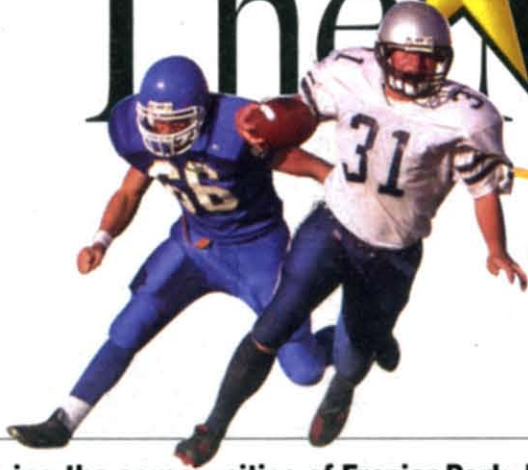


The Mountain Star



Mark Campbell, No.31, of Frazier Mountain runs toward the end zone during Friday night's junior varsity game.

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American Jousting Foundation holds first ever full-day tournament at Tait Ranch.

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Shelter on the Hill annual fundraiser 'did great'



Photo By June Woods

Barry Zoeller, Vice President, Director of Corporate Communications, received the proclamation for the Ranch.

Tejon Ranch given proclamation for grant

By June Woods
Mountain Star

Shelter on the Hill Humane Society held its annual fundraiser at Tait

Ranch in Frazier Park on Saturday. The 501c3 non-profit is working to raise funds to build and operate a local animal shelter.

The society raised about

\$3,000 in ticket sales, auction, and general donations, according to Knute Johnson, president of the society's board. "I think it did great,"

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he said concerning the outcome of the event. "I was very happy."

Shelter on the Hill presented Tejon Ranch with a proclamation in appreciation for the part they played in supporting the endeavor with a grant of \$100,000. Robert A. Stine, President and Chief Executive Officer at Tejon Ranch, was the person who made the ultimate decision to award the grant.

Barry Zoeller, Vice President, Director of Corporate Communications, received

see drawings of the proposed facility. But they have a long way to go and a lot of money to raise.

One estimate the society received to produce a building ready to go was about \$500,000. "That is to prepare the site; put in the infrastructure; hook up the power, water, gas, and get the building finished and actually ready to occupy," Johnson said.

He added that when they will be able to start the building work depends on how good they are with their fundraising. "We've got a couple of large donations; we've got a \$100,000 matching grant from Tejon Ranch a couple of years ago, which we have matched. So I think in a couple of years."

"We bought a couple of acres in Lebec and that's going to be the site of our facility when we have enough money to actually build it and start operating it," said Johnson.

Johnson noted that some infrastructure improvement needed to be started right away. "We can do that," he

said, "and I think that will actually help with our fundraising to see some progress."

"We have [fundraisers] all the time because it's an ongoing thing. Different people on the board of directors and others have sponsored events and solicited donations to raise money."

They have also applied for a couple of grants and received one from the Kern County Community Foundation. We're always trying to



Guests enjoyed a selection of quality cheeses at the event.

come up with different things to raise money.

Until the society builds its facility there is little is can do, but it still helps out. They have the spay/neuter program where pet owners needing to have their cat or dog altered may stop by the thrift store, 3538 Mt. Pinos Way, and pick up a voucher.

Contributors to the event included Black Magic Alpaca Ranch, Brucher Winery, Centennial Founders LLC, Tatjana Cosko, Daisy Cuddy, Mary Farwell, Frazier Park Market, Giggle Sisters, Chuck Herbert, Candace Huskey-Brown, Los Pinos Restaurant, Dianne Marshall, Mermaid Bay, Mountaineer Veterinary Hospital, Mountain Enterprise, Second Amendment Sports, Sue Smashey, Connie Steidl, Don and Brian Tait, Tejon Ranch, The Alpaca Store.



Chuck Herbert auctioned about \$1,200 worth of goods for Shelter on the Hill.

the proclamation for the Ranch.

Founded in 1993, Shelter on the Hill, was incorporated in 1999. "It started out as the idea of a local veterinarian, [Diane Cosko,] because she was treating a lot of abandoned animals," Johnson said. "It just sort of grew from there."

The group is in the process of designing the building, and guests at the weekend event were able to



The Tejon Ranch label was one of the those served at Shelter on the Hill's fundraiser.