

GE donates \$5,000 for K-9 officers

Staff Reports

Officials of GE Energy in Minden donated \$5,000 Monday to the Douglas County Sheriff's Office patrol and drug-detecting dog program just a month after one of the department's K-9 officers died in a patrol car fire.

Brian Palmer, general manager of Optimization and Control at General Electric, presented Sheriff Ron Pierini and Undersheriff Bob Rudnick a check to help defray the costs of replacing Jon-Jon, a black Labrador retriever trained to detect drugs.

Jon-Jon died in the Feb. 3 fire while his handler, Deputy Rick Koontz, and another officer were responding to an early morning alarm inside a building.



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Sheriff Ron Pierini, left, Sgt. Joe Duffy with Kilo, and GE Energy General Manager Brian Palmer. GE Energy donated \$5000 to the Douglas County Sheriff's dog program.

Investigators believe the fire was caused by faulty wiring in the vehicle.

By the time the deputies were aware the car was on fire, it was fully engulfed.

Jon-Jon died of smoke inhalation and was honored at a service Feb. 24 attended by 600 law enforcement personnel, K-9

YOU CAN HELP

Donations to the Douglas County Sheriff's Office patrol and drug-detection dog program may be made to the DCSO Canine Fund, c/o Douglas County Sheriff's Office, PO Box 218, Minden, 89423, or dropped off at the Judicial and Law Enforcement Center, 1625 Eighth St.

deputies and members of the public.

"We felt the need to take immediate action when we first learned of the demise of Jon-Jon," Palmer said. "We are committed to supporting the Douglas County Sheriff's Office and doing what we can to help maintain a safe community for our employees and others in Douglas County."

Piñon Hills and Jacks Valley Elementary science fair winners

Piñon Hills Elementary School had 109 projects in their science fair Feb. 21. These students will participate in the Western Nevada Regional Science Fair at the University of Nevada, Reno March 16-18:

- Taylor Sullivan, kindergarten
- Matthew Pollard, first-grade
- Micah Miller, second-grade
- Emily Tuggle, fourth-grade
- Chase Johnson, fourth-grade
- Keith Becker, fourth-grade
- Michael Nolting, fifth-grade
- Mariah Young, fifth-grade
- James Rehm, fifth-grade
- Daisy Tanner, fifth-grade
- Kaitlin Capra, fifth-grade
- Brittney Lathrop, sixth-grade

There were more than 75 entries in Jacks Valley Elementary School's Science Fair held

Feb. 21. The winners are.

First place

■ "Red Sky at Night" Lindsay Babbitt and Danielle Schmidt, fifth-grade

Second place (tie)

■ "Keyboard Demolishers" by Cris Jezek's fourth-grade class

■ "Short-term Memory" by Chase Keller, fifth-grade

Fourth place

■ "Magnetic Eraser" by fifth-grader Logan Croxall

Fifth place

■ "Jerker" by David Sanchez, fifth-grade

Honorable mention

■ "Moldy Apples, Eeeew" by Ben Wetzell and Brennen Collins, fifth-grade

■ "Pop-Proof Balloon," fifth-graders Leticia Montes and Lili

Stainbrook

■ "The Lemon or the Orange" by Alana Antunovich

■ "Adding More Than You Think" by Katrina Olsen, fifth-grade

■ "Tornado" by Paul Shumaker, fifth-grade

■ "Levitation" by Jaime King, fifth-grade

■ "Ready, Set, Evaporate" by Lane Smith and Kate Niday, fourth-grade

■ "Moving Air and Air Pressure" by Dan Dixon's fourth-grade class



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Douglas discusses school closure

By William Ferchland
Tahoe Daily Tribune

While there is little to no disagreement on whether a school should shut down because of declining enrollment, concerns were voiced in Whittell High School's library about which site should close: Zephyr Cove Elementary or Kingsbury Middle School.

The decision is scheduled for June. On March 14 the Douglas County School District Board of Trustees will vote on the grade configuration of the two remaining Lake Tahoe schools. Administrators such as Superintendent John Soderman are leaning toward kindergarten to sixth grade at one site and seventh to 12th grade at Whittell.

The three schools at the lake have a combined enrollment of 626 students this year compared to 942 in the 1997-98 school year.

Total lake enrollment in Douglas County is projected to drop to 464 students by the 2013-14 school year.

At Thursday night's meeting with about 20 parents and community members in the high school's library, Assistant Superintendent for Business Services Rick Kester said it would be "financially irresponsible" if consolidation doesn't happen.

But the biggest topic was

whether Zephyr Cove Elementary, down the street from Whittell along Warrior Way, or Kingsbury Middle School, set back from Highway 50 on Echo Drive, should survive.

In the middle school's favor for remaining open include a better multi-purpose room and location away from the highway. Reasons for closure include a bad roof and the potential for trading county owned property near Whittell.

The district can either sell the closed property and use the money gained for building improvements or lease the site to a private enterprise. Soderman, who believes closing Kingsbury makes the best sense, prefers an option that would lease or sell the closed property to the county for purposes such as a library or senior center.

That option could give the district something in return, such as buildable land near Whittell, which is close to the threshold for development per environmental regulations.

The closure of either site would save the district about \$800,000 in overhead costs. Each one would be able to hold kindergarten to sixth-grade students.

The district has \$600,000 to improve the site that survives. Two additions are expected to be made at Whittell this summer: a new bus facility and an indoor sports practice facility.

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P225/75R-14	47.09	185/70HR-13BW	33.01	P215/65R-15	48.13
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265-15	14.49	275/70R-15	88.29	32-13.5	76.37
285-15	15.49	275/70R-15	90.29	32-14.5	78.37
300-15	16.49	275/70R-15	92.29	32-15.5	80.37
320-15	17.49	275/70R-15	94.29	32-16.5	82.37
340-15	18.49	275/70R-15	96.29	32-17.5	84.37
360-15	19.49	275/70R-15	98.29	32-18.5	86.37
380-15	20.49	275/70R-15	100.29	32-19.5	88.37
400-15	21.49	275/70R-15	102.29	32-20.5	90.37
420-15	22.49	275/70R-15	104.29	32-21.5	92.37
440-15	23.49	275/70R-15	106.29	32-22.5	94.37
460-15	24.49	275/70R-15	108.29	32-23.5	96.37
480-15	25.49	275/70R-15	110.29	32-24.5	98.37
500-15	26.49	275/70R-15	112.29	32-25.5	100.37
520-15	27.49	275/70R-15	114.29	32-26.5	102.37
540-15	28.49	275/70R-15	116.29	32-27.5	104.37
560-15	29.49	275/70R-15	118.29	32-28.5	106.37
580-15	30.49	275/70R-15	120.29	32-29.5	108.37
600-15	31.49	275/70R-15	122.29	32-30.5	110.37
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900-15	46.49	275/70R-15	152.29	32-45.5	140.37
920-15	47.49	275/70R-15	154.29	32-46.5	142.37
940-15	48.49	275/70R-15	156.29	32-47.5	144.37
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