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Happy Easter and Arbor Day! The Easter Buffet at The Grill is an annual event here at PML that is grand to say the least. The food, service and atmosphere have been compared to many 5-star establishments, and I am sure that this year's buffet will continue to impress our members, guests and their families. Be sure to make a reservation as seating is at a premium and fills up fast.

April flags the start of the annual Board election season and I understand that there is already one candidate for the one position. In past elections there have been times when civility took a back seat to personal agendas. Fortunately, this has not been the case in recent election campaigns. I encourage all candidates to continue this trend and focus on debating the issues in a civil manner and not attack individuals, volunteers or staff.

Our association is weathering the economic storms and moving forward in a positive direction. Let's keep it positive, constructive and think about how we can make PML an even better place to live and work.

President's Message

BY LARRY HUNT • BOARD PRESIDENT

Unfortunately the February Board meeting was canceled due to severe weather conditions. We did not want our members out driving with so much snow on the roads, in dangerous conditions. As a result, the March Board meeting had a very full agenda and I am happy to report that even though we got hit with another storm, we were able to hold the meeting and accomplished the business of the Association in a timely manner.

I would like to thank the members that attended the meeting who voiced their opinions on important issues like the proposed re-opening of the Gun Range. The decision to open the range will be made at the April 16, 2011 Board meeting. The monthly Board meeting will be held at the Lake Lodge and start at 9 a.m.

The Board also approved contracting with a vendor to provide pony rides and a petting zoo at the Stables

during the Summer. We are always looking for fun, family-oriented activities for our members and this deal should prove to be a win-win situation for everyone.

Recently a member asked me about the status of high-speed Internet service in PML. As most of you know, only about half of our members can get a fast connection like DSL. Some have had to resort to satellite or in some cases minimal wireless or dial-up.

PML has worked very hard over the years to try and accomplish this goal, but has been unable to get it done. The major obstacle appears to be available service through our local telephone company. If the Association wanted to put in its own service, it could cost millions of dollars. Even so, we continue to work on the problem and hope to find a solution soon.

Until next month, see you on the Golf Course or at the Grill!

DID YOU KNOW?

Pine Mountain Lake has just installed the new Automated Licensing System supplied by the Department of Fish and Game. This means you can now purchase your Deer, Bear, Pig, or Waterfowl tags as well as fishing licenses and all supplemental stamps! Our new system allows us to print your license and tags right on the spot. No more applications or mailings needed.

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On the Cover

Oak trees in the fog.

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Christina Wilkinson



General Manager's Message

BY JOE POWELL, CCAM, GENERAL MANAGER

Electric Golf Cart Building Project

At the date that this article was written, the Electric Golf Cart building project was nearing completion. All that remained was to finish restructuring the driving range, installing equipment in the Snack Bar and the electrical connection by PG&E. We anticipate completion in time for the scheduled delivery of the new electric golf carts on April 15th.

Driving Range Net Approved for Limited Upgrade

At the March Board meeting, the directors approved the restructuring of the Driving Range safety netting so that golfing members would not be limited to irons only. Part of the old netting will be recycled to provide a barrier between the 10th Tee, Cart Building and Driving Range. The purpose of the new netting is to increase height on the end of the left side and the rear of the range to make it safer for members and guests playing on the 10th and 11th holes.

Lake Dredging Project Extension

The deadline for the Lake dredging Project was March 31st. PML filed for an extension until April 15th to finish up the remainder of the project. Weather and other variables put our contractors behind schedule slightly, but we anticipate completion this month.

After the project is completed, we plan to work with our consultants on more comprehensive erosion control measures that may include sediment capture ponds, tanks, weirs or other devices. With any large project, we have an after-project review with our consultants and contractors to ensure that all areas were completed in accordance with the contract.

Some lakeside owners that were interested in optional dredging did not get their areas dredged due to the constraints of the original plan in accordance with the Department of Fish and Game agreement. We believe it is our right to maintain our lake on

an on-going basis and will continue to pursue this vigorously with the governmental agencies. Our plan is to meet and work with the agencies to find a way going forward that is less restrictive and costly.

All members can find updates on the PML website. Any questions regarding the Dredging Project should be forwarded to my Assistant Debra Durai at (209) 962-8627.

Reported Burglaries since January

There have been four burglaries reported to PML since January of this year. One was a former tenant in dispute with the owner. There is something to be said for reference, background and credit checks of rental applicants.

At the March Board meeting, I provided handouts of information on ways to protect your home. These handouts were compiled by our Director of Safety, John Edner, and they are available at the PML Administration Office. Members who are interested in protecting their property are welcome to stop by and pick up a copy. If you are a member with a vacation or weekend home, we recommend that you have an alarm installed to protect your property. None of the homes that were burglarized had an alarm system installed.

Neighbors are an important source of protection if you plan ahead. I review our Department of Safety blotters daily and noticed at least six instances in the last two months that members have called in when they noticed suspicious activity at a neighbor's home. Getting to know your neighbors and communicating really does help.

Traffic Sign Upgrade

Some of our members noticed that the amenity traffic directional sign on Ferretti Road, across from GCSD, was missing last month. It is good to see that our members are keeping an eye on things and called it in! The sign was upgraded for easier visibility and includes new information.

Thank You!

On a personal note, I would like to thank all of the members that support our amenities and provide positive input. Your positive comments go a long way and I always pass them on to those employees that deserve the credit. Thanks again!

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The PML News is mailed to approximately 3500 PML property owner households each month. Up to 500 copies are rack-sold in the local Groveland area. Our circulation reaches approximately 1200 full-time, resident, PML property owners and approximately 2300 "weekender," non-resident, property owners who maintain primary residence in Northern California, in Southern California, or in other states. For more information regarding the PML News, please call the PML Administration Office at (209) 962-8600.

Editor's Note

We greatly appreciate your contributions but please note that the PML News fills up very quickly – often by the 7th or 8th of the month (long before the 10th deadline). To ensure that your submission is reviewed for publication please submit in full and as early as possible. Please remember that the PML News is limited in capacity and your submissions are reviewed on a first-come-first-served, space-available basis.

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The PML News is the Official Newspaper of Pine Mountain Lake Property Owners

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UPCOMING SCHEDULE OF BOARD MEETINGS
Meetings are held at the PML Lake Lodge and start at 9 AM. (Unless otherwise noted)

- April 16**
- May 21**
- June 18**
- July 16**

- August 20 - Annual Meeting/Election**
- September 10 - 2nd Saturday**
- October 15 - Budget Meeting**
- November 12 - 2nd Saturday**
- No December Meeting**

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- Dunn Court Beach
- Lake Lodge
- Main Gate (restrooms)
- Marina
- PML Airport
- Stables
- Tennis Courts (Pine Mountain Drive)

Press *81 on any Pay Phone to contact Main Gate.

ADMIN OFFICE HOLIDAYS 2011

MON. 5/30	MEMORIAL DAY (National Observance Day)
MON. 7/4	INDEPENDENCE DAY
MON. 9/5	LABOR DAY
FRI. 11/11	VETERANS DAY
THUR. 11/24	THANKSGIVING
FRI. 11/25	Day After THANKSGIVING
FRI. 12/23	CHRISTMAS EVE (In Lieu Of)
MON. 12/26	CHRISTMAS DAY (In Lieu Of)
FRI. 12/30	NEW YEARS EVE
MON. 1/2/2012	(In Lieu Of) NEW YEARS DAY

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as of February 2011

Courtesy Notices	7
Notice of Non-Compliance	3
Final Notice	0
Fines Assessed	0
Violations Pending:	27

SAFETY REPORT

February –	YTD
Vehicles Refused	80 160
Phone Calls Received	3991 7385
Residential Alarm	10 15
Amenity Alarm	2 8
Animal Related	28 45
Animal - Loose	21 38
- Impounded	5 9
- Dead/Injured	13 34
- Disturbance	4 12
Dispatch Assist	124 180
Patrol Assist	204 390
Complaint-Non PML Resident	3 4
Public Assist Misc.	24 36
Welfare Check	9 12
Transport	10 11
Traffic Control	2 3
Water Leak	6 8
Jump Start	2 4
Escorting Vehicle	2 5
Report Writing	5 14
Gate - Related	45 71
- Malfunction	10 23
Confiscated Gate Access Card	1 1
Mess/Pkg P/U or Delivery	12 23
Posting Flyers	81 141
ECC Inspection	2 2
Miscellaneous	99 160
Scanner Traffic	9 20
Emergency Vehicle entering PML	17 28
Lost and Found	8 12
Fire Safety - Patrol Assist	0 2
Fire Safety Violation	1 1
Control Burn Reported	84 148
Permissive Burn Day	19 30
Non Permissive Burn Day	9 29
Fire Safety - Hazard	1 1
Fire Safety - Smoke Complaint	2 8
Fire Safety - Monitoring Control Burn	1 3
Fire Safety - Non-compliance	2 3
Hazard	40 53
Hazard - Tree Down	31 31
Suspicious Circumstance	40 61
Suspicious Person	2 5
Suspicious Vehicle	3 8
Campground Envelopes Collected	1 4
Campground Dumpstation	2 3
Residential Disturbance	6 13
Residential Burglary	1 5
Malicious Mischief	1 2
Law Violations - All Other	2 5
Malicious Mischief - Vandalism	2 2
Property Damage - PML	3 8
PML Reg Violations Resident	2 4
PML Reg Violations Guest	1 2
- Citation Issued	2 2
- Accident PML	4 5
Patrolling Unit	533 1178
Amenity Security Check	1841 4098
Resident Security Check	342 643
Opening/Closing Bldg's	189 432
Opening/Closing Gates	293 651
Posting Tennis	43 103
Monitoring Tennis Courts	1 4
Personal Injury PML Property	1 3
Weapon Violation	2 6
Amenity P/U & Del to Bank	61 113
Patrol Vehicle - Maintenance	6 17
Patrol Vehicle - Safety Check	118 250
Vehicles Admitted	7459 14646
Realtors Passes Issued	38 107
Guest Passes Issued	833 1663
Vendor Passes Issued	117 228
Courtesy Notice Issued	2 5
Tennis Fees Collected	\$41.00 \$64.00
All Other Fees Collected	\$2,630.38 \$5,679.47

CALLING ALL CANDIDATES!

2011 PMLA Board of Directors Election

Calling All CANDIDATES!

Pine Mountain Lake Association is seeking candidates for a position on its Board of Directors. With this election, the Association seeks to fill one open seat for a three-year term. This is a voluntary position.

Board application information is

available at the PMLA Administration Office. Applications and nominations must be received no later than **4:30 PM, Friday, May 20, 2011.**

Serving on the Board requires a commitment to attend monthly Board Meetings, Executive Sessions and other interim meetings, as required, and to review materials diligently prior to taking Board action.

According to CAI (Community Associations Institute), characteristics of

Independence Day Celebration at the Marina

Operational Ideas and Discussion

BY JOE POWELL, GENERAL MANAGER

Last year we received several suggestions from property owners regarding the Independence Day Celebration at the Marina. Over the years, the fireworks event on the lake has become a very popular event for our members and guests.

Unfortunately, with popularity comes larger crowds and with larger crowds comes operational issues. Safety and control are our major concerns and we work very hard to put on a safe, fun event. Unfortunately, there are some that get too intoxicated, start fights, use illegal drugs, use profanity in front of others and cause problems for everyone else.

We do not want to find ourselves in a situation where someone is seriously injured and we are forced to cancel this event in the future. To ensure this does not happen, PML is taking action to minimize the issues of safety and crowd control.

Last year we budgeted to hire an outside event security firm to supplement and support our Marina and Department of Safety staff. We are in contact with multiple security firms and will select one to handle our event. The next step is to discuss some other safety control measures and come up with ways to mitigate issues.

Below is a list of **proposed ideas** that were discussed at the March monthly Board meeting. Most of these ideas came from PML members that have been negatively impacted in the past by problems at this event. PML is considering implementation of these new policies and the Board of Directors has directed staff to solicit input from the membership.

1. Limit the number of event wristbands to something less than last year. Each property owner would be limited to how many they could purchase. We need to control the maximum number of people attending this event if possible. The size of the crowd is getting too

large and the event becomes less fun and safe for most of those attending.

2. Have 2 types of wristbands, 1 for the beach area, and 1 for boat dock users only. We continue to receive complaints from members that pay to dock their boats at the Marina. They are currently charged the same fee for wristbands as those that utilize the Marina beach area.

3. Reduce the price of wristbands for boat dock users that only want access to their boat on the lake. Increase price for beach wristbands to \$8 or more. The idea is to charge a reasonable fee for the use of the Marina beach and lawn area and charge a lower fee for those that only want access out on the lake. These fees go to offset the cost of the event.

4. Outlaw all outside alcohol on the beach and stop selling same at 7 pm. The number of alcohol-related incidents has been rising each year. It is also difficult to control underage drinking.

5. No couches, recliners or furniture that is not normally considered temporary beach seating will be allowed to be brought into the Marina.

6. No one gets into the Marina before 6 am. Have security coverage all night to stop folks from sneaking in to mark their spot. There have been too many people that take up all of the prime spots the night before the event. This rule would eliminate the issue.

The Board of Directors encourages interested members to attend the Board meeting and voice their opinion. Members that cannot attend the meeting are welcome to put their opinion in writing by submitting a letter or email to the Board.

The mailing and email information is provided below:

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good Board members include being fair and impartial, detail-oriented, dependable, flexible, people-oriented, a team player, punctual and able to weigh the overall good for the majority of owners against the rights, freedom and the good of the individual.

If you are interested in becoming an active participant who makes decisions for the Pine Mountain Lake Association membership and you are willing to devote your time for this purpose, we encourage you to submit an application and nomination materials for candidacy to the Pine Mountain Lake Association Administration Office by **4:30 PM, Friday, May 20, 2011.**

PML News Advertising

The Association offers each candidate one-half page (info and text to be supplied by the candidate) in the June, July and August issues of the *PML News* in addition to a 450-word resume. Candidates may utilize the advertisement in any manner they choose, i.e., written statements, charts, pictures, letters of endorsement, etc. in accordance with the *PML News* policy.

The cost of the space in the *PML News* is \$200 per qualified candidate to be paid at the time the Petition of Candidacy is filed. **Ads must be submitted to the *PML News* by the 10th of the month for publication the following month (May 10 deadline for June edition, June 10 deadline for July edition; July 10 deadline for August edition).** For ad/article submission please follow the *PML News* SUBMISSION GUIDELINES.

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Proposed PML Shooting Range & Policy

BY JOE POWELL, GENERAL MANAGER

As I mentioned in previous issues of the PML News, years ago, PMLA operated a shooting range in Unit 16, up behind the Campgrounds. Over time, the range fell out of use. In the last few years, members have expressed an interest in re-opening the range. Last year, a PML Shooting Club was formed and a proposal was made to the PML Board to re-open the range. Prior to consideration, several key issues had to be resolved. Management was assigned the task of researching and providing information to address, noise, safety, cost, insurance and planning. This information was gathered and a noise test was conducted to determine the nuisance effect on members.

The next step in the process was to provide multiple opportunities for PML members to voice their opinion on the matter. At the January 15th Board meeting, the subject was placed on the agenda for discussion and a draft shooting range policies and procedures resolution was presented for review. The subject and draft were also placed on the agenda for the February 19, 2011 Board meeting. Unfortunately, the Board meeting was postponed due to the impact of the snow storms. The subject and draft was placed on the agenda and discussed at the March 19, 2011 Board meeting. A couple of changes were made to the minimum age require-

ments and requirements for access to the range.

The following, draft Board resolution is being published for member review and comment. The purpose of the rules if adopted, are to establish policies and procedures in the operation of the Shooting Range. The effect of the establishment of policies and procedures is to ensure that the Range is operated in a safe and effective manner.

The decision to re-open the PML Shooting Range will be made at the April 16, 2011 Board meeting. The meeting will be held at the PML Lake Lodge starting at 9 a.m. The draft resolution will also be discussed and considered for approval at that time.

The Board of Directors encourages interested members to attend the Board meeting and voice their opinion. Members that cannot attend the meeting are welcome to put their opinion in writing by submitting a letter or email to the Board.

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Resolution # xx.xx DRAFT March 19, 2011 PMLA Shooting Range Policies and Procedures

WHEREAS, Article III, Section 6 of the CC&R's gives the Board of Directors the powers and duties necessary to conduct the affairs of the Association and to make such rules and policies as the Directors deem in the best interest of the Association; and
WHEREAS, for the safety, welfare and consideration of all residents, the Board wishes to establish Shooting Range policies and procedures so that the PMLA Shooting Range is used and managed in a legal, safe, and effective manner;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the attached policies and procedures referred to as "Exhibit A" are adopted by the Board of Directors effective and that notice of their adoption shall be given to the membership within 15 days of today's date.

Respectfully submitted, Ian Marcott, Secretary

EXHIBIT "A"

PMLA Shooting Range Policies and Procedures
DRAFT 3.19.11

PMLA Shooting Range

The PMLA Shooting Range is a pistol and small-bore rifle, practice range located in Unit 16 above the PMLA Campgrounds. The use of the Shooting Range is governed by the PMLA CC&R's and all subsequent rules and policies as adopted by the PMLA Board of Directors. The use of the PMLA Shooting Range is limited to PMLA members and guests in accordance with Association Policies and Procedures.

Operational Authority

The Association General Manager is authorized to manage, operate and delegate the daily operational tasks of the PMLA Shooting Range in accordance with Association policy and all applicable State and Federal laws.

Certified Range Masters made up of PMLA members in good standing and/or PMLA personnel may be designated by the General Manager as authorized to operate the Shooting Range in a responsible, safe manner.

Range Masters

The Association may solicit volunteer assistance from the PMLA Shooting Club to provide members that have Range Master certification as defined by the NRA or other sanctioned training agencies. A certified Range Master will be present at all times that the Shooting Range is in operation.

The Range Master will be responsible for the safe and compatible operation of the range as well as complying with all PMLA Shooting Range rules, policies and procedures. The onsite Range Master will have the right to expel any user that, in his/her opinion, is not acting responsibly or safely. The minimum age requirement to serve as a PMLA Shooting Range Master is 21 years of age.

Range Masters will have the final say on the weapons that can be used on the range. Their concern will be based on insuring all weapons are in a safe operating condition and that the report of the weapon is not inconsistent with the compatible use of the range.

Rule Violations

Should the General Manager or designated PMLA management be made aware of any violation of the established Shooting Range rules, policies and procedures, they may close the range and convene a meeting with the Shooting Club officers and/or onsite Range Master as applicable to review the rules violations. The Shooting Range will remain closed until the General Manager or designated PMLA management is satisfied that the approved rules are being applied properly. Multiple rules violations could result in the Shooting Range being closed for an extended period of time.

Range Schedule

The Shooting Range is scheduled to be open on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, weather permit-

ting, from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm as long as a PMLA approved Range Master is present. The range may be opened on other days for special events as authorized by the General Manager. The range schedule may be changed without notice.

Range Access

The gate to the Shooting Range can only be accessed by authorized PMLA staff upon the presence of an approved Range Master consistent with the range operating schedule. All users of the range shall register with PMLA before their first time use to insure they are PMLA property owners in good standing. Registration forms are available at the PMLA Administration Office or Main Gate, Department of Safety.

The range will be available to any PMLA resident in good standing in accordance with the current fee schedule. All shooting Range users must show documentation of completion of a certified hunter safety course, authorized NRA-sponsored gun safety course, or other authorized gun safety course as determined by the PML General Manager.

Those members using the range will be responsible for providing their own ammunition, paper targets and cleaning up after themselves when they are done. PMLA members that wish to use the range should call the Administration Office or Main Gate Department of Safety to determine if the range is open prior to driving to the range. Access to the range will be controlled by a locked gate. The road to the range may be closed

due to weather and road conditions.

Range Use Fee

A fee to use the PMLA Shooting Range will be charged in accordance with the current fee schedule, as authorized by the PMLA Board of Directors.

Age Minimum

The minimum age to use the Shooting Range is 12 years, with a parent or legal guardian present at all times. Shooting Range user's ages 12 years to 17 years old must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian at all times. The parent or guardian is responsible for the actions of the child or young adult while at the Shooting Range.

Authorized Weapons

PMLA strictly controls the types and calibers of weapons that may be fired at the Shooting Range. The following types and calibers of weapons are authorized to be used at the range:

Handguns; .22, 38, 357, 9mm, 40, 45acp. No magnum loads.
Rifle: .17, .22 only.

No other types or calibers of weapons will be allowed without the express approval of the General Manager or PMLA Board of Directors.

Alcohol Consumption

Alcohol is not allowed at the PMLA Shooting Range. No persons under the influence of alcohol or drugs may use the range.

Pine Mountain Lake Fire Abatement Team Update

BY KEN CODEGLIA, PML LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

PML Burn Permit Process Well Under Way

I'm sure you remember, last year we put in place an Outdoor Burning Permit process. In order to burn outdoor vegetation, you have to get a burn permit, watch a video, and burn with minimal smoke produced. 885 permits have been issued to date and we've showed the video to and trained 47 vendors who do brush clearing.

The program is an educational program. We educate those intending to burn outdoors, and when we get a complaint about too much smoke in the neighborhood, our Safety Department goes out to investigate. Our goal is to educate the member.

I thought you'd like to hear how the program is going.

For the months October 2010 through January 2011, here are the statistics:

October: Number of burn piles: 14
- Number of smoke complaints: 0

November: Number of burn piles: 73
- Number of smoke complaints: 2
December: Number of burn piles: 74
- Number of smoke complaints: 4
January: Number of burn piles: 61
- Number of smoke complaints: 4
Total burn piles: 222 - Total complaints: 10

Each member who called the main gate had their permit numbers in hand, clearly having prepared for the process. When Safety visited the offending site, they found a cooperative member who extinguished the fire. The visit was an educational one, and I'm confident that next time this neighbor burns outdoors, they will take steps to assure they don't produce excessive smoke.

We believe we will see the number of complaints reduce each year as the educational process gets some momentum. Our goal is to drive complaints to zero.

Jump Start Program

2011 is year 4 of our "Jump Start Program". We will be masticating again in Units 14/16 above the campground. The Assistant to the General Manager, Rick Whybra, is touring the vendors and seeking bids. Work will begin when the weather dries up a bit.

New Plan for the Slash and Compost Site

The Slash and Compost Site above the Campground has become a critical element of our work to reduce risk from wildfires. Most of our property owners prefer to haul away the debris from their constant fuel reduction work, as opposed to burning on site. The PMLA Board and staff are committed to providing an inexpensive and convenient place to deliver unwanted fuels. Do you know that if you were to take your slash to the compost pile in Sonora you'd be charged \$5 a cubic yard? At PML, our property owners can

deliver their slash for free, and we're talking unlimited trips, too. Now that's a great deal!

Last year we saw big changes at the site with a huge increase of deliveries. And we had trouble with how and where the deliveries were made. For 2011, our budget allows for an attendant to greet members and direct them where to dump, and what to dump where. Look for Tom Moffitt's article in this issue for the details of the changes going on at the site. I think you'll be pleased that we're taking steps to assure that the site is well managed and we can continue to use it for years to come.

Let Us Know Your Thoughts

As usual, we need your feedback, ideas, comments, questions and suggestions. Feel free to contact either Dennis Pipal at Compliance@PineMountainLake.com, or me at pml-fireabatement@yahoo.com.

Compliance Chatter

BY DENNIS PIPAL

Gone to the Dogs

Death and Taxes have long been considered life's twin inevitabilities. But for community associations there may be a third: pets.

In 2005, there were 88 million more pets than people in the United States. According to the American Pet Products Manufacturing Association, 81 million American households counted a four-legged friend among the family with many households having multiple four-leggers.

Dogs represent about 60% in total pet numbers nationwide but many times I feel it is much higher here in PML. Most of the complaints I receive involve dogs. Dogs pooping, dogs barking and dogs running loose. I'd like to take each of these violations and expand on them here.

Unscopped Poop (CC&R's, Article VIII, Section 4 – Prohibition of Noxious Activities)

Unscopped poop is an enforcement headache because it's impossible to know who isn't scooping. Even if you see a resident walk away without picking up, they claim they went home to get a bag or they cleaned it up later.

No one is ever responsible, yet the Common Areas are littered with land mines.

Uncollected pet waste is going to become more than an enforcement headache for community associations, which increasingly are coming under the watchful gaze of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), especially in states like California.

Stepped-up monitoring by the EPA of compliance with the Federal Water Pollution Prevention and Control Act is mandating that associations take responsibility for removing pet waste from their Common Areas. Recently, an association in California was fined \$100,000 for failing to report what actions it was taking to comply with the Clean Water Act. A wallop like this is telling associations that pet waste is no longer merely a nuisance, but a serious problem that boards must resolve. If you are not scooping, please get on the program.

Barking Baxter (CC&R's, Article VIII, Section 4 – Prohibition of Noxious Activities)

Next to uncollected pet waste, barking is probably the most frustrating pet problem faced by associations. Dogs left alone all day get bored and restless, and many find relief in bark-

ing. Nothing is as annoying as incessant barking- even for dog owners. So, if Baxter is barking all day, his owners might not realize he leads a double life when he's alone. Once notified, most owners will respond with compassion and fix the problem. Some mistakenly believe there's nothing they can do about it, but actually there are a few suggestions:

- Training - Always the first recommendation for any behavioral problem. Help is as close as the yellow pages.
- Citronella collars – A humane alternative to the electric-shock, anti-barking variety that costs about the same. Available on the web and in pet stores.
- Confinement – Sometimes simply bringing an outspoken dog indoors or confining it to a crate can cut down on the disturbance to neighbors.
- Reduced stimulus – Close the drapes to help muffle street noise, or leave a radio on to mask it. Disconnect telephones and doorbells if they cause Baxter to holler.
- Companionship – Dogs are pack animals; they need companionship – a cat, a bird or other dog. Consider a mid-day visit from a pet-sitting-service, or send Baxter to daycare once or twice a week.

Roaming Rover (CC&R's, Article VIII, Section 6 (b) – Household Pets)

Our local leash law coincides with the Tuolumne County leash law. Dogs roaming our neighborhoods is a safety issue. Also, if your dog causes bodily injury or property damage while running at large the owner is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction thereof shall be punishable as set forth in Tuolumne County Ordinance Code #1.08.010. And yet, many owners have no idea where their dog is on a daily basis.

PMLA is committed to enforcing the leash law on association property so that all residents may enjoy our community. But, we're also concerned about the health and safety of Rover. Did you know that an unleashed dog has an average life span of less than four years? Allowing Rover to run free not only imposes on the neighbors, but also threatens Rover's health and welfare, and the happiness he/she brings.

We trust we can count on all dog owners in our community for voluntary compliance with the leash law. We don't like to call animal control, but we won't have any choice if we continue to receive more complaints about roaming Rover from other residents.

Ready for the Fire Season?

BY TOM MOFFITT

The preparations for the 2011 fire season are underway. Winter has made a mighty big impact on the trees and brush here in PML. People have been busy removing brush and debris from their properties this long hard winter in anticipation of this summer's fire season. Then, along with all the usual planned fire abatement work, there arrives a series of harsh winter storms. Heavy snows have downed many trees, and broken more than a few heavy limbs. This weather related damage has hit our oak trees the hardest.

PML Maintenance Department has been working through the winter months with construction and improvements at the Slash and Compost Piles site. These improvements have been made in anticipation of handling large amounts of woody debris from Pine Mountain Lake Association properties. The site now has a second road which will be the new entrance to the site, with the old road being the exit. Traffic will be divided, one-way single lane entrance and exits, and the roads are signed. This will alleviate the risk of collisions and confusion when visiting the site. In whole, the site has been enlarged, and areas are segregated for slash, compost, and firewood. Signage has been improved to direct users to the proper areas, and the rules are still in force as to which materials can be taken to the sites. A check-in point has been built, traffic signs placed, and users must stop at this point before being directed to the proper area.

Compost Piles and Slash Piles Procedures Changes and Uses

With all of these improvements has come the most significant of site use changes. The site will now be staffed with a PML employee who will be checking loads, verifying PML property owners, PML Unit and Lot numbers, PML vendors and contractors. Information will be logged, vehicle license number recorded; the staff employee will inform and direct site users to the designated areas. Please have a verifiable PML Identification with you when you visit the site. An acceptable verifiable PML identification is a PML Gate Card, a PML Gate Clicker, a PML Auto Sticker, a PML Day Pass, a PML Preferred Vendor, or a PML Contractor Card. Visitors who are not eligible to use the site will be turned away at the

check-in point.

The days and hours of operation have also changed. The days on which debris will be accepted are Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. The hours of operation are 9AM to 5PM during the months of April through October, and 8AM to 4PM in the winter months of November through March. The site may be closed due to weather conditions or special circumstances.

The area has been segregated into several drop areas with specific uses. These areas are the Slash Pile, Compost Pile, Firewood Pile, PML storage area, and the Composted Organic Materials Piles.

The Slash Pile is designated to accept woody debris such as brush, limbs, trees and tree limbs that are 6-inches and less in diameter. This slash is reduced by seasonally burning, and by grinding to produce chips suitable for recycling. It is very important that this woody debris be clean slash, free of dirt, rocks, foreign materials and debris. The staff employee will direct the user to the drop site area. You may be required to segregate the materials to the specific site areas.

The Compost Pile is for leaves and pine needles. This material is piled and allowed to decompose into usable composted organic material. It is important that this material be free of brush, limbs, plant clippings, and foreign materials (especially plastic bags and trash). The action of composting organic materials produces heat and can create a fire by spontaneous combustion. The composting piles are monitored and turned, speeding the composting processes. Composted Organic Materials are segregated, the piles set aside for recycling, and are free to PML property owners for personal use.

A separate bin site in the Compost Pile area will be for horse manure. This material will compost rapidly and can become a ready source of organic material suitable for gardening, and as a soil top dressing. It is important that this product be segregated from the other composting material piles. It can be mixed with the other organic materials when the composting cycle is completed.

The Firewood Pile is where wood, suitable for recycling as firewood

is stored. These tree timbers, large branches, and tree sections larger than 6-inches in diameter are piled to be cut for firewood uses. The wood dropped and stored at this site must be limbed, free of rot, in sections no longer than 16 feet in length. This firewood is preferably oak and cedar wood. A Firewood

Cutting Permit can be purchased for \$20 at the Maintenance Yard Office on Mondays through Fridays before 3PM. This permit is available for PML property owners for one week of firewood cutting. For questions, contact Susan at the Maintenance Department Office, telephone 962-8612.

SLASH AND COMPOST SITE

Entrance Requirements

- Verifiable PML ID or PML Clicker
Valid ID= gate card, day pass, preferred vendor list, PML auto sticker (Vendors need Unit/Lot of job and Owner name)
Days and Hours of Operation: (weather permitting)
- Wednesday thru Sunday
- November thru March 8am - 4pm
- April thru October 9am - 5pm

Load Separation

- Slash Pile - woody debris 6" in diameter or less
- Compost Pile - leaves and pine needles only
- Firewood Pile - branches/trees larger than 6" in diameter suitable for firewood and stripped of all smaller slash
- Horse manure pile for members and staff

Load Security

- Loads must be tied down or covered to prevent spillage in route
- No stumps, concrete, dirt, metal, plastic, foods, trash or building materials or treated wood are allowed

Benefits to PMLA Members

- No fee charged for delivery
- No limit of trips for delivery
- Minimal fee for wood permit to cut and haul away firewood
- Organic Compost FREE to PMLA Members

PMLA Money Matters

BY KEN SPENCER, ASSOCIATION CONTROLLER

With the start of a new year I thought it would be a good idea to dip into the virtual mailbag and answer a few questions that some of my virtual readers are asking. (The virtual reference is meant to either show I am high tech or have no real mailbox or readers.)

"So I read last month that we had a lot of people pay their assessment in full early this year. Where does all that cash go until we need to spend it?" – Jim P.

Well Jim after we get through funding my retirement account in the Caymans we put the money in extremely safe (FDIC insured) bank accounts or in low risk investments such as CD's that attempt to get the greatest return on the investment. As always our top priority is protecting the principal value of the Associations' funds.

"Thanks for lowering the assessment this year. It sure helps in these tough economic times. How come you guys can't do that every year?" – Mary M.

Well Mary first off thanks for the kind words. Secondly I am sure we would all like to have the assessment stay the same or go down every year, however this is just not possible. As I have explained before we have an urgent need to build up our Reserve Fund to take care of our future major repairs to PMLA. In addition despite the slow economy there are still things that we have to have that cost more this year than they did last year. If you have filled your car up with gas lately I am sure you know what I mean.

"I am a part-time resident I don't understand why I have to pay to support those amenities I don't use. I never go to the Stables and I don't play golf. Can you explain this?" – George O.

Unfortunately George PMLA is not a "buffet" Association. When someone buys a lot or a home here they sign up for the whole package. The community belongs to all property owners and therefore has to be financially supported by all property owners. This is a fact of life in any HOA and is always something to be aware of when buying property.

"I hate having to remember to pay my assessment each month. The hassle of writing a check and mailing it in always stresses me out. Any words of advice?" – Bill G.

I have a couple of options for you Bill. All designed to make life and the process of paying your assessment easier less stressful. First would be paying your assessment in full for the entire year. This means just one check (and you even get \$60 off). However if you prefer to pay monthly we have a number of options. You could sign up for our auto debit program whereby we get you checking account information and automatically deduct the payment each month. Or you could use the same process and have the payment charged to your credit card. Finally our new website includes an option for on-line payments. The choice is yours.

"I don't like the way YOU set the assessment! I really don't like the way YOU decide on what the fees should be for golfing or boat rentals or anything else I want to do! How do you sleep at night after making those dumb decisions!" – Unsigned.

Always nice to hear from my fans. Contrary to your belief I do not have the kind of power you attribute to me. ALL fees, fines and the assessment are approved and set by the PMLA Board of Directors. Their decision is made based upon input from all members of the senior management team. No one person has the responsibility for establishing these costs. I encourage you to attend the annual Budget meetings in September and October when these matters are discussed.

No more time for the mailbag this month but keep those cards and letters coming in. I will answer more of your questions in the months ahead.

Well that's it for this month. If you have any PMLA Money Matters you would like to see discussed in this column in the future please drop me a line at CONTROLLER@PINEMOUNTAINLAKE.COM or give me a call at 962-8606. Thanks for reading and I hope you find this monthly discussion a little interesting at least a bit informative and mildly entertaining.

Pine Mountain Lake Golf News-April 2011

BY DAVID RAU, PGA HEAD PROFESSIONAL

SPRING has arrived and we are happy to see some great weather and some familiar faces around the golf course again. I want to extend a big thank you to all of you who have played with us through the tougher winter months and for all your assistance by adhering to all of the cart path restrictions. With all of the precipitation the golf course is in fantastic condition and all of Alan Macdonald's winter projects have made a very positive impact on the playability and aesthetics of our golf course.

As for all you "fair weathered" golfers; it's time to knock the rust off of your sticks and your game. To help all of you come back into the season with a great game we've started some new Spring Clinics as follows:

- **Mondays** "Putt for Dough" – Putting and Chipping \$15 per person
 - **Fridays** "Friday Night at the Fights" Couples – Fundamentals of the full swing \$20 per couple
 - **Saturdays (NEW)** "Saturday in the Park" – Full swing & Course Management \$15 per person
- *Note: All clinics begin at 3:00 PM and reservations are required.

We've got an exciting Peak Season of golf with lots of new players and new events throughout the year. If you haven't signed up for an Annual Golf Membership or a Punch Card there is still time to take advantage of some great deals on golf. You can find these applications on our PML website or stop by and see us in the golf shop to pick up an application.

The new Cart Storage Facility and Snack Bar are now completed and

we expect our new electric carts to arrive by April 14th. We are extremely excited about our new state of the art golf carts and facility. To kick off the opening of the new facility, Pine Mountain Lake Golf & Country Club will be hosting a Grand Opening of the new structure with a Demo Day and Spring Clearance Sale.

Demo Day and Spring Clearance Sale will be on Saturday, April 30th from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Practice Facility below the new Cart Storage Facility.

Come see and try out the newest equipment from:

- Nike
- Callaway
- TaylorMade

In addition to the new cart storage facility we have added all new state of the art practice mats for the driving range. With that in mind we will be selling off our old practice mats. The black mats with the turf inserts will be sold for \$65 each. We also have 4 newer mats that are solid green turf (5-months old) for sale for \$100 each. If anyone is interested in purchasing one or more of the old mats please contact David Rau at the Pro Shop.

My door is always open and I'm happy to meet, talk, play and listen to any questions and/or comments you have about how we can improve and serve. Contact me at 962-8622 or via e-mail at golfpro@pinemountainlake.com.

NOTICE Restroom Closure

The following outside restrooms are winterized and closed for the winter season: Main Marina, Dunn Court, Lake Lodge, and Fisherman's Cove.

The restrooms at Tennis Courts #1-4 (Pine Mtn. Dr. & Rock Canyon) will remain open at normal hours of 7 am to 9 pm, weather permitting.

Shades of Green

BY: ALAN MACDONALD, GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT

The projects we have been working on in late February and March are taking longer to complete due to the rain and snow. The storms left us with a lot of cleanup to do from entire trees falling over to major limb damage that required the tree to be removed. We do have fire wood available. If you would like to be added to the list give Susan a call at 962-8612 and she will issue you a permit for \$20.00. It is for a pickup load and it is only cut into sizes we could handle to bring in from the course.

We have three projects that have started. They are repairing the retaining wall to the upper tee on #7, along with removing the sod there and leveling the tee surface and installing new sod. The area to the left of #3 green is another project that we have stripped the sod on and are going to add drainage there along with new grass. We will do the same improvements to the left of #17 green. The third project is the landscaping around the new cart barn and to improve the tee surface out in front of the new pads from all the construction there.

Another project that we started in late February is to improve the appearance of our irrigation pond by using a portable pump that our street maintenance crew allowed us to borrow.

We have used an aquatic herbicide in the past, without a lot of success, to control the duck weed so we needed to try another way. Ed had always talked about building a skimmer and Rob did some research and saw some commercial pumps and filters that were kind of expensive. So one Saturday morning, when the course was still closed from snow, they put the pump in the water and built a skimmer and installed a filtration system on the slope above the pond and are pumping the water and duck weed through the filter trapping the weed and allowing the water to flow back into the pond. We owe these guys and the rest of the crew, who helped and came up with ideas, a "thank you" as we are hoping this system, along with additional spraying, will keep the duck weed under control.

Other projects for March and April are to aerate the course, finishing with the greens on April 25th and 26th. Also, before the trees leaf out in early spring, we will be doing some trimming to the oaks near #10 and #15 greens.

This means spring is here, so enjoy the golf course and remember to wait three weeks into May to plant those summer annuals or vegetable gardens. We look forward to seeing all of you back out playing as the weather improves.

Horsing Around at the Stables

BY LESTER SCOFIELD, STABLES MANAGER

It has been a long, wet winter at the Stables. We have done a couple of trail rides on sunny days when the trails were not too muddy. Our calendar is starting to fill up. The Stables are a good place to have birthday parties, anniversary parties, weddings and receptions. The big news is that now you can get hitched at the Stables by me, Lester Scofield. I am now able to perform weddings for people who want a simple wedding ceremony.

The PMLA Board of Directors has approved a new venture at the Stables. Beginning in May, we will offer a pony ride ring and petting zoo. The pony rides will offer some different types of animals such as a calf, mini donkeys and ponies. The petting zoo animals will include chickens, rabbits, ducks, alpacas, a calf, pigs, goats, etc. A lot of fun is to be had by all. For times of operation for trail rides, pony rides, or

the petting zoo give the stables a call at (209) 962-8667.

The spring Flea Market at the Stables will be on Saturday, May 14th. Come on over and buy or sell something. Tenaya 8th grade graduation class will be fundraising by selling hamburgers, hot dogs, donuts, coffee, and juice.

Additional upcoming events at the stables are:

Memorial Day BBQ & Dance on Sunday, May 29th
Independence Day BBQ & Dance on Sunday, July 3rd
Labor Day BBQ & Dance on Sunday, September 4th
And the fall Flea Market on Saturday, September 10th

So make plans to come "horse" around with us here at the PML Stables.



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June 9th, 10th and 11th

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72 TEAMS MAXIMUM (No Exceptions)

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Awards Dinner 7pm Saturday June 11th
Dance to Live Music (Band TBD by dancing Frank J.)
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PML Aero Club

BY CATHERINE SANTA MARIA

Last month was busy for our Aero Club. There were repairs that needed to be done on the Cessna including replacing the wheels and putting in a new Avionics system. Everyone's flight time was cut down, however we all managed to get some time in. I did some cross country flights with my instructor and another solo flight. The last day of February we were doing pattern work and after one of the landings my instructor got out of the plane and told me to fly over to the casino

and back. What a thrill to leave our pattern and fly away. Of course, the casino is not very far but the feeling was terrific and when I came back did a perfect landing!!

This month we are highlighting another new member. Her name is Danielle M. Coelho, she is a wife, mother, cosmetologist and in her own words-Future Pilot. Danielle's bio goes like this: After 30 years of running award winning hair salons on the central coast of California Danielle decided to relax a little.

This is when she and her husband, Gabriel, found Pine Mountain Lake which sparked the wings within her. After flying back and forth to PML with her husband, a seasoned pilot, listening to all the flight related stories from the PMLAA meetings, she decided this was her next step in life.

Danielle says she is proud to be a member of the PML Aero Club. She is now taking flying lessons with Captain Larry "Sez" Jobe and she finds it a challenging and fulfilling experience. With every flight lesson it builds her confidence and ability to believe anything is possible.

Thanks for sharing your story with us Danielle. If you are interested in joining the club give Dennis Smith, our President, a call at 962-4950 or Jim Goodrich at 962-4660.

February 2011 Pine Mountain Lake Ladies Golf Club News

BY SUE PERRY

We had quite the mix of weather and course conditions this month. I was loving the dry fairways and getting some awesome roll when "Old Man Winter" came roaring back with a vengeance making conditions all sloppy again. Golf is never boring on our beautiful mountain course, now is it? We played three play days this month with the following results?

Feb. 3rd GROSS - NET - PUTTS... ACE OF ACES...JANE REYNOLDS - 74 NET

1st Flight Hdc. 16-21...low gross 92, Priscilla Park; low net 77, 3 way tie Kitty Edgerton, Norma Baldinger, Thelma Faux; 2nd Flight Hdc. 23-26... low gross 99, Sara Hancock; low net 77, Mona Tompkins; 3rd Flight Hdc. 27-30...low gross 106, Linda Wall; low net 79, Barbara Davis; 4th Flight Hdc.

31-34...low gross 108, Eleanor Ellis; low net 74, Jane Reynolds; 5th flight Hdc. 35-37...low gross 115, Sharon Kenyon; low net 83, Mary Houser. LOW PUTTS: Eleanor Ellis 29...BIRDS: Thelma Faux #1.

Feb. 10th SWEETHEART'S BALL

First place 145...Lynne Dust, June Moore, Anne Toner, Linda Wall; Second place 148*...Kitty Edgerton, Leanna Mattea, Helena McMillan, Priscilla Park; Third place 148*...Barbara Davis, Dotty Davis, Phyllis Gschwend, Sharon Kenyon; Fourth place 153... Norma Baldinger, Sara Hancock, Yvonne Mattocks, Mona Tompkins.

Feb. 17th Course Closed

Feb. 24th BEST BALL OF PARTNERS - TEAM (computer draw) Course Closed

There are lots of dates to note on

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PML Racquet Club

BY DAVE RAUCH



The Quarterly meeting and potluck was well attended on March 1st at the Lake Lodge. Items of note were updates on a doubles clinic

feasibility presented by Dave Rauch and Emily Van Vleet. A lively discussion followed and the general consensus was favorable to the idea. Jerry DeHart gave a run down on repairs and upgrades to the facilities in progress and the treasurer's report indicated a healthy balance. We are looking forward to the Tuesday evening socials coming up in May. The doubles clinic will probably be scheduled in April - and members will be notified by email and/or phone as needed.

Carron and I had the pleasure of meeting Aaron Hamblin at "The Grill" one evening recently and talk gravitated to tennis. Turns out he was a credentialed USPTA pro at one time. Be sure to introduce yourself when you go there for dinner or lunch. He is anxious to get back into tennis soon.

your April calendar so sharpen that pencil: April 7th...Men's Club Spring Mixer dinner & draw; Friday, April 8th...SG Men's Club Spring Mixer and Team Play at Spring Creek; April 16th...SG Men's Club Saturday Spring Mixer; April 21st...Charity Day & Lun-

The next tournament will be the Cinco de Mayo on May 5th - Entry forms will be available online as the event nears.

A question came up during tennis about reaching across the net to strike a ball. This is only permissible if the opponents' ball goes over the net and has so much backspin that it bounces back over the net. You may reach over the net and hit the ball as long as you don't, or your racquet doesn't, touch the net. Otherwise, your racquet must not cross the vertical plane of the net before you hit the ball.

I wish we had enough tennis clubs nearby that we could do interclub matches like the USTA leagues. I always had fun doing those in the Bay Area. I'm playing some age group men's singles in the USTA this year but they are so far flung that it's a major commitment to participate. I love the competition though, even if I have gotten my head handed to me in the last two events.

Have fun playing and come on out and join us. Till next time - see you on court!

cheon; April 25 & 26...course closed for Aeration; April 28th...9ers Invite the 18-Holers. Hoping for lots of sunshine for the Easter Bunny's arrival on April 24th and lots of fun participating in all these golfing events!

February PML Lady Niners Golf

BY CYNDY KROUT

February turned out to not be a good golf month. We only got to play two times and were snowed or rained out all other weeks. Good thing we played every chance we could in January.

On February 3, we had putts day and there were 19 ladies. We had a three-way tie for first place with Bonnie Ayala, Bev Oakley and Pat Van Gerpen. Second place was shared by Geralyn Dielman and Karen Dickson and third was another three-way tie with Marilyn Alexander, Faye Buckley and Sarah Zimmerman. Nancy Harlan got a par on #14 while Bonnie A. and Pat V.G. each got a par on #17. Cyndy chipped in for a birdie on #14 and Jane Hansen had low net for the week.

The only other day we got to play was February 10 and we played "Loves Me, Loves Me Not" (best 2 balls,

teams) and we had 18 players. First place team was Cyndy, Linelle Marshall and Pat V.G. plus a blind draw. Second was Linda Craig, Pat Price, Stacie Brown and Bonnie A. Third place team was Barbara Haiges, Nancy H., Darlene Hoagland plus a blind draw. Cyndy had low net.

In April we will have a Rules Seminar we can attend in Stockton; a Home & Home in Oakdale; Team Play in Turlock and Opens at Alta Sierra and Lake Wildwood. We also have a 9-hole tournament and lunch with the 18-hole ladies on the 28th. All of these events are open to all members of our 9-hole group and sign up sheets will be on the board. A reminder, we will be playing on Wednesday the 20th instead of Thursday.

++++ The PML Lady Niners are

PML Computer Users Group

BY TOM CARMAN, EDITOR, PML CUG NEWSLETTER

The April program is on how to *Protect Your Computer, Your Family and Yourself*. We value the Internet because it provides a powerful new framework for connection, commerce, and communication, but it also brings the outside world directly into our homes. This transformation requires us to change the way we think about online security and safety. Whenever you log on to the Internet, you can expose yourself to security threats and online safety risks. Those risks can be dangerous to your family, your privacy, your credit, and your computer. This subject should be of interest to everyone and you might discover a weakness in your system.

The CUG is composed of members at all levels of computer experience, and guests are always welcome. The club meets at the PML Lake Lodge lo-

cated on Pine Mountain Drive. Remember, you do not have to be a resident of Pine Mountain Lake to attend the CUG meetings. For non-PML residents, please contact Frank Perry or Lee Isbell if you plan to attend so the PML Safety Department can issue the proper pass. To learn other information about the CUG, such as past meeting content, monthly newsletters, club by-laws, and officer info, check out the club's website listed in this article.

We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday April 19th, 7:00 p.m. at the Lake Lodge. The Multi-Media SIG and Basic Skills SIG will **not** meet. Be sure to check out the CUG Web Site at <http://www.pmlcug.org>. Further information about the CUG may also be obtained from Frank Perry at 962-0728 or Lee Isbell at 962-5727.

looking for new members. We play nine holes each week on Thursday morning. Tee times vary during the year with April being 9 AM except for the 14th when it will be 8 AM. In May we switch to 8 AM to beat the heat. To become a member you must have ten score cards from the PML golf course with a score of 80 or less for nine

holes. You can play with us as a guest while working to get these ten cards. Join our group for fun, a challenge and to just get out on our beautiful golf course and get some exercise. For further information contact Geralyn Dielman at 962-5818 or email at rdielman@msn.com. + + + +

PML Ladies Club

BY CATHERINE SANTA MARIA

Wednesday's luncheon was a blast. We celebrated St. Patty's Day with Irish songs lead by Shirley Brascresco, a baked potato and salad bar and lots and lots of fellowship. After lunch we even had entertainment provided to us by the infamous "Spud Nuts" (Mary Brown, Chris Balek, Jane Hansen, Linda Hunter and me), who performed the famous hit, Hokey Pokey. Our costume designers were Mary Brown and Chris Balek who outdid themselves with their creativity. In addition, many thanks to our camera crew, Randy Burke, Cecile Burke and Dart Woodruff and our cart drivers,

Jerry Weese and Randy Burke, they all did an excellent job.

Many thanks to Judy Basey and Maddie Sousa who were in charge of the decorations for the event. The tables were beautifully decorated with lots of green bears and other Irish memorabilia. In addition, the Grill did a fabulous job with our Potato and Salad Bar.

If you are interested in joining the Ladies Club give Chris Balek (962-0901) or Rae Ann Bozzo (962-0893) a call (our new President). See you all next month.



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In The Kitchen With Chef Carrie

BY CARRIE TAYLOR, CHEF, THE GRILL



Spring has sprung and there is lots of good food to look forward to. I always look forward to spring, because it's the begin-

ning of all the excellent produce that is available to me that I can bring to The Grill. Asparagus, strawberries, artichokes and tangerines are in season with cherries and baby spinach just around the corner. I will be using the bounty that springtime brings us to create sensational specials.

April means that Easter is upon us and we will be celebrating with our Easter Buffet. This year we will be serving a variety of brunch specialties, including our fresh homemade baked morning buns and a variety of delicious desserts. We will also have many of your traditional favorites including carved Prime Rib, Old Fashioned Ham, made to order omelets and Eggs Benedict. And just to tempt your taste buds; Stuffed French toast with Blueberry Sauce, Blintz with peaches and cream, Cheese Puffs, Lemon Tarts and so much more. Come relax with family and let our staff pamper you with great food and great service.

If you haven't been to one of our buffets yet, be sure to make a reservation early so that you don't miss out.

April also is Garlic month. Surpris-

ingly, garlic was frowned upon by foodie snobs in the United States until the first quarter of the twentieth century, being found almost exclusively in ethnic dishes in working-class neighborhoods. But by 1940, America had embraced garlic, finally recognizing its value as not only a minor seasoning, but as a major ingredient in recipes.

Fresh spring garlic is a great find at the farmers' market. I like to use spring garlic or green garlic as a substitute for regular garlic, I chop it up like a green onion, then I use it sparingly raw, and abundantly cooked. It's great in a potato soup, or thrown in with the onions at the beginning of many dishes that start with, "cook the chopped onions in oil or butter". Try a simple dish with chicken breast sautéed with mushroom and spring onion, and deglazed with white wine and finished with a dab of butter at the end. Delish!

Green Garlic Mayonnaise

- 2 whole eggs
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon or a little less Dijon mustard
- 4 stalks green garlic, cleaned as you would leeks, white and pale green parts chopped roughly
- 3 teaspoons lemon juice or rice wine vinegar
- 2 teaspoons more rice or white wine vinegar
- 1 1/4 cups corn or other vegetable oil

Guest Reviews of The Grill

BY JAY REIS MANAGER THE GRILL

The following is a small sampling of comments from our online guest survey:

"Overall we were very happy with our experience during our visit. The food and menu has improved in the past year or more to the point that we frequent this facility more than we have in the past 14 years, and has been added to our list of favorites."

"We are very happy with the improvements in service and food quality." – Richard

"Everything was perfect." – Nick and Joan

"What a wonderful eating experience! The hostess, Bobbi, was very friendly and even though we did not have a reservation she took our name and said she would give us

Whirl all ingredients except oil in food processor with the metal blade. Then with the processor running, add oil in a thin steady stream through the top opening until all oil is completely incorporated. If the food pusher has that little hole, use it by pouring the oil into that, it works great. This is great as a dip for Grilled Asparagus or

the next available table (the restaurant was packed with a couple of large parties). She remembered our name and it wasn't very long before a booth became available. I couldn't help but notice that she greeted many people by name and did whatever was needed to make it an enjoyable experience, even bussing tables so that they were ready for the next diners. The food was extremely good, prices affordable and a good value. The waitress knew the menu and was very efficient. We'll be back and next time we'll make a reservation so that we can get that same booth. Kudos to the whole staff."

"Sara is a wonderful employee and always willing to go above & beyond what is expected of her."

"Hostess was very friendly and had our booth ready when we arrived. The server was very knowledgeable and we had a delightful dinner for two."

a good spread for turkey or egg salad sandwiches.

These are just a few of my favorites; cooking for me is 50% knowledge and 50% experimental and 100% love. So go experiment with all the fresh seasonal fruits and vegetables that are available this month.

Until we eat together.....

Spring Greetings from the 19th Hole Lounge

BY JEFF HERMANN, BAR MANAGER



I hope that everyone survived the winter storms and are getting ready for spring. I also hope that spring blesses us with better weather so that we can

get ready for the sun and fun. Robin Williams put it best saying "spring time is Nature's way of saying LET'S PARTY!" What better place to start your party than at the 19th Hole Lounge at Pine Mountain Lake. The 19th Hole Lounge is home for many groups that hold meetings, card games, and dice games. The past few months we have added 2 separate Bunco groups that play once a month. Thank you to all of you Bunco Babes for making Bunco

afternoons so much fun.

The April event calendar is full of fun things for friends and family to enjoy starting with the day of joke a d' pranks:

Friday April 1, that's right, April fool's day **Karaoke**. Shirley Brasesco's Showtime Karaoke gets the crowd singing and dancing and occasionally she gets on the mike and dazzles us with her beautiful voice. Friday Karaoke has been a local favorite night. So, make a whole evening of it, come have dinner first and enjoy the show.

Saturday April 2nd is the **Hills Brother Band**. They are a popular local band that plays 70's, 80's, and 90's dance music, along with a bluegrass touch that makes the Hills Brother Band produce a unique sound that rocks.

April 9th join us for a night of har-

monic blues with **James Faifau and the Jukes**. It's their first time playing here at the 19th Hole Lounge. They will bring you back to the blues with awesome harmonic riffs. Don't miss James Faifua & the Jukes.

April 16th is my favorite, **Rockslide**. Karen and her many instruments have been a favorite, not only of mine but my better half, Donna. Rockslide has been playing for the past 8 yrs for Lake Don Pedro houseboat boat owner's end of the year party and we have not missed one yet. Thanks, Rockslide, for being a great band and even better people.

April 23 the **ESP Band** takes the stage at the 19th Hole Lounge. ESP had a lot of people in awe the last time they were here. They are back by request from our local group of dancers. ESP has a wide variety of genres from

classic rock to country to the funk. They will have you dancing the whole night, so come down and boogie with the ESP band.

April 30th the 19th Hole Lounge welcomes back the **Highway 99 Band**. I know you all are going to have a blast with Jeff and the boys from Highway 99.

If music is not for you, the 19th Hole Lounge has 5 TV's tuned in to sports. Whether you like the Sharks, Giants, A's, or Golf stop by and cheer on your team; try the HOT WINGS with a frosty beverage of your choice. FOR PIECE OF MIND, BODY, SOUL, STOP BY THE 19TH HOLE, and have a great April; see you in May. If you have any questions please call me at 209-962-8636 or email 19thholelounge@pinemountainlake.com.

Wine Tasting & Dinner Buffet

Featuring Young's Market

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April 6th

from 5 – 7:30pm

Dinner Menu

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with a Chimichurri sauce

SERVED WITH

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Wine Tasting & Dinner

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APRIL 24th

Easter Buffet



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Here Comes Peter Cotton Tail

BY HOSPITALITY COORDINATOR, BAMBI JOHNSON



Here comes Peter Cotton Tail, hopping down the cart path trail, hip-pity-hop and Easter is on its way! That's right, join us for Easter Brunch on April 24th and you

just might get a glimpse of the famed, furry friend carrying a basket of goodies to share with the young and old alike.

Well, things have really been hopping around the Grill (no pun intended!). In February, we enjoyed two Sock Hops, one hosted by the Grill on February 12th, and the other hosted by the ROOFBB's on February 14th. Fun and excitement was had by all who attended these two wonderful events.

Another very popular event was held at the Grill in February, the Soroptimist's Annual Chinese Auction. This is a fundraiser, Chinese dinner, and auction to raise funds for the Wellness Fair that they host every year in Groveland! The Wellness Fair is an awesome event that benefits so many families in Groveland and the surrounding areas. It provides all kinds of various health screenings and overall information on health and wellness. Their organization is a wonderful asset to our community. Every year they also award scholarships to graduating high school students and

host "B.E.S.T. Day" for the junior high and high school girls. At this event they provide inspiring, informative speakers and lunch, with a little goodie bag to take home with them. Thank you to the Soroptimist's for all that they do and for allowing The Grill to host their event.

On another note I want to introduce some relatively new beverages that The Grill restaurant has been offering and that have been rapidly gaining in popularity! We now have steaming hot Mochas, Lattes, Cappuccinos, Americanos, and more, with all sorts of flavorings to add such as Caramel, Vanilla, Irish Cream, and Hazelnut. We even have sugar free! All of these beverages can be made with non-fat milk, 2%, or whole milk. They can also be prepared decaf or iced, which I'm sure will become popular when the weather warms up. You can top them off with a nice steamed head of froth, rich whipping cream, or have just plain, made to order, customized to your liking! So come in soon and try one of these to see which will become your favorite!

Come join us for one of our up and coming events:

April 6th – Wine Tasting and Dinner Buffet. Young's Market will be focusing our featured Zinfandels and Barbara's from various wineries and regions. Chef Carrie will be preparing a wonderful buffet dinner of grilled Top Sirloin with

a Chimichurri sauce, served with corn soufflé, grilled asparagus, salad and dinner rolls. To top off such a delectable meal, we will serve a Chocolate Raspberry Mouse layer cake that will be sure to satisfy your sweet tooth! All of the featured wines will be available for purchase at discounted prices this night only. The price of this fun-filled evening is only \$22 plus tax. Reservations are required so make yours today at 962-8638.

April 24th – Easter Buffet! This is a fantastic annual event and very popular, so please make your reservations early! Seating's are at 9:00am, 11:00am, and 1:00 pm. Expect to see all of your favorites like carved Prime Rib with au jus and creamy horseradish, old fashioned baked Ham, an omelet station, and an amazing assortment of salads, sides, baked goods, and desserts. All this for only \$29.95. Guests 65 and better are only \$19.95 and kids 6-12 are only \$15.00, with the little ones 5 and under free!!

April 30th – FREE: Black Oak Casino

Fun Bus! This exciting event leaves The Grill restaurant at 11:00am. Come early to enjoy your Black Oak Casino breakfast special of buy one and get one free! The package includes: \$10 free play, \$5 match play, and a \$5 food voucher. What a DEAL! Limited space is available so call to reserve your seat. There is a \$10 refundable deposit to reserve your seat. However, the deposit becomes non-refundable if the cancellation is made within 72 hours of the event. Please call Bambi at 962-8638 for reservations.

In addition to our wonderful planned events and a la cart dining opportunities, please consider us for all your special celebrations. We accommodate banquets of all kinds, on site and off. You will be proud to have The Grill staff cater any of your events. Our staff is professional and dedicated to maximize your dining pleasures! You can contact me 24/7 at cluboffice@pinemountainlake.com or call 962-8638. I look forward to hearing from you and Thank You. Bon Appétit!

Free Ride to Black Oak Casino

BY JAY REIS, THE GRILL MANAGER



April is such a wonderful time of year here in Pine Mountain Lake. Spring is finally here and the days are getting longer. It's time to do all of our spring cleaning

and when you're done or need a break, you can enjoy dining on our covered outside deck with the beautiful views of the snow capped mountains of Yosemite. Chef Carrie has some wonderful weekly specials and she continues to add the more popular of her new creations on the regular menu. Jeff, our bar manager, has brought in some new talent as well, trying out some new bands on Saturday nights.

A couple of news worthy items for those of you that can only visit us on the weekends; Our Hospitality Coordinator extraordinaire, Bambi, has the wine makers lined up for our summer wine tastings. Be sure to drop her a line at (cluboffice@pinemountainlake.com)

to find out what the schedule is. We will be planning a few of these very popular events on Saturday afternoons for you weekend warriors. Another great Saturday event is The Black Oak Casino Fun Bus. It's free and seating is very limited. That's happening April 30th, so reserve your spot early.

With success comes a few minor glitches; one of those problems is that we sell out almost every special event. In addition to the events, we are usually full Friday and Saturday evenings, so I strongly recommend calling for reservations this summer. Both our New Year's Eve and our Valentine's Dinner Dances were sold out at least a month in advance. We even filled all the Bar tables up for our Sweet Heart Dinner. So, don't be left out, make a reservation early for our upcoming events. Be sure to check www.pinemountainlake.com, our official website, for future events. This official website has our banquet info, our current menus, our hours of operation and everything else that you need to know about The Grill

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Friends of the Lake Learn All About Dredging

BY VIRGINIA GUSTAFSON

Friends of the Lake will hold our first meeting of the year on Sunday, April 10 at 5:00pm at Lake Lodge. Guest speakers include Mike Horvath, PML lake limnologist, and Rick Whybra, PML dredging project manager. They will tell us all you would ever want to know about the PML dredging project. Did you know we have done wetland plantings and other "mitigation" to comply with regulations around dredging? Did you know the standard set was to return the lake to its original boundaries?

Mike Horvath, who takes care of the science of our lake, has done many water quality measurements during the process and will tell us what they learned. Rick will also explain the physical procedures of the dredging process and show the results

This is the largest lake project ever undertaken by Pine Mountain Lake. As "Friends of the Lake" we are deeply

interested in the process and what was learned. We also really appreciate the efforts of PML management and the board to work through all the required regulatory hurdles to allow this project to go forward.

Come join us at Lake Lodge on April 10th to learn all about dredging – it will never happen again in our lifetimes! The evening starts at 5:00pm with a potluck supper; bring your own placeware and a dish to share.

Friends of the Lake will also be sponsoring monthly activities throughout the summer, including our popular Poker Run, the wonderful 4th of July Boat Parade, music at the marina, and the always-fun Scavenger Hunt

on the lake. Join us for all the fun.

We will also be collecting annual

dues at the April 10th meeting. Annual dues are just \$10/person or \$20/family. Membership is open to anyone interested in the health, safety and equitable use of Pine Mountain Lake. Please mail your check with your email address to Friends of the Lake, PO Box 591, Groveland, CA 95321, or bring it to the April 10th meeting.



Dredger at work in Fisherman's Cove

PML Shooting Club

BY MARTY BOLTER

As mentioned in our last update, we would like to announce the availability of Range Safety training for all readers who are interested. This training will be conveniently conducted here at the Lake Lodge by John & Tami Popke of WTS in Soulsbyville. The dates are April 5th & 6th, Tuesday & Wednesday evening from 5:00pm to 9:00pm. We will also send out an email invitation to all of our members who have expressed an interest.

Upon completion of this course, you will be an NRA Certified Range Safety Officer. The fee for the class is \$65.00 plus a NRA application fee of \$26.00. We would like to invite all who are interested to come and join us for this fun and valuable training. If you would like to participate or have any questions at all, please email me at rangesupervisor@pmlsc.com. I look forward to seeing you there in April!

Don't forget to check us out at: www.pmlsc.com. Our mission is to provide a safe place to enjoy recreational shooting sports for PML enthusiasts, to promote the safe enjoyment of our sport, to encourage and teach beginners to the sport and provide safety education and guidance for all. We would love to welcome you to our Club.

PML Men's Golf Club News

BY BILL PARKER, SECRETARY PMLMGC

We have a few tournaments coming up in April. One of them includes a change in the date of play. Firstly, there is the Wednesday sweeps scheduled for April 6, 2011. The entry deadline is Monday April 4th. It will be a par 3 event, individual net with a maximum handicap of 36. The next tournament is the Mixed Spring Foursomes scheduled for Friday April 8th with a 9:00 AM shotgun start. The entry deadline is Tuesday April 5th. This includes a dinner at The Grill Thursday, April 7th at 5:00 PM. The teams will be selected at that time. Anyone wishing to bring a guest for the dinner will need to pay an additional \$25. Finally, the Wednesday Sweeps scheduled for April 20th has been rescheduled for Friday, April 22nd. I guess we can now call this event the Friday Sweeps. The format is 2 man point par. The entry forms can be found in the pro shop and on the website. In case you don't have the website address, it is www.pmlmgc.com. Early entries are very much appreciated and should include a check covering the entry fee.

Jim Sample, Southern Valley Seniors captain, has announced that the shirt for the group is displayed in the posting room. I had a peek at it and it looks

pretty good. The display is sans logo but will have it when you buy it. The cost will be \$35 and can be ordered through the pro shop. The first event will be at Mountain Springs April 27th. The full schedule and sign up sheets are already in the pro shop. Joining the group is again a mere \$25, a great value.

It has been decided that the club will not participate in the NCGA 12 man event this year. Instead, there are plans for a local 12 man event. So far there are approximately 7 clubs committed to the project. There will be further announcements and a sign-up sheet posted once the details are completed.

The online survey has been completed with a pretty good response and the information is now being analyzed. Many thanks to all who participated.

Once again I would like to mention the Golf Course Appreciation Day scheduled for Monday May 23rd and Tuesday May 24th. It is my understanding that there will be a sign up sheet posted as we get closer to the above dates. All the local golf groups have shown an interest in helping. Mark your calendar and join the others in efforts to better our course.

PML Organized Groups & Clubs

Contact the individuals below if you are interested in joining!

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Wayne Handley	962-7868
Computer User Group	
Frank Perry	962-0728
Cooking Class	
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Lee Isbell	962-5727
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Bob & Carol Digby	962-7254
Duplicate Bridge	
Bobbi Vandenbergh	962-6965
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Barbara Elliott	962-6457
Friends of the Lake	
Rich Hathaway	962-7595
Garden Club	
Lorraine David	962-6008
Guardians of PML	
Brian Sweeney	962-5737
Ladies Club	
Catherine Santa Maria	962-7904
Ladies Golf Club	
Diane Lloyd	962-4386
Marathon Bridge	
Marilyn Hathaway	962-7595
Men's Golf Club	
Ron Maguire	962-7128
Men's 9 Hole Golf Club	
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PML Niners	
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PML Aviators Learn About Reno Air Racing

BY VIRGINIA GUSTAFSON

The PML Aviation Association held its March meeting at the Benzings' hangar on March 5th. We thoroughly enjoyed a great presentation by three accomplished pilots who are all champions at the annual Reno Air Races.

Lee Behel and Rick Vandam are former members of the Reno Air Guard High Rollers and along with Kevin Eldredge gave us an interesting look inside the workings of the Reno Air Races. All three are highly experienced pilots with many years of air-race participation. Lee and Rick explained how the Sport Class and the Jet Class came into existence and why the Pylon Race Seminar was developed. Kevin talked about the trials and tribulations associated with his quest to win the Super Sport Class in his NXT "Relentless."

PMLAA congratulates Jeff Benzing,

our latest member to earn his private pilot license. Congratulations also to student pilots Catherine Santa Maria, Tim Donovan, Bill Emanuel, and Rick Fox who completed their ground school program, taught by Mike Gustafson.

Our next meeting is April 2nd at the Peebles' hangar. Guest speaker is the renowned aviation writer Luran Paine Jr. Mr. Paine writes a column called "Plane Talk" in the *EAA Sport Aviation* magazine.

Membership in PML Aviation Association is open to anyone interested in aviation. To join, please download a membership application from www.pmlaa.org or come to one of our meetings. You can also call membership chair Kay Smith at 962-6986 for more information.



PMLAA president Wayne Handley with Reno Air Racers. PHOTO BY JEFF BENZING

LAKER'S RV CLUB

BY JANIE STIVERS

Is spring really here? Our daffodils received another dosing of snow up here last month. Isn't living in California the best?! I believe "Frosty" is still melting on our deck.

I do believe that while you are reading this article, we'll be at our outing in the delta camping at Sugar Barge. Nancy and Bob Meyer have a wonderful itinerary planned for us...we do know how to have fun! Oh yes, I heard that a "tasty" wine tour is on the itinerary.

Our St. Patty's Day potluck was delicious. Thanks for hosting the event Liz

and Joe Mattingly.

Several members were "snow-birding" in March. We won't mention all their names; but, Bob, really, did you have to hurt the other foot? You'll never be without Blackie!

We have some new smiling faces in our RV Club; welcome Darlene and Dennis Hoagland, Ned and Pat Nuddleman and Pete and Pat Stevenson—you're going to love us.

If you would like more information about us, please call Louise Turney at 962-0609.

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APRIL EVENTS CALENDAR



Cooking Class - April 12



Wine Tasting Dinner - April 6



Easter Buffet - April 24

4-6

FRIDAY

**April 6th
Wine Tasting and Dinner**
Buffet - Zinfandels and
Barbara Varietals

4-24

SUNDAY

**April 24th
Easter Buffet**
(details on page 14)

4-12

TUESDAY

PML Cooking Class
Time: 6:30 to 8:00 pm
"Indian Cuisine" –
Chicken Tikka Masala,
Shrimp Curry,
Basmati Rice
Location: PML Lake Lodge
Cost: \$10 Class Fee
includes food samples
Contact: Tom Knoth at 209-
962-5838 or email:
tomknoth@yahoo.com

4-30

SATURDAY

**April 30th
The Grill to Black Oak
Casino for FREE!**
(details on page 15)

COMING SOON!

May 8th
Mother's Day Dinner Buffet

May 13th, 14th, 15th
Pine Cone Singers'
Spring Concert

June 9th, 10th, 11th
Mother Lode 2K11 Golf
Tournament

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Mountain Mamas Red Hatters

BY SONJA AVILA

On February 19, the Mountain Mamas Red Hat Club of Groveland enjoyed a leisurely luncheon at The Grill in Pine Mountain Lake. Many of our ladies braved the inclement weather to enjoy a couple of hours of light-hearted camaraderie and excellent food. A lucky few, who will remain unnamed, had made like "snowbirds" and left the area for warmer climes. Hopefully, they will return with the sun in tow. Also absent due to illness, was Lillian Cravens who is sorely missed.

The birthday celebrants for the month of February were Carol Smith, Linda Flores and Sonja Avila. A very delicious birthday cake made by

the Queen Mum, Maddie Sousa was shared by all (and our hips).

The campaign to raise awareness of the necessity of patronizing our local merchants was brought to the groups' attention by our Queen Mum. In order to aid Groveland businesses during the difficult non-tourist season, it is recommended that we shop/dine in Groveland on the first Friday of each month. It's a great idea and beneficial to all of us.

For scintillating conversation and much laughter, anyone interested in knowing more about us may contact Maddie Souza at 962-5708. We meet the third Wednesday of each month at different locales.



Left Photo: February Luncheon. Right Photo: The February birthday gals; (L-R) Sonja Avila, Linda Flores, (Ann Schafer assisting), Carol Smith

CO-ED SOFTBALL IN GROVELAND

BY LORETTA DOOLEY

For far too long we have missed the opportunity to take advantage of our fabulous Leon Rose softball field in this community. It's time to get the ball flying again. A new recreational co-ed softball league is forming in Groveland to cure this. The league is just in its infancy stages and is in need of players, sponsors, umpires, directors, and fans. The league is tentatively scheduled to play games on Tuesday or Wednesday nights from May - September. If you or anyone you know is interested please contact either Rick Fox at 962-6983 or 878-3488 or Loretta Dooley at 962-4904 or Joe Pearlman at 962-8940. We look forward to seeing you at the field.

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John Gray 4th District, Supervisor Update

At the March 15th Board of Supervisor's Meeting County Administrator Craig Pedro, presented a multi-year budget projection for 2012-2013. This presentation provided recommendation on strategies to help guide Board Action as we move forward in these difficult and trying times.

During the presentation Mr. Pedro noted some key comments made by Diane Swonk, Senior Managing Director and Chief Economist for Mesirov Financial at the 2010 Fall Conference of the International City/County Management Association. Below is a recap of what I feel are the most glaring issues that Ms. Swonk addressed.

- We continue to operate in unprecedented and uncharted waters without sign posts.

- We have all been living in an illusionary environment, a house of cards over the past 3 decades rooted in an overheated economy supported by record debt amounts in all sectors of the economy-personal, corporate and government.

- Unemployment insurance and oth-

er government programs are currently supporting the economy. An example is that about 2/3rds of the people who lost their jobs in 2008 are still living on unemployment checks.

While Ms. Swonk is just one voice among many on the state of our national economy, her comments reflect those shared by most economists. In short, we continue to find ourselves in one of the most challenging financial times that our nation has ever faced and it will take years before we return to a stable economy.

As I listened to Mr. Pedro's presentation, I could not help but be reminded of the difficulty in the future decisions the Board of Supervisors will have to make. We can do the best job possible but we are so dependent on the functions of the Federal and State Government.

Federal program reductions are being detailed now. The current amount being discussed at the Federal level as possible program cuts range from \$11 to \$61 Billion. These are relatively modest cuts in the big scheme of things as compared to the annual deficit of \$1.645 Trillion. At this time we do not know how all county

programs will be affected. What we do know, however, is that there are two specific programs that have been targeted and if made would severely impact Tuolumne County. Those two programs being considered for elimination are "Payments In Lieu of Taxes" and a "Secure Rural Schools and Communities Self Determination Act". If these programs are eliminated, it will mean approximately \$800,000 lost in County Benefits equally divided between schools and road maintenance. The County has received these funds for many years based on the assumption that nearly 70% of the county is owned by the Federal Government and cannot be taxed.

We all know what is happening at the state level or maybe a better term is what's not happening. Even as I write this article there is still a political stalemate.

What this all means is that no matter how hard we work at the county level we are still dependent on what happens at the state and federal level.

There is a bright spot. Tuolumne County Economy is beginning to turn around. Progress continues to be made with respect to our local economy. It is

growing. While we continue to suffer from the large job losses seen in 2008 and 2009, great progress has and continues to be made in regaining many of those lost jobs. Some of the new employment opportunities in 2010 included:

- Sandvik 76 jobs
- Lowes 120 jobs
- Kohl's 130 jobs
- Tractor Supply 20 jobs
- Columbia State Park Concession Re-Opening

As we look into 2011 a few of the most notable and tangible projects that are well into the planning and development stage that will be creating additional jobs are:

- Sierra Pacific Industries Mill Re-Opening with 130 jobs plus hundreds of "spin off" jobs
- Avalon Health Care Center 110 jobs
- New Crossroads Shopping Center Tenants-Pet Co, JoAnne's Fabric and one additional retail business

In addition to the above mentioned, it is important to note that the Tourism Industry is stronger than ever.

This is all positive news but we recognize that there are still several years

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ON-GOING ACTIVITIES

BRIDGE at The Grill

Mondays at 9 AM

All bridge players are welcome. Men (10:15 AM) call Bill Mingus at 209/962-4240 for reservations.

Soroptimist Meetings

The Soroptimist International of Groveland meets the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of each month at the Hotel Charlotte at 12 noon For information regarding membership, please contact Linda Struhm at 962-0278.

Aerobics & Sculpting

Exercise by Video

Mondays, Wednesday and Friday at 9 AM Reach your fitness goals! These classes are suitable for all fitness levels. Classes are free. Join us at the Lake Lodge to be led by a variety of videos featuring certified fitness instructors. For more information and scheduling contact Barb at 209/962-6457 or Michelene at 209/962-4467.

Sierra Club Hike of the Week

Thursdays at 9 AM

Midweek Hikes in the Groveland Area on Thursdays. Weather permitting, each Thursday meet at Mary Laveroni Community Park in Groveland at 8 AM for an approximate 6-mile hike. Bring a bag lunch, jacket, water, sunscreen and a snack in a daypack and wear hiking boots. The hike is followed by lunch under the shade of the trees. Call

Frank Oyung for further details 209/962-7585.

Self Massage Techniques

Wednesdays, 11 am at the Lake Lodge Techniques you can also do at home in a chair using a foam roller, a rolling pin, a baseball or a tennis ball. You are in control of the pressure and learn how and where to press. Gently pushing through the knots encourages better blood flow to your muscles, increasing the muscles ability to gain strength and range of motion. Please bring a mat if you can work on the floor, otherwise we use chairs or benches.

Bridge (Duplicate) at the Lake Lodge

2nd & 4th Thursdays

All bridge players are welcome. Call Bobbi Vandenbergh 209/962-6965 for information.

Mah-jongg

Wednesdays and Fridays from 1:00 to 4:00 at The Little House. Newcomers should call ahead to arrange for introduction to the game before 1:00. Call 962-7303.

Sonora Senior Center

Lunch Served Weekdays from 12:00 to 12:30

No Reservations Required

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Library Hours

The Groveland Branch Library is open Tue-Thu: 1:00-6:00pm; Fri-Sat: 10:00am - 2:00pm CLOSED Sunday and Monday

Senior Lunches

Senior lunches are provided Tuesdays and Thursdays 12 noon at the Little House on Merrell Rd. Call 962-1050 before 8 am for reservations.

Chair Dancing

Every Monday at The Little House at 10:00 am

Garrotte Lions Bingo

Come and Enjoy! You could be a winner 1st Thursday of every month 6:30 Early Bird Bingo and 7:00 Regular Bingo

Blood pressure readings

Blood pressure readings are First and Third Thursdays from 11:00 to noon at The Little House

"High Country Line Dancers"

The High Country Line Dancers meet every Tuesday at the Community Hall at 7:00p.m. through the summer. One dance will be taught from 7-7:30, then open dancing from 7:30-8:30. We encourage newcomers to come and try it out; it's a great and fun way to exercise! For more info, call Carol @ 7254 or Sue @ 4155.

For Meals-on-Wheels

in this area contact Joi for information and/or eligibility requirements. Sierra Senior Providers, Inc. Meals-on-Wheels, Sonora Senior Center, 533-2622

Strength for Life

Every Tuesday and Thursday at The Little House at 10:30 am

Sierra Professional Artists

Meetings the second Friday of the month at the Yosemite Vista Estates Club House in Groveland - 10:00 am. Contact Jean & Bill Hammond 209-962-6477.

Kiwanis Meetings

Kiwanis meet every Tuesday at 5:30pm at the Pizza Factory.

ROLLERBALL "For the health of it"

Wed. 11 am Lake Lodge Help yourself gain better balance and improve your range of motion. Thursday class available with interest. Victoria Lynn 962-6288

Historical Aircraft Display

Every 3rd Saturday (except September - 4th Saturday) 9a.m. - 1 p.m. at the transient parking at the PML Airport. Contact Ken Helling at 962-7597 if you have questions.

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ahead before we are able to proclaim that all segments of the local economy are back and running strong.

Even with some good news, we have a significant budget shortfall projected for 2011-2012. The shortfall looks to be about \$4,000,000. The County cannot operate like the Federal Government. The budget has to be balanced. The additional cuts will be painful but have to be made. Plans are being developed to cover this shortfall. A complete report on the future budget projection in greater detail can be found on the county web page.

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Easter & Mother's Day Dinners

Café Charlotte will be bursting at the seams with spring flowers and charming parasols! Bring the family or wait until they all go back down the hill then join us for a spectacular dinner.

Theme Dinners

We are now THE spot on the hill for special purpose events from pajama parties to toga parties we have it going on for you. Need a private Luau or a more formal wine paired dinner meant to impress? We also have a liquor license that allows us to serve offsite. Check out all we can do for you: www.HotelCharlotte.com/theme.html.

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you will be happy to hear that we have asked Cal Trans to take a look at the Priest Coulterville/Old Priest Grade/Highway 120 intersection. It is felt by many, me included, that the "line of sight" when making a left turn onto old Priest Grade has a lot to be desired. I'll let you know the outcome of these meetings in a future article.

Travelers on J-59...there has not been any movement by Cal Trans on the installation of intersection lighting at J-59 and 108/120. A letter from Cal Trans is on file acknowledging the need for this lighting improvement and we will continue to pursue this much needed project.

As always, we welcome your thoughtful consideration and helpful suggestions.

You may contact me by calling (209) 533-5521 or email to me at: jgray@co.tuolumne.ca.us

Groveland Dog Park Update

BY GOOSE

The Groveland Dog Park is up and running since January this year. People and dogs alike are pleased. Sure, there is still work to do, but dogs are meeting and greeting and having a great time. People are introducing themselves and new friendships are being built. What a wonderful community effort this dog park has become. If you haven't already gotten your permit from GCSD, please do so—We want to meet you and your dog(s).

The entry to the park is always locked, but folks with permits have a key. If you haven't been there yet and want to schedule a "check it out before I get the permit" day, you can give Jim a call, he goes every day.

Our next work day is scheduled for Saturday, April 2 at 9:00 am. We hope it is rainless!

By the way, to schedule meet-ups, share announcements and keep in touch, the Groveland Dog Park now has a facebook page. You can search it while logged in to Facebook or click this link: <http://www.facebook.com/MayorGoose#!/pages/Groveland-Dog-Park/170250363023299> As soon as we have enough followers we can get a shortened URL, but they like to see that it's a used and viable page before handing over a coveted short name.

Looking forward to seeing you at the dog park or online.

Goose!

Winter at Camp Tuolumne Trails

BY VIRGINIA GUSTAFSON

If you think Camp Tuolumne Trails hibernates in winter, think again! It's not as busy as the summer months, but the camp continues to provide a venue for many interesting groups and projects.

Starting in December, we hosted the GAINs scholarship fund-raising dinner, followed by a holiday luncheon for Friends of the Groveland Library. Our biggest December event was the Aviation Association's "It's a Wrap" party in which 180 members purchased and wrapped gifts for the Groveland Christmas Basket project.

We were also happy to host a Christmas party, complete with firemen and Santa, for the Sonora WATCH group of adults with developmental disabilities. They stayed over in the heated cabins and enjoyed a trip to Yosemite too.

Right after Christmas a new group of campers arrived – 30 kids with autism and their counselors from Reno and Sacramento. They call themselves Camp Lotsa Fun, and it's an appropriate name. Later in January, the United Church of Christ from Sacramento and the Bay Area held their annual winter retreat for middle school kids. In between, we were delighted to host the Tuolumne County Economic Development De-

partment's retreat. This is the group that has been so effective in attracting Lowes, Kohl's, and JoAnn's Fabrics to Sonora.

February saw a super Super Bowl party, a warm surprise 50th birthday party for Lynn Uthagrove, and another church retreat group from the Christian Church of Norcal.

In between planning programs, managing the busy summer schedule, and hosting groups, camp director John Infelise has been building a machinery shed and shop. Our volunteers started this project last year, and John hopes to have it completed soon. This will free-up the current shop space in the Great Hall which will become our Science Room for visiting school groups.

Stay tuned, our annual spring volunteer day will be in early May.

Finally, we have paid summer openings for a couple of camp workers who can help in the kitchen and clean cabins. We are also looking for a paid part-time lifeguard, with certification. Anyone interested, please call John at 962-7534.

Check us out on Facebook for lots of updates and photos. There's also a new webcam on our website, www.tuolumnetrails.org, so you can watch the fun!

Is it time to clean out the garage?

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Saturday, May 14, 2011

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Graduation Fundraiser for Tenaya 8th Grade!

Hosted by the Pine Mountain Lake Association



HELP SUPPORT OUR LOCAL SCHOOLS

BY CHARMAINE ATKINS

Eighth Grade Fundraiser To Be Held At Two Guys Pizza

The Tenaya Elementary 8th grade class is hosting a fundraiser at Two Guys Pizza on Sunday, April 10, 2011 from 4:00-9:00 pm. All menu items will be available. Proceeds will benefit the graduation activities. Please come out and support the 8th grade class.

Tenaya Parent Preschool April Discount Coupons

Two Guys is also donating \$1 for each coupon redeemed during the month of April to Tenaya Parent

Preschool. These are special coupons identifying the fundraiser. Look for these coupons in the Yosemite Highway Herald and the Pine Mountain Lake News.

As we all know, money is in short supply, so let's do what we can to support our kids. Two Guys Pizza is a family owned restaurant. We have been supporting Tenaya Elementary, Tioga High School and Tenaya Parent Preschool for over 15 years. The Atkins' children attended all of these schools and graduated from Tioga High. Let's keep it local and do what we can to help!

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Pine Cone Singers

BY RACHEL PHILLIPS

Dennis Brown stood at the music stand in front of the forty-some singers, waiting for the piano introduction to cue the choir. The piece was a request from one member, but unfamiliar to others. It would be a good addition to the program, "Places

in Time." The first run-through left a few wiping tears. "Watch me," he instructed as the different parts came in at different places.

Practice continues every Tuesday afternoon, preparing another concert for the community, to be held

May 13th and 14th at 7:30 P.M. and Sunday, May 15th, at 2:00 P.M. This set of songs will take the audience from places like "Shall We Gather at the River," to "A New York State of Mind," and to places in time to "Now Is the Month of Maying," and "Sure on this Shining Night." In the mix is a tribute to Louis Armstrong with "What a Wonder-

ful World," "Do You Know What it Means to Miss New Orleans," and "All of Me." One particularly rousing number, "Stomp Your Foot," has voices dancing around each other as if square dancing. As the count down to show time begins, mark your calendars for this promising experience in music of "Places in Time."

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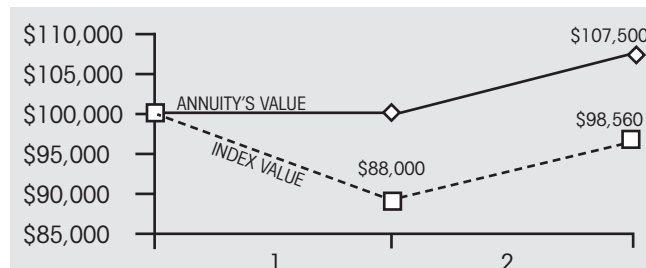
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2,931 Sq Ft renovated lakefront inside & out w/ custom decor. 4 Bd plus Bonus room/Mud room/Laundry room & 4 full Ba. New/custom features throughout. Gourmet kitchen. Thermadore gas 5 burner range with convection oven. Built-in GE Monogram Refrigerator. Granite countertops in Kitchen, Baths & Master Suite walk-in closet. 2 Custom Fireplaces - 1 wood burning in the Great Room and 1 propane in the Master Suite. Top of the line Exterior Hardy Plank siding. New decks and new dock at the lake. 2 car oversized garage with 8 ft roll-up door. Custom concrete parking and driveway.
\$899,000 1/292 - 19645 Pleasant View Drive



LAKESIDE LODGE LUXURY

This 3,917 sq ft, 4 Bd 3-1/2 Ba home has an incredible lake view, a fantastic 124' of lakefront, 2 native stone fireplaces, 2 utility/laundry rooms, 1 car garage with additional RV/Boat garage, large shop/game room, alarm system; stone, hardwood & carpeted floors and the luxury you desire. Radiant floor heating, HVAC, remotely controlled awnings on rear deck; water filtration; on-demand hot water adds to the wonderful resort feel of this incredible home.
\$925,000 1/279-19745 Pleasant View Drive

COUNTRY/MOUNTAIN HOME



CHARM COMBINED WITH FINE DETAIL
3 Bd 2 Ba w/attached 2 car garage. Spacious open great room w/spectacular Cultured Stone. Sunroom for relaxing & reading. Gourmet Kitchen with all the custom features. Huge partially covered private deck w/hot tub.
\$289,000 4/262 - 20707 Point View Dr.

CUSTOM CEDAR HOME IN THE LINDAL STYLE



2,474 sq. ft. home set on 1/2 ac lot encompasses the sounds of Big Creek and Mountain views. 2 Bd with downstairs family rm or 3rd sleeping area. 3 full Ba. Mountain decor with room for all. For the kids and guests, huge family rm w/privacy & Propane fireplace. Ultimate beauty, expansive living areas, warmth and serenity. **\$347,000** 10/29 - 20795 Non Pareil Way.

RANCH STYLE SINGLE LEVEL LIVING



1,784 Sq. Ft. Home. on .610 acre. 3 Bd 2 Ba. Oversized two car garage. Many design features throughout. Granite Counter tops and tile in kitchen. Laminated floors. Propane Fireplace. Covered front Porch. **\$252,000** 3/475 - 20724 Crestpine Easement.

Take virtual tours of the homes at: **CBMLP.COM**

OTHER FINE HOMES AVAILABLE IN PINE MOUNTAIN LAKE AND THE GROVELAND AREA

SHORT SALE HOME ON THE GOLF COURSE

3 Bd w/bonus room & 2 Ba all on one level. 1,536 sq ft. Backs up to 16th Fairway. Easy Access. Newer Heat Pump. Free-standing, wood burning Fireplace. Extra parking. Oversized 1 car garage. Close to PML amenities & Dunn Beach Ct.
\$204,000 5/53 - 19430 Reid Circle

NEW HOME UNDER CONSTRUCTION

1870 sq ft 3 Bd, 2 Ba PLUS 1,000+/- unfinished basement area w/rough plumbing for full bathroom. Attached two car garage. Septic system installed. Finish to your taste. Up to date approved permits available to new Buyer.
\$265,000 2/83 - 12942 Mueller Drive.

NICELY RENOVATED HOME IN 2005

Major renovation completed in 2005, including new roof, new decks, new interior & exterior paint, new floor coverings, new cabinets, new bathrooms, new lighting, new vinyl dual pane windows. Two propane free-standing fireplaces. Very nice location. Close to Lake Lodge and Beach.
\$269,500 4/322 - 20771 Big Foot Circle

SINGLE LEVEL DESIGNER HOME

Short Sale Situation. 1,735 sq. ft. 3 bedrooms 2 baths. Privacy with Mstr. Bedroom at one end of the home. 3 car garage (2 inline). Located very close to the Marina. Luxury throughout.
\$251,000 13/142 - 12003 Breckenridge Road.

SINGLE LEVEL MANUFACTURED HOME

3 Bd, 2 Ba all on one level. 1,500 Sq Ft. Recent updating by Owner. Set back on the lot for privacy and for the landscaped front yard. AC & forced air heat. Free standing wood burning Fireplace.
\$218,500 2/225 - 13242 Wells Fargo

CUTE & COZY MOUNTAIN STYLE CHALET

1440 Sq. Ft. Knotty Pine & Open Beam decor. Open great room with free standing Propane Fireplace. 3 Bd 2 Ba. Main bedroom on lower level. Nice decks. Close to the PML Marina.
\$169,500 1/375 - 19462 Grizzly Circle.

CUSTOM HOME

New 1,600 sq ft home. 3 Bd 2 Ba. Open great room w/vaulted ceilings. 2 car garage with 8'x16' OH door. Hardy plank siding. Beautifully done.
\$295,000 7/172 - 18970 Jimmie Bell St

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\$230,000 3/106 - 20631 Nob Hill Circle

PRIME LOCATION FOR ALL PML AMENITIES

2,136 sq ft Mountain design home with vaulted knotty pine/open beam ceilings in living rm & main bdrm. 3 Bd, 2 Ba. 2 car attached Garage. Open great room w/wood burning stove and fireplace in living room. Nice deck overlooking seasonal Creek.
\$245,000 1/322 - 19435 Pleasant View

GOLF COURSE VIEWS FROM ALL ROOMS & COVERED DECKS

3 Bd, 2 1/2 Ba, 2,240 Sq Ft., 2 car attached Garage. Very close to CC, Golf Course, Pool, Tennis Courts & Dunn Court Beach. Open living, kitchen & family room w/Fireplace. Hot Tub. Covered decks.
\$249,750 1/209 - 19675 Golden Rock Circle

LOTS & LAND

3 Merged Lots. .86 Acre. Septic Profile test passed 7-2005 for a standard Septic System. **\$55,000** 2/473 Mueller Drive.

Excellent Building Lot Septic passed for a 3 bd home. **\$39,999.** Yosemite Highlands. Lot #10. 11147 Merrell Rd.

Easy Build Lot. Very close to High School. **\$10,000.** 7/65 Ferretti Rd

Lot With Privacy. Access Rd. & Treed Hill in front of the lot allows privacy. Build your home here. **\$3,000.** 7/284 - 19337 Ferretti Road
Unit 7 Lot 49 Ferretti Road. **Easy Access.** Gentle upslope. **\$85,000**

Easy Build Lot. Very close to PML Grill, Golf Course, Swimming Pool and Tennis Courts. **\$45,000** 5-176 19315 Oak Grove Circle

3 Prime Lots w/APPROVED SEPTIC PERMITS

Unit 3 Lot 48 Echo Court **\$125,000**
Unit 7 Lot 265 Jackson Mill **\$80,000**
Unit 4 Lot 506 Cresthaven **\$100,000**

Level to Gentle Down Slope Lot. \$10,000. 6/104 Cottonwood St.

Ready to Build On .46 Acre Lot with Septic System. New Septic system for 3 bedroom home installed 4/10/09. Plot plan, finalized permit included. **\$70,000.** 4/308 - 20782 Buttercup Circle.

Nice Lot with Stately Oaks and Pines

.35 Acre. Engineering for Septic system completed in 1999-2000
\$20,000 2/441 12955 Wells Fargo Drive

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Parcel 2 1.04 Acres. Corner Elder & Homestead Rd. **\$38,000.**

1.88 Acre. Prime Horse Country Lot
Next to the Bass pond. Very close to PML Stables and Airport. Seller financing available. **\$175,000** 12/173 - Clements Road



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VIEW, VIEW, VIEW....41 acres of rolling hills, 3 year old home w/solar and 13 gpm/water storage.3bd/2ba with 2 car garage. H. Hetchy easement thru property Call David Lint or Ron Connick, \$360,000 9780 Priest Coulterville Rd.MLS#20104011



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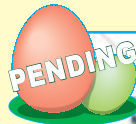
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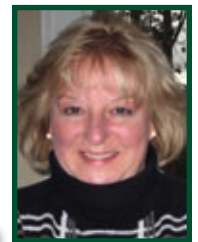
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19047 Crocker Station, 7/215
960 sq ft w/ 2 bed / 2 bath remodeled modular home. **\$75,000**



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19706 Cottonwood St. 6/162
3 bedroom, 3 bath (2 master suites on entry level), 1400 sq ft, 2 car garage screened porch. **\$229,000**



13036 Jackson Mill Dr. 7/84
Short Sale! - Great House 3B/2B on 1 & 1/2 lots .43 acre Large deck and lots of paved parking **\$179,000**



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LOTS FOR SALE

6/21 Cottonwood St. - \$12,000 *
4/234 Non Paniel Way - \$24,995 *

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NEW LISTING

PINNACLE LAKE VIEWS Spacious 2792 sq ft home near Dunn Ct. beach. Deluxe upstairs master suite includes two huge walk-in closets, separate dressing area, laundry large bonus room with fireplace, vaulted wood ceilings, & lake views from upper deck. 1-245 **\$324,900**



NEW!

HIGHLY CUSTOMIZED on .95 acre for discriminating buyers! Built in 2004, gorgeous slate floors, concrete siding, metal roof, stainless appliances, 26 x 26 ft garage, 2-story great room, huge covered deck, forest views. See 5-pg flyer + floor plan at PineMtnLake.com: Area Homes 3-290 **\$369,000**



NEW LISTING

FABULOUS FOREST VISTAS from 3 bedroom, 3 bath with 1300 sq ft DECK with octagon corners. Be bowled over by the amazing granite counters and commanding rock fireplace with log mantel. Jeld-wen windows & three French doors, 3" vane plantation shutters, instant water heater, concrete drive. Built in 2008 with cedar siding, stainless appliances, oak floors, sophisticated lighting, & vaulted wood ceilings for an up-to-the-minute mountain style. Look to the East for views of Yosemite peaks! On secluded one-way street. 15-47 Upper Skyridge **\$365,000**



NEW LISTING

SILVER BELLS & COCKLE SHELLS Delightful garden & covered decks to enjoy the views surround this 2638 sq ft home. Guest rooms, garage and shop area on lower level, soaring wood ceilings atop large great room, well appointed kitchen with a walk-in pantry. Jetted tub, lots of level parking 3-110 **\$349,9000**



NEW LISTING

ONE OF A KIND PROPERTY Enjoy this view from the back deck off the bonus room. A 160 acre parcel w/ your own private runway & 2 hangars! A 3500 +/- sq ft home w/ Mediterranean flair; 4 stone hearths, archways & a pool surrounded by flagstone. Lake Don Pedro Area Azucena Ct. **\$714,000**

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NEW LISTING

CREEKSIDE SETTING A great buy for a single level with 1428 sq ft. 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, a sun room & separate laundry/pantry. 2-car garage + carport. Year-round comfort with central heat & air. Special HomePath financing. 2-106 **\$128,400**



PRICE REDUCED

SAVE GREEN ON 4TH FAIRWAY Top quality 3300 sq ft home is exceptionally well-designed for flexible use. 3 bdrms, 4 baths + 3 multipurpose rooms 1400 sf Trex decks with iron railings, 3 car garage, & gorgeous views of the golf course, forest & mountains. 5E-9 **\$599,000**



PRICE REDUCED

COVERED DECK overlooking pleasant meadow & don't overlook this incredibly low price: **\$58,000** for 2 bdrm 2 bath, 1250 sq ft with spacious great room. Manufactured home at Yosemite Vista close to pool and clubhouse, attached double garage, new roof in 2010. **\$58,000**



1-MINUTE WALK TO BEACH Sunny location on .86 acre. 3 bdrm, 3 baths, 2280 sq ft with game room. Lots of paved parking on two levels, detached double garage, slate rock corner fireplace in great room with vaulted pine ceiling, many furnishings included, dog run. 4-427 **\$300,000**



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COURTYARD & MOUNTAIN VIEWS on a quiet cul-de-sac. Spacious open floor plan great for entertaining. Bonus room downstairs with full bath & private sleeping quarters. Plenty of room for everyone. RV or boat parking, level entry from street. Large deck. 8-247 **\$324,900**

Happy Easter from The Groveland Hotel

BY JONI GERKING

If you have a child or few at home, then Easter has a meaning all its own. From jelly beans to chocolate bunnies and coloring eggs, Easter is for joy! Those of us with empty nests may still enjoy the chocolate, but there are many other nuances to the celebration. Family and close friends are usually more important than the candy-filled baskets; a sense of renewal, of green hills, wildflowers and longer days refresh our spirits.

Easter dinner is another significant part of the day. We gather with those who are fundamental to our lives and find nourishment in food, memories and stories shared. The Cellar Door Restaurant offers a sumptuous menu and invites you to gather with your favorite companions for Easter Dinner on April 24 from 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. Find each table set with a fruit platter and pastries, as well as Mimosas for adult guests. Then take your choice of items from the first course: New England clam chowder, spring salad or Belgium waffle. The entrees are next with eggs Benedict, prime rib, spring vegetable frittata or salmon. Dessert options are molten chocolate cake with strawberry mousse or house made blackberry cobbler with vanilla bean ice cream. My only question is, how do I make a decision with so

many mouthwatering selections? Get all three courses and the fruit plate, pastries and mimosas for \$38.

Our next WineMaker Dinner is coming up on April 30. Gianelli Vineyards of Jamestown is the featured wine maker and they have much to boast about. Ron and Lorie Gianelli's wines have captured top placements beginning with their Cabernet which was chosen Gold & Best of show at the 2009 Tuolumne County Fair, their 2008 Dolcetto won a Gold Medal at the 2011 SF Chronicle Wine Competition and their 2008 Sangiovese took a Silver Medal at the 2011 SF Chronicle Wine Competition! With this vineyard, both the family and vine rootstock came from Italy. The Gianelli's have worked hard to carry forward the Italian wine-making techniques and vineyard stewardship practiced for thousand of years by creating a piece of Italy in their own back yard. From the smallest detail, this unpretentious operation in the heart of Jamestown has taken root. Today the Gianelli Vineyards boast a total of 18 different estate grown varietals. Join us for the very best combination of wine education and dining pleasure on Saturday evening, April 30, 2011. Tickets are \$54 per person.

While on the subject of wine, The Groveland Hotel and Cellar Door Res-

taurant are working to create a Wine Club with some great advantages to members. Benefits include: wine buys at a discount, wine tasting, wine storage, wine education events and even the option to have the server bring your own pre-purchased and hotel stored wine to enjoy with your dinner at the Cellar Door Restaurant. More details are coming soon!

You have been waiting for the Yosemite Courtyard Cabaret 2011 line-up and ticket prices. To better accommodate pocketbooks of all sizes, this year Peggy has created three ticket purchase options with four seating and pricing categories. 1) Basic Ticket Pricing: based on seating area. A better seat is valued a bit higher than a less well placed view. 2) Three Show Package: prepay for any three shows to receive a discount. Choice of seating area will determine the rate. 3) Three Shows & Dinners Package: prepay for any three shows with three \$25 Dinner Vouchers and glass of wine with each dinner. Again, your choice of seating area will make the difference in the ticket price.

To give an idea of how the new

tiered ticket system works, the Basic single ticket pricing is listed here. For the Led Zeppelin Tribute by Heartbreaker on May 27, tickets range from \$26 to \$19 for best seating to good seating. Karen Carpenter and Leslee Gore, June 17, tickets are \$20 to \$13. The Top 40 Country Jessica Caylyn Band, playing on July 15, tickets are priced from \$17 to \$14. A favorite, Johnny Cash Tribute with James Garner on August 19, tickets go from \$26 to \$19. The final show of the season offers music and comedy from The Perfect Gentlemen on September 9 with ticket prices from \$20 to \$13.

Don't worry, we have a diagram that you can access online at our website, or we will be happy to hand one to you if you prefer to drop by the hotel. Stop by for dinner and check out the show options to make your decision. This season is going to be terrific fun and, whether or not you have the best seats, remember that the dance floor will be open!

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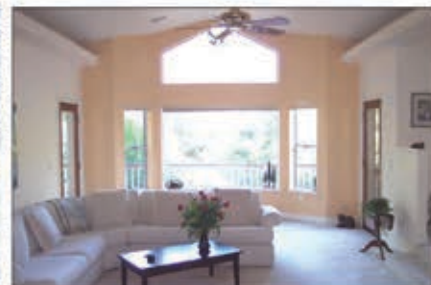


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LOCAL RAINFALL

BY JERRY DICKSON

Date	Rain, inches (24 hr. to 9AM)	Season Total, inches
Since Jul 1, 2010		30.94
Feb 16, 2011	1.64	32.58
Feb 17,	0.37	32.95
Feb 18,	1.90	34.85
Feb 19,	2.05	36.90
Feb 24,	0.80	37.70
Feb 25,	0.85	38.55
Mar 2,	0.33	38.88
Mar 3,	0.40	39.28
Mar 6,	0.42	39.70
Mar 7,	1.30	41.00



Partnering Equals Success

BY JOHN C BRUNK

Five Rotary clubs and three Lions clubs met in Calexico on Thursday, Feb. 17 and off loaded 3000 lbs. of clothing that made it to four orphanages and two mental hospitals for adults in Mexicali. Medical equipment of approximately \$5,000.00 found its way to the Mexicali General Hospital that did not get the "wrecking ball" as was expected, due to last year's massive earthquake.

On Friday and Saturday the twenty who went down, which included eight doctors, performed exams at clinics and installed playground equipment at the "Soledad Ponce De Leon" elementary school in the Centinela area of Mexicali which is 18 miles southwest of the city.

238 eye exams were performed by three optometrists and 178 pr. of glasses were dispensed. Sixty foot exams were performed with two surgeries and one pr. of braces that will be shipped to one child. 80 rabies vaccines were performed by two veterinarians, one of which is a resident of Mexicali and attended Cal Poly Pomona, Ca. The dental clinic consisted of 40 exams and 90 fluoride treatments.

The playground equipment installed consisted of "Playschool" brand commercial equipment with swings and slides, with a value of \$25,000.00, new, a tether ball and a teeter totter rounded out the play area.

The following clubs were represented on this, my 30th consecutive trip of goodwill to Mexico. Groveland, Oakdale Sunrise, Escondido Sunrise,

Calafia De Mexicali district 4100 and Tupi Paulista district 4510 Sao Paulo, Brazil Rotary clubs with its exchange student, Luan Macena Ferreira e Silva, and the Interact club of the Calafia club. The Lions clubs included Sonora Mountain Lions, Oakdale and the Alameda Breakfast clubs. Appreciation certificates were given on Sat. evening to those that have made the trip a minimum of three times which added up to ten. Six others that could not make the trip due to illness or out of town will be given theirs at another date.

We want to thank the following for their support and generosity: Helping Hands of Groveland, A & E Auto Parts, and the Tire Shop. The following local residents made this most worthwhile trip. Dr. Jose Bustos, Sharon Hunt, Jim Goodrich and myself.

Top: The person in the picture is our own Dr. Jose Bustos... performing a dental examination.

Bottom: The folks in the playground picture make up 4 Rotary and 2 Lions clubs.



Second One-Day ServSafe Class Due to High Demand

BY BETH HARTLINE

Due to high demand, a second one-day ServSafe Certification Class will be offered by The Business Alliance of Tuolumne County for food handlers and owners of all food service facilities in Tuolumne, Calaveras, and Mariposa Counties. A ServSafe exam will be given, and a certificate issued for all attendees who participate in the class and pass the test. Renewal of a ServSafe Certification for food handlers and owners is required every 5 years.

ServSafe will be repeated on April 11, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Sonora Days Inn located at 160 South Washington Street, Sonora,

California. Registration and pre-payment is required by the April 5, 2011 deadline. Seating is limited to 20, so call the Tuolumne County Chamber of Commerce at (209) 532-4212 or log on to www.tcchamber.com to reserve your spot. The cost is \$150.00 per person. Any person attending the March 14 class who may need to re-take the exam, the cost is \$75.00. The ServSafe Certification Class on March 14 is sold out.

Is your restaurant or food facility in compliance with State food safety regulations and who needs a ServSafe Certificate? Here are the facts: "Each food facility shall have an

owner or employee who has successfully passed an approved and accredited food safety certification examination....The certified owner or employee need not be present at the food facility during all hours of operation." (CA Health & Safety Code Sec. 113700-113733). Senate Bill 602 requires, food handler who is involved in the preparation, storage or service of food in a food facility has to have a valid food safety certificate (temporary food facilities are exempt and DO NOT require a food card). Effective June 11, 2011."

Instructor Tom Bruce, a renowned restaurant consultant and educator

servicing the hospitality industry for over 35 years, will teach this all-day class. Bruce is sponsored by the Small Business Administration (SBA) and the Small Business Development Center (SBDC).

The Business Alliance of Tuolumne County offers free business consultants, as well as ongoing business trainings and workshops. To receive information on upcoming classes, contact Beth Hartline at (209) 989-4058 or by email at beth.hartline@tceda.net.

JOHN MUIR ROUTE CELEBRATION

Events and Experiences That Allow One to be Young John Muir

DALE SILVERMAN, PR CHAIR JOHN MUIR ROUTE STEERING COMMITTEE

Saturday, June 4th is the anniversary of the dedication of the John Muir Historic Route, the 14 mile stretch of highway extending from Coulterville, up J132 to its terminus at Hwy. 120.

"Family friendly" events take place in Lake Don Pedro, Coulterville, Greeley Hill and Groveland that day, many of which are free, an all of which allow participants to experience Muir's love of nature and his appreciation of the unique beauty of the surrounding foothills...the gateway to the High Sierras. Remarkably, the pristine beauty he discovered in his journey in 1869 remains mostly untouched 142 years later.

Lake Don Pedro

The LDP Trailblazers are holding a Spring Hike & Ride, open to everyone. Ample parking for horse trailers is available at the El Prado Horse Camp on El Prado Rd from which the ride departs at 10 am sharp! Hikers can depart at their leisure. Trail system maps are available. There is also a "You and Your Horse photo op" at the Horse Camp from 9 am – 2 pm; cost is \$10 for an email copy of \$15 for a hard copy. Call 209-852-9459 for more information and directions to the Camp.

Coulterville Features Events Sponsored By History Center, Chamber, Master Gardeners and Fire Brigade

The Northern Mariposa County History Center has organized two free 4-hour guided tours to Bower Cave, each of which can accommodate just

15 individuals. Frank Oyung, tour guide, is sponsored by the Tuolumne Group of the Sierra Club. The tours depart from the History Center at 8:30 am and 1:30 pm. Yosemite Bank is sponsoring the transportation for both tours. The reservation deadline is May 20th, but call 209-878-3015 right away as these tours are likely to fill quickly!

The museum is hosting a John Muir Student Art Show. Invitations have already been sent to all schools along the John Muir Corridor. Museum visitors are also able to meet renowned photographer Scott Miller and get him to sign a copy of his new pictorial edition of Muir's *My First Summer in the Sierras*. This book depicts Muir's 1869 amble, herding a flock of sheep up to the high country along the Merced River, through the rolling hills of what is now Lake Don Pedro, over Peñon Blanco, with a vividly described stop in Coulterville for supplies and then up to Greeley Hill, past Bower Cave and Alter Rock and beyond. Both the Art show and the Book Signing are scheduled from 10 am to 4 pm. Call 209-878-3015 for additional information.

The Coulterville Park features works by local artists, demonstrations and other nature and historically oriented activities sponsored by the Mariposa County Chamber of Commerce. Representatives of the Muir Homestead is on hand with additional information about him. The park is open from 9 am 'till 4 pm. No admission fee. Call 209-878-3074 or email coultervilleevents@gmail.com for information.

The members of the Coulterville Fire Brigade, Mariposa County Fire Fighters Stations 26 and 31 and the Mariposa County Master Gardeners are conducting tours of the newly landscaped demonstration garden near the Coulterville Fire Station and explain plans for future development. The three groups are combining to offer a variety of children's games, demonstrations, art activities and information related to the theme of the day, the John Muir Legacy. Contact 209-878-3483 for additional information.

Bean Creek Preserve/Greeley Hill

The Sierra Foothill Conservancy is hosting a dedication of the new Bean Creek Preserve, donated by Ken and

Teri Pulvino, on Fiske Road in Greeley Hill, starting off with a John Muir reading at 10 a.m., with naturalist and biology instructor Rodney Olsen leading a walk "in the Footsteps of John Muir" through the beautiful and panoramic acreage. Lunch follows and is free for Conservancy members and \$10 for other participants. Pre-registration is required and space is limited. The Preserve closes its gates at 2 pm. Call Gretchen Coll at 209 742-5556 or register online at www.sierrafoothill.org (select Hikes & Classes; Event Calendar; June 4).

John Muir Play, "Hand-On" History, Earthfest, Bicycle Tour All Happening in Groveland

Big Creek Meadow Ranch, located at the terminus of the Historic John Muir Route at 10551 Smith Station Rod, has activities all day long on June 4th as well as being the location for the "Wild Adventures of John Muir" play on three consecutive evenings, June 3, 4th and 5th. There is free admission to all daytime activities, open 10 am to 5 pm. "Hands on" History lessons and experiential "nature stations" are intermingled with eco-friendly arts, crafts and book sale areas.

The Yosemite Playhouse players are performing an historical rendition of John Muir's exciting Yosemite adventures. Bring your own picnic by 5 pm or buy a Tri-tip dinner. Call 209-962-1942 for more information.

The Sierra Earth Fest at the Mountain Sage Nursery begins at 9:30 am with the last act, a funky Bay Area blues band, Tracorum, starting off at 5:30 pm. There are ongoing kid's activities, educational booths, a local artisan market, and speakers and entertainment all day long.

Those athletic enough to enjoy off-road bicycling are able to sign up for a Saturday tour along the John Muir Route and over to Bower Cave as well as a weekend package beginning with a dinner on Friday at 5 pm and lasting through Sunday lunch. This trip is being organized by Grimes Getaways Bicycle Tours who have recently moved their headquarters to Groveland. Call Nikki Grimes at 510-545-7969 for more information.

The John Muir Route Steering

BRIEFS

SUMMER READING AT THE LIBRARY SEEKS VOLUNTEERS AND BOOKS

by Lynn McCormick, Technology, Literacy, and Outreach Librarian

The Tuolumne County Library is looking for versatile volunteers to help prepare and supervise craft activities for the 2011 Summer Reading Club. This year, local readers of all ages will travel the world as the library presents "One World, Many Stories." The Summer Reading Club is designed to encourage children to continue reading during vacation so that valuable reading skills won't be lost. The Summer Reading Club begins June 21, 2011 and ends July 30, 2011. If you are interested in helping please contact the library to fill out a volunteer application and learn more about the programs.

The library is also seeking gently used books to be provided as incentives to the participating young readers. Board books, picture books, and chapter books are needed to accommodate the various ages and reading levels of the county's youth. For more information, please contact the library at 533-5507.

For further information contact: Lynn McCormick, Technology, Literacy, and Outreach Librarian, 480 Greenley Rd, Sonora, CA 95370, (209) 533-5507 or lmccormick@co.tuolumne.ca.us, www.tuolcolib.org

Committee (JMRS), is helping to promote cooperation between the various events in both Mariposa and Tuolumne Counties. They are organizing a VIP Pass to encourage visitors to stop in at the various commercial establishments throughout the region. Participants will get free drawing tickets and special discounts at each participating vendor. In addition to the various event organizers, the Yosemite/Mariposa County Tourism Bureau, The Tuolumne County Tourism Bureau, the Yosemite Chamber of Commerce and the Mariposa Chamber of Commerce are all involved. We invite you to assist the committee in this exciting endeavor. For additional information, please call Joy Kitchel at the Coulterville Visitors Center, 209-878-3074 Friday or Saturday, 9 am – 4 pm or Ann Schafer at 209-962-1942 in Groveland.



BRIEFS

SOAP BOX DERBY by Larry Cope

Soap Box Derby is back this summer with the Lumber Jubilee in Tuolumne! Racers from Tuolumne County and all over Northern California will be racing for trophies and the invitation to compete at the National Championships later this summer in Akron Ohio!

This is a free exciting event for spectators who are invited out to cheer the gravity racers on to victory! Car inspections and practice runs happen June 11th and the big race on June 12th, at 10:00 a.m.

The race is open to any child 8 through 17 years old. To find out more about how to build and race a derby car or volunteer for this great family event, attend the Orientation Meeting scheduled March 15th, 7:00 p.m. at the County Library on Greenley Road in Sonora.

Contact tuolumne_sbd@hotmail.com or 209-533-2764 for more information.

THE PINE NEEDLERS QUILT STROLL COMES AGAIN!! by Jan Sloan

Please mark your calendars for June 11, 2011. The third biannual quilt stroll will happen in downtown Groveland! Again we hope to drape the town with 500 quilts of all sizes. There will also be a boutique and vendors in the park. The Community Center will be abuzz with activities, antique quilts, as well as weavers, spinners, and needlework artists of our community. As you know, Grovelanders and our surrounding friends are a very talented bunch.

If you are interested in participating (you don't have to be a Pine Needlers Guild member), we have a website at www.pineneedlers.com. You can find instructions there to register.

We are also selling tickets for our opportunity quilt so generously made and donated by Wina Helm.

Summer Backpacking Program for Teens offers Academic Enrichment and Wilderness Adventure

BY KARI COBB

NatureBridge, the largest non-profit education partner of the National Park Service, opened registration today for its Summer Field Research Course for teens at its Yosemite Institute location. The course consists of a two-week backpacking trip on which teenage participants learn about the natural history of the Sierra Nevada and earn college credit by creating and carrying out their own ecological research project.

Course Director Dr. Adam Burns describes the course as the ultimate teen summer adventure, combining rigorous academic content with a challenging backpacking trip in the Yosemite wilderness. According to Burns, "teen-

agers emerge from the Summer Field Research Course knowing how to think like scientists. The course is student-centered, inquiry-based learning at its most adventurous. Students learn field research skills that can be transferred to high school, college, and beyond".

The program runs from July 30th through August 12th, 2011. Students interested in the program are encouraged to contact Dr. Burns directly at 209 379 9511 ext. 33 or aburns@naturebridge.org. To learn more and to register online, visit the Field Research Course website <http://www.yosemitefieldresearch.org>

About Yosemite Institute: Yosemite Institute is a campus of NatureBridge,

the largest residential education partner of the National Park Service. It is committed to educating the next generation of environmental stewards. For almost four decades their field science education programs in Yosemite National Park have been connecting youth from diverse cultural and economic backgrounds to nature and inspiring them to service. They use core science education to inspire future generations to lifelong environmental stewardship. Their inquiry-based programs ensure that students return to their home communities with a broadened view of the world and the tools to make positive impacts in their neighborhoods.

WHAT'S NEW WITH GROVELAND ROTARY

BY RUDY MANZO

The Groveland Rotary continues to grow and the club is pleased to announce that Greg Cramblit has been inducted as a new member. Greg is the owner of Sir Froggy's Pub in Soquel, CA and is also a Loan Officer with Cobalt Financial. We encourage those who are interested in Rotary to join us at The Grill on Tuesdays at 12:00 noon. Rotary is open to both men and women. Should you like more information please contact Rudy Manzo, President at 962-5219.

This year's Red, White and Blue Ball was a great success. Everyone that attended had a great time. The Grill

provided an outstanding dinner service and is to be complimented on a job well done. After dinner it was time for everyone to work off the calories. The music of the "Home Grown" band provided this opportunity. The dancing continued late into the evening and everyone left with a smile on their face.

Keep June 18th, 2011 open on your calendars. The Groveland Rotary is at this time planning for a new event. Do you like Jazz? Prepare yourself for the 1st Annual Groveland Rotary Jazz Festival which is held at Mary Lavaroni Park. We already have one band lined up and others are being contacted to perform.

The event is held in the early afternoon. There is still a lot of work to be done in preparing for this event. Barry Scales is the Chairman for this event and with his committee is being kept busy getting the pieces of the puzzle to fall into place. At this time we want to give you the early notice so that you and your friends can make plans to attend. We feel that Groveland and the surrounding communities need a new event to draw people in from outside our area. Hopefully they will enjoy the music and give our local businesses a boost. You will be getting more information on this event as we move forward with the planning.

FREE! FREE! FREE! Spring Give-Away Coming This Month

BY PATTI BEAULIEU

Helping Hands Thrift Store will, once again, be having its twice yearly give-away on Friday and Saturday, April 15th and 16th. This is the time when we clear the store of winter clothing, shoes, household items,

purses and linens that are out of season or have been in our inventory for a while.

We open the doors to the Groveland Community Hall from 10 a.m – 4 p.m. on both days and allow all who

enter to take black bags and fill them with as much as they want. We clear the way for spring and summer items to fill the store and allow the community to 'stock up' on last season's clothing and whatever else is available. This time we expect to have some books, records, luggage, home décor items, and much more, in addition to the clothing and shoes.

Mark your calendars and be sure to come and get whatever you and your family can use in the coming months. We ask that it be for your personal use, and not used for resale.

It's our way of thanking the community for supporting us all year long.

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Soroptimist's Saturday of Service

BY BARBARA ELLIOTT



You probably saw "SOS" posters around town or SIG members encouraged you to help "share our stuff" by donating personal care products to those in our community going through difficult financial times.

Soroptimist is a working club, but we really do have fun while doing the work. The Saturday of Service is a perfect example... Annually, world wide, Soroptimist Clubs have committed to a project, on the first Saturday of March, to better the lives of members of their community. Our project was gathering and assembling personal care products, from people in our community, for local individuals who still need help with life.

We met at 9:00AM and faced a wall of products – it was a daunting picture. Work groups were organized, the work method was defined and everyone got busy.

Looking at a "beginning" picture, you can see a huge wall of products. The "ending" picture shows almost 160 bags filled with toilet paper, shampoo, soap, hand lotion, deodorant etc. Some of the bags were immediately taken to The Little House for distribution to recipients of Meals on Wheels. Other bags will be distributed by the A-TCAA sponsored food closets in Groveland.

Notice the smiles on the faces of all the ladies who helped – we had a great time!! We are proud of this service for our community.

If you are moved to help your community and share great times with similarly minded ladies, please call Sharon

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Valponi (at 962-6848) and ask about attending one of our Soroptimist meetings and getting to know, and perhaps join, these happy and generous ladies.

HELPING HANDS HAPPENINGS

BY JOYCE SMITH

We participated in the "Support Downtown" shopping day in February with A 'Community Appreciation Day' at both the thrift store and barn with a 1/2 price sale. There were a good number of people out to eat and shop. This is a slow time for most businesses and with the weather, being often bad, has placed an added hardship on businesses. Thanks to everyone who participated. As luck would have it, it was actually a pretty nice day to be out supporting our town.

* We will have our 7th Annual Spring Giveaway on Friday and Saturday, April 15th and 16th. This is another way we give back to the community. We are able to make room for the change of season clothing. Also, everything is free at the giveaway! Check us out as the variety of items

given away increases with every event.

* Patti Beaulieu, our Store Manager, was invited to a Kiwanis meeting in February. Patti was honored to be presented with a beautiful plaque to thank us for our continued support of their organization (we sponsor the back to school shopping spree). Patti gave them some information about our business, number of volunteers, what and who we give to in the community and other information. On behalf of Helping Hands, I want to say thank you to the Kiwanis Club for the lovely plaque and for recognizing us in this way. Truly, our volunteers are "happy campers" because we feel we are doing something good for our community. We are happy to be a part of Helping Hands.

* Welcome to Sandy Bradley.

Sandy is the former Principal of Tioga High School. She will be taking on the role of Scholarship Chairperson. We are happy to have her joining us. Also, thanks to Nancy Meyer, former Scholarship Chairperson who is taking time off after being in that capacity for 4 years. Nancy did a great job and was awarded the 'Extra Mile Award' in 2010.

* Students of the Month: Congratulations to Tioga Senior, Ryan Sullivan, grandson of Mert Sullivan and Tenaya 6th Grader, Rowan Izzo, daughter of Joe and Lara Izzo. We are proud of you. Helping Hands presents all of the Student of the Month award recipients with \$25 gift certificates to Two Guys Pizza to let them know how proud we are of them.

* We have received our last NIKE

donation. Leslie Moyar, our local Nike rep is leaving the area. Leslie has been so generous with her donations. We will miss her generosity. We wish her well. These new items will be put out as time and space permit. Remember, these are new Nike items, hats and clothing, and are never on sale.

* See's Candy. The HH Board is offering to the South Side Seniors See's Candy Sales a temporary place to sell candy during their busy Easter time. During the month of April they will be selling candy at the Helping Hands Barn. Time 11:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Wed., Thurs., Fri. and Sat. This is due to the Candy Booth in the Park being vandalized.

* Remember us for Easter baskets and other related items.

See you at the store or barn.

GARDEN CLUB CLIPPINGS

BY JOYCE SMITH

We really enjoyed the lovely Valentine flowers from the February meeting at our house. The flowers were nice and fresh and lasted a long time. Since the meeting fell on Valentines Day, it was a perfect surprise to take home. Great idea and thanks to Linda Flores and the Garden Club Board for this treat.

– Well we didn't get to go to Ironstone Winery to see their daffodils. They are closed on Mondays. But not to worry, our very resourceful Program Committee Chairs arranged for us to go to Morris Nursery in Riverbank. We met at the Jail and carpooled from there. The plan was to meet at Applebee's on Claribel Rd for lunch. A nice outing for all. The Nursery has just about anything you might want connected to gardens. It was certainly a nice place to visit.

– I will be reminding everyone from now until June about the upcoming Garden Tour and Luncheon on June

13th. We always have a sellout. I will have ticket price and who to call for tickets in next month's article. The theme is "High Country Garden."

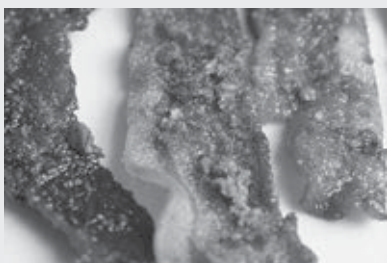
– We will be meeting AT THE JAIL on April 11th. Time is 1:00 P.M. instead of the usual 3:00. Be on the watch for your Newsletter as we will be making a dish garden and you will need to know what to bring. Thanks to Sharon Hunt for your very informative Newsletters. This should be a good time to be at the Jail and see what is blooming as spring is arriving. There might even be a few little weeds sprouting that need to be pulled. Watch the bulletins for Jail workdays. The Jail is our main project and last June for the Garden Tour it was lovely.

– Want to join us? Come to a meeting as a guest and see what we are about.

– Hope to see you at the Jail on April 11th. Visiting time is 1:00 P.M.

Praline Bacon

RECIPE PROVIDED BY TOM KNOTH AND PAULA MARTELL



This recipe is dangerously easy and it is obviously not the healthiest thing to eat, but it is so tasty and we all deserve an occasional treat. Add this palate pleaser to your Easter Brunch menu and you will hit a home run!

10 strips Thick-Cut Bacon
2-1/2 ounces Light Brown Sugar (about 6 tablespoons)
1-1/2 ounces Pecan Halves or Pieces

Preheat oven to 400 degrees F.

Position a cooling rack over a foil or parchment lined baking sheet (for easy clean up). Lay the strips of bacon on the rack and place in the oven to bake for 6 to 10 minutes until partially cooked. They should be lightly browned, but still moist and limp.

Meanwhile, combine brown sugar

and pecans in a food processor. Pulse about 15 times or until the pecans are finely chopped.

Generously sprinkle each strip of the already partially cooked bacon with the brown sugar/pecan mixture and bake until the sugar melts and caramelizes and the bacon is crispy, about 6 to 8 minutes; watch them like a hawk and don't let them burn! Remove from the oven and allow bacon to cool a little and crisp up (a couple minutes), then serve.

Note: For a simpler "candied bacon", you can just use brown sugar and omit the pecans. Other options are to use maple syrup or honey instead of brown sugar.

Tom Knoth and Paula Martell of "Two Little Pigs BBQ Catering" host monthly cooking demonstrations at PML Lake Lodge; information on upcoming classes can be found in the "Community Calendar" section of PML News. For more info on this recipe, contact Tom at 209-962-5838 or tomknoth@yahoo.com.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)

BY CONI CHAVEZ, COLUMBIA COLLEGE

Members of the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program can help with income tax preparation from February 28th through April 18th at two Sonora locations. There is no charge for this free community service.

VITA volunteers will be on-hand Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays through April 18th by appointment at the Tuolumne County Senior Center, located at 540 Greenley Road next to the county library; on Tuesday, Wednesday, (except Wednesday 3/16/11), and Thursday evenings through April 14th from 4:30 – 8:00 p.m. on a walk-in basis, in Manzanita 18-1.

Columbia College is located in Sonora off Sawmill Flat Road and attendants in the security booth can provide directions to the Manzanita Building. For more information, contact Vickie Garrett at 588-5246.

Take A New Look At The Little House

BY SYDNEY AVEY

The Little House has a new logo and a new website. Now that the facility is refurbished and fulfilling its mission to provide recreational, social, educational and healthy activities for adults of all ages, the Southside Senior Services Board thought it was time to update our look.

Members of the SSSI marcom committee, Virginia Gustafson, Judy

Gravino, Dori Jones, Gary Weinstein and Sydney Avey, gave much time and considerable talent to developing the new tagline – a community gathering place, a new logo and a new design for our website.

Visit us at www.thelittlehouse.org or come by The Little House and see what's happening for yourself. We are located at Merrell Road off Hwy 120.



See's Candy Sales Move to The Furniture Barn

BY SYDNEY AVEY

See's Candy sales will resume for Easter and Mother's Day beginning Wednesday March 30. Through the efforts of Patti Beaulieu and Maggie Jacobson, the Helping Hands Board of Directors has approved a new temporary "home" for our fund raising activities at The Furniture Barn.

The See's Candy Booth, located in the parking lot between the park and the museum and library, has become a target of thieves and vandals. The generous offer of a more secure venue means we can continue to

provide a service to the community which helps fund The Little House activities.

The collaborative effort of Groveland's nonprofit organizations strengthens our community. Thanks to all who acted quickly to make this happen. Stop by and see us in our new location.

The Furniture Barn is open Wednesday thru Saturday from 11 AM to 3 PM; we look forward to seeing you there.

The Little House – A community gathering place Tickets on sale now for Cinco de Mayo, May 1, 2011

BY SYDNEY AVEY

Welcome Spring by attending Cinco de Mayo on Sunday, May 1, starting at 5 pm at Tuolumne Trails. Our annual fundraiser for The Little House, a community gathering place, supports programs that focus on adult recreation, socialization, learning and well being in our mountain community, where such activities can be difficult to access.

This year, we are upgrading the event to ensure a wonderful experience for our supporters. Tickets are \$40 (\$22 is a tax deductible donation to Southside Senior Services, Inc.). For this price, you will get: your choice of seasoned pork, chicken, or shrimp; rice and beans, grilled mushrooms and onions; 2 salsas and 3 condiments – guacamole, sour cream and cheese, corn or flour tortilla; flan – and a complimentary wine glass.

Doors will open at 5 pm. Start your evening with a visit to the ever popular margarita bar. Wine, beer, sodas and water will also be sold. Purchase a Paddle, prices remain at \$20. You are guaranteed a prize at values of \$25 -

\$100. This year, there will be twice the number of prizes to make sure everyone gets one that wants one.

A Live Auction for fabulous gifts will be held after dinner. And, we are raffling a dinner for six prepared for you at your home by four of Groveland's very own firemen. Raffle tickets are six for \$10. You must be present to win. You will also have a chance to win door prizes.

Come early, buy paddle and raffle tickets, eat a scrumptious dinner in a beautiful locale, bid often on adventures, getaways and other goodies and know that you are supporting an asset that improves life in our community.

Tickets are limited. You may purchase Fiesta tickets at:

- Local businesses and The Little House
- SSSI Board Members: Ron Harms, Ron Michaelis, Sydney Avey, Al Brizard, Kathy Ryan, Carole Smith, Linda Craig, Alex Wylie or Maggie Jacobson.
- By mail to Mail to SSSI, P. O. Box 63, Groveland, CA 95321

Fitness at the Lake Lodge

BY BARB ELLIOTT

This is an update of the FREE fitness efforts we have going on at the Lake Lodge.

Recently, we have been going on 5-mile walks with our friends. Yes, we put on a DVD which musically directs us on a 5-mile hike. The DVD leader will intersperse the walking with side steps, upper body motion and other fun moves. Each mile starts out with a gentle walk and works up to a brisk pace if you want to pick up the pace. Participants can do whatever is comfortable for them (or be "gentle" the entire time!!)

We now offer an "early bird" pro-

gram to supplement the other DVDs.

The resulting schedule is:

Monday, early bird 8:30 AM

Weights – Variety of tapes **

Monday, 9:00 AM Walking with Friends

Wednesday, early bird 8:30 AM Abs – Variety of tapes *

Wednesday, 9:00 AM low impact aerobics and some weights **

Friday's schedule is the same as Monday.

* Please bring mats

** Please bring mats and weights

Any questions? You may call Barb Elliott X6457

WESTWARD EXPANSION

BY KAREN DAVIS

It took American colonists a century and a half to expand as far west as the Appalachian Mountains. It took another fifty years to push the frontier to the Mississippi River. Within a brief span of five years, America pushed the edge of settlement to Texas, the Southwest, and the Pacific Northwest.

Where and when did your ancestors fit in this drive to improve their lives and that of their children? Were they driven from their homes by conflict? Were they seeking freedom from religious persecution? Were they seeking cheap land or looking for work?

The study of migration patterns may shed light on many genealogical research mysteries. This is important because most offspring of most immi-

grants eventually left the communities of original settlement in the east and headed westward. In many cases family lines can be extended by identifying common migration movements of various ethnic groups and it's important to remember that people seldom traveled alone. They often followed groups made up of their own ethnic group, church group, neighbors, friends, etc.

Are you interested in learning more and/or sharing your family's history. You are welcome to attend the Genealogy Workshops held in the Library's downstairs meeting room at 1:00 p.m. on the 4th Friday of each month (excluding November & December.)



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BY BARBARA ELLIOTT

The Banner Headline!!!!

THE WELLNESS FAIRE is coming to town at the Tenaya School on April 26, 2011. Look for a full article in this paper.

Things that have recently occurred:

Chinese Auction. Well, all the streamers and dragons are packed and the Grill is back to normal. We had a great time. We thank the "S" Club

members for starting off the dinner by serving appetizers to people who were busy picking out items that appealed to their bidding urges. Liz Mattingly and her committees developed new formats for raffle prizes and other activities. Catherine Santa Maria guided bidders throughout the evening. And we want to thank the men who really dressed to the nines and helped with the auctions. We want to again thank

California Native Plant Society Meeting

BY CONNY SIMONIS

The Sierra Foothills Chapter of the California Native Plant Society (CNPS) will have their monthly meeting: Thursday, April 7 at 6:00 pm, Board Meeting (all members welcome); 7 pm General Meeting. Location: Tuolumne County Library on 480 Greenley Road, Sonora. Refreshments will be served.

Program: Jim Shevock, retired in 2009 from public service with a botanical career spanning more than 30 years between the USDA Forest Service and the National Park Service.

He is currently a research associate and fellow at the California Academy of Sciences, Department of Botany and a research associate at the University Herbarium, UC Berkeley. He has collaborated with Dan Norris on the study of California mosses culminating in the 2004 publication titled

Contributions toward a bryoflora of California part 1: A specimen-based catalogue of mosses, and part 2: A key to the mosses published in *Madroño* 51: 1-269.

A recent book titled 'California mosses' by Bill & Nancy Malcolm, Shevock, and Norris was published in the fall of 2009. This picture book with nearly 2,200 color images provides a portal into the wonderful diversity of California mosses. His plant collections, currently at over 37,000 specimens, are housed at the herbarium of the California Academy of Sciences (CAS) with selected duplicates provided to major bryophyte herbaria around the world. Jim has 7 flowering plants and 5 mosses named in his honor included the moss genus *Shevockia*, endemic to Yunnan Province, China.

all of the community who participated. The evening was successful financially and we are ready to spend the proceeds on community services.

Saturday of Service (SOS). March 5, 2011 the EVF Church Hall was a beehive of activity. The "S" Club members joined with many of our members and turned piles of products into prepared stacks of bags filled with hygiene products. We thank all of our neighbors and members who helped supply much-needed products.

B.E.S.T. Day. As we write this, our members are still busy planning decorations and programs for this event. Hours of love go into this event that we present to the girls from Tenaya.

Nominating Committee. The Committee presented a slate of proposed officers and Board members. Nobody challenged the slate; the nominations were approved. So, who will be leading SIG in July? Ha. We will make you wait and see – at least wait for another month. How is that for a tease?

New Member. The members welcomed Joan Sheffield and her applica-

tion for membership. Joan got right into the swing of things – she provided a terrific shirt that she designed and blinged for the Chinese Auction and she was in the middle of activity for Saturday of Service. Hope she doesn't slow down.

Good things in the planning phase:

At least 8 of our members are registered and preparing to go to the Regional Conference, to be held in Santa Clara mid-April. Part of the conference will be recognition of members who passed away in the past year. Elizabeth TeSelle will be remembered by SIG at this time. This will be a beautiful and moving ceremony.

Per the article banner, the **Wellness Faire** will be held at the Tenaya School on **April 26, 2011**. All hands are preparing for this huge community event. Details will be enumerated in another article.

Members doing good things:

I am always amazed with the wonderful activities of our members in their "spare" time. Shirley Brasco runs the Friday Karaoke at the Grill (great singing and dancing fun for the town). Oh, yes – she is also in Pine Singers along with Sally Salinas, Connie Scott, Bonnie Phillips, Nadele Monzo, Luci Tyndall and probably several others I have forgotten to list.

Shopping to support the Groveland merchants? Yes. We were there. Mayor Nadele is everywhere. Catherine Santa Maria is in a million organizations, as is Carole Smith. Pat Pasha volunteers at the Little House and takes blood pressures. This list is getting so long – guess we need to continue at a later publication.

If YOU have an interest in helping your community and having a really great time, call Sharon Volponi 962-6848.

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." – Helen Keller. It is never too late to join in on the fun.



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Friends of the Groveland Library Big Spring Book Sale And Raffle

BY NADINE PEDRON

SATURDAY, APRIL 23, from 10 - 2, downstairs at the library, you will find a large selection of special book bargains, as well as complementary refreshments. Many, many hard and paper back books will be at half-price or "buy one, get one free" deals. Four huge baskets, brimming over with Gourmet, Gardening, Reading or Wine and Chocolate items will be raffled. Check them out on display in the library where you can purchase tickets. And see you at the sale!

Do you use the Groveland library? Do you take out books, read newspapers, use the Internet, make photocopies, or borrow videos and books-on-tape? Do your kids or grandkids come to Storytime, Summer Reading

Program, or participate in volunteer reading programs at school? Or are you just glad we have a library? If you think the county fully pays for our library, think again. Friends of the Groveland Library make up the difference with our Saturday book sales and our volunteer efforts in the library and the school. We invite you to show your gratitude for our library and all the services it provides in our community. Join Friends of the Library! For just \$20 a year, you can support kids' reading programs, buy new books and keep the library open five days a week (the county only funds four days). You can join at the library or contact Virginia Gustafson for further information (962-6336; v_richmond@yahoo.com).



Joan Hart with the raffle baskets she has designed for the Big Spring Book Sale.

Quilters' Corner

BY SANDY SMITH

I love to browse thru older quilt books. You find the most interesting information. Here is a good idea, take a small empty spice container (Tones are perfect) and put your old sewing machine needles in it. You can even decorate it to match your sewing space. This way when it is full you just toss it. No more jabbed fingers in the trash can.

Three more months...June 11th will be here before you know it. Keep on sewing and I will keep on working on my Christmas applique quilt. Is this a challenge or a race? Not sure but hope you are excited to be a part of the Stroll, like me.

Are you sharing your quilts on Facebook? Also a great way to invite friends to come up and spend the day. We have friends who are coming from Ventura and LouAnn will be showing a quilt or two.

Pine Needlers Quilt Guild meets the

3rd Tuesday of each month. This month it will be the 19th, @ 6 p.m. under the library. Consider this a personal invitation, so come and join us for the evening. Lots of good "stuff" going on there. Come and see what we are doing and enjoy lots of great cookies, too.

CNVC, do you know what they do? Formerly known as Womens Resource Center, helps women, and now men in crisis to get a new start. The guild has an on-going project called The Block Party. The third Thursday of each month we meet to put together small quilts to be given to the children who come to the shelter. We always need help cutting, packaging, sewing, and tying. The 21st of this month we will be meeting from 1-4 at Dina Medinas's house. Call me if you need directions, -4950.

Before I forget, here are a couple of web sites to peruse: cleverquilter.com, materialgirlquilt.com and, of course,



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our very own pineneedlers.com. Maenette Proctor deserves a hand for all she has done to put it together and keep it updated. Kudos to you, clever lady. Check it out and let her know what a great job she is doing.

Another great project is IMVO (it's my very own). Making Bags Of Love and little

quilts to be given to the children who have to be removed from their homes. Both of these are wonderful projects that only need your time and a little energy. Our guild is proud to be a part of these worthy projects. If you want to participate and are not a guild member, contact Sue Halstead or Sandy Smith.

DINNER ON THE DECK!

Enjoy 50% off Beer & Wine at Priest Station Monday to Thursday

Spring is about us at Priest Station and the views from our deck have never been better. Winter is over and we are once again open daily for lunch and dinner. To celebrate our return to summer hours, we are offering 50% off all beer and wine purchases with food. Come in any time between 4 and 8 pm, Monday through Thursday to enjoy our house wine for only \$2.25 a glass. All beers are also 50% off, including Stella Artois and Sierra Nevada Pale Ale for only \$2.25 per bottle. Budweiser is \$1.75 a bottle, less than a cup of coffee. All of these are delicious with our selection of Angus burgers or our premium, locally raised grass-fed burgers.

MORE NEWS FROM PRIEST STATION: Conrad Anker's DVD "The Wildest Dream" will be available for sale in April. As is our tradition, we will feature German dinners on the first Friday and Saturday of the month. This month those days are April 1 and April 2. If you can, please call 962-1888 and make a reservation. On all other weekends, we prepare complete made-from-scratch turkey dinners priced at \$10.99 to \$12.99 depending on how much you want to eat. In April, we will be serving the turkey dinners every weekend EXCEPT April 1 and 2 when we dedicate our kitchen to German dinners.

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Your Health Matters at the 11th Annual Family Wellness Faire

BY SHARON MECUM

Has it been a while since you have had a check-up? Not feeling quite up to par? Feeling great and want to make sure you stay that way? Then you are in luck because Soroptomist of Groveland will be hosting the 11th annual Family Wellness Faire at the Tenaya Elementary School on April 26. Registration begins in the gym at 7:00am; the event will conclude at 12:00pm. There are many FREE resources provided to our community at this event from health screenings and assessments to the latest information. Most of the tests are provided at no cost. However, if you would like a complete blood panel drawn by Sonora Regional Medical Center, the cost is \$20 and you must be fasting—no food or drink after midnight. The blood panel includes cholesterol, kidney function, thyroid, liver function and a lipid panel. For an additional \$10 men can receive Prostate Screening Antigen (PSA) testing. Results of blood work are

provided directly to you by the hospital a few days later.

Among the free tests offered are bone density scanning, glucose testing, hearing screening, oral cancer checks, eye checks which include pressure testing for glaucoma, and blood pressure. Ever popular “The Doctor is In”, featuring Dr. Shields, will be available to answer your health questions. At registration you will be given a health assessment form that is filled out as you move through each booth and testing area. When you have successfully “made the rounds” a health representative is available to go through your assessment and discuss your personal wellness measures.

Soroptomist of Groveland advocates for community health through the Family Wellness Faire each year, and the “Think Pink” heart campaign in February. Over the last 11 years, more than 2200 people have been served by the Family Wellness Faire

and have been tested for osteoporosis, diabetes, vision impairment, hearing loss, and dental problems. This event is available through the generous participation of our partners and through financing raised by Soroptomist of Groveland at its annual Winter Tea and Chinese Auctions.

We believe we live in a wonderful community and we want to help keep it healthy!

Columbia College Fall 2010 President's List

BY CONI CHAVEZ

Columbia College has named 164 students to the fall 2010 semester Dean's List. We are pleased to officially recognize their exceptional scholastic achievement. This acknowledgment is reserved for students completing twelve or more units of semester coursework at Columbia College and earning a cumulative grade point average between 3.5 and 4.0, with no grade lower than “C.”

Columbia College fall 2010 Dean's List for Big Oak Flat and Groveland.

Big Oak Flat - 2, Curtis Ellis; Sarah Grossklas; Groveland - 2, Amelia Nickell, Spencer West;

Brainy Groveland Donates Books

BY VIRGINIA GUSTAFSON

Students at Tenaya Elementary are still reading up a storm, thanks to the Brainy Groveland reading incentive program. To help keep things interesting, the Brainy Groveland fund has just donated over 250 new books to the second, third, and fourth grade classrooms. Now the kids have lots of brand new books to choose from.

Brainy Groveland thanks the Mountain Bookshop in Sonora for a generous discount on our purchases.

The goal of the Brainy Groveland reading program is to instill a lifelong habit and appreciation of reading by rewarding children at a pivotal time in their reading development. Research has shown that students who are good readers do better throughout school. Doing well in school opens more career doors, too. If you would like to be a volunteer reading mentor and visit a classroom once a month, please contact Virginia Gustafson at 962-6336.



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Third-graders Jillian Radanovich, Sierra Kersey, and Jaydon Spires help carry new books to their classroom.

PHOTO BY STEVE RYAN

Discovery Space Shuttle Launch

BY EDDIE PAVLU, WWW.GROVELANDASTRO.COM



This month's newsletter is going to be a little different.

About a week before the launch of the Space Shuttle Discovery on February 24th, I received a telephone call from a good buddy of mine, Lou

Winoski. Lou and I work for the same company, National Technical Systems, and we do work for several of the large contractors for NASA. The conversation with Lou went a little something like this ...

Lou: "Hey Eddie what are you and Lisa doing on February 24th?"

Eddie: "Not sure, I think I'm free."

Lou: "Well then, I think you better sit down – I have two NASA VIP passes for the Discovery launch – and they're yours if you want them."

Lou didn't have to ask twice - my wife, Lisa, and I booked our flights to

Kennedy Space Center, Florida, that night!

About 6 months prior to this conversation, Lou and I had been to an executive retreat where we, along with two dozen other people, went around the room and as an "ice breaker" shared our dream events. I had what I thought were the typical "guy" things – drive a Formula 1 race car, fly in a fighter jet, ... watch a space shuttle launch close up and in person. Lou, having many NASA contacts, tucked away that bit of information and when the opportunity presented itself, he

thought of me.

As you may or may not know, and I'll try to remain politically neutral, the current administration has decided to discontinue the manned space program. Once this was announced it became increasingly more difficult to get into Kennedy Space Center on launch days. In fact, NASA moved to a lottery system for launch tickets. I had my name in this lottery system for well over a year, but no luck. With the exception of having "press credentials", a NASA VIP pass is about the best you can get. So this was very special indeed.

Space Shuttle Discovery is one of the three currently operational orbiters in the space shuttle fleet. The other two are Atlantis and Endeavour. Discovery was first flown in 1984 and is currently the oldest orbiter in service. It gets its name from four British ships of exploration named Discovery, primarily HMS Discovery, one of these ships was commanded by Captain James Cook during his third and final major voyage in 1776-1779.

Discovery was the shuttle that launched the Hubble Space Telescope and has been chosen twice as the "return to flight orbiter", first in 1988 after the 1986 Challenger disaster, and then in 2005 after the 2003 Columbia disaster. Discovery also carried Project Mercury astronaut John Glenn, who was 77 at the time, back into space in 1998, making him the oldest human being to venture into space. With the most recent launch, Discovery has flown 39 flights, which is more than any other space shuttle. Unless the decision to cancel the space shuttle program is changed, this is the last flight of the Space Shuttle Discovery. There are only 2 more space shuttle launches (Atlantis and Endeavour) scheduled in the coming months. Then, that's it – no more manned space flight on the books for the United States. Americans will pay the Russians to transport us to and from the International Space Station.

Each space shuttle launch is designated an STS number. STS stands for "Space Transportation System". The launch on February 24th was designated STS-133, which is the 133rd space shuttle launch. The first operational test flights for the space shuttle program began in 1981. At launch, the Space Shuttle consists of the shuttle stack, which includes a dark orange-colored external tank, two white solid rocket boosters, and the orbiter vehicle, which contains the crew and payload. Several minutes after liftoff, the shuttle reaches a speed of 17,500 MPH – which is the necessary speed to achieve low earth orbit and dock with the International Space Station, which is about 250 miles above Earth.

Our launch day activities began when we boarded the NASA bus about 5 miles outside of Kennedy Space Center. We were taken to the Banana Creek viewing area which is about as close as any civilian can get during a launch. This is the same location that former astronauts and astronaut families view the launch. The viewing area contains grandstands, countdown clocks, and loudspeakers with a direct audio feed from NASA's flight operations center. It is actually rare that there are no delays during a countdown (sometimes these delays can

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last days or even weeks) – so we had our bit of drama when the countdown was held at T-minus 5 minutes for a problem with the ranging system. There was only a 10 minute launch window, and with 2 seconds to spare,

the countdown resumed with a cheering crowd.

I have to tell you that being there in person, close up, is nothing like watching a launch on television - the excitement of the crowd, the feeling of camaraderie, the mix of colors and brightness (often washed out on video as the camera saturates) during

liftoff, and the deafening roar of the engines as nearly 7 million pounds of thrust accelerate the space shuttle to over 100 MPH even before its engines pass the launch tower. It's like nothing I've ever experienced and will likely remember for the rest of my life.

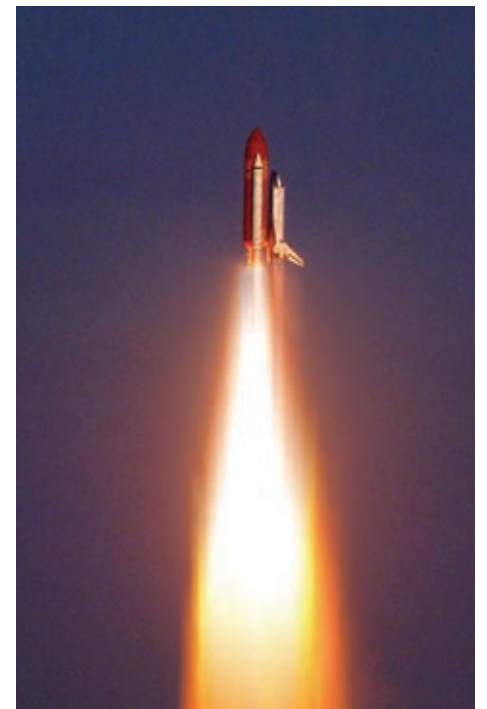
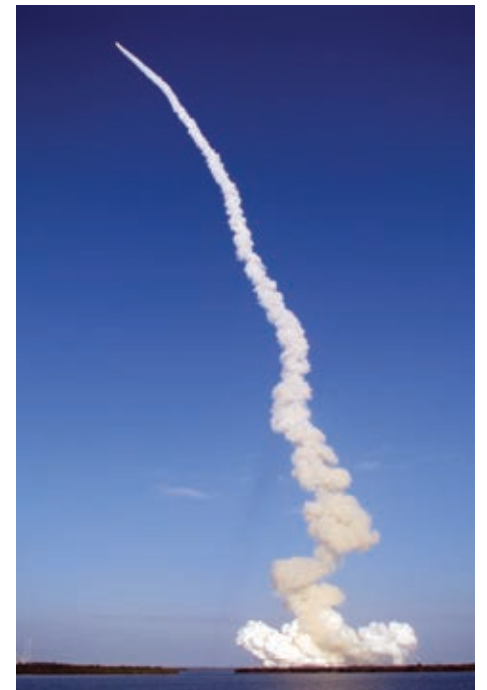
Printed with this article are photographs that I snapped just moments after liftoff. Lisa shot video with her Flip video recorder. I normally don't post links in my articles (because they can be long and hard to copy), but this time I wanted to share with

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Tioga Student of the Month

Tori May, Senior

Tori was nominated as student of the month by Lynda Martínez, her English teacher. She is the daughter of Christine and Alfred Martínez. She comes from a large family with nine siblings. After graduation she plans to attend DeAnza College in San José to complete her general education courses. She is undecided what her major will be. Tori excels in English – especially in writing and literary analysis. She also is an exceptional artist. She is focused and determined and will succeed in whatever she decides on as a



career. It is a pleasure to have Tori in class.

Tenaya Student of the Month

Seventh Grader, Nick Miller

Miss Gambaro says: Fun-loving, kind, thoughtful, diligent, and determined describe Nick Miller. With his positive attitude, Nick tackles daily class work with enthusiasm and perseverance. His personal best is excellence! Nick's wit and sense of humor keep his teacher and classmates smiling. Nick's friendly and thoughtful nature are appreciated by everyone who knows him. Nick's parents are Craig and Kim Miller of Groveland.



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3.35-3.49 > Jocelyn Mendoza-Alecio

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BY BARBARA ELLIOTT

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Tioga S Club – Lance Ferguson Fundraiser

BY DAWNELLE DUTTON

Tioga S Club has been very active in the Groveland Community this year. We sponsored a woman in a KIVA program, which allows a women to begin her own business in a poverty stricken country. The girls have helped the local Little House decorate for Christmas. We served at our local Soroptimist Chinese Auction, packed bags of hygiene products for Saturday of Service, and sold balloon bouquets to raise money for our leadership retreat we will be attending in April.

We have done many productive things this year, but the biggest project we are about to do is the Spaghetti Fundraiser Dinner for Lance Ferguson who was recently diagnosed Lymphoma. He is a 27 year old Mariposa County Sherriff and resides in Groveland. His wife has worked at Tioga and coached the Girls Varsity Basketball Team, so the family is very dear to Tiogas' heart. Please come and support the S Club in helping the Fergusons' family. If you can donate money, food or baskets/items for the silent auction for this event please call Dana Marler @ Tioga High 962-4763. We are looking for donations of food and money so that this can be a 100% profit to go towards the Ferguson family.

There will also be a silent auction, so please come and bid on some cool stuff!!!!

Remember the information below:
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\$10.00 plate includes spaghetti/
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Mountain Lutheran Church

BY DOROTHY PARKER

As we live through the Lenten Season we become more aware of the identity Jesus made for us: "You are the Light of the World." This is a statement of fact for each one of us right now. We don't have to wait for a future time – this occurs now for each one of us as Christians. What a wonderful blessing!

We are proud to announce that we have 4 New Members in our church. They are Linda Cordle, Opal and Charles Boie, new Associate Member Chester Ritchey, and Affirmation of Memberships for Margot Willian and Marlene Drew. We are very pleased to welcome these New Members.

Our Ash Wednesday service was held on March 9, 2011, to mark the beginning of Lent. Lent is the Liturgical Season of 40 days (not including Sundays) leading to the Crucifixion of Jesus Christ on Good Friday and finally to the Celebration of Jesus' Resurrection on Easter Sunday, April 24 this year.

Lenten Soup Suppers are available on 3 Wednesdays: March 16, March 30 and April 13, 2011, at Mountain Lutheran Church. These gatherings start at 6 PM with the Holden Evening Prayer Service following at 7 PM. A short meditation on a psalm is given by Pastor Ginger. Inspiring music is provided by Erma Cherry and Tom Carman.

We are still needing an additional organist or pianist for our worship services. If you are interested in sharing

this position you may call the church phone number at 962-4064 or contact Tom Carman or Pastor Ginger DuMars. Our web site is: www.mountain-lutheranchurch.org

Good Friday's Community Service will be on April 22 at 12 Noon at Groveland Evangelical Free Church. The Community Easter Sunrise Service on April 24 at 7 AM is at Mountain Lutheran Church with light refreshments following the service. Festive Lutheran Easter Worship will follow at 10 AM. Refreshments of cakes, fruits, cookies, coffee and juice will be served after the service. ALL are WELCOME and encouraged to attend these services.

Our Bible Study on 1 Corinthians continues on the first & third Thursdays of each month at 1 PM - April 7 & 21, May 5 & 19.

In the near future we will have a parking lot sale and fund-raiser. We are asking for donations of almost everything except clothing and computer items. Call Shirley Carman for information about items that will be accepted as donations. Proceeds from this will go to Special Olympics and possibly to other charities. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will match a portion of the proceeds.

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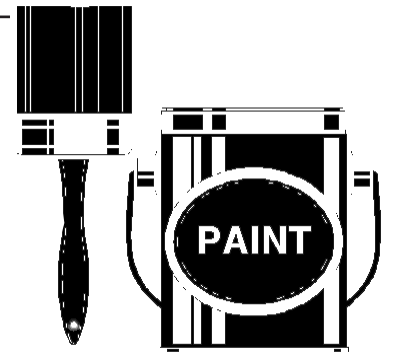
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20220 Pleasant View-1/191 FABULOUS CHALET-STYLE home comes furnished! 3bd, 3ba, 4+ car garage, 2 frplcs, great room w/set-in lighting, "surround-sound" and newer appliances. "Rec" room w/bar, juke box, dance floor & full bath. Private putting-green and lake, mtn & golf course views. \$459,000 #20104219



19430 Reid Circle-5/53 GOLF COURSE HOME backs to 16th fairway. 3bd, 2ba, 1536sf, w/extra sleeping/bonus room. Wood-burning fireplace, vaulted, open-beam ceiling in bedrooms & bonus room. New heat pump & water heater in 2009. \$204,000 #20103324



19645 Pleasant View-1/292 RENOVATED LAKE-FRONT. Gourmet kitchen, hardwood floors, granite counters. Three heating & a/c zones. Bonus room w/mud & storage room, plus full bath & laundry room. \$899,000 #20104466



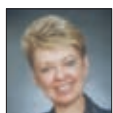
19684 Pine Mtn Dr-1/436 LAKE-FRONT TREASURE. This party-friendly home boasts of over 3660sf. 3bd, 4ba, great room with dining area. Breakfast room and family room with fireplace and old-fashioned soda bar. Beautiful master-suite w/office & sitting area. Private boat dock. \$599,000 #20110333



20795 Non Pareil-10/29 MAGNIFICENT CEDAR HOME on 1/2 acre. Mountain-style décor and a large family room, 2bd, 3ba, plus 3rd sleeping area. Expansive living area. Enjoy Big Creek nearby and a view of the mountains. \$347,000 #20104112



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