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This weekend

GRAND OPENING

The Douglas County Public Library in Minden is celebrating the opening of the new Children's Resource Center 4-6 p.m. today, 1625 Library Lane, Minden. Members of the Library Board of Trustees, Library Foundation and staff will be on hand. Information, 782-9841.

URGENT CARE

Topaz Ranch Medical Clinic grand opening celebration is 4-7 p.m. today. The clinic is located at 3919 Carter Drive in Topaz Ranch Estates. Hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Information, 783-3096.

HIGH SCHOOL PLAY

The Douglas High School drama department is presenting their play, "Every Seventeen Minutes the Crowd Goes Crazy!" today and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in the DHS theater. Free, but donations to the drama department are accepted. The play is not suitable for children under 10 years old. Information, 790-4920.

POSSE TACK SALE

The Douglas County Sheriff's Mounted Posse is hosting its annual Spring Equine Clinic and Tack Sale 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at the Douglas County Fairgrounds, Pinenut Road, Gardnerville. Vendor booths featuring new and used tack, horse care products and western accessories. Vet clinic services available by appointment only. Appointments can be made by calling Great Basin Equine at 265-7800. Information, www.dcsmposse.com or to reserve booth space, 265-7124.

DAR MEETING

The Daughters of The American Revolution, John C. Fremont Chapter, will meet 1 p.m. Saturday at the Douglas County Public Library. A film on the schools supported by The Daughters of the American Revolution will be shown. Information, Janice Frost, 783-9626.

REPUBLICAN CONVENTION

Douglas County Republicans County Convention Saturday at Sharkey's Casino, 1440 Highway 395. Registration from 8-9 a.m. Meeting convenes at 9 a.m. There is a \$15 registration fee which includes lunch. Questions should be directed to Douglas County Republican Central Committee Chairwoman Robin Reedy at rpolittx@yahoo.com or 790-4982.

DOG ADOPTION

Dog adoption event 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday at Petco on Topsy Lane. Douglas Animal Welfare Group members will be showing dogs from the Douglas County Animal Shelter. Information, www.dawgrescue.com or 267-7325.

AT THE RITZ

"Puttin' on the Ritz," will be 6-10 p.m. Saturday at the Genoa Lakes Golf Club, to benefit the Family Support Council of Douglas County. The event is a dinner, dance, silent and live auction. Businesses can support the non-profit agency by sending a check to Family Support Council of Douglas County, 1255 Waterloo Lane, Suite A, Gardnerville, NV 89410. Information, www.family-support.org or 782-8692.

PEDRO TOURNAMENT

The French Bar will be hosting a Pedro Tournament, starting at 10 a.m. Sunday. There will be a \$20 per team entry fee that will be returned in the form of prize money minus money used to go toward winners' trophies/hats. There is a limit of 20 teams. Sign up to play (first come, will play) Lunch will be potluck.

State sets roundabout meeting

by Sheila Gardner
Staff Writer

Everything you wanted to know about the state's proposed roundabout in Minden but were afraid to ask may be answered March 29.

Nevada Department of Transportation officials set a meeting for 7 p.m.

DETAILS

Officials from the Nevada Department of Transportation have scheduled a 7 p.m. meeting March 29 at the CVIC Hall, Esmeralda Avenue, Minden, for a presentation on the proposed roundabout for the intersection of Highway 88 and County Road. Officials will make a presentation on the traffic device and answer questions. Information: 782-5976.

at the CVIC Hall in Minden to take public input on the traffic calming device for the busy intersection of County Road and Highway 88.

Minden is so eager to host the event, officials waived the \$50-an-hour fee to rent the hall.

Minden Town Board Chairman

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Rotary picks top musicians



BELINDA GRANT/The R-C

Randy Dowell, 14, plays the drums at Maytan Music on Tuesday.

Valley drummer goes to regional competition

by Sharlene Irele
Staff Writer

Randy Dowell could win \$1,000 by playing his own composition of classical music, a sample of the theme from "Law and Order" and a little Iron Maiden thrown in for good measure.

Dowell, 14, took first place in the Rotary District 5190 music contest held at the Carson Nugget March 9. He took home \$250 and has the chance to compete in the finals of the Rotary Club's music competition at John Ascuaga's Nugget in Sparks May 6.

The ninth-grade Carson Valley Middle School student played drums and was accompanied by



SHANNON LITZ/The R-C

Alice Sady, 15, plays the piano at her home in Minden on Wednesday. The musicians were sponsored by Minden Rotary.

his brother Corey, 17, on guitar. The music was an original composition by the brothers.

Randy Dowell's father, Trent, describes himself as his sons' "roadie."

"The competitors all played classical music," said Trent Dowell. "Randy felt out of place because he was playing rock and roll on the drums. He smoked them but the other kids were cool with it."

Randy Dowell has played trumpet for five years, was in the honor band last year, and started playing

drums a year ago.

"I was always messing with sticks, beating on stuff," he said.

Dowell thinks he'll continue to play the trumpet and drums and just bought himself a guitar with the prize money. He also plays bass guitar and drums in the Gall Stones band. They perform a Teen Spirit mass at St. Gall Catholic Church at 5 p.m. every Sunday.

Dowell found out about the Rotary contest from his drum teacher, Tommy Arnold, from

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County will examine changing dog rules

by Susie Vasquez
Staff Writer

A Douglas County ordinance does not allow more than three adult dogs per household, but that could change soon.

Douglas County Communications Director Dick Mirgon said a new ordinance proposal will be presented to county commissioners in early April, allowing up to six dogs per residence. A maximum of three can be rescue dogs.

The draft includes minimum acreage requirements. The property must be fenced and some sort of equipment will be required to handle animal waste. A licensing fee will be required, Mirgon said.

"Most of the requirements are related to health and community issues," he said.

The issue arose after a neighbor complained about herd dog rescuer Kathy Givens, charging she had too many dogs on her Johnson Lane property. Givens said she will be attending the April county commissioners meeting to comment on the new ordinance proposal.

"To put a number on acreage doesn't make sense," she said.

"A neighbor came to me in tears, saying she was cited for too many dogs. She has Chihuahuas. Six of hers don't make one of mine," Givens said. "A neighbor on a half acre down the street has four horses. Tell me that makes sense."

Despite the \$47 fine Givens incurred, she continues her work rescuing Australian shepherds and border collies through foster homes.

"That's the one good thing that has come out of all this," she said. "I'm

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One of Lake Tahoe's schools will close in 2008

by William Ferchland
Tahoe Daily Tribune

WHAT'S NEXT

School board members will decide in June whether Kingsbury Middle School or Zephyr Cove Elementary School will close.

bury Middle School after the 2007-'08 school year allowed for a relative-

ly calm meeting of the Douglas County School District Board of Trustees.

Under the vote, administrators will bring their recommendation to the board in June on which school they believe should close. The recommendation hinges upon several factors, such as the type of developable land the district can get from an interested entity, such as the county.

The grade configuration between

the two schools was also decided. The surviving site will house kindergarten to sixth-graders. Whittell High School, which will have a new bus garage and indoor sports facility built this summer, will have seventh through 12th grade.

The high school will return to teaching seventh graders, which it did

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Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with an Irish Feast

Friday, March 17
4:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Shannon Ballroom

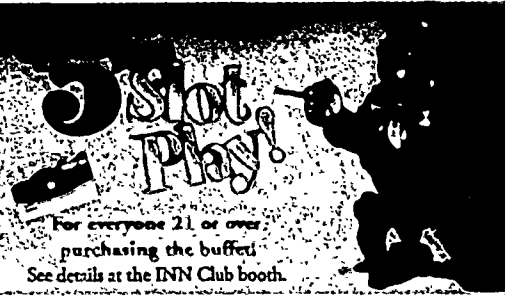
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