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Letter: Bronze plaques stolen from Alta grove

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I have recently learned of a particularly senseless and discouraging event that took place at Memorial Grove in the Town of Alta. The Town holds a special use permit for the grove from the U. S. Forest Service to memorialize the original founders of Alta and those involved in donating land to the National Forest. Over the years, Friends of Alta, Alta's land trust, has aided in the stewardship of this area by planting trees, some of which have been memorials to people to whom Alta was special. The area also serves the community as a designated place for reflection and remembering loved ones.

Memorial Grove had two monuments. One commemorated Jody and Duane Shrontz. Jody was a longtime resident who served on the Alta Town Council and the Board of Friends of Alta for many years. The other is a bench honoring Bill Levitt, co-founder with his wife Mimi, of Friends of Alta. Bill was the longtime mayor of Alta. Both the monument and the bench had beautiful bronze plaques which have now been stolen. What is the point?

The Alta town marshal is investigating this theft. Please call 801-363-5105 if you can help. The Board of Friends of Alta is offering a \$500 reward for information leading to prosecution. Please help us find those involved in this senseless crime.

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