

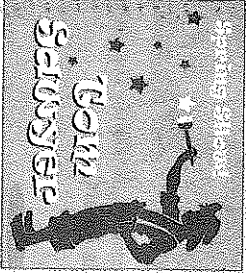
IN THE KNOW

Friday, May 4



Senior Citizen Prom from 5:8 p.m. at El Dorado High School in the multipurpose room, 561 Canal St. in Placerville. Free. The prom is presented by the El Dorado High School Health Careers Academy and will include food, music and dancing. RSVP to (530) 622-3634 ext. 1152.

Woody will perform from 6-8:30 p.m. at Danette's Brick Oven Pub, 2875 Ray Lawyer Drive in Placerville. For more information, call (530) 622-7420.

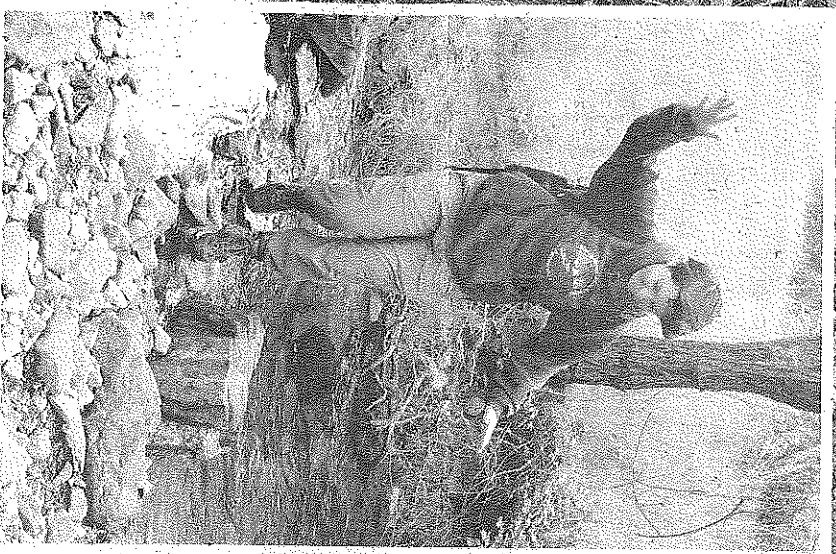


"Tom Sawyer" will be performed at 7 p.m. at Imagination Theater inside the El Dorado County Fairgrounds, 100 Placerville Drive in Placerville. The play will run through Sunday, May 20. For more information and tickets, visit imaginationtheater.net/tickets-available.

Outdoor Movie Night featuring "Coco" at 8 p.m. at the Steven Young Amphitheater in El Dorado Hills Town Center. Free. For more information, visit EDHtownCenter.com.

Saturday, May 5
Amador County Gem and Mineral Craft Show from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Kennedy Mine off Highways 88/49 in Jackson. Free. Event will feature rocks, slabs, lapidary items, hand crafted jewelry, arts and crafts and tours of the Kennedy Mine for a small fee. For more information, visit amadorgemandmineral.org.

Italy on Wheels Festival from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Murr House, 1125 Joe Murr Court in Folsom. Free. Event will feature a variety of classic and vintage Italian cars, motorcycles, scooters and bicycles on exhibit. Awards will be given to the top displays. For more information, call (916) 599-7750.



New hiking trail offers
**ADVENTUROUS
 VIEWS**

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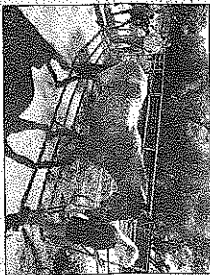
mile connector trail as well as install native plantings at the trailhead, said Elena DeLacy, project manager. In 2017 construction of the trailhead and trail was completed. Joe Vicini Inc. was the general contractor hired to construct the driveway and parking area and the Federal Bureau of Land Management and the American River Conservancy worked cooperatively to construct the trail. The trailhead and trail project cost approximately \$330,000, DeLacy said.

"While the majority of the funding came from the state of California through the Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation grant program, additional funding was received from REI Co-op, the El Dorado Hills Endowment, several equestrian groups, a mountain biking group and individual donors," DeLacy said.



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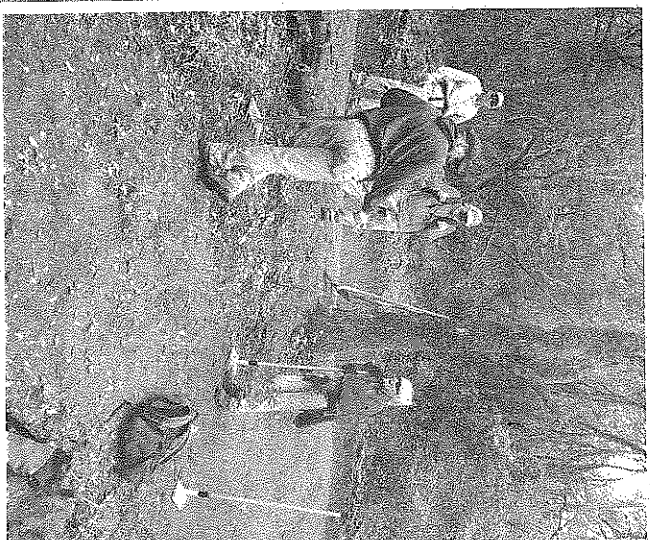
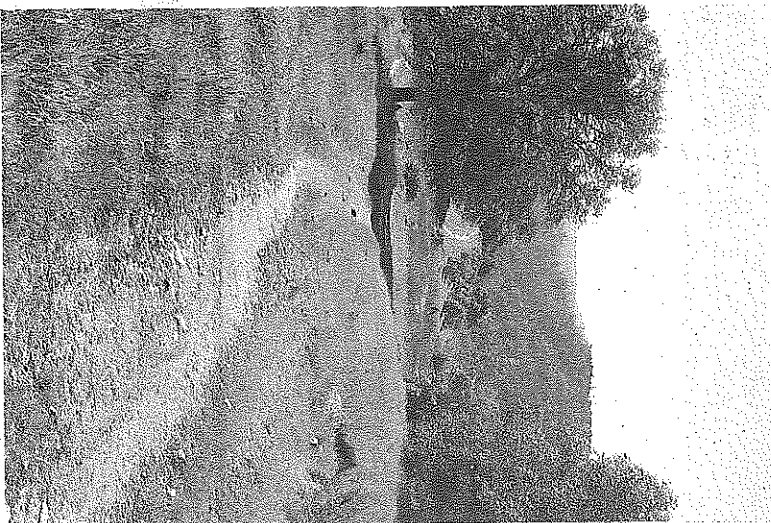
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All About Equine Animal Rescue's annual Boots and Bling fundraiser
at 5 p.m. at the El Dorado Hills Community Services District in the gymnasium, 1021 Harvard Way in El Dorado Hills. \$35. The fundraiser is in support of ASPCA's Help a Horse Day. For more information and tickets, visit alaboutequine.org/ events.

Hickory Wind Trio
from 6-8 p.m. at Morty's Grill, 3590 Cason Road in Camino. For more information, call (530) 303-3098.

Sunday, May 6
The Random Strangers will perform at 1 p.m. at Powell's Steamer Co. and Pub, 425 Main St. in Placerville. For more information, visit powellssteamer.com.



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The public is invited to begin using the new Acorn Creek trailhead and trail from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. today at a ribbon cutting and trail dedication ceremony. Due to expected attendance, Andert said horse trailers cannot enter until after 4 p.m. on Friday, May 4.

In 2011/2012, the American River Conservancy purchased the 757-acre Salmon Falls Ranch, the name of the property where the trailhead is located, in two phases using grant funds and private donations. In 2015 the conservancy was awarded a grant from the California Natural Resources Agency to install a trailhead and one-

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The trail has a little elevation change of about 200 feet and crosses over Acorn Creek. Views of the river are available at several places along the trail, but Andert said access is limited.

"There are a variety of views, terrain, plants and animals along this trail. The views of the rolling hills and the river are magnificent," Andert said. "This trail is for beginners to advanced adventurers. Always bring water and watch for rattlesnakes."

There will be a \$5 day-use fee to help maintain the trails and provide restrooms after Friday, May 4.

For more information and directions about the Acorn Creek trailhead and trail, visit ABRConservancy.org/ events.

Courtesy photos

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