



# HOPE VALLEY TRIBUNE

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## SUPPORT GROWS FOR CONTROVERSIAL “SPEED DATING” EVENTS

RECENTLY, THE HOPE VALLEY TRIBUNE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO SIT DOWN WITH MR. RAY WYATT TO DISCUSS HIS THOUGHTS ON THE RECENTLY PROPOSED “SPEED DATING SUPPER” EVENTS TO TAKE PLACE AT ABIGAIL’S CAFE. “THERE IS A NEED IN THIS TOWN FOR MORE SOCIAL EVENTS FOR THE SINGLE FOLK. CURRENTLY, OUR OPTIONS FOR SOCIALIZING ARE LIMITED ONLY TO ICE CREAM SOCIALS AND THE OCCASIONAL TOWN DANCE. PERHAPS A CONVERSATION IN THE SALOON, IF YOU ARE LUCKY ENOUGH TO HAVE A WOMAN WALK IN,” WYATT SAID SADLY. THE “SPEED DATING SUPPER” EVENT WAS INITIALLY PROPOSED TO THE TOWN COUNCIL IN AN ANONYMOUS WRITTEN STATEMENT, THOUGH MANY IN TOWN BELIEVE MIKE HICKAM TO BE THE

- ARTICLE BY KELSEY MILLER



ORIGINAL ARCHITECT OF THE IDEA. HE MAY HAVE BEEN SUPPORTED BY CAT MONTGOMERY, WHO HASN’T BEEN SEEN SINCE THE PROPOSAL. WYATT CONTINUED, “THE SPEED DATING SUPPER WILL PROVIDE YOUNG SINGLES, LIKE ME, THE OPPORTUNITY TO FRATERNIZE WITH OTHER TOWN SINGLES, WHO ARE INTERESTED IN PURSUING RELATIONSHIPS. MANY WOMEN IN TOWN, SUCH AS NURSE CARTER, FOR EXAMPLE, WOULD BE LINED UP TO SPEND TIME WITH THE MEN OF HOPE VALLEY!” MAYOR STANTON, WHO HAS A VESTED INTEREST IN THE EVENTS, AS IT WOULD DRAW BUSINESS TO THE CAFE, CONTINUES TO REMAIN SILENT ON THE ISSUE. WHEN APPROACHED THIS WEEK, SHE DECLINED TO COMMENT. THE NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD TUESDAY AT 7:30PM IN THE SALOON. THE “SPEED DATING SUPPER” IS EXPECTED TO BE DISCUSSED AT LENGTH.



## LOGGERS COMPETE AT SAWMILL GAMES

YESTERDAY IN HOPE VALLEY, THE COMMUNITY CAME TOGETHER TO SET RECORDS BY COMPETING IN THE SAWMILL GAMES. LOG ROLLING BEING JUST ONE EVENT, WAS WON BY JESSE FLYNN. “JESSE WAS HARD TO BEAT,” SAID HICKAM, WHO WIPED OUT ABOUT 10 MINUTES INTO THE GAME. THREE LEGGED RACE AND TUG OF WAR WERE REPEATS OF THE PAST WITH THE BLUE TEAM TAKING HONORS THIS YEAR. CAKES AND COOKIES WERE AUCTIONED OFF TO BUY NEW EQUIPMENT FOR THE INFIRMARY. NED YOST WAS THE AUCTIONEER WITH MOUNTIE JACK WINNING THE HIGHEST BID OF \$5 DOLLARS FOR MISS THATCHER’S CHOCOLATE CAKE. ALL RETIRED TO THE LARGE FIELD, AFTER A DAY OF FUN, TO WATCH FIREWORKS PROVIDED BY SAWMILL OWNERS LEE AND ROSEMARY COULTER. - ARTICLE BY JOYCE SANGELO

## STRANGE SMELLS LEAD TO SKUNKY DISCOVERY

HOPE VALLEY RESIDENTS COMPLAINED TO CONSTABLE JACK THORNTON ABOUT HORRIBLE SMELLS MAKING IT IMPOSSIBLE TO GO OUTDOORS. AFTER INVESTIGATION, CONSTABLE THORNTON TRACKED THE SMELLS TO THE HOME OF HOPE VALLEY SCHOOLCHILD ROBERT. UNBEKNOWNST TO HIS PARENTS, HE OPENED A SKUNK SANCTUARY IN HIS BEDROOM. WHEN ASKED WHY THEY DID NOT NOTICE THE SMELLS, HIS PARENTS SAID THEY NOTICED A SMELL AT FIRST BUT MUST HAVE BECOME IMMUNE AFTER THE PROLONGED EXPOSURE TO EAU DE SKUNK. CONSTABLE THORNTON ASSISTED ROBERT IN RELOCATING HIS SKUNK SANCTUARY TO A MORE SCENTS-IBLE LOCATION DOWNWIND OF HOPE VALLEY.

- ARTICLE BY LESLEY SWANN



## FAST FOOD CHICKEN DINNER

AFTER NEARLY BEING RUN OVER ON THE STREET BY AN UNKNOWN DRIVER, KATIE BRAYMAN SAYS GOODBYE TO HER BELOVED PRIZE CHICKENS AFTER THEY RAN INTO KITTY CATFIELD’S YARD AND WERE ATTACKED BY CINNAMON, MRS. CATFIELD’S CAT. CURRENTLY MRS. BRAYMAN AND MRS. CATFIELD ARE HASHING OUT THE LEGALITIES. MRS. BRAYMAN IS REQUESTING EXTRA COMPENSATION FOR THE LOSS OF HER BELOVED PETS, WHILE MRS. CATFIELD IS FILING A COMPLAINT FOR THE PECKING INJURIES CINNAMON RECEIVED DURING THIS EVENT. AFTER THIS TRAGIC EVENT, A NEW TOWN ORDINANCE REGARDING LIVESTOCK IS BEING DISCUSSED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL. UNTIL A FINAL DECISION HAS BEEN MADE, CITIZENS OF HOPE VALLEY ARE BEING ENCOURAGED TO KEEP ALL LIVESTOCK PROPERLY CONTAINED TO AVOID ANY FUTURE “CAT” ASTROPHES.

- ARTICLE BY  
HOPE MOORHEAD

