three to four rides per month.

"Last year I think I put in

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Shifting districts in store

School territory transfers could mean consolidation of Loomis, Ophir districts

By Susan Belknap
Loomis News Editor

Several school boards throughout Placer County seem to have one issue they've all been discussing lately — school boundaries. From this one issue, two different proposals have emerged.

The first, a three-district proposal by Loomis, Ophir, and Western Placer School Districts provides for territory transfers from Western Placer to Loomis and Ophir.

Loomis School Superintendent Paul Johnson and Ophir School Superintendent Robert Reynolds made a presentation at the March 7 Western Placer meeting regarding a territory transfer cooperatively prepared by officials in the three districts that has been under development for several years.

The proposal outlined by Johnson and Reynolds would shift a portion of the Western Placer district in the Gold Hill area to Ophir, and a portion of



Robert Reynolds

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Paul Johnson

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Cutting the appeals process in planning

Loomis council, planning commission joining forces on development issues

By Joyia Emard
Special to the Loomis News

The Loomis Town Council and planning commission recently met to discuss how they can come together on planning issues without the council resorting to appeals.

"It's not so much that we disagree on issues," said Greg Obranovich, planning commission chairman. "It's that we're not getting input from the council soon enough."

The Feb. 28 workshop included town staff members, planning commissioners and three town council members. The group discussed various ways to bring the council into planning issues before approvals

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Putting her best paw forward

Loomis dog ranked sixth in nation for its breed

By Susan Belknap
Loomis News Editor

Anyone who knows dogs knows the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show in New York City is tops. Loomis resident Nanci Manceau was there.

Manceau is the owner of Champion Marquee's Music of the Night or "Lyric," a Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier that is ranked sixth in the nation for its breed.

Manceau has been showing and breeding Mastiff dogs since 1990 but is relatively new to the terrier world. She began researching dog breeds for her daughter about two

years ago. She found the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier breed to be hypo-allergic, which was important to her grown daughter who is allergic to dogs.

"These dogs don't shed either," Manceau said. "My daughter wanted a dog they could keep in the house so the Wheaten Terrier was perfect."

When Manceau visited her daughter and the two terriers she ended up purchasing, Manceau noticed the breed seemed adapt at agility. Even though she had six Mastiffs she decided to add the terriers to her family of dogs.

Manceau said she was always attracted to the Mastiff because of its size. She had always showed horses so knowing the male Mastiff

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Loomis resident Nanci Manceau shows off her Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier, Lyric, who recently appeared in the Westminster Dog Show in New York City.

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Renowned Sri Lankan healer becomes patient

In need of liver transplant, Loomis-based wholistic doctor remains optimistic

By Jason Probst
Gold Country Media Service

The healer sits, his body wracked by pain, his sight and hearing diminished. He has lost weight of late, since his condition accelerated and insulin-induced cirrhosis has severely damaged his liver.

But despite the many problems, attired in a simple blue sweatshirt and wheelchair-bound, there is still a

1,000-watt smile that fills the room at the prospect of meeting new people and shaking hands.

For Dr. Ciri Shriyanandaz, the need for a liver transplant is pressing and palpably real as his body deteriorates. A native of Sri Lanka, he immigrated to America and opened shop in Loomis in 1970, where his "wholistic" approach to medicine has been part and parcel of a life that has helped others maximize the quality of theirs.

He believes in his approach as a complement to stan-

dard medicine. After his home was destroyed by a falling tree a few years ago, he's come upon tough

times, and has been in an out of the hospital for five months. Loathe to ask for help from others, he instead focuses on helping his patients, said Beth Stenbock.

Now ensconced at the Sierra Hills Care Center in Roseville, he is heading to U.C. Davis to get on the waiting list for a liver transplant. Diagnosed with diabetes as a young child, the long-term ingestion of insulin that

prolonged his life threatens to end it.

"I came to America to better myself. Sri Lanka is a poor country," he said. "I was on my way to Reno because I had a job waiting there for me, but my car broke down (in Loomis). So I stopped under a tree. They'd probably never seen a person with my skin color and accent!"

He decided to open up a business — Ciri Helping People Mind Body Soul — on Taylor Road in Loomis. It operated for 28 years, as he worked with an array of people, ranging from Del Oro High School students to the middle-aged and elderly, who benefited from his gifts of touch,

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Dr. Ciri Shriyanandaz

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