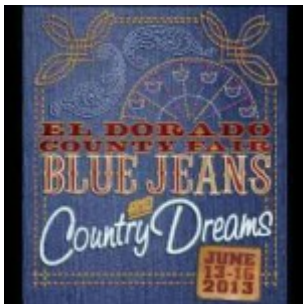


South Tahoe man's fair knowledge wins him tickets

Keith Cooney of South Lake Tahoe and a friend are going to the El Dorado County Fair next month compliments of *Lake Tahoe News* and the fair board.

He correctly answered the question about when the fair began.



Here is a little more history about the fair from the organization's website:

The first recorded Fair in El Dorado County was held in 1859 in Coloma. Until 1939, the Fair was held at various locations including Coloma, Diamond Springs, and downtown Placerville.

The Fairs of 1859, 1860, and 1864 were held in Coloma. Two other towns where the Fair was held in the early years were Placerville and Diamond Springs. The downtown areas of these small towns were transformed into the fairgrounds each time the County Fair was held.

With no permanent facilities to call its own until 1939, the County Fair annually used whatever facilities it could glean to hold the event. In those early days, the entire town where the Fair was held became the Fairgrounds. When in Placerville, some venues included the Confidence Hall, Sigwart's Opera House, the Central House Hotel and Ballroom, and the Stockyards.

The first County Fair at the current site on Placerville Dr.

(old Hwy 50) was held in 1939 conducted by the American Legion under a contract with El Dorado County. The American Legion conducted the County Fairs until 1952 when the current Fair Association was formed. World War II caused the Fair to become dormant from 1942 until 1947 when the American Legion reactivated the event.

Lake Tahoe News has three more pairs of tickets to give-away for the June 13-16 fair in Placerville.

Winner must agree to have their full name published. Winners must be part of LTN's NEWS Team or a paid subscriber. Here is a paid subscriber form for those who need one.