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Rescue could have just as easily been named Skinner after contributions of early settler

BY MARK BILLINGSLEY

No one knows for sure why the town was named Rescue.

The leading story suggests that a gold miner named Andrew Hare struck it rich one day and was “rescued” from poverty. Rescue, then known as Green Valley, was once a Pony Express stop between Placerville and Folsom and a United States Post Office outpost opened in 1895, inside of a store that was built a year earlier on land donated to the town by James Skinner.

Skinner Vineyards & Winery goes back six generations and was brought back to prominence in 2007 when Mike and Carey Skinner restarted the vineyard and winery business. In 2014, the Skinners purchased the area known as Skinners to save it from development. The couple planted what they refer to as Legacy Grapes – James Skinner’s original varieties that include Mission, Zinfandel, Trousseau, Grenache, Carignane and the family’s clone of Petit Bouschet. Skinner Vineyards & Winery is an integral part of Rescue, past, present and future.

“From what we’ve learned about James Skinner, he was a very forward-thinking guy,” said Mike Skinner on his website, “We really believe he’d like what we’ve done with the heritage he left us.”

James Skinner was born in Scotland and trained as an engineer before immigrating to the United States in 1842. Skinner came out west during the California Gold Rush and found enough success that he was able to purchase enough land to start the J. Skinner Green Valley Ranch.

The Pony Express Trail ran along his ranch and part of the Trail is now known as Green Valley Road. In 1861, Skinner

FAST FACTS

Where: 30 miles northeast of Sacramento

Size: 22 square miles

Population: approximately 6,000

County: El Dorado

Established: 1895

Government: County Board of Supervisors

planted vineyards and founded the J. Skinner Native Wine and Brandy Co. That company was one of the earliest commercial wineries in California and, by 1883, had become one of the largest in the state.

J. Skinner Winery operated into the early 20th century. Skinner was a generous sort, and donated land for public use – including sites for the current Rescue fire station and U.S. Post Office.

Around the time of the town’s official start in 1895, botanists discovered that Rescue’s Pine Hill is home to some of California’s rarest plants. But it wasn’t until 1977 when the Pine Hill Ecological Preserve was established. The 403-acre preserve in the heart of Rescue features eight plants, four of which are not seen anywhere else in California, such as Stebbin’s morning glory, Layne’s butterweed, Pine Hill flannel brush and El Dorado bedstraw.

Five of the eight species are listed as threatened and are protected both by state and federal endangered special acts. The Western Slope of El Dorado County contains approximately 10 percent of California’s native plants. That botanical diversity makes the area, and Pine Hill specifically, nationally significant.

Rescue remains semi-rural while still close to amenities such as shopping and Rescue residents



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Skinner Vineyards traces its roots to 1861, making it one of California’s earliest family vineyard operations. Today, vineyards spread across the rolling hills of Rescue, where nearby homes overlook the landscape, and the Skinner family continues its winemaking tradition near the original vineyard site.



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The building that houses the U.S. Post Office has stood since 1896. Rescue was officially established in 1895 with the opening of the post office, and many structures from that time period are still in the area. James Skinner donated the land to the community for the post office and the fire department.

are 10-minutes from shopping and restaurants at the El Dorado Hills Town Center, and less than that to Highway 50 to reach business hubs in El Dorado Hills, Folsom, Rancho Cordova and Sacramento.

Bass Lake Regional Park is a gem for recreational enthusiasts. The man-made lake is a leftover from the Gold Rush when the reservoir was used for

mining operations and is on the cusp of beginning an ambitious redesign.

The nearly 210-acre project owned and developed by the El Dorado Hills Community Services District includes 142 acres purchased from Rescue Union School District, almost 15 acres from the El Dorado Irrigation District, 42 acres from El Dorado County and approximately



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New homes are taking shape at Oakhaven, a custom-style community designed around larger lots and foothill views in Rescue. The development offers two primary floor plans with four bedrooms, three-and-a-half bathrooms, and three-car garages, with pricing beginning at \$1.5 million.

13 acres of parkland given by Parker Development Co., which owns and developed nearby Serrano.

The Bass Lake Regional Park plans include one synthetic grass and two natural-grass fields, a 2,500-square-foot museum and outdoor education center, an 8,500-square-foot event center, nature trails, playgrounds, bocce ball courts, sand volleyball

courts, a small and large dog park and ample parking for the many tournaments expected to be played at the Park. There is no timeline for construction of the major redesign, EDHCS sources said.

While no motorized watercraft will be allowed on the lake, there will be a dock and boat ramp for

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AT HOME

Summer trends: Earthy tones and textures

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When you think of summer decor, your mind might wonder to bright pops of hot pink and shining yellow. I love pops of colorful florals and fresh hues in my home. However, this year I am all about bringing earthy tones and airy neutrals to the forefront of my spaces.

Following a challenging year that kept us cooped up, bringing calming, earthy shades into our homes can give a sense of much-needed comfort. The beautiful tones of Mother Nature are a sure way to create a homey atmosphere.

Earth tones are colors that are commonly observed in nature. They include tints and shades of browns, greens, reds, yellows, oranges, grays,

whites and shades of black. Some of my favorites this year are rich clay, yellow ochre and deep forest greens mixed with crisp and airy shades of white.

Earthy textures help bring the outdoors into your home. Incorporating natural textures like stone, wood, leather, clay and wicker can add beautiful depth and interest to your spaces.

Mixing and matching



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Cozy Living Room with Bamboo Furniture and Green Plants. 3d Render

hard and soft elements is a surefire way to achieve the lovely look of the great outdoors indoors. Play up your textiles and patterns to achieve the perfect balance without bringing in too much clutter.

There are many ways to bring touches of the earth into your decor. Whether you want to take a more permanent plunge with painted walls and upholstered goods or a more delicate approach, there

are plenty of opportunities to express your love of nature inside. We’ve been introducing touches of earth tones with clay pottery, wicker and faux bois furnishings — not to mention real wood furniture — and I can’t get enough. I especially love the little details that bring it all together like antler-inspired cabinet handles and delightful faux foliage.

There are so many fun trends that have come to life in summer. I can’t wait to see where the rest of this year takes us! Adapted from nellhills.com. Katie Laughridge is the owner of Kansas City interior design destination Nell Hill’s. For more information, contact Katie at info@nellhills.com.



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This 5,815-square-foot home in Rescue has seven bedrooms and six-and-a-half bathrooms and provides flexible living arrangements with an attached ADU and a separate pool house. Set on a landscaped property with a pool and multiple outdoor gathering areas, the home also benefits from not having HOA requirements. It's listed at \$1.79 million.



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Rescue's network of rural roads attracts cyclists looking for long rides through rolling foothill landscapes and open countryside. With light traffic on many routes and views of oak woodlands, vineyards, and ranch properties, the area is a popular destination for recreational and endurance riders.



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Priced at \$585,000, this three-bedroom, two-bathroom home has 1,550 square feet of living space and features a recently replaced HVAC system.

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kayaks or paddle boards. Fishing is popular on the lake, but it's catch and release.

Elementary students attend either Green Valley or Rescue elementary school, while middle schoolers attend Pleasant Grove Middle School. High

School students attend Ponderosa High School, while some students on the far western side of Rescue may be in Oak Ridge High School's attendance zone. Both schools are in the El Dorado Union High School District.

New homes are available in Rescue. Oakhaven is a gated community with lot sizes between 1.38 and 2.22 acres. Homes at Oakhaven range between 3,442 and 4,208 square feet. They're all one-story plans and have interior amenities from Restoration Hardware. Pricing starts at \$1.5 million.

There are still 12 lots available for sale plus the

two model homes.

"We are so proud of Oakhaven, our multi award-winning gated community," Blue Mountain Communities CEO Stephanie MacLean said. "The opportunity for Blue Mountain to offer our homeowners these amazing sanctuaries has been fantastic."

Lennar's Silver Springs community offers a mix of single-story and two-story

floor plans ranging from as many as 3,838 square feet, five bedrooms and three-and-a-half bathrooms. Prices start at \$992,990.

Rescue's lowest list price for a single-family resale home is \$585,000 for a three-bedroom, two-bathroom home in 1,550 square feet.

The highest list price is \$1.79 million for a seven-bedroom, six-and-a-half

bathroom home built in 2005. The home features a fully attached, private in-law quarters and a separate, detached pool house/casita that's perfect for stays from extended family, long-term guests, or it can easily be made into a private studio.

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Set on 6.55 acres, this three-bedroom, two-bathroom home offers 2,337 square feet of living space with panoramic views of the surrounding foothills. A private yard provides space for outdoor living, entertaining, and relaxation while taking in the rural setting. It's listed at \$1.2 million.



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Tucked away into a court, this 2,744-square-foot home in Rescue offers three bedrooms, two-and-a-half bathrooms, 11-foot ceilings, and scenic views. Features include a Tesla Powerwall and a covered rear patio designed for year-round outdoor enjoyment. The home is listed at \$1.3 million.



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Listed at \$1.25 million, this 2,744-square-foot home offers three bedrooms and two-and-a-half bathrooms with a layout designed for indoor-outdoor living. The backyard features a pool, a gathering area surrounding a fire pit, and a covered patio that extends the living space for entertaining throughout the year.



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This 1,742-square-foot home in Rescue has three bedrooms and two bathrooms, with space for RV parking, recreational vehicles, or other outdoor toys. The property also includes a large garden area and is located just minutes from Folsom Lake, providing convenient access to boating, hiking, and outdoor recreation. It's listed at \$625,000.



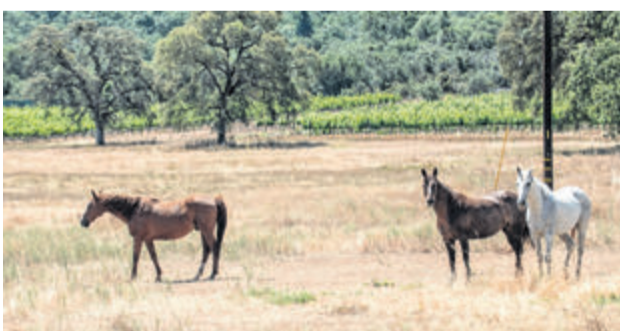
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This 2,414-square-foot home offers three bedrooms and two bathrooms, along with a concrete RV parking area and an open driveway that provides ample space for vehicles and recreational equipment. A patio and front porch extend the living space outdoors, creating additional room for relaxing or entertaining. The home is listed for \$625,000.



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Oakhaven by Blue Mountain Communities is bringing 29 luxury single-story homes to Rescue, with homesites ranging from one to two acres. Floor plans include the 3,442-square-foot El Dorado starting at \$1.5 million and the 4,208-square-foot Reserve plan starting at \$1.65 million. Oakhaven is part of the first new-home construction community in Rescue in decades.



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Horses, vineyards, and open acreage are common sights throughout Rescue, reflecting the area's rural character. Many homes sit on expansive parcels, offering room for livestock, gardens, and outdoor activities.



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Large-lot properties and rural roads remain a defining feature of Rescue, where residents often have space for small farms, livestock, and agricultural pursuits. The community's foothill setting blends country living with convenient access to nearby services and recreation.



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Pleasant Grove Middle School is an Advancement Via Individual Determination school, with a focus on academic rigor, creating an inclusive environment through connection and collaboration to prepare students for future success.