

THE INSIDE SCOOP



Kirman Tract trail open

Staff Reports

A ceremony was held on Friday celebrating the opening of a five-mile, multi-loop, public trail system at the Bently-Kirman Tract in Carson Valley providing the community with access to the Carson River.

"The new trail mimics the natural sinuosity of the nearby river, meandering peacefully around wetlands, willow stands and wild rose thickets, before emerging at four sandbar beaches," said Duane Petite, director of the Carson River Project for The Nature Conservancy.

The trail project, a partnership between Bently Agrowdynamics, The Nature Conservancy, the Carson Valley Trails Association, and Boy Scout Troop 495, was constructed entirely by volunteers who put in more than 100 hours building the trail.

Conservation collaboration at the Bently-Kirman Tract began in 2005 with a conservation easement on the property with funding from Nevada Division of State Lands, Nevada Department of



Bently Agrowdynamics owner Don Bently and Christopher Bently of Bently Holdings in San Francisco attend the opening of a trail system on the Bently-Kirman Tract in the auditorium at Bently Pressurized Bearings on Friday. Below, the Carson River flows through the Bently-Kirman Tract, which is located in northern Carson Valley.



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Wildlife, and a donation from the Bently family that safeguards more than 1,000 acres of flood-plain habitat from development.

"From the beginning, the vision of this project was to demonstrate that cattle ranching, habitat protection, and public access can be compatible activities," Petite said. "The opening of this trail showcases how conservation can benefit both people

and nature."

Christopher Bently, of Bently Holdings in San Francisco, said he has fond memories of Nevada and understands the importance of this trail.

"Growing up as a young boy in the Carson Valley gave me an appreciation for life in a simpler time which is becoming harder and harder to hold on to. The Nature Conservancy together

with the hard work of The Boy Scouts in Troop 495 and the Carson Valley Trails Association have honored my father and I in helping us provide usable open space while promoting synergy between land preservation and agriculture. Carson Valley will be able to enjoy local, sustainable agriculture along with usable open lands for many generations to come which has been a way of life here since the Valley was first settled."

The trail is designed to allow public access while preserving wildlife habitat and ongoing agricultural operations and provides an opportunity for hiking or trail running on a flat grade.

Use is limited to foot traffic only; dogs, horses and mechanized vehicles are not permitted.

For more information and downloadable copies of the trail map, visit www.nature.org/carson and click on the "Bently-Kirman Tract" link or visit www.carsonvalleytrails.org

YOU SAID IT!

What's your favorite book?

Asked by Shannon Litz at Gardnerville Elementary



Laura Hernandez
Sixth grade

"My favorite book, this is hard, 'The White Dove' because it showed passion."



Conor Preston
Sixth grade

"The author is Avi. There's a lot of 'Poppy' books and I love those books."



Griffin Frensdorff
Sixth grade

"'Ghosts of Onyx,' it's science fiction and has a lot of action and humor."



Maddie Parks
Seventh grade

"'A Child Called It,' it was the last book I read and usually the last book I read is my favorite."



Hannah Coverley
Seventh grade

"'Each Little Bird that Sings,' it's just sad, I like sad books."

POLITICAL NOTES

Tarkanian here on May 12

U.S. Senate candidate Danny Tarkanian is featured speaker May 12 at the Sierra Nevada Republican Women monthly luncheon/meeting at Two Guys from Italy in Gardnerville.

Social at 11:30 a.m. Luncheon/meeting at noon. Lunch is \$13 or \$15 for walk-ins. RSVP by Tuesday,

Linda Davis, 265-1566 or lindajdavis@charter.net

Wallin speaks on Monday

Nevada State Controller Kim Wallin will speak at the 2010 Douglas County Democratic Women's installation of officers 11:30 a.m. Monday at the home of Donna and John Leveck, 1607 Heron

Cove, Gardnerville.

A buffet will be served by Café Girasole at a cost of \$15 with advance reservations or \$18 after Thursday and at the door.

Information, Katherine Winans, jkw@gbis.com or 267-0539.

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