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## President's Message

BY BRUCE LAY • BOARD PRESIDENT

Another near perfect summer in Pine Mountain Lake (my 23<sup>rd</sup>) is nearing an end. Now it is time to prepare the 2012 Budget. After serving on the Board of Directors for two years, I'm astounded at the amount of work required by everyone involved in the preparation of the yearly budget.

All things considered, let me say "WE GET IT". By this I mean the mortgage crisis of 2008 evolved into a stock market crash that morphed into a recession which we are now mired in.

Everybody involved in the budget process lives with this reality daily.

It is the Big Picture that counts for an HOA Board. The Board must look at the Association in its entirety and decide what is in the best interest of the membership. We continually review and refine this mandate. The Board member position is voluntary, but we take our fiduciary duty seriously. This Board comes to meetings having read the Agenda and Board Packets beforehand, ready to make decisions based on factual information. We strive to make informed decisions that are best for the entire community.

Each year, the annual budget meeting is held in October and is open to all members who wish to attend. We hold this annual meeting so that the Board and Management Team can discuss and make decisions in preparation of the final budget.

In the past, members were given carte blanche to ask as many detailed questions as they wished, as many times as they wished. This led to lengthy debates between the members, managers and the Board. Unfortunately, this type of format led to an acrimonious atmosphere and a deviation from meeting decorum and purpose. This year, we are re-establishing a meeting format that is streamlined, and more productive.

Due to the number of agenda items, we anticipate the meeting to last most of the day. To ensure that the meeting is conducted in a productive manner, and to maintain the appropriate decorum, member participation will be limited to comments only.

Each department manager will give a short presentation, and provide an

overview of their budget proposal to the Board. The Board will then discuss the budget proposal with the management team. After the Board has completed their discussion, members will be given an opportunity to comment. Comments should be kept to three minutes and members should only take one opportunity to comment per agenda item.

Members that attend the budget meeting will find that most of their questions will be answered during the process. Nevertheless, Association Controller, Ken Spencer, will be available at the end of the meeting to schedule a time to meet or respond to any member that has a question regarding the proposed 2012 Budget. Ken's office number is published monthly in the PML News and he encourages members to call if they have questions regarding Association finances.

On a different matter, I would like to urge all drivers to please adhere to the posted speed limits within our



beautiful association. I have observed vehicles striking deer and running over squirrels and birds because they were going too fast to avoid them. Let's hope we never have this happen to a pedestrian or a bicyclist.

Thank You for taking the time to read this message. See you at the Grill or the October meeting.

I would like to close this message with a quote by Thomas Jefferson.

"Under difficulties, I have found one and only one rule; to do what is right, and generally we shall disentangle ourselves almost without perceiving how it happened."

## On the Cover

A Humming Bird  
feeds on a  
Trumpet vine.

Photo by  
Dick Davis



# General Manager's Message

BY JOE POWELL, CCAM, GENERAL MANAGER

## PML Makes Financial Adjustments

Like most associations, the down economy has affected the PML financial results. A reduction in projected revenue at some amenities, and an increase in costs in other line items resulted in a negative result at the end of August. Even with the most prudent financial planning, there will be factors that are unexpected or difficult to control.

To ensure that we reach our budgeted financial goals, my management team and I took immediate action to mitigate this shortfall. We postponed filling two open positions and canceled an annual employee event. Even with these adjustments, our staff has stepped up to ensure that the quality of member services will not suffer.

We have a great team and they are always looking for ways to operate PML more efficiently with an eye on cost-savings. We will continue to monitor the financials weekly and make other adjustments as necessary as we progress through to the end of the year.

## 2012 Budget Process

As I mentioned in previous articles, the 2012 Budget Process is in full swing. The day-long, open Budget meeting will be held on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at the Lake Lodge. The meeting starts promptly at 8 a.m. and we encourage all interested members to attend.

The final approval of the Budget is handled by the Board of Directors at the November Board meeting, which is scheduled for Saturday, November

12<sup>th</sup>. This meeting will also be held at the Lake Lodge and begin at 9 a.m.

## Current Litigation

In recent weeks, several property owners asked me why our legal fees are much higher than what was originally budgeted. The biggest impact to our legal fee budget is the PMLA v. Greer/Milliron case. Unfortunately, PML was forced to file a lawsuit against these members earlier in the year to enforce the CC&R's. We did everything we could to mediate the matter prior to filing the suit, but to no avail. We will continue to update the membership as the case progresses, and anticipate recovering all legal fees from this matter.

## Canada Geese Issues

As I mentioned last month, we continue to experience issues with the resident Canada goose population. The geese propagate, eat the grass at the Marina and Golf Course and of course, leave many pounds of feces in their wake. Most recently, I received several complaints from members because of the condition of the Marina. The Marina Store closed down for the season and we did not have staff or resources budgeted to continue to clean up the mess. Unfortunately, the problem was worse this year. We are looking at an adjustment to the Marina budget for next year to deal with the problem.

Over the years, we have tried many non-lethal methods to haze the geese,

in an attempt to get them to move to other areas.

We are considering the formation of a waterfowl management committee to enlist the assistance from the membership. So far, I have not received one call from our members.

If you are a member who is interested in serving on this proposed committee, please let our Administration staff know. If we get enough members who are interested in volunteering their time to serve on this committee, I will ask the Board of Directors to approve a charter and form the committee. If we do not see enough member interest to form a committee, we will budget additional resources to resolve this issue.

Well, that's it for this month....Have a great Halloween Holiday!

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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)

**October 15 - Budget Meeting Starts at 8:00 AM**

**November 12 - 2nd Saturday**

**No December Meeting**

- **Main Gate 209/962-8615**  
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- Marina
- PML Airport
- Stables
- Tennis Courts (Pine Mountain Drive)

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**ADMIN OFFICE HOLIDAYS 2011**

FRI. 11/11	VETERANS DAY
THUR. 11/24	THANKSGIVING
FRI. 11/25	<i>Day After</i> THANKSGIVING
FRI. 12/23	<i>(In Lieu Of)</i> CHRISTMAS EVE
MON. 12/26	<i>(In Lieu Of)</i> CHRISTMAS DAY
FRI. 12/30	<i>(In Lieu Of)</i> NEW YEARS EVE
MON. 1/2/2012	<i>(In Lieu Of)</i> NEW YEARS DAY

**RULES ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS**

Violations sent August 2011

Courtesy Notices	23
Notice of Non-Compliance	5
Final Notice	1
Fines Assessed	0
Fire Safety Non-Compliance	16
Violations Pending:	22

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GOT A COMMENT ON PML?  
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Write a letter to the editor.**

## Thoughts About a New Pool

PML residents should urge the PML Board to plan for the replacement of the current pool at PML. Since 1975, there has been a series of requests, studies, and suggestions to replace the current pool with a pool that meets the needs of the PML residents. A pool that provides a year-round indoors exercise facility for all homeowners. A pool that provides a place for residents to swim laps and a safe place for children to play in the water at the same time. A facility that provides a locker room for people to change clothing before and after swimming.

Simply spending more money to maintain the current obsolete pool facility is not cost effective. We have the space (6 acres) set aside for

this facility behind the tennis courts (3 and 4). The last long range survey reported the majority of PML homeowners support a fitness center at PML. Now is the time to build an indoor pool.

With proper planning, I believe we could have an indoor swimming facility that within 5 years eliminates the approximately \$80K (without depreciation) in annual costs. We could implement creative fund raising to minimize the use of PML funds needed to construct the pool. A new facility would add so much to the value of our investment in PML and improve the quality of life for all residents who chose to use the new facility.

Lee Pekary 1-459

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## Horsing Around At The Stables

BY LESTER SCOFIELD, STABLES MANAGER

Well, fall is coming and things are slowing way down at the stables. Until next spring our trail rides will be on Friday, Saturday and Sundays, unless prior arrangements have been made. For any info needed please call 209-962-8667. We did have a great summer here at the stables with lots of events.

On Sept 3rd the Country Mountain Riders put on a play day, there was around 25 riders who tried this out. On September 4th the STCHS group did their Labor Day BBQ and had a very good turnout. There were a lot of displays to see along with wagon rides, petting zoo and very good food.

Labor Day weekend there was a new outbreak of the EHV-1 virus at Kennedy Meadows pack station on Highway 108 out of Sonora. Matt Bloom lost one horse and may lose more of them before it is over. As of September 16th there are seven horses displaying clinical signs and have been quarantined.

There are also two confirmed cases of this virus in San Joaquin County and one horse in Sonoma County. This virus is very easy to spread among horses. We are not allowing any new horses to come into the PML Stables until this virus is



over. There has to be at least 21 days of no outbreaks before this virus is under control. At this point I don't know that we can allow new horses into the stables.

Just a reminder that the Stables are open all year long, so if you want to go on a ride we can do it for you. About the only time we can't do rides in the winter is if the trails are too muddy or if it snows too much. These trails do dry out real quick which allows us back out in a couple of days after some sunshine.

**PINE MOUNTAIN LAKE ASSOCIATION**  
**SUMMARY STATEMENT OF OPERATING FUND REVENUES AND EXPENSES**  
**For The Eight Months Ended Aug. 28, 2011**

OPERATION OF AMENITIES	Revenues					Expenses				Budget	
	Members' Assessments Net of Discount	User Fees	Sales, Net of Cost of Sales	Miscellaneous Income	Total Revenues	Total Expenses	(Cost)/Income Before Depreciation	Depreciation Expense	(NET COST) INCOME	Budget (NET COST) INCOME	Variance Bud - Act
Golf Course	\$ -0-	\$ 597,815	\$ 31,467	\$ 100	\$ 629,382	\$ 800,098	\$ (170,716)	\$ -0-	\$ (170,716)	\$ (135,270)	(35,446)
Restaurant & Bar	-0-	3,525	427,792	-0-	431,317	705,018	(273,701)	-0-	(273,701)	(293,565)	19,864
Marina	-0-	187,557	80,253	-0-	267,810	312,216	(44,406)	-0-	(44,406)	(39,917)	(4,489)
Snack Shack	-0-	-0-	26,259	-0-	26,259	43,513	(17,254)	-0-	(17,254)	(3,223)	(14,031)
Stables	-0-	53,438	-0-	1,370	54,808	130,849	(76,041)	-0-	(76,041)	(87,047)	11,006
Recreation	-0-	45,269	4,821	-0-	50,090	79,843	(29,753)	-0-	(29,753)	(24,764)	(4,989)
Roads & Facilities Maintenance	-0-	17,597	-0-	575	18,172	1,005,865	(987,693)	-0-	(987,693)	(993,485)	5,792
<b>PROPERTY OWNER SERVICES</b>											
Safety	-0-	34,872	-0-	418	35,290	581,113	(545,823)	-0-	(545,823)	(554,681)	8,858
Administration	-0-	98,655	-0-	17,209	115,864	915,948	(800,084)	-0-	(800,084)	(799,820)	(264)
<b>ASSESSMENTS</b>											
Assessments	2,865,872	-0-	-0-	46,363	2,912,235	73,265	2,838,970	489,120	2,349,850	2,365,664	(15,814)
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 2,865,872</b>	<b>\$ 1,038,728</b>	<b>\$ 570,592</b>	<b>\$ 66,035</b>	<b>\$ 4,541,227</b>	<b>\$ 4,647,728</b>	<b>\$ (106,501)</b>	<b>\$ 489,120</b>	<b>\$ (595,621)</b>	<b>\$ (566,108)</b>	<b>(29,513)</b>

**Notes to the Financial Statements**

1. Total Revenues minus Total Expenses equals Net Income before depreciation. The annual budget for income before depreciation is \$0.
2. The Association combined the Operating Fund and the Property and Equipment Fund into one fund effective May 1, 2001.

**CAPITAL EXPENDITURES 8 Months Ended Aug., 28, 2011**

	TOTAL RESERVE FUNDS	NEW CAPITAL ADDITIONS FUND	TOTAL CONTRIBUTION TO CAPITAL
<b>2010 Beginning Fund Balances</b>	\$ 1,936,697	\$ 52,973	1,989,670
Interest Income	4,446	119	4,565
Bank Fees/Discounts Taken	40	22	62
Assessments Earned	1,742,195 <sup>(1)</sup>	25,672 <sup>(2)</sup>	1,767,867
Income Tax Expense			-
<b>PURCHASES BY AMENITY</b>			
Golf Course	(312,484)		(312,484)
Country Club	(11,765)		(11,765)
Bar			-
Marina		(9,926)	(9,926)
Snack Shack		(13,795)	(13,795)
Swim Center			-
Stables	(12,433)		(12,433)
Recreation	(851)		(851)
Roads & Facilities Maintenance	(6,297)		(6,297)
<b>PROPERTY OWNER SERVICES</b>			
Safety	(25,863)	(1,860)	(27,723)
Administration		(31,397)	(31,397)
Non-Capital Reserve Expenses	(2,174,365)		(2,174,365)
<b>Total transfer to Operating Fund for property and equipment additions and reserve expenses</b>	<b>(2,544,058)</b>	<b>(56,978)</b>	<b>(2,601,036)</b>
<b>Adjusted Fund Balances</b>	<b>\$ 1,139,320</b>	<b>\$ 21,808</b>	<b>\$ 1,161,128</b>

**Notes to the Financial Statements**

- (1) The Budgeted Reserve Fund assessment for 2011 is \$1,742,195
- (2) The Budgeted New Capital Additions Fund assessment for 2011 is \$25,672

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# PMLA Money Matters

BY KEN SPENCER, ASSOCIATION CONTROLLER

During the recent Federal government budget deficit/default debate there was a great deal of discussion on how to handle this crisis. Many people argued that the way to address the issue was to cut spending, while others said we needed to raise taxes to reduce the deficit. What is the right answer? I'm sure we each have our opinion on this difficult subject.

Listening to the debate and the impassioned rhetoric I found myself relating this whole process to the challenges we face here at PML as we work on the Association's budget for 2012. Now I understand that PML's budget and financial issues are not on the same scale as the US Government, however the principles and the underlying concepts are basically the same. Should we cut expenses or raise the assessment? As with most choices there are consequences that go with choosing either path. It is my belief that those that blindly support one or the other of these choices exclusively is ignoring the reality of the situation.

Cutting expenses sounds like an

easy solution. Just reduce what we spend and the problem goes away. Unfortunately this is something that is easier said than done. How much should we cut in expenses? Where do the cuts come from? What is the affect of the cuts?

When cutting costs it is easy to get trapped by the NIMBY affect. Cut costs but "Not In My BackYard." Advocates of cost cutting seem to want the "other guy" to suffer the pain. "Reducing services at an amenity (Golf Course, Marina, Stables, etc.) is great as long as it is not something I use." This could very well be the mantra of some cost cutting advocates. It takes courage to look at not only the cost reduction but how that cost reduction affects the overall operation of the Association.

Advocates of higher taxes (assessments) to solve the issue can often believe that just paying more will take care of the problem and keep everything humming along. Unfortunately this does not take into account the plight of those taxpayers (homeowners) that are having a hard time even paying the current assess-

ment. Does a higher assessment really solve the problem or just create a new one? How do we collect the higher amount? What about those who can't pay?

As you can see there is no easy answer and rarely is the real solution found at either extreme. The middle ground is generally where the best choice lies. Compromise is the name of the game. Each side has to give a little to accomplish something for the greater good.

In the case of PML this is where the Board of Directors comes in. They have a fiduciary duty to address the needs of the Association as a whole and not just a special interest group or one amenity or department. They have to balance the desires of a diverse range of property owners and come up with the best plan to insure that PML remains a strong, vibrant and successful community.

Be assured that the management team and the Board will be working hard to accomplish this goal with as little "pain" as possible, while still maintaining the high standards you have come to expect when it comes

to the services and value you receive as a PML property owner.

I urge you to keep this in mind as we go through the challenging process of developing the budget and related assessment for next year. Finding the middle ground and compromising on strongly held beliefs that may be tough and difficult to accept. However, only by working together and taking all factors into account can we truly develop an economic plan that works for the Association as a whole, as well as the individual property owners that make up this community known as Pine Mountain Lake.

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](mailto: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.

## PML SAFETY REPORT

August – YTD		August – YTD		August – YTD		August – YTD					
Vehicles Refused	319	1697	Gate - Related	26	185	Hazard	11	163	- Accident PML	6	19
Phone Calls Received	6954	44347	- Tamper	1	7	Hazard - Tree Down	0	42	Patrolling Unit	412	3727
Residential Alarm	2	67	- Follow Through	5	24	Suspicious Circumstance	39	271	Amenity Security Check	2041	16162
Amenity Alarm	5	56	- Malfunction	9	84	Suspicious Person	3	45	Resident Security Check	141	2278
Animal Related	31	251	- Struck by Vehicle	2	13	Suspicious Vehicle	6	49	Opening/Closing Buildings	416	2590
Animal - Loose	17	163	Unauthorized Use of Gate Card	2	14	Campground Envelopes Collected	58	212	Opening/Closing Gates	300	2379
- Impounded	2	34	Confiscated Gate Access Card	7	24	Campground Dump Station	10	45	Posting Tennis	59	460
- Dead/Injured	17	117	Message/Pkg P/U or Delivery	24	93	Residential Disturbance	28	120	Monitoring Tennis Courts	2	8
- Disturbance	18	95	Posting Flyers	73	697	Amenity Burglary	0	2	Personal Injury PML Property	0	10
Dispatch Assist	83	679	ECC Inspection	0	2	Residential Burglary	1	20	Weapon Violation	9	20
Patrol Assist	253	1923	Miscellaneous	59	501	Petty Theft	0	4	Amenity P/U & Del to Bank	116	667
Complaint-Non PML Regulations	11	51	Scanner Traffic	19	147	Malicious Mischief	2	12	Patrol Vehicle - Maintenance	8	69
Public Assist Misc.	27	209	Emergency Vehicle Entering PML	32	171	Trespassing	0	5	- Safety Check	133	1003
Welfare Check	4	31	Lost and Found	5	39	Law Violations - All Other	1	18	Vehicles Admitted	18832	100665
Transport	4	36	Fire Safety - Patrol Assist	0	6	Law Violations - TCSO	0	1	Realtors Passes Issued	2093	7419
Civil Stand-by	1	3	Fire Safety Violation	0	3	Malicious Mischief - Vandalism	2	11	Guest Passes Issued	2636	13512
Traffic Hazard	3	7	Control Burn Reported	0	768	Property Damage - PML	1	22	Vendor Passes Issued	205	1304
Traffic Control	0	11	Permissive Burn Day	0	117	Property Damage - Resident	1	9	Fixed Post	3	18
Water Leak	2	38	Non-Permissive Burn Day	31	126	PML Reg Violations Resident	10	64	Courtesy Notice Issued	6	36
Jump Start	5	28	Fire Safety - Hazard	2	7	PML Reg Violations Guest	4	32	Tennis Fees Collected	\$348	\$1,372.00
Water Main Shut-Off	0	1	Fire Safety - Smoke Complaint	1	23	Vehicle - Citation Issued	1	15	All Other Fees Collected	\$9,964.75	\$64,194.78
Escorting Vehicle	16	65	Fire Safety - Monitor Control Burn	0	3	- Parking Warning	0	2			
Report Writing	5	39	Fire Safety - Non-compliance	0	7	- Marking Tires	1	4			

# Pine Mountain Lake Golf News

BY DAVID RAU, PGA HEAD PROFESSIONAL

## “FALL BACK into GOLF”

As fall is now upon us, the leaves are changing, the air is crisp and clean, temperatures are comfortable for golf any time of the day, and the golf course is ready for the taking.

The golf course is in wonderful shape as Alan Macdonald and his crew did another fantastic job on the September aeration. The course continues to wow our golfers with the best conditioned golf course Pine Mountain Lake has ever seen. This year's third aeration was a huge success and we appreciate everyone's patience as we went through this necessary maintenance procedure to keep our golf course happy and healthy. We couldn't keep the course in as good a shape as it is without all of your help out there, so we appreciate everyone following these basic rules and guidelines:

- **Parking your carts on the cart paths at all times around tee boxes and greens**
- **Keeping your pull carts off the approaches and fringes**
- **Filling divots & repairing ball marks on the greens**
- **Driving responsibly and avoiding wet areas**

## • Following course signage

All of these minor but essential etiquettes have added up to better course conditions for everyone to enjoy. Remember, we are all ambassadors to Pine Mountain Lake Golf & Country Club. This is OUR golf course and everything we do while we're out there frees up our Golf Course Maintenance Staff to do that much more to make it better. It's a team effort and your care and concern has paid off in dividends as you can see by the great golf course conditions that we've enjoyed throughout 2011.

We are all “Falling Back” an hour on Sunday, November 6th, so try not to show up an hour early for golf or any other appointment you may have. With the onslaught of winter, we will be starting our 11:00 AM Shotguns on Monday, November 7, 2011. The shotgun season will continue through Sunday, March 11, 2012. Mark the date on your calendar as it also represents the first day after Day Light Savings.

The deals in the Golf Shop just keep rolling out the door and the new Fall lines of apparel are a great way to look good and stay warm this winter. Don't wait too long to start thinking of all your friends and family and their “Holiday Wishes”.

Speaking of deals, we are extend-



ing the “Bring Your Guest” special through December 31, 2011. This is a steal of a deal for you to bring your guests out to Pine Mountain Lake Golf & C.C. and dazzle them with one of the “Hidden Jewels in the Sierras”. Your guest can enjoy low rates (includes green & cart fee on a share basis): **\$45 Monday-Thursday, \$50 Friday-Sunday.**

So round up your friends and share the wealth, beauty and ambiance that we all are so privileged to enjoy year round at Pine Mountain Lake!

If you have questions, concerns, or suggestions, please feel free to contact me at 962-8622 or via e-mail at [golfpro@pinemountainlake.com](mailto:golfpro@pinemountainlake.com).

## Shades of Green

BY ALAN MACDONALD, GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDANT

Where do the labor hours go?

As the mowing season slows down, we will turn our attention to the fall cleanup. This cleanup process is finally completed around the first of the year. Daily blowing of the tees, greens, and fairways, along with sweeping and relocating the leaves to our mulch areas and grinding them up, requires considerable labor hours.

Other projects for fall and winter are drainage improvements and tree trimming. Last winter the majority of our tree work consisted of cleanup of storm damage. That limited some of the trimming of other trees that we do each season for playability and to

improve irrigation coverage.

Drainage projects scheduled are to improve the drainage near the approach to the fourth green. All of our culverts are failing and we will begin here. It is in a location that is difficult to work in while the hole is open for play. We are looking into ways of not removing the culvert but to insert another drainage pipe for water flow and sealing around the existing culvert.

Located near the left bunker on eighteen is another failed culvert. The drainage that comes off of the parking area in front of the Grill comes down to the drainage that

crosses in front of the eighteenth green. Where these two culverts come together has failed, after each rain late last spring we would have a large sink hole.

Fall aeration of the greens has been completed. We are aerating all areas of the course and should be completed by the middle of October. We do not enjoy this process any more than you, the player, does. However, the golf course does. We will do everything we can to complete this process while having the least amount of impact on your round of golf.

Have a great fall. Enjoy your course; take a drive to see the colors of the aspens and dogwoods this season.

## PML Organized Groups & Clubs

Contact the individuals below if you are interested in joining!

<b>Aviation Association</b>	
Wayne Handley	962-7868
<b>Computer User Group</b>	
Frank Perry	962-0728
<b>Cooking Class</b>	
Tom Knoth/Paula Martell	962-5838
<b>Country Mountain Riders</b>	
Holly Foiles	962-4434
<b>Crafts Guild</b>	
Lee Isbell	962-5727
<b>Dance Party</b>	
Sue Salnick	962-4155
<b>Duplicate Bridge</b>	
Bobbi Vandenberg	962-6965
<b>Exercise Class</b>	
Barbara Elliott	962-6457
<b>Friends of the Lake</b>	
Rich Hathaway	962-7595
<b>Garden Club</b>	
Linda Flores	962-0824
<b>Guardians of PML</b>	
Brian Sweeney	962-5737
<b>Ladies Club</b>	
Rae Ann Bozzo	962-0893
<b>Ladies Golf Club</b>	
Diane Lloyd	962-4386
<b>Marathon Bridge</b>	
Marilyn Hathaway	962-7595
<b>Men's Golf Club</b>	
Ron Maguire	962-7128
<b>Men's 9 Hole Golf Club</b>	
Wally Child	962-0723
<b>Monday Bridge Club (Men's)</b>	
Bill Parker	962-5957
<b>Non Residents Club</b>	
Kathy Coon	(510) 656-0162
<b>Pine Needlers Quilt Guild</b>	
Lillian Cravens	962-4301
<b>PMLakers RV Club</b>	
Louise Turney	962-0609
<b>PML Niners</b>	
Pat Price	962-7431
<b>PML Shooting Club</b>	
John Graham	president@pmlsc.com
<b>PML Waterski/Wakeboard</b>	
Tom Duprey	(510) 796-4180
<b>Racquet Club</b>	
Emily Van Vleet	962-0930
<b>Residents Club</b>	
Dick Faux	962-4617
<b>ROOFBB</b>	
Rita Hart	962-0670
<b>Sierra Professional Artists</b>	
Heinie Hartwig	568-1637
<b>Sunday Couples Golf</b>	
Fred Mecum	962-7989
<b>Windjammers Sailing Club</b>	
Fred Mecum	962-7989

## Compliance Chatter

BY DENNIS PIPAL, COMPLIANCE OFFICER

### Gate Card/Clicker Policy

I suppose it goes without saying that the safety of our residents is an important function of any homeowners association. One of the key means to that safety is controlling who has access through our gated roads. It is very important that we know who has entered and this is why our gate card/clicker rules are closely followed by our Safety personnel.

Unfortunately, many members violate these rules and when asked about the rules many claim they had no idea this was a violation. Therefore, a review of our gate card/clicker policies can support our safety officers as they enforce our policy, which is spelled out in Resolution #04.04 amended November 14, 2009. The following is a condensed version of this resolution and highlights the areas where we find most violations.

### Owners:

Gate cards and clickers are only issued to property owners on the deed. One card is issued per owner on the deed. These cards/clickers provide access through any gate and can only be used by the named Owner on the card.

Property Owner dependant photo ID cards are issued to children under 18 living with the property Owner. They are for access only through the guest lane at the main gate.

Special User Access Cards may be purchased by the property Owner. These gate cards can be issued to property Owner's relatives, one generation up and one down without the General Manager's signature. All others must apply in writing and receive approval from the General Manager. These cards provide access through any gate.

### Renters and Tenants of Property

#### Owners:

Property Owners who rent their homes for 3 months or more may allow their tenants to purchase gate cards. Rental cards are issued only to the names of those on the lease/rental agreement. These are all access cards and can only be used by the named renter on the card.

Renters with dependants, 16 years

of age or older and who live with the renter, can purchase gate cards for their dependant. No more than two dependant gate cards per renter will be issued. The dependant must be listed on the rental agreement. The renter must show the dependant's driver's license and a need for the card. These cards provide access through any gate and can only be used by the named dependant renter on the card.

For renters who do not want to purchase an all access gate card, they can obtain a photo ID card that only provides access through the guest lane at the main gate.

Short-term renters are required to have a pass called in to the main gate for access into PML from either the management company or the Owner. Vehicle access parking passes are also required and can be purchased by the Owner or Management Company at the Administration office.

### Conclusion:

Anyone using a card/clicker for which they do not qualify is in violation and the card/clicker will be confiscated. The Owner can pick up the card at the Administration office. The following are examples of gate card violations:

1. You lend your adult daughter your clicker so she can have access to your vacation home.
  - a. Your adult daughter does not qualify for an Owner card/clicker. She should have a Special User Card or be placed on your authorized visitor list for automatic access at the main gate guest lane.
2. You lend your gate card/clicker to a hired worker.
  - a. Your hired worker does not qualify to use your gate card/clicker. You should call in for a day pass so he will have access through the main gate guest lane.
3. You lend your gate card/clicker to your business partner so they can spend a weekend at your vacation home.

## PML Fire Abatement Team Update

BY KEN CODEGLIA, PML LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

October is here and we'll now see many leaves and pine needles coming off the trees and falling to the ground. I want to remind my neighbors that the best practice is to leave them on the ground until spring to help avoid a soil erosion problem. We just spent a lot of money with our lake dredging project, which is a direct result of rainwater and soil erosion carrying dirt and silt into our lake. As we explained in our "Be Ready-Be Safe" DVD, it's not a good idea to rake up all the debris on the ground and expose the bare soil. Leave that material where it falls. Of course, it is important to get that debris off the sidewalks and decks, for safety reasons.

As for removing brush and limbing trees, most folks who are doing yard clean up are taking unwanted vegetation to the compost pile. But some will burn in place. Remember, you need a PML Burn Permit in order to do outdoor burning. And you'll need to call into the main gate to report your intentions. That's a good time to check to see if it's a permissive burn day, or if there are CAL FIRE restrictions. We have 435 permits issued to date. Thank you all for your support.

### Burn Permit Process - Last Season Report

Last fall/winter was our first season with the burn permit program in place. The safety department logged 900 calls over the entire season from people who wanted to burn. All had their permits. We received a total of 24 complaints of excessive smoke. Safety visited all sites to investigate and coached the property owners.

Most complaints are the result of people trying to burn wet leaves and pine needles. So again, leave them on the ground during the winter and spring months. When it's time to do your fire safety cleanup, rake them up and take them to the compost pile. If you must burn needles and leaves, make sure they are completely dry.

The permit process is really an educational process. As we get complaints, we educate. We expect to drive down the number of complaints each year and look forward to nice clean air to breathe.

#### 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](mailto:Compliance@PineMountainLake.com), or me at [pmlfireabatement@yahoo.com](mailto:pmlfireabatement@yahoo.com).

- a. Your business partner does not qualify to use your gate/ card clicker. You should call in for a day pass so they can enter through the guest lane at the main gate.

4. You lend your gate card/clicker to your tenant so they don't have to purchase a gate card.

- a. Your tenant does not qualify for an Owner gate card. They need to purchase their own or apply for a photo ID card that gives them access through the main gate guest lane.

- b. If they are a short-term renter, the Owner or Management Company must call in a pass to the

main gate to allow the tenant access to PML. Vehicle Access Parking passes must also be provided to the tenant. One is required for each vehicle in the party. They can be purchased at the Administration office.

Most violations occur because the card/clicker is given to someone who does not qualify to use it. In addition, while it is convenient to lend your card, consider the fact that our safety personnel have no idea who has entered and whether or not they are authorized to be here.

In closing, strict adherence to these rules provides a safe environment, which benefits all members and their families. Let's all do our part.

## This Old Mail House

BY TOM MOFFITT, FACILITIES MAINTENANCE MANAGER



The architecture is simple, the silhouette is pronounced, a somewhat rustic motif of function over style, and the views are grand. The Rock Canyon Mail House, sitting above the slope overlooking the Tennis Courts on Rock Canyon Way.

This is the first of the mail houses to receive a reconstruction of the pavement, drainage, curbing, railing, and the placement of protective bollards. After being built in 1990, the building had changed little, except for the electric service line being constructed to convert the building to full electric service. Enhancements had been made to provide better lighting for the residents who use this postal service mail house, and a ventilation system for the interior of the building.

The pavement had deteriorated over the years, along with some movement on the fill embankment, which together were creating a storm water drainage concern, along with the asphalt breaking up. Two separate but major concerns are protecting the

mail houses from vehicle collisions, and safe-guarding the visitors who are using the facilities. Protective steel bollards are placed on the vehicle approaches at the mail house to achieve this protection.

The Maintenance Department has begun work on the mail houses with the Rock Canyon Mail House. The crew demolished and removed the asphalt pavement, removed the old railing, and graded the site. A road base was placed about the building and parking site. A concrete retaining curb was constructed on the top of the slope to protect the embankment. This short concrete wall also safe-guards vehicles from going over the embankment. Steel railing has been installed to enhance the site, an aesthetic improvement, as an additional safe-guard in preventing visitors from falling over the embankment. The steel bollards are placed, painted safety yellow with reflective stripes. The parking has been enhanced and the pavement has been slurry sealed.

The drainage at the site has been improved with the grading. Storm water will now channel away from the building and will be directed to a concreted culvert. Enhancements are being made to correct the drainage and erosion of the embankment. A game trail and foot path down to Rock Canyon Creek and the hiking trail has created an erosion problem. Work will be done to control this erosion on both sides of the creek. The Maintenance Department will be constructing a pathway and moving the bridge which connects the Rock Canyon Mail House with the Tennis Courts.

This is the first of the mail house site improvements. The Maintenance Department will be working on the Ferretti Road Mail House, the Golden Rock Mail House, and the Clement Mail House in the next few months. We will try our best to reduce the impact to the residents who use these mail sites and perform the work in a timely manner. Thank you for your patience, and your compliments.

## Fall Hours and Swim Schedule

BY SHEILA ESLICK, POOL MANAGER

Things are winding down here at the pool. Swim Lessons are done; kids are back in school, however, the Swim Center is still open for your enjoyment. New hours starting: Monday, September, 19, 2011. Please call or stop by the Pool for more details.

The Water Aerobics Class has created a wave here at the Swim Center with the enormous amount of participation from our homeowners and guests. The Swim Center has new water aerobics DVD's. Please come and check out the DVD's and when you return them, give us your opinion. I would like to try these DVD's out after several people have viewed them. This will give us a wide variety of programs to offer for Aerobic activities.

Our last BBQ here at the Swim Center was another big hit even with the 49er Festival in place. We will be having these again coming up next year in June so mark your calendars now!

The pool store is also offering 1/2 off on merchandise. Get stocked up now for the next season starting on Saturday, May 12, 2011. Food items such as corn dogs, burritos, pizza, chips, candy, nuts, ice cream, French toast and breakfast burritos are on sale, too.

As a gentle reminder to our homeowners and guests that visit us here at the PML Swim Center; please remember to sign in at the gate and remind your guests to please rinse off in the showers that are located in the restrooms before entering the pool. Thanks ever so kindly.

See you in the sun!

## NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS

In preparation for the mailing of the 2012 Budget and Assessment information, please make sure your current mailing address is on file with the Association. Addresses can only be changed with Property Owner signature. Address change forms are available at [www.pinemountainlake.com](http://www.pinemountainlake.com)

## IMPORTANT MEMBER NOTICE ANNUAL BUDGET MEETINGS

**This is your opportunity to participate and provide your input for the 2012 Budget.** The anticipated schedule for the annual open Budget Meeting is Saturday, October 15, 2011, at the PML Lake Lodge, starting at 8:00 a.m.

*Please note that this meeting may last until approximately 4:30 p.m.*

**ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.**

# Aviation Association News

BY VIRGINIA GUSTAFSON



Suzanne McGowan welcomes Janice Brown-Sullivan to PML.

PML Aviation Association met at Mel and Suzanne McGowan's lovely hangar on September 3rd. Our guest speaker was Ms Janice Brown-Sullivan who gave a very interesting presentation on the development of solar-powered aircraft. Janice was the test pilot for the world's first solar-powered aircraft, which she ultimately flew across the English Channel. Her courage as a test pilot and her record flights were interna-

tionally recognized as pioneering efforts and culminated with the presentation by President Ronald Reagan of the coveted Harmon Award for exceptional feats in aviation.

September was a busy month for PMLAA members. In addition to our month meeting, we hosted the community for a great Community Airport Day on Sept. 24. PMLAA pilots also provided free flights for area youngsters at the EAA Young Eagles

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10:00am – 2:00pm every Saturday



Rally, also on Sept. 24. In addition the "PML Air Force" supported other community events with dramatic flyovers at the STCHS Labor Day Barbecue and the 49er Festival Parade.

Our next meeting is 6:00pm on October 29th at John Muckel's hangar on the north taxiway. Guest speaker is acclaimed aviation artist Stan Stokes. Mr. Stokes' dramatic and realistic works hang in the Air Force art collection, the USAF Academy

at Colorado Springs, the Pentagon, the San Diego Aerospace Museum, the National Museum of Naval Aviation in Pensacola, Florida, and the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C. He also did paintings for the Reagan and Bush (sr.) presidential libraries.

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# August 2011 Pine Mountain Lake Ladies Golf Club

BY SUE PERRY

We are in the "dog days of summer" as I post this report but you will be reading this in the cool autumn days of October. Ahhhh! What a glorious summer we have had. Hopefully you all got out and enjoyed our fabulous Pine Mountain Lake course for the following events!

## August 4th...Gross-Net-Putts

Ace of Aces..Jane Reynolds..68 Net - Low Putts..Jane Reynolds..28; 1st Flight ..Hndcp..15-18..low gross 88 Marj Rich & low net 72 Norma Baldinger; 2nd Flight..Hndcp..21-15..low gross 96 Sara Hancock & low net 75 Judi Maguire & Linda Wall; 3rd Flight..Hndcp..low gross 104 Eleanor Ellis & low net 79 Lynne Dust; 4th Flight..Hndcp..31-32.. low gross 100 Jane Reynolds & low net 74 Alice Stoll; 5th Flight..Hndcp..34-40..low gross 105 Kathie Wood & low net 80 Phyllis Gschwend, Sharon Kenyon, Anne Peterson; Birdies: Marjorie Rich #6 & Marilyn Scott #10 & 17.

**August 11th & 18th Birds & Butterflies** (match play tournament) Thanks so much to Eleanor Ellis and Marche' Kizziar for chairing this two day event. Great job! The Birds prevailed over the Butterflies this season. Birds had a total of 31 points and Butterflies a total of 23 points. The Butterflies with the most team points were Eleanor Ellis, Linda Cordle with 6 points; Birds with the most team points were Ann Hankin, Jane Reynolds (one day) & Marlene Drew (one day); Accuracy drive for the Birds week one was Jane Reynolds right on the line...Accuracy drive for the Butterflies week one was Thelma Faux with 14' 6". B Accuracy drive for week two was Kay Bettencourt(Bird) right on the line. (Kay has played in all 28 years!) & honorable mention to Kathy Shehorn who was beat out by 1/2 inch. Accuracy drive for week two was (Butterfly) Clarice Ligonis 2'8"; Closest to the pin on hole #14 on day one was Kay Bettencourt 14' 1"(Bird); Closest to the pin on day one was Helena McMillan 8'10"(Butterfly); Closest to the pin on day two was Ann Hankin (Bird) 18'5" and Clarice Ligonis 2'8" (Butterfly). This was the 28th annual event started in 1984. From the records that date back to 1984 the standing are: Butterflies 10 & Birds 13 and 5 unknown.

**General Meeting:** Captain Diane

Lloyd officiating...treasurer report was the club has a balance of \$5,648; Nominating committee chosen for next year's officers include one player from each handicap group. They are: Norma Baldinger, Judi Maguire, Corky Graham, Yvonne Mattocks & Leanna Mattea. A lengthy discussion was had over the possibility of changing the by-laws for our Pine Tree Invitational tournament so that more guests would be allowed to play. The event has not had a full field in recent years so this proposal is in hopes of a better turn out. After different ideas were discussed it was decided that our by-laws require that any change to them must be preceded by a fifteen day posted notice before a vote is made on the motion. Our Captain will be posting and sending out the proposal and we will vote on this matter at our next general meeting on October 27th following our Halloween party. Our PML course was evaluated and rerated and now has a 132 slope rating as opposed to the 129 it had. This will change handicaps when implemented, so watch for the changes. I, for one, feel much better knowing that the difficulty of our course has been recognized. The Pro Shop wants to remind us all that it is a requirement that you arrive at least 30 minutes prior to your tee time. Cancellation policy states that a tee time must be cancelled by 1 pm on the day prior to play or you may be charged. Judi Maguire, Team Play Captain, reported that the PML team had its best year ever. It came in 3rd place in the Points standing and 2nd place in the number of holes won standings, only getting edged out by one hole. Outstanding!! Congratulations to all the players, and especially to Judi for her great effort in leading the team for the past two years. We need someone to step up and take over the position of Captain and Co-Captain for the upcoming season. Judi has very graciously offered to help whoever that is with the transition. A planning meeting is scheduled for October so we need two volunteers soon.

**Judi Maguire's last report for the Central Valley Team play for the 2010-2011 season is:** Our final match for the season was at Discovery Bay on Aug. 9th. The results of the

match were as follows: Pine Mountain Lake 4 1/2 - Spring Creek 1 1/2, Brookside 4 - Del Rio 2, Discovery Bay 3 - Stockton 3, Tracy 6 - Oakdale 0. In the overall year to date standings by points our "A" team came in 6th place with 10.5 points, our "B" team came in tied for 2nd place with 12 points and combined "A" and "B" team we came in 3rd place with 22.5 points. In the year to date area of holes won our "A" team came in tied for 4th with 77 holes won and our "B" team was tied with Brookside for 1st place with 87 holes won, and our "A" and "B" teams combined came in second place with 164 holes won behind Tracy with 165 holes won. The overall winner of the league was Tracy with 26.5 points ytd and 165 holes won. A big thank you to all of the PML "A" and "B" team play golfers who supported Central Valley league for the 2011 season. Plans for the 2012 season will be decided at a league meeting in October at Discovery Bay. Once again our gratitude to Judi for her great leadership for the past two seasons!

**August 24th & 25th WGANC Classic at PML:** Sixteen of our own PML members participated in the 2011 WGANC Classic held at Pine Mountain Lake on Aug 24-25. They were Baldinger-Tompkins..Scott-Digby..Hancock-Dust..Vautier-Hankin..Frawley-Bettencourt..Ligonis-Awai..Cordle-Stoll..Kizziar-Moffit. Thank you all for an excellent representation in a WGANC tournament held on our own course! Congratulations to the awesome 2-somes who won in their flights - we are very proud of you!! **1st** low net, **Norma Baldinger & Mona Tompkins...**3rd low net, **Jodi Awai & Clarice Ligonis.**

**Please give a standing ovation to**

**Linda Johnson and Jeanne Pacco for orchestrating a terrific 2-day event for WGANC.** They fine-tuned and tweaked tournament details to ensure everyone's golfing enjoyment and dining pleasure. Also, accolades and thanks to Marilyn Scott, our Club Champ, who escorted the WGANC officials over the entire course in preparation for the Classic, making sure the "Conditions of Play" were equitable for our guests. The WGANC officials were delighted with the success of the 2011 Classic at Pine Mountain Lake. Their compliments were endless regarding the excellent golf course conditions - so pristine that some golfers were seen bare footin'! The WGANC ladies were also impressed by the smooth operation of the tournament from the Pro Shop, and the fine dining and service in the restaurant. And, gratifying to hear, as our off-the-hill guests ended their round of golf, many commented on how much they enjoyed the golf course and the tournament, with thanks to PML for hosting it this year!

Ladies, let your significant others and friends know that, over and over, we received comments of appreciation for the many friendly volunteers and necessary, plentiful spotters who kept the pace moving!

This WGANC tournament is certain to give Pine Mountain Lake positive recognition to other clubs in the area. Many thanks for the tireless and noticeable efforts from everyone - you made the 2011 WGANC Classic tournament par excellence! Diane

So ends another great month of golf at PML golf course. Be sure to check your calendars for all the fun games to sign up for in November. Don't forget that we return to 11 am shotgun starts on November 7th.

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## Gluten-Free at the Grill

BY CARRIE TAYLOR, HEAD CHEF, THE GRILL



Recently, inquiries about what is available at the Grill for a gluten-free diet have been increasing. I have read up on this topic to best serve our guests and how the gluten-free diet applies to our menu. We cook from scratch and use whole ingredients, however some of the ingredients we use have gluten and other ingredient labels say "This product is manufactured in a facility that processes foods containing wheat, milk, soy, tree nuts and seeds..." By using fresh ingredients, as opposed to packaged or pre made, it gives us more control over the product we serve to our guests. That being said, we cannot give a 100% guarantee items are gluten free because we do use flour and bread in our kitchen. If you or someone in your party has a food allergy of any kind, please tell your server and we will be happy to accommodate you. Here is a list of gluten free menu choices:

**Prime Rib, minus au jus**

**Grilled Rib Eye with Chimichurri**

**Pork chops with honey apple glaze**

**Top Sirloin, minus straw onions**

**Pan-Seared Salmon with wasabi cream**

**Grilled Salmon with Fruit Salsa**

**Grilled Mahi-Mahi with Fruit Salsa**

**All Side dishes except rice pilaf**

The following information is from [www.wikipedia.com](http://www.wikipedia.com). "Several grains and starch sources are considered acceptable for a gluten-free diet. The most frequently used are corn, potatoes, rice, and tapioca (derived from cassava). Other grains and starch sources generally considered suitable for gluten-free diets include amaranth, arrowroot, millet, mon-tina, lupin, quinoa, sorghum (jowar),

taro, teff, chia seed, and yam. Various types of bean, soybean, and nut flours are sometimes used in gluten-free products to add protein and dietary fiber. In spite of its name, buckwheat is not related to wheat; pure buckwheat is considered acceptable for a gluten-free diet, although many commercial buckwheat products are actually mixtures of wheat and buckwheat flours, and thus not acceptable. Gram flour, derived from chickpeas, is also gluten-free (this is not the same as Graham flour made from wheat). Gluten is also used in foods in some unexpected ways, for example as a stabilizing agent or thickener in products like ice-cream and ketchup." *Our ice cream does not have stabilizing agents according to the label.*

On another health note, I have been using a new grain at The Grill. Something new and not your standard starch side dishes. Quinoa (pronounced keen-wa) is a new trend in grains, in plant form it is related to beets and spinach. The following information is from [www.wikipedia.com](http://www.wikipedia.com). Quinoa was of great nutritional importance in *pre-Columbian Andean civilizations*, secondary only to the *potato*, and was followed in importance by *maize*. In contemporary times, this crop has become highly appreciated for its nutritional value, as its *protein* content is very high (12%–18%). Unlike *wheat* or *rice* (which are low in *lysine*), and like *oats*, quinoa contains a balanced set of *essential amino acids* for humans, making it a *complete protein* source, unusual among plant foods. It is a good source of *dietary fiber* and *phosphorus* and is high in *magnesium* and *iron*. Quinoa is *gluten-free* and considered easy to digest. Because of all these characteristics, quinoa is being considered a possible crop in NASA's *Controlled Ecological Life Support System* for long-duration manned spaceflights.

Quinoa is very easy to prepare and holds well when cooled. It is great as a hot side dish, cold salad or as a hot breakfast cereal. An important tip to remember, the quinoa must be soaked for 15 min prior to cooking, to remove the saponin; the removal of

## Entertainment at the Lounge

BY AARON HAMBLIN, ASST. GRILL MANAGER

Summer has begun to wind down, but the entertainment at the 19th Hole Lounge has not. There is a lot of great entertainment set up for the Lounge. Saturday nights have never been more fun. Our live bands play such a great variety of music, creating fast paced fun for all of you dancers, and a trip down memory lane for others. Here is our October lineup:

**Saturday, Oct 1st – Dynamo**

**Friday, Oct 7th – Karaoke**

**(Great Family Fun!!)**

**Saturday, Oct 8th – ESP Band**

**Saturday, Oct 15th**

**– Highway 99 Band**

**Saturday, Oct 22nd –**

**The Hills Brothers Band**

**Saturday, Oct 29th – Rockslide**

As always, the band will play from 8 PM until Midnight. It is always great fun. Please make plans to join us.

Our Wine Tasting Dinners have been a great success. We continue that into November with a Wine Tasting Dinner featuring wines from Irish Vineyards in Murphys. The following is a little about Irish Vineyards:

Here in Vallecito dreams have always been big...so has the Irish influence.

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the saponin helps with digestion.

One cooking method is to treat quinoa much like rice, bringing two cups (or less) of water to a boil with one cup of grain, covering at a low simmer and cooking for 10–15 minutes or until the germ separates from the seed. The cooked germ looks like a tiny white curl and should have a slight bite to it (like *al dente* pasta). As an alternative, one can use a *rice cooker* to prepare quinoa, treating it just like white rice (for both cooking cycle and water amounts).

### Grilled Peach Quinoa Salad

**Serves 4**

2 cups cooked and cooled Quinoa (follow the instructions above)

3 green onions sliced

those 19th century mining Murphys, we are delighted to share our riches with everyone.

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We also guarantee you will taste much more.

Whatever the varietals, from our Petite Sirah to the Blarney Red or our saucy Pog Mo Thoin, our sense of fun and family permeates in each bottle.

For us there is no snob appeal in our wines. Instead we think of them as elixirs to the good life.

The wines from Irish Vineyards add a fluid celebration to any occasion.

Come share the wealth with us!

Join us to experience the finest in Calaveras Wines. Here at Irish Vineyards, we hand-craft outstanding and award-winning wines; an assortment of reds and whites (one of which is green!).

As always, Chef Carrie will prepare a wonderful meal. If you have been to one (or more) of our Wine Tasting Dinners, you will surely love this one. If you have not attended, this would be a great time to try one, we are sure you will enjoy.

1/4 cup chopped parsley  
4 medium peaches (grilled is great if not that's ok too)  
1/4 cup of feta or cotija cheese  
1/4 cup lemon juice  
1/2 cup olive oil  
2 shallots chopped fine  
Salt and Pepper to taste  
Combine all ingredients and enjoy!

It's that easy.

If you haven't visited us in awhile, here is my personal invite for you to dine with us, please let your server know and I will be happy to come out of the kitchen and introduce myself. If you have any questions or suggestions send me an email at [kitchen@pinemountainlake.com](mailto:kitchen@pinemountainlake.com)

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# Swing Into The Holidays

BY BAMBI JOHNSON, HOSPITALITY COORDINATOR



The holiday season is in full swing. The grill is delighted to be hosting your holiday events. If you would like to meet with me to plan your next

event, it is always recommended to schedule an appointment in advance. By doing this, I can better serve you by being prepared with available dates, creative menu selections with pricing. I can also address the details that are specific to your event, thereby maximizing your valuable time spent in planning mode. You can always contact me at my email address at: [cluboffice@pinemountainlake.com](mailto:cluboffice@pinemountainlake.com) or call me at The Grill at 962-8638.

So, remember your Grill staff when planning your next wedding, anniversary, memorial, reunion, golf tournament, birthday party, etc! Leave the work to us so you can enjoy your friends and loved ones! We promise a memorable event!

I would like to invite you personally to join us for one of our Grill up and coming holiday events. The Grill offers special events for the permanent and part time residents as well as property owners and the public, so that all who wish to can attend. Here are just a few to consider:

## October 12<sup>th</sup> – Thursday, Wine Tasting and Dinner Buffet

Swing into the Holidays! Young's Market presents Holiday wines for tasting. All wines will be offered for sale at discount prices, this night only. Our professional culinary brigade will prepare a tantalizing buffet of beef filet tips with mushrooms, pappardelle, fresh vegetable, tossed salad and fresh baked dinner rolls. They will top off this delectable meal with an apple dumpling dessert finished with cinnamon sauce and whipped cream. Reservations are required. We have four different seating times available 5:00PM, 5:15PM, 5:30PM and 5:45PM. All this for only \$23.00 plus tax. So make your reservations today! Call 962-8638.

## October 29<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, 5:30 - 8pm Murder on the 13<sup>th</sup> Tee!

Our famous Murder/Mystery/Dinner is back! All you sleuths, come one come all and dress up in your "Who-Done-It" costume! Join us for a fun-filled evening with Hit and Run Productions. Solve the mystery with your friends and family while enjoying a mouth-watering menu that Chef Carrie has prepared for your enjoyment.

**Salad:** Mixed greens, dried cherries, walnuts, finished in a Maple dressing

See Grill on page 16

# Join the Club

BY JAY REIS, THE GRILL MANAGER



By definition: A "country club" is a social and recreational facility that sells memberships and offers its members access to its facilities. Those facilities typically

include a *golf course* and dining and perhaps tennis and swim facilities. A country club usually offers social activities for its members. We may not call ourselves a country club anymore but we offer the same amenities plus more. So don't be left out – join the club. The Grill is your club. A club is an organization by which its members meet for a common interest. To be a strong and successful club, we as members must strive and focus on common goals. Our Grill club goals are to provide a wonderful atmosphere and fantastic food at a reasonable price. We are a great social club. On the social front, we have monthly wine tasting events, monthly Karaoke, weekly live music, free bus trips to Black Oak Casino, Easter and Mother's Day Sunday brunches, Thanksgiving holiday buffets, and holiday dinner dances. Our club is not private and membership is open to everyone. Our club is fun and successfully popular. That success is measured by our sold out social events and long waits on the weekends.

We use the internet as a great marketing tool and the club takes full advantage and it's free. We have the EClub with over

900 members. We also use an online reservation website to organize our reservations. We have a great home website with a comprehensive event calendar for the whole association. It is the only website to get the real scoop without all the confusing rhetoric. That website [www.pinemountainlake.com](http://www.pinemountainlake.com) also has a link to my email, so if you have any questions or concerns, feel free to drop me a line.

We continue to go against the trend, according to AAA, high unemployment, expensive gasoline, higher hotel room rates and the hassles of securing a seat on packed planes, are giving travelers pause this year at a time families typically squeeze in one last getaway. The number of Americans who will travel at least 50 miles from home this past Labor Day weekend will fall 2.4% to about 31.5 million, the auto club projected. Driving is how most Americans who are traveling will get away. But gasoline averaged \$3.62 a gallon nationally, about \$1 more than last year. With all that info from the experts, this past Labor Day weekend we had an increase in food sales of 17%, due mostly to the increase in families dining out. That weekend we saw more families with young children than we had in the past.

So don't be left out – join the club; there is always something happening at the Grill and kids are definitely welcome. Whether you are celebrating a special occasion or would just like to be pampered by our friendly staff and enjoy some great food, The Grill is the place to be.

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**MENU**

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**Grill from page 15****Choice of Entrée:**

Crown roast of pork with pumpkin butter

Beef Medallions, (medallions with port shallot reduction)

Apple cider brine roasted free range chicken

**Dessert:** Apple Dumpling

There will be prizes for the table that solves the mystery, Yeah! Following dinner stay and dance to the sounds of Rock Slide! We will be hosting a costume contest with prizes, while you are dancing the night away. This is a pre-paid event and reservations are required, so get yours while they last! (209) 962-8638. The cost is \$50 inc. per person.

**November 2nd – Wednesday, Wine Tasting and Dinner Buffet**

Featuring Irish Vineyards from Murphy's. Expect to see varietals such as: Kilkenny White, Malivasia Blanc, Barbera, Kilkenny Red, Petite Syrah. All wine tasted will be offered at a discounted price, this night only! Chef Carrie will be preparing a won-

derful dinner buffet and dessert. We will be offering four different seatings 5:00PM, 5:15PM, 5:30PM, and 5:45PM. All this for only \$23.00 plus tax! Reservations are required, so make yours today!

**November 24th – Thursday Thanksgiving Buffet**

Join us for all your holiday favorites! A few highlights of this delectable feast will include a carving station with turkey and all the trimmings, slow roasted prime rib, and an array of holiday sides and salads along with an irresistible dessert station. The cost is only \$29 for adults, \$12 for children 6-12 and children 5 and under are free with the purchase of an adult buffet! Guests 65 and better, don't forget your discounted price of \$20. Come spend the holiday with your family and let the Grill staff do the work! We will be hosting three different seatings at 11AM, 1PM, and 3PM. Seating is limited so call today to make your reservations 962-8638.

I hope to see you soon at the Grill. Until then, Bon Appétit!

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## Pine Mountain Lake Men's Golf Club

BY ROY CONLEY, SECRETARY

August was a relatively quiet month for the Men's Club. Aside from the August 1 Wednesday Sweeps I reported on last time, the only tournament for the month was a Wednesday Sweeps on August 17. Flight 1: Dennis Scott, Gus Allegri, Derrol Beaulieu and Al Doty at 204; Tom Connelly, Charlie Shehorn, Charlie Stoll and Bill Wrighton at 206. Flight 2: Dave Penning, Jerry Dickson, Mike Hankin and Gary Oing at 201; Dennis Bujer, Joe Smith, Bob Haiges and Bill Walker at 208.

There will be two tournaments in October. Our Wednesday Sweeps on the 12th and then the Fall Invitational on Saturday the 22nd. For this tournament each member can bring up to three guests. There will be a steak dinner following the event.

If you're anything like me, it's a constant struggle to come up with the perfect swing thought. To help you out, here are some things you may NOT want to think about during your round.

Martin Hardy of Southampton, England was playing a round in

Wales. He hit a shot from a bunker and then jumped up to see how he had done. At the top of his jump, he was struck by a ball hit by one of his playing partners, and knocked unconscious.

In 1963 Jim Armstrong of Phoenix hit his tee shot off a tee marker in front of him. The ball bounced straight back and hit him in the forehead. When he came to, he tried again. This time the ball bounced off the same tee marker and hit him in the kneecap. He limped off the course.

Mike Reasor set a PGA Tour record for the highest 36-hole score for the final two rounds of a tournament. After making the cut, he injured himself riding a horse. Because anyone who completed the tournament got an automatic entry into the next week's event, he decided to finish the tournament, playing the final two rounds one-handed. He shot 123-114.

Until next month, put your drives in the fairway, your putts in the hole and have fun out there.

## Pine Mountain Lake Aero Club

BY CATHERINE SANTA MARIA

July and August were busy fly months for the AERO club members. Some of us logged in over 10 hours in one month. I have been doing lots of solo flying and even completed a solo cross country trip to Tracy. Jim Goodrich took a trip up to Portland and did some glider flying and Rick, Danielle and Janet and myself have been doing lots of training. Bob has been keeping the plane operating safely so that we can all enjoy the thrill of flying.

Larry Jobe prepared a booklet which is named "Path to a Private Pilot Certificate" that will be available on airport day at his booth, however the information was so good that I asked him to send me a copy and he did. Listed below is some information from his document that is very interesting especially if you have a desire

to become a private pilot:

· Learning to fly is a complex task that takes practice and time. While you can legally get your certificate within 40 hours of flight time, that is rarely done. The older you are the longer it will take you. (Boy, I sure know about that). Motor skills we use in driving a car do not transfer over to flying and in fact become an impediment at times. Thus if you have been driving for forty years it will be harder for you to re-train your motor skills to fly a plane. A young person who has just started driving doesn't have the problem of overcoming their years of driving and they usually adapt right away. So as a general rule of thumb, for every year you are over 18, add an hour of flight time to the 40 hours. 60 years old equals 82 hours flight time (40+42). Nationwide average is

reported as 80 hours of flight time. Figure about four hours of ground time for every hour spent in the air.

· You need to physically fly the plane, plus learn about weather, flight rules, aerodynamics, navigation, communications, air traffic control and aircraft systems. There are ground schools for this as well as self study courses. You also have to pass a physical exam administered by an FAA physician.

· Costs are the big variable in the equation. Aircraft rental rates vary widely, as does the cost of an individual instructor. Ground school and course material usually runs about \$200 to \$400, plus you need to get a good noise canceling headset such as "Lightspeed" which Larry highly recommends. It will cost between \$500 and \$900 depending on the model

and vendor. Flight time, times the hourly cost of the plane and instructor, will be the biggest portion of your cost and there is no way to predict how much time this will entail.

· General aviation and "those little airplanes" as many call them, are as safe as any other mode of travel, if not safer. Flying is as safe as each individual chooses to make it. How to fly safely and deal with the extremely rare occurrence of an actual emergency is a top priority in your training.

Well, the entire article is not printed above however, if you would like more information on the "Path to a Private Pilot", contact Larry Jobe at his real estate office at 962-5501 or if you are interested in joining the Aero Club please contact Dennis Smith at 962-4950.

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By Chef Stacie Brown

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## PML Racquet Club

BY DAVE RAUCH



Greetings from Alaska!! Ok, I'm back home now after an awesome RV adventure to Alaska and back. Carron and I had a great time meeting new friends and seeing awesome sights. Everyone should make the trip to see our 49th State and long time territory. The roads are not as bad nowadays as they were probably 2 years ago, but there are some places where they have a hard time keeping up with the weather damage. Some of the adventures were seeing Salmon Glacier up close-breathtaking-flying up to Punchbowl Glacier on a helicopter and riding an Iditarod sled behind a dog team, taking a boat tour of the Kenai Fjord and seeing Orcas and Humpbacks and Bald Eagles and Puffins, and Carron and her sister piloting a kayak into glacier ice caves at Valdez. If you see Carron and have an hour or two - ask her about the trip. The wildlife viewing on the roads was pretty sparse - except for a herd of bison and some Dall sheep. I think the moose were on vacation. We saw some grizzlies from long distance in Denali National Park and a caribou or two there.

I was able to play golf a few times as far north as Fairbanks but my tennis racquet took an 8500 mile round trip without so much as a look. Tennis courts seemed to be few and far between - so I don't know where Raonic got his practice but it wasn't in B.C. as far as I could tell!

My first tennis in three months away was last Monday here and after an awkward start, I started to get the feel back.

Hope you all had a great summer. Unfortunately the Mixed Up Doubles tournament had to be cancelled due to lack of interest. Also the Tuesday evening socials have come to an end - our most popular event. Does that make us socialists?

The quarterly meeting was held in August and a committee has been formed to plan the Christmas dinner and meeting. CHRISTMAS? Where

have I been? Details will be forthcoming in future missals. Actually, I already saw Santa and shook his hand at North Pole, Alaska. Saw his reindeer too-you doubting Thomases!

As I write this the U.S. Open is in progress and our U.S. players have done us proud. Hope you have been watching and recording as much as possible. I had the pleasure of attending the Open in 1986 and watched several matches from the U.S.T.A. box. Connors, Annacone, Navratilova and their ilk were in full flight then.

Thanks to Barbara Elliott for filling in for me while I was gone. If anybody has any anecdotes to use as filler-give me a call-until then-Adios and watch the ball! I'll give you the Alaskan wave when I see you!

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## PML Shooting Club

BY MARTY BOLTER

Wow! Another busy summer is just about in the history books. We have been busy with our continuing efforts to work with PMLA in helping them re-open the Shooting Range amenity here in Pine Mountain Lake and in May the Board of Directors voted unanimously to do just that. We are now assisting the Board in putting together plans for the actual construction of the facility. The Club's Executive Committee has put the finishing touches on the Standard Operating Procedures and those should be available soon for viewing on our website.

July 30th we enjoyed a Hamburger Feed at the Lake Lodge and took a field trip out to the Range site. We had quite a nice gathering and a good

time was had by all. We are working on another activity for October and will send out an email with the details when they are available. Please contact any of the email addresses listed on our website if you are not yet a member of the Club but might like to be included in our next activity. We'd love to have you with us!

Don't forget to check us out at: [www.pmlsc.com](http://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 education and guidance for all. We would love to welcome you to our Club.

## PML Marathon Bridge

BY RUTHANN PEIRONA

We are looking for players to play bridge at The Grill on the 1st Tuesday of every month, January through August. It is a great way for newcomers to meet other bridge players. Everyone is welcome!

Some players have dinner at The Grill before the games. Others just come for bridge. It's a fun night. For more details, contact: Ruthann Peirona 962-0771 or Joe Sousa 962-5708.

We just had a great meal at The Grill for September prize night for

Marathon Bridge. The winners this season were: 1st Place - Ruthann Peirona/Joe Sousa; 2nd Place - Felix and Phyllis Gschwend; 3rd Place - Bobbi Vandenberg and Mike Hankin; 4th Place - Joe Vautier/Bob Haiges; 5th Place - Phil and Connie Mathes; 6th Place - Grace Dickson/Jerry Dickson, Jr.; 7th Place - Barbara Erickson and Ina Rathert.

Everyone shared in the 62nd anniversary of the Gschwend's. Congratulations! (And thanks for the champagne.)

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## Country Mountain Riders and Friends in the Saddle

BY LYNNE ORLOFF



You have to love your horse to get up at the break of day, feed and muck, brush, pick hooves, saddle and trailer to an event that requires you to jump logs, ride up, down, and through ditches, around pine trees complete with hanging back scratchers, coax your naturally claustrophobic horse into an unfamiliar trailer, run barrels and poles and ride through poison oak, not to mention the heat that day (Sept. 3rd). Many a bottle of water was guzzled and refilled as we all realized a couple of them were not going to keep us ahead of the water curve. Despite this somewhat unappealing description, all of us, and I mean the ones that worked the event and the ones that rode it, had a great time! Unfortunately, the buckles did not arrive in time, but four category winners went home with the cash that would allow them to purchase their buckle, and there were a few ribbons given besides. The overall winners for the four age groups were senior, Nellie Moore; adult, John Banks; Junior, Jordan Kovacs and Pee-Wee, Michelle Edwards. Congratulations, all!

Just after Christmas we reported on six new young horses that arrived from West Virginia from the Asgaard Arabian Farms. One of these was MiMy, a mare purchased by Deborah Kalkowski. Following the Clinton Anderson methods for starting a new

horse, MiMy has developed into a very nice mount for her owner. She made her first endurance ride at the Eastern High Sierra Classic ride this August out of Bridgeport, CA. Adding to the course's challenge was the fact that base camp was at 6800 feet and they climbed another two thousand feet in the course of the ride. Along with her rider/owner, Deborah, they came in 13th in a field of twenty-five riders on a thirty-mile ride. Time-wise they came in second to last, but that is not the only criteria for deciding position. The condition of the horse and its ability to recover its heartbeat to sixty beats per minute are a major factor. This is a selling point of these strong Arabian bloodlines and proved out on this ride. Deborah was also glad to see how good-minded and calm her horse went on the trails. She noted how many had problems with their horses and remarked at how important the natural horsemanship training was to the thorough and consistent development of her horse. Owners today are lucky to have so many good clinicians that develop a "toolkit" we can dip into to help a horse/rider through a problem. Those of us willing to admit it will tell you that when there are problems, it is generally the rider that IS the problem, not the horse. They get it; we have to learn it! Happy Trails!

## Why Do I Top the Ball?

BY PAUL PIERETTI

When the club head hits the top half of the ball, the shot never gets airborne and the result is a "thin" or "topped" shot. The club head must contact the ball at the low point of the downswing in order for the ball to fly in the air.

**Weight Shift:** When you stay on your back foot, Danny, on the downswing, the club head rises through impact, hitting the top of the ball. Practice lifting your right foot and tapping your toe at the end of the swing to ensure you transfer your weight to your left side.

**Sliding:** If you slide your body toward the target on the downswing, Wally, you will be ahead of the ball at impact and the club head can catch the top of the ball before it reaches the bottom of the swing. Practice keeping your head slightly behind the ball at impact.

**Lifting the Ball:** In an effort to try to help the ball in the air, some golfers actually swing up at the ball, (image that Bob) hitting the top portion and creating the opposite of the desired result. Put a penny in front of the ball and try to hit the ball and sweep the penny away.

**Fear of the Ground:** To avoid slamming the club into the ground on the downswing or "hurting" the grass (you know who you are) some golfers tense up and the club never makes contact with the grass. Relax your shoulders and make a practice swing, clipping the grass and even taking a small divot.

**Flipping the Wrists:** Beginning golfers sometime flip their wrists through impact, rather than let their arms swing, as well as some old ones like Doc. When the wrists flip, the club head rises and the ball does not. Practice posing in the correct impact position, with the hands slightly ahead of the club head, the left wrist firm and the weight on your left foot.

**Poor Ball Position:** If you play the ball too far forward in your stance, Mr. Thurman, the club head will be rising by the time it gets to the ball. Position the ball in the center of your stance for irons and off the inside of your left heel (right-handed golfers) for tee shots. Play fairway woods and hybrids just left of center.

Excerpts from an article by Kim Kleinle.

Play Well.

## High Country Line Dancers Q&A

BY SUE SALNICK

Yes, we are still dancing every Tuesday night 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the Groveland Community Hall. Yes, we are still teaching new dances. Yes, we dance to all kinds of music, not just country. Yes, we welcome beginners. Yes, you can come without a partner. Yes, we have a lot of fun and get great cardio exercise.

Yes, you can still see "Dancing With the Stars" when you get home. Yes, Carol (Stevens) Digby is leaving us for a few months for sunny Arizona in October. Yes, we will struggle on without her, but we will miss her!

Any more questions? Call Sue Salnick at 962-4155.

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## Garden Club Clippings

BY JOYCE SMITH

We met at the Lake Lodge on Monday, Sept. 12th for our regular 2nd Monday of the Month meeting date. A US Forest Department spokesperson was scheduled to talk to us about fire prevention and suppression but was unable to come. JOsh Schieb, Jason Culbertson, and Colton Klein from our local Fire Dept. gave the presentation and were fabulous; some of the best speakers we have had yet.

The October 10th meeting will be at 1:00P.M. Lake Lodge. We will hear about projects that have been happening here at PML this year. This will be of much interest to all of us, so hope you will be attending.

Looking ahead, we will be planting daffodils at the Jail at 1:00, November 14th. We hope to have a good

turnout for this.

Watch for information in your Newsletter regarding December Dinner and Installation of Officers.

Our President, Linda Flores, wanted us to get our Jail in order so we had a work day there on September 14th. We all want our Jail to be nice and spiffy for the many visitors in town on the 17th for the 49ers Festival. Even though it is late summer/early fall, the Garden is still a pretty place for a stroll.

Did you see the Garden Club entry in the 49er Parade? You looked great, a clever idea, and I am proud to be a Garden Club member. Our parade keeps getting bigger and better each year.

See you at the Lake Lodge.



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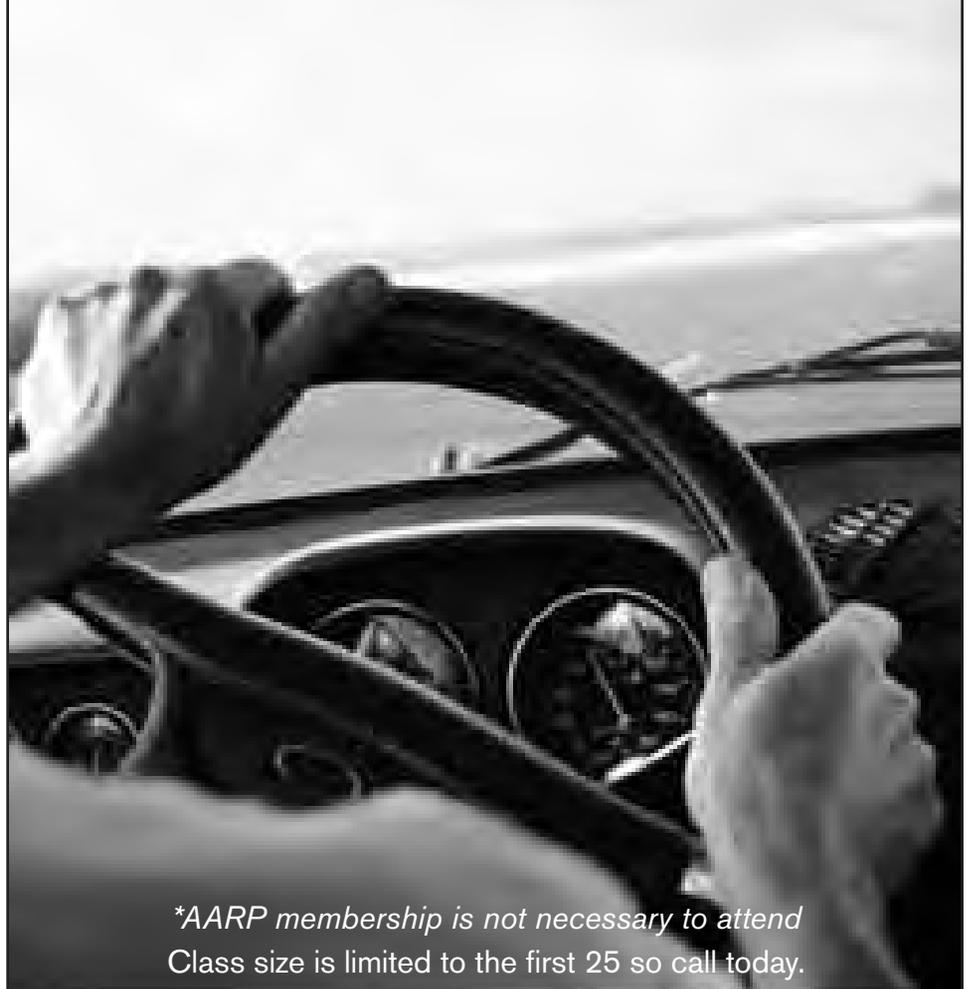
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PML Lake Lodge (20270 Pine Mountain Drive)**

The American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) is offering a Driver Safety Course for motorists aged 50 and older who have years of driving experience.

The course will remind you of driving skills and techniques that you once learned but perhaps fail to use regularly now, and will also provide new approaches and concepts, such as compensating for normal age-related physical changes that may affect your driving ability. Each person who completes the session will receive a certificate that qualifies him/her for a possible discount on his/her automobile insurance.

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## Pine Mountain Laker's RV Club

BY JANIE STIVERS



Just as I guessed, the Club returned from the Vineyard RV Park in Vacaville full of jelly bellies, beer, wine and even my favorite, Fenton's ice cream at the Nut Tree. As you can see from the photos, they were caught "horsing" around and not one of them was sober enough to drive the truck. What a fun group we are. : )

As I mentioned before, our next outing is the trip to Jackson Rancheria, which hasn't happened at the time of this article. I'll give you the low-down next month. If you see me on the corner with a tin cup for "do-

nations," large bills only.

Our October outing is to the 49'er Village RV Resort in Plymouth. The 49'er has become our "closing" outing location for the last couple of years. The Park is not too far away from Pine Mountain Lake Resort and there are so many fun places to visit while we're there. Most of us will end up at Apple Hill for some Christmas shopping and, of course, apple pie alamo. Did I really say "Christmas shopping?" Don't we have to be frightened by the "Goblins" first?

At the end of October, Pine Mountain begins to dress in her fall colors.

The rusts and yellows are waving in the breezes and the colors will be covering the streets and cabins soon. Who says California doesn't have the four-seasons? The marina will be boat-less, the beach will be somewhat empty and the wonderful "softie" ice cream cones will be locked up for another year. Where does the time go?

With each season comes a new awakening to our beautiful PML. The more time I spend here, the more I know just how lucky we are to live here. I feel most proud to know that the friends I have made here are the

most-giving of the land. Each season brings more clubs and organizations together for the needs of the community. You all do such an incredible job! Hats off to each and every one who contributes one way or another.

Enjoy the fall and enjoy those "Trick or Treaters."

If you would like more information about us, please call Louise Turney at 962-0609. Remember, our winter meetings will continue at the Lake Lodge in November through March. We meet at 5:00 p.m. for our meeting with a fabulous potluck to follow.

## PML Lady Niners August

BY CYNDY KROUT

It was wonderful to continue our summer weather and have lots of players enjoying the games that Pat Van Gerpen has planned for us. We started the month on the fourth with 17 players for a round of putting. First place was shared with Darlene Hoagland and Nancy Whitefield while second place was shared by five players



*In the center Linelle Marshal Tournament of Champions 1st flight, on the right is Shirley Haliwell 2nd flight champion and Faye Buckley on the left is 3rd flight champion.*

third place Sarah Zimmerman and Cyndy. Along with putting well, Darlene H. and Jeanne D. each got a par on #14 while Nancy W. chipped in on #12 and Bonnie Ayala got a birdie on #14. Was a busy hole! Low net for the

week was Linn Faler and Cyndy.

We had 21 players on the 11th to play 3 Blind Mice. There were three person teams and first place was Shirley Colley, Karen Dickson and Shirley H. Second place team consisted of Linda Craig,

Jeanne D., and Nancy W. Third place team was GERALYN Dielman, Linn F., and Linelle Marshall, while Stacie Brown, Pat Price and Pat Van Gerpen came in fourth. Shirley C., Linelle M. and Sarah Z. all got a par on #14 and low net was Karen D.

And then on the 18th, the game I love because I get to throw out my two worst holes - Cry Baby. We also played #6 Eclectic and the third round of TOC. In order of placing we

have first Karen D., second Linelle M., a tie for third Jeanne D., and Pat V.G. Fourth was Wanda P., and fifth Stacie B. and Sarah Z. It seems like almost everyone got a par on August 18. On #14 we had Karen D., Jeanne D. (also

on #16), Shirley H., Pat V.G. and Sarah Z. and Linelle M. (also on #10) and Stacie B. also got one on #17 while Jeanne Clemson was chipping in over on #12. Karen D. was low net for the second week in a row.

August 22 we played with 4 Clubs Only and Low Net. Now it seems that is all the clubs I play with anyway, but I try to vary my selection so I play with different ones. First place was Judy Michaelis with Low Net! Second place a four-way tie with Marilyn Alexander, Karen D., Cyndy and Pat V.G. Third place was Flo Jansen. Again #14 was a good hole to par and Marilyn, A., Pat Price and Sarah Z. did just that. Low net was Judy M. and Ace of Aces for August was Karen D.

Now we are already into October and our tee time has changed to 9 AM. We will be having a WNHGA calendar meeting at PML at 9 AM on the fourth. And on the 27th we are going to have Halloween Golf, at the invitation of the 18-hole ladies, with lunch following. There will be a general meeting after lunch and our slate of offices for 2012 will be chosen.

# OCTOBER EVENTS CALENDAR



**Cooking Class - Oct 11**



**Wine Tasting - Oct 12**



**Mystery Dinner - Oct 29**

## 10-1

**SATURDAY**

### **ROOFB Annual Charitable Golf Tournament**

Time: Registration: 11:30 AM  
Shotgun Start: 1:30 PM  
Location: PML Golf & CC  
Activities and Much More!

## 10-8

**SATURDAY**

### **Oktoberfest**

Time: 11:00 am to 7:00 pm  
Location: Big Creek Meadow Ranch in Groveland  
Cost: \$5 for 13 and older, FREE for 12 and under. Cost includes a free pumpkin.  
Contact: 209-962-1942  
Food, Hay Maze, Scarecrow contest, Haunted Barn, Hay Ride, and more!

## 10-11

**TUESDAY**

### **PML Cooking Class**

Time: 6:30 to 8:00 pm  
"Crostitini Appetizer Party"  
Location: PML Lake Lodge  
Cost: \$10 Class Fee includes food samples  
Contact: Tom Knoth at 209-962-5838 or email: [tomknoth@yahoo.com](mailto:tomknoth@yahoo.com)

## 10-12

**WEDNESDAY**

### **Wine Tasting Dinner Buffet**

Seatings: 5/5:15/5:30/5:45 pm  
Location: The Grill at PML  
Cost: \$23 per person / plus tax  
Featuring Holiday wines from Young's Market.  
See page 15 for more information.  
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## 10-14

**FRIDAY**

### **Tenaya Elementary School Fall Festival**

Time: 5:00 to 8:00 pm  
Location: Tenaya Elementary  
Food, Games, Family Fun, Baked goods, Candy, Prizes, and Much more! Hosted by the Tenaya Parent Club.

## 10-29

**SATURDAY**

### **Murder on the 13th Tee! Mystery Dinner**

Time: 5:30 to 8:00 pm  
Location: The Grill  
Cost: \$50 - includes ticket, dinner, and tax.  
Join us at The Grill for an evening of murder and intrigue, not to mention a fabulous dinner!

## 10-31

**MONDAY**

### **Halloween Trick or Treating Party**

Time: 5:00 to 8:00 pm  
Location: Downtown Groveland  
Cost: FREE  
Ghosts, Goblins, Princesses and Pirates will fill the street while the businesses pass out candy and treats to all.

## **Add Your Event to Our Calendar Page!**

This is a great way to get Pine Mountain Lake residents (full-time and part-time) information about your fun, so don't miss out! **Call 209-962-0342**

## COMING IN NOVEMBER

**NOV 2nd**

Wednesday

### **Wine Tasting Dinner Buffet**

Where: The Grill  
Featuring the wines of Irish Vineyards of Murphys.  
Pork Loin, vegetables, salad, and Chocolate Mousse w/ Grand Marnier

**NOV 5th**

Saturday

### **AARP Driver's Safety Course**

Where: PML Lake Lodge  
8:00 AM - 4:30 PM  
Driver's safety course for motorists aged 50 or older. See ad page 20.  
\$12 for AARP Members  
\$14 for non-AARP Members

**NOV 24th**

Thursday

### **Thanksgiving Dinner at The Grill**

\$29 General/\$20 Senior/\$12 6-12  
FREE Under 5  
Seatings at: 11am/1pm/3pm  
Carving station will Turkey and all the trimmings, slow roasted Prime Rib, holiday sides, salads, and dessert.

**NOV 24th**

Thursday

### **24th Annual Thanksgiving Feast**

Where: Groveland Community Hall  
All are welcome to the FREE traditional Thanksgiving meal of Turkey, Ham, dressing, mashed potatoes, and all the trimmings.

# 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 Jeanne Brunk at 962-6276.

## Aerobics & Sculpting Exercise by Video

Mondays, Wednesday and Friday at 8:30 AM

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## 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.

## 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.

## Bridge (Duplicate) at the Lake Lodge

2nd & 4th Thursdays

All bridge players are welcome. Call Bobbi Vandenberg 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.

## Kiwanis Meetings

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

## 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 Sue @ 4155.

## 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.

## Sonora Senior Center

Lunch Served Weekdays from 12:00 to 12:30  
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## Alcoholics Anonymous meetings

Tuesday and Thursday at 7:00 PM  
Groveland Christian Church  
Foote Street, Groveland

# Senior Transportation Survey Results Are In

BY ALEX WYLIE

A volunteer community work group for The Little House has completed a Senior Transportation Survey and analyzed the results. The survey response was healthy and the group plans to publish the results in detail. Next, volunteers will begin discussions with community representatives to develop a plan that addresses the stated needs of the citizens of Groveland/Big Oak Flat and the surrounding area.

Survey respondents identified transportation needs in and around the Groveland area and from our area to destinations in Sonora. Even those who noted they don't have a present need said they would likely use the service as they grow older and their circumstances change. They also said that they would be willing to pay for a transportation service.

We believe that any transportation service should be community driven and owned. Our next steps are to reach out to organizations and churches in the community to secure their input and participation in developing and implementing a plan that will make people in our mountain community feel more secure.

Thank you to all who demonstrated interest in the health of our community by participating in the survey. Expect to hear more from us in the coming months as we proceed through the planning phase.

# Maryann Curmi To Emcee Trivia Bee On October 8

BY LYNN MCCORMICK, TECHNOLOGY, LITERACY, AND OUTREACH LIBRARIAN

Maryann Curmi, a longtime popular Mother Lode radio and stage personality, will take her talent to a different stage when she serves as master of ceremonies for Tuolumne County's 2011 Trivia Bee.

The annual event is a benefit for Tuolumne County Library's adult literacy program. It will be held in Sonora Opera Hall on Oct. 8, starting with a social hour at 5:30 p.m.

This will be the third time that Curmi has filled the emcee role. In tux and top hat, she ran the show in 2008 and again in 2010, when she donned her best Vampire costume. She most recently appeared in "August; Orange County" - her 30<sup>th</sup> Stage 3 performance - and she is currently directing the comedy "Over the River and Through the Woods," which will be Stage 3's final offering

of the year.

"I'm proud to support the library's program to provide one-on-one tutoring and other help to adults who need help with their reading," Curmi said. "Those with the courage and energy to seek help deserve all the support they can get."

Curmi is Promotions and Marketing Director for Clarke Broadcasting and is heard regularly on Star 92.7 KZSQ.

For the Trivia Bee, Curmi will pose questions, interspersed with her own repartee, to teams of three members each representing local organizations, offices and businesses who will vie for the title of Tuolumne County

2011 Trivia Bee champions.

Team entries are being accepted and new teams are always welcome. Interested groups can get more information from Lynn McCormick, the library system's Youth, Literacy, and Outreach librarian, at 694-2727 or 694-2717.

Trivia Bee tickets are \$10 and are on sale at the main library in Sonora and at branches in Groveland, Tuolumne and Twain Harte.

Refreshments for those attending this year's event will be provided by Sonora Emblem Club and the wine and beer bar will be manned by members of Sonora Mountain Lions Club.

# Quilters' Corner

BY SANDY SMITH

Whew, the busy summer is now history. Take a deep breath and look forward to cooler weather and great opportunities to start (and finish) a new quilt or two.

Whoops, I was looking at the wrong month (thanks Kay) when I printed the date of the Sept. guild meeting. Too much happening in a short period of time. Anyway I do apologize and will make sure of

correct dates in the future.

Just remember Pine Needlers Quilt Guild is the 3rd Tuesday of every month and then the Block Party is the 3rd Thursday. So, with that off my conscience, Come and join us on Tuesday, Oct. 18, at 6 p.m., under the Library. Also come and help us out with the Block Party on Thursday, Oct. 20 at Deana's house. Call me for directions, 4950.

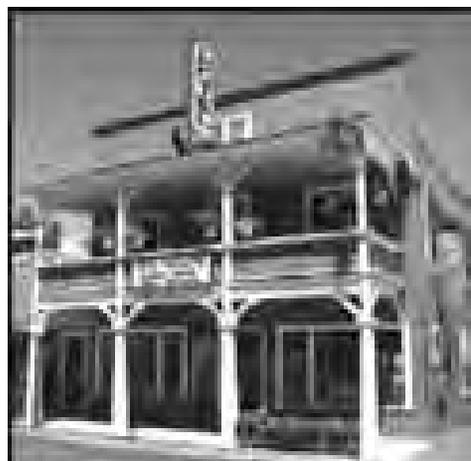
We are starting early to plan for the next (2013) quilt stroll. In the community center we will be having displays of civil war quilts and "stuff" about the underground railroad. Consider making a quilt especially for the Stroll time. Timeless Calico in Sonora specializes in reproduction civil war fabric, she has lots of things to help you out, if you are interested. It will be interesting and lots of fun. I will keep you updated in future columns.

I "borrowed" this from Nancy at Bearly Quilting: 'Our lives are like quilts, bits & pieces, joys & sorrows, all stitched together with love.' Loved this and sew true.

Dutchquilter.com and pinetreecountryquilts.com are 2 websites I thought you might find interesting. Browse a little and let me know what you think. Also check out PineNeedlers.com, too. Maenette has done a great job.

Remember, this month is Living History Days, October 1, 10-3 @ Mary Laveroni Park. Check it out. There is so much to do and see; very interesting how our pioneer families did things. See PML News or Yosemite Highway Herald for more details.

See you at Guild on the 18th. Just wanted to say a special thank you to Donna Wolf for all the neat quilt events she has brought to us this past year. She tells me there will be other "surprises" in this next year at the Lake Lodge. So come to the meeting and share with us. Great things happening and cookies, too!



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# Groveland Soroptimists Seek Applicants for Women's Opportunity Award Recipients

BY SONJA PALMER

Women who serve as the primary wage earners for their families and seek financial assistance to improve their skills, training, and education can now obtain applications for the Women's Opportunity Award, a major service project of Soroptimist International of Groveland. Applications are available at the Groveland Library and Columbia Community College, or by contacting Sonja Palmer at (209) 962-0838. Completed applications must be returned to Soroptimist International of Groveland by December 1, 2011.

Since 1972, the Soroptimist Women's Opportunity Award program

has provided women who serve as the primary wage earners for their families with the financial resources to offset costs associated with their efforts to attain a higher education. The award can be used for tuition, books, childcare, car fare or any other education-related expense.

The Groveland club will provide a \$2,000 cash grant to its award recipient. The Groveland recipient will then advance to the Soroptimist Sierra Pacific Region level, where one recipient will be chosen and will receive \$5,000. The Regional recipient will then qualify for the final round and an additional opportunity that culminates with three finalists who will each receive a \$10,000 award.

Soroptimist International of Groveland (SIG), founded in 2000, is a volunteer organization for business and professional women dedicated to improving the lives of women and girls, in local communities and throughout the world. For more information about SIG, contact President Jeanne Brunk at 962-6276.

# 49er Parade Thank You

BY LINDA FLORES & LINDA STRUHM

We wish to give a great big hug & heartfelt THANK YOU to all those who participated and helped put together our fabulous 49er Parade!!! We're so very proud of you all and we couldn't have done such a great job

without all our dedicated volunteers. There are too many to name, but you know who you are and how much we appreciate you all and can't possibly thank you enough.

## John Gray, Tuolumne County 4th District Supervisor

In my last article, I wrote about the ill conceived rural fire fee brought forward at the state level. The Tuolumne County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to oppose this poorly designed plan. Sacramento listened to the rural county's concerns, looked at the bill and, as I predicted, came back with amendments to the bill that made the new bill even worse than the original.

Assemblywoman, Kristen Olsen, has gone on the record as opposing the two new bills, Assembly Bill ABX 124 and the Senate Bill X17. In summary the letter we sent the Board of Forestry contained the following concerns and remains salient to the new bills brought forward.

- The legality of the fee - Does it meet the definition of a fee versus a tax under proposition 26?
- The gross inequity of the fee being borne by rural residents.
- The double taxation of some property owners within fire districts that have their own "special assessment" without any additional benefits received from the state.
- The threat the fee poses to our existing cooperative fire response system.

Everyone must continue to put pressure on the Governor to eliminate these bills.

Occasionally I receive calls and questions regarding cell coverage and asking "what is the county doing to improve broadband and cell service".

The County, City of Sonora and the Tuolumne County Economic Development Authority (TCEDA) have been working together with broadband and cell providers to improve coverage. As part of that effort, Comcast and CVIN is bringing a new fiber backbone into the County. We are encouraging their companies to push services out to all areas of the county directly and/or in partnership with local Internet Service Providers (ISP), such as Mother Lode Internet. We have also been working with Sierra Nevada Communications to expand services into the easternmost parts of the County and also into the South County. Golden State Cellular and ATT continue to expand their respective 3G services.

I know that for some it seems like a slow process...but it is progressing!

Last week I was discussing county government with one of the "regular readers" of the Supervisor articles. (I'm not sure, but he may be the only one. I do, however, know that he is the most critical!) He is always a gentleman but straight to the point. His criticism is that I am not profound enough.

For one to be profound, I think you really need to know what the word means. So, I googled the word on the internet-like a good user of resources should. I might have remembered that when you use the google dictionary you rarely get one definition but more often you'll find 137,480 different ones. This created more of a dilemma than I had when I started. I wasn't sure which definition to go with; surely they all meant the same thing.

One definition was "coming from the depth of one's being". I could have chosen that one but on this same day I had a conversation with another critic that said I was shallow. So I faced another dilemma. How does a shallow person go beyond what is superficial or obvious? My approach, pick a subject, think about it, make a statement and then let the critic(s) blast away.

The first topic upon which I will attempt to be profound is that of education. It has been, and continues to be, in the news quite a lot, both on the local level and across the nation.

I was told early on that by getting a better education you will have a better life. My observation so far is that this is very good advice. My education has been extremely helpful on my life journey. What I am worried about is that the educational opportunities that have been available in the past are slowly eroding away. We have reduced the number of school days and increased class sizes due to teacher lay-offs.

We find ourselves fighting over students in our own communities. We have cut funding to the very most important safety net for the future that we have,

the education of our children. Many have taken the position that education is for other people's children and they shouldn't have to contribute. They are missing the broader picture. Education really isn't for the benefit of other people's children. It benefits all of us to have an educated society.

I believe that we have cut education enough. We can be lean and mean but we also need to be realistic. There is a cost to education. Monies should be spent wisely but to withhold funding in this area is extremely short sighted. Not everyone needs, or even wants, a college degree but everyone should be literate. These young leaders of tomorrow will shape the future of our society and our nation.

In closing, I would like to remind small business owners and those that are thinking about starting a business of any size that there is a great partner available to assist them on their path to success. The Tuolumne Economic Development Authority has established a program that will provide the professional consulting service to help you succeed. It's called the Business Alliance of Tuolumne County. For more information please contact the TCEDA at (209)989-4058 or go to [www.tceda.net](http://www.tceda.net).

As always, please feel welcome to contact me to discuss matters that are important to you.

John L Gray, Supervisor 4th District  
You may contact me by calling (209) 533-5521 or email me at: [jgray@co.tuolumne.ca.us](mailto:jgray@co.tuolumne.ca.us), office hours in Groveland 9-11 last Wednesday of the month, office hours in Don Pedro 9-11 last Thursday of the month

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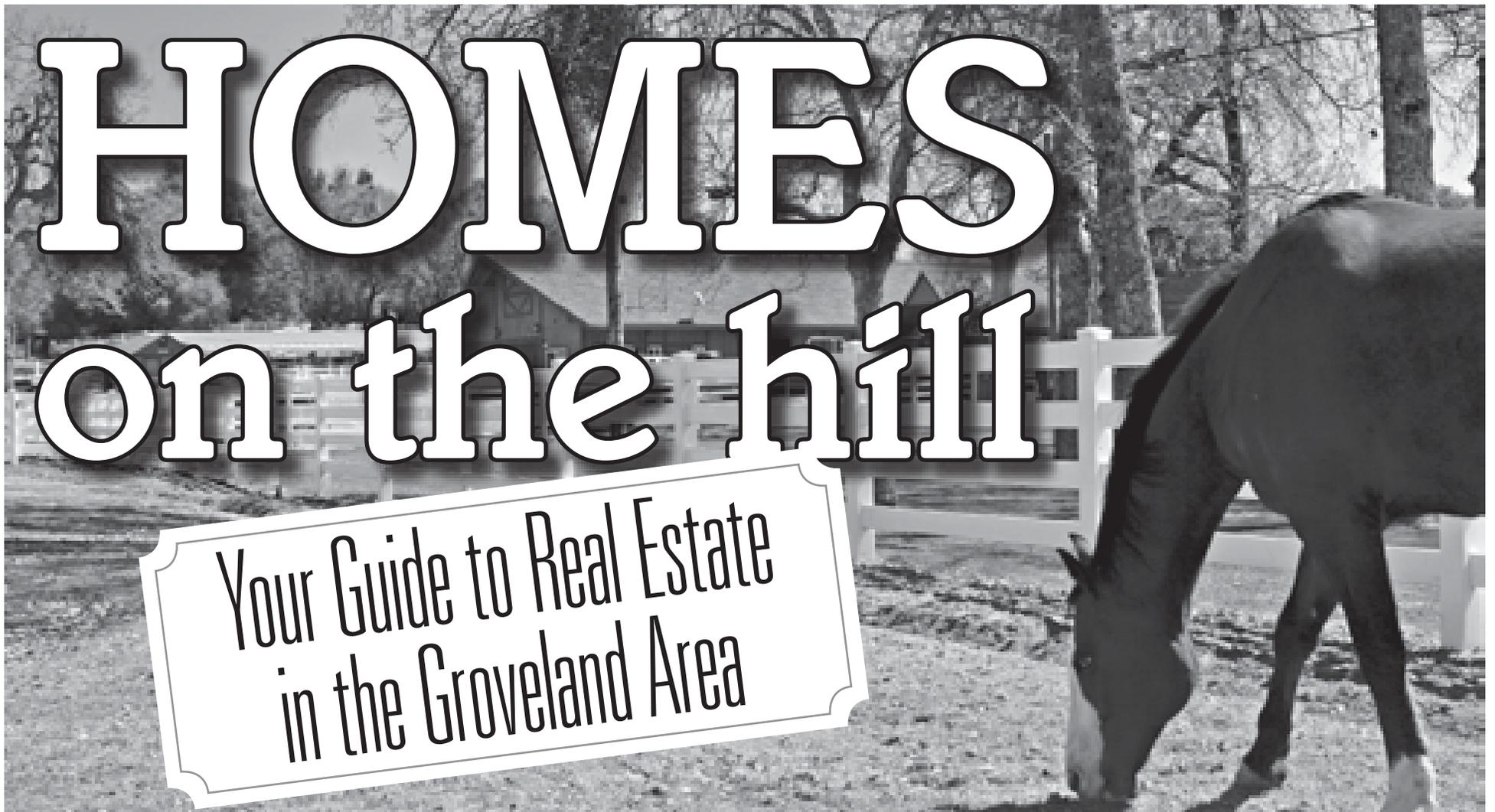
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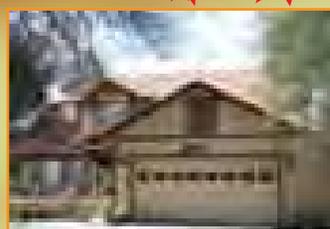
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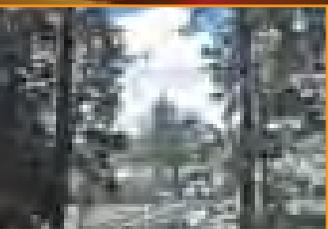


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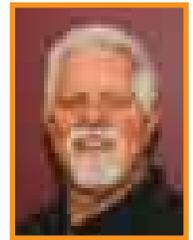
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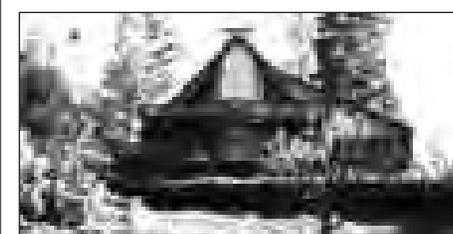
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### LAKE FRONT HOME!

1/2/2 Beautiful South Facing, deep water on Big Creek. Home in No Wake Zone! 2 Large Decks, Gourmet Kitchen, furniture & boat included! \$875,000! 4-119



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4/2/2 Beautiful Single Level Home on 11th Fairway! Fabulous kitchen w/2 Separate dining areas! TOO many features to list! \$5425,000! 1-483 MLS#2111544



### CUTE CABIN!

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### IMAGINATION!

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3 Bed / 2 Bath + Large Great Room w/Free-standing Fireplace. Scenic Setting on .32 Acre! Extra large deck for those summer BBQ's! \$419,000! 4-217 MLS#20101157



### LOVELY VIEW!

4 Bed / 3 Bath / 2 Car Gar on .45 AC Golf Course lot - walking distance to Country Club & Golf Course! 2,800 SF 2 Level home w/800 SF Deck & New Roof! \$299,000! 5-143 MI 5820111274



### TERRIFIC LAKE VIEW!

Renovated Split Level 3 Bed / 3BDM + 2 Bonus Rm & 2 Car Gar! Seasonal Creek & Minutes from Marina! Sold "AS IS" \$312,000! 15-15 MI 5820111907



### GREAT VIEW!

3 Bed/3 Bath/2 Car Garage! Open beam ceilings, 2 Free-standing Fireplaces, wet bar, large deck w/wine garden in middle! NEW ROOF! 1.5 Merged lots! \$285,000! 5-157A MI 5820103766



### \*\*IMMACULATE HOME\*\*

Totally Updated 2,300 SF 3 Bed / 3 Bath / 2 Car Gar! Double Decks - Retractable awning & Hot Tub! .25 AC on Call-in-out! RV Boat Parking & Engineered Septic! \$369,000! 2-59 MI 5820111200



### MILLION DOLLAR VIEW!

3 Bed / 2 Bath + Additional sleeping area & 1 Car Garage! Exquisite Mountain View from East facing Deck! Modern Kitchen w/quartz countertops! \$210,000! 8-85 MI 5820103738



### QUIET & PEACEFUL HOME.

3 Bed / 2 Bath on .31 AC wooded lot! Deck on 3 sides overlooking seasonal creek! Adjet Lot also available! \$144,000! 3-325 MI 5820111082



### WALK TO COUNTRY CLUB!

CCV #7 - 3 Bed / 4 Bath + Loft Cools! Each Bedroom has Full Bath! Beautiful Upgrades throughout & Furnishings are Negotiable! \$169,000! 5-7 MI 5820103011



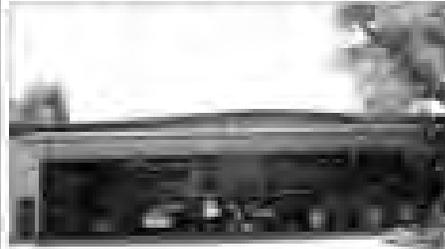
### TAXI WAY HOME!

1,000 SF Deck On the Runway! 2,200 SF 3 Bed / 3 Bath / 2 Car Garage & 40 x 45 Hangar on .88 AC! Recently Remodeled & New Heating & Cooling System, Guest House & 2 Horse Barn! Tack Room & Shop, Wine Storage & Furnishings Included! \$775,000! 12-10 MI 5820111191



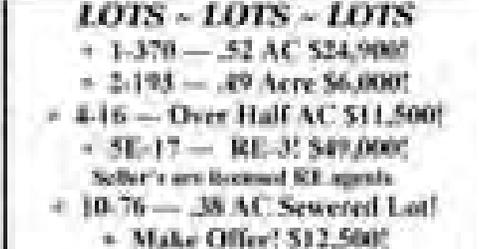
### BEAUTIFUL 1 LEVEL HOME With 600 SF PRIVATE DECK!

3 Bed / 2 Bath / 2 Car Garage w/Cabinets & workbench! Approx 2,544 SF home on .27 AC! Security System, Wet Bar, Breakfast Bar & Formal Dining! Not far from Lake Lodge & Fisherman's Cove! \$295,000! 4-444 MI 5820109000



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300 Ft on Runway w/2 Hangars & Living Area Above. Separate Guest Home - 3 Bedroom / 2 Bathroom 1,800 Sq Ft! In-ground pool & Hot Pond! NOW \$1,500,000! 11-3 MI 5820104000



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- + 5E-17 - RE-3! \$49,000!
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- + 15-21 - \$44,950!
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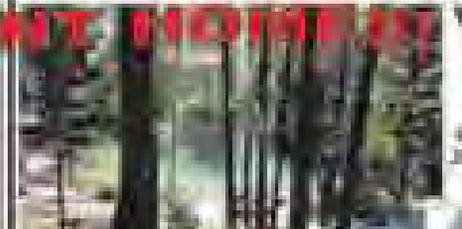
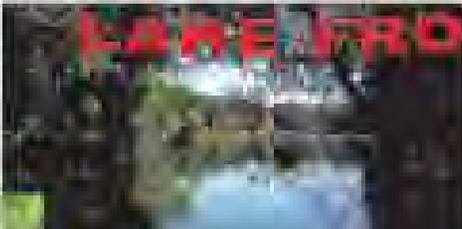
### BEAUTIFUL LAKE FRONT PROPERTY!

Luxury Chalet On the Deep Water! Approx. 2,072 Sq Ft 3 Level 4 Bed / 3 Bath Plus Bonus Room w/Wat Bar! Tree Deck w/glass railing for Exceptional View of the Lake! Private Dock & Lakeside Drivling! Some furnishings included! 15-118 ML5820110729



### Excellent Price for Lake Front Home!

Many upgrades & Close to Amenities! Unit 1 Lot 04



### WATER FRONT HOME IDEAL LOCATION!

Beautifully furnished! Upstairs' appointments & quiet area! Approx. 1,700 SF 2 Bed/2 Bath, Bonus Room & completed finished attic!

### PERFECT GET AWAY HOME!

Enjoy your mountain retreat on two wooded lots. Central heat & A/C + Air-tight wood walls. Great HWY 319 Scenic Blvd. Lower level patio area. \$179,000 2-410

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### GOLF COURSE HOME!

Great Location overlooking 12th Green. Close to Beach & Lake Facilities. 3 Bed / 1 Bath / Approx 2,120 SF. Over sized 2 Car Gar. Subject to Short Sale. \$208,000! 1-041 ML582011154



### SERENE AND TRANQUIL SETTING!

Approx. 1,725 SF 3 Bed/2 Bath/Bonus Rm! 2 Sgl Car Gar & XL Concrete Parking Pad. 72 AC Merged Lot! \$251,000! 12-202



### Backs up to Green belt & Seasonal Creek!

Approx. 2,716 SF 3 Bed/2 Bath + Bonus Rm! 2 Car Gar & Lrg Covered Deck. Main Level Living w/3rd Bed, Bath & Bonus Downstairs! Reduced to \$279,000! 6-74 ML582011157



### PRIVACY TUCKED IN THE TREES!

4th Level 3 Bed / 2.5 Bath / 2 Car Finished Garage! Approx. 1,922 Sq Ft on .34 AC! In-Shop deck for outdoor entertaining! Close to amenities! \$242,000! 4-04 ML582011155



### SURROUNDED BY THE BEAUTY OF NATURE!

Newly renovated & completely furnished! 1 Bed / 1 Bath + Large Loft—sleeps 4! Never carpet, paint, granite counter tops & Bath. \$129,900! 1-09 ML582011153



### A REAL CLASS ACT!

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3 Bed / 2 Bath— Approx 1,977 SF Single Level home! 2 Car Garage + RV & Boat Parking! 1.06 Acre (beach) Lot \$318,000! 4-196 ML5820110507\* Conditioned on Heavy Seals

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- 3K17 — RE-3 Status Residential Golf Course Lot! \$49,000! ML5820110758

- 5211 — Close to Country Club & OWB! 6.43 Acre! \$21,500 ML5820110416
- 5216 — View of Golf Course! Zoned R-3 6.30 AC \$49,000! ML5820110426
- 6231 — 0.55 Acre Lot! GREAT PRICE at \$21,500! ML5820110408
- 7252 — 0.32 Acre close to the Country Club & Amenities! \$68,000! ML5820110466
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- 832 — Easy Buildable Lot w/septic hooking! Close Proximity to PML Marina! \$28,900! ML5820110773 \*\*GOLDEN\*\*
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- 10313 — Less than a mile to the Marina! Approx. 0.36 AC \$50,000! ML5820111148

## Free Writing Class at Groveland Library

BY LYNN MCCORMICK

The published author and columnist, Bill Manville, has once again agreed to teach his popular and free *Writing to Get Published* class at the Groveland Branch of Tuolumne County Library. Bill's writing classes will run for six Saturdays starting October 8, 2011 through November 12<sup>th</sup>. Classes begin at 2:00 PM and end at 3:30 PM.

Here is what Michael Korda, Editor in Chief, Simon & Schuster, says about Bill:

*...the work I know best is your novel Goodbye, which I edited. What first attracted me was the dazzling prose; I was equally impressed by plot and characterization. A considerable literary accomplishment but also a Book of the Month choice, bringing an impressive price at paperback auction. What may also interest your students, I've heard you in dis-*

*cussion with writers like Joe Heller, Patricia Bosworth, Lois Gould and Gay Talese, and remember thinking more than once, Bill ought to be teaching...*

This free class is open to students of all ages and participants do not need to attend all of the classes. The only requirement is a desire to learn how to write. Sign up at the library or phone 962-6144.

Bill is asking that participants email him at [wmanville@yahoo.com](mailto:wmanville@yahoo.com) when they register at the library so that he can get to know his writers before the first class. So sign up at the Groveland Branch, and let's get started.

For further information contact: Michalene Martin, Groveland Branch, (209)-962-6144 [mmartin@co.tuolumne.ca.us](mailto:mmartin@co.tuolumne.ca.us)  
[www.tuolcolib.org](http://www.tuolcolib.org)

## OktoberFest 2011

BY DR ANN SCHAFFER

Mark your calendar for OktoberFest 2011, scheduled for October 8 this year at Big Creek Meadow Ranch in Groveland, CA, from 11am to 7pm. Kiwanis of Groveland will sponsor the beer booth as a major fundraiser for their club. Other local service clubs, businesses and school projects will also benefit. OktoberFest is a popular outlet for arts and crafts vendors, from jewelry booths and handcrafted goods to local artists work. There will be live music by Joe Byrns, local fiddler, and his ever-popular 3-piece band, that performs regularly in Columbia State Park and other venues – fitting music for a German-style harvest festival. This year the festival has added a Vintage Peddler's Faire with antiques, collectibles, and gently used items.

OktoberFest 2011 plans include delicious food and FREE admission for kids under 12. Over 650 people attended last year to sample goodies and family fun for all. Adults pay \$5 and receive a free pumpkin from the Pumpkin Patch. The Hay Maze leads

the way to the Haunted House and a free Bounce House is sponsored by the Pizza Factory. The Haunted Barn and Dunk Tank will benefit Tioga High student projects. Hay rides are free and Pony Rides will be available for a nominal fee.

A Scarecrow Contest will be held by age group: K-3, 4-7, 8-12; a special Family-created category and, new this year, a Senior Level (over 55). Entry blanks are available at The Pizza Factory, All Seasons Groveland Inn and by calling 962-1942. Entries get more creative every year! Bring a car-full to Big Creek Meadow Ranch on October 8 from 11-7pm and be ready to enjoy a pleasant time on the meadow with music, fun, food, entertainment, activities and a variety of vendor choices with a fabulous view of Smith Peak on Highway 120 at Smith Station Road. The event is located 6 miles east of Groveland where there's plenty of free parking. For more information, vendor applications or scarecrow contest guidelines call 209.962.1942.

## FREE! FREE! FREE! Clothing Give-away This Month

BY PATTI BEAULIEU

Due to the continued generosity of our community and their donations, and to thank you all for supporting us all year long, Helping Hands is, once again, able to provide a community wide give-away this fall. This is the time of year that we unload all of the summer clothes that were left in the store at the end of the season and also many 'all season' items, such as PJ's, underwear, and accessories that we've been collecting for the past month. This is our 7th year of doing this for the community.

In addition to clothing, we'll also have shoes, housewares, purses, linens, toys, stuffed animals and whatever else has been in the store that we need to get rid of. This enables us to stock the racks with fall and winter clothes, fill the shoe racks with winter shoes and clear out some other items that have been around for a while. Regardless of what it is, it will be FREE!!! There might even be a few items from the Furniture Barn given away. It'll be worth it to come in and see what you can find – and of course, the price can't be beat!

All we ask is that you do not sell any of the items you take. They should be for use by you, your family or friends. You can pick up things for costumes at Halloween time, clothing to make quilts, rugs, purses or whatever crafts you have up your sleeve. The school can stock up their 'rainy day closet' where they have changes for those unexpected falls in the mud.

The giveaway will be on Friday, October 14th and Saturday, October 15th from 10 a.m. till 4 p.m. in the Groveland Community Hall.

On the sidewalk across the street from the Community Hall, the Kiwanis will be having their annual coat giveaway at the same time. Come visit both and you'll be set with FREE clothes and coats for the coming winter.

This event doesn't magically happen. Prior to Friday, many of our dedicated Helping Hands volunteers will give even more of their time and spend a day setting up for this, and then come back and clean it up when it's over. This is why we're all proud to be part of Helping Hands – the most dedicated volunteers EVER!!

## 49er Parade Winners

**BEST OVERALL PARADE ENTRY** ..... Orange Crush Marching Band, Summerville H.S.  
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**BEST ADULT WALKING GROUP** ..... Pine Mountain Lake Garden Club  
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## Groveland Hosts First Business Alliance Class

BY KRISTY BERRETT-BROWER, ADMINISTRATOR,  
YOSEMITE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Do you wonder what the “social media for business” tidal wave is all about and whether it can help YOU as a business owner in Groveland? A class on “Facebook for Your Business” will be held on Tuesday, November 9, 2011. This class – the first of its kind to be held in Groveland – is offered through Business Alliance of Tuolumne County, and will be taught by Lorinda Forrest, small business consultant for California Small Business Development Center and owner

of Launch Point Consulting.

The class will convene in the downstairs meeting room at Groveland Library, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. The \$20 class fee will be collected prior to the class at the Yosemite Chamber of Commerce. The class is limited to the first 20 people who register, so don't miss out on this great opportunity.

For more information, contact Carole Smith at [carolesmith@car-rontax.com](mailto:carolesmith@car-rontax.com) or 962-6119.

## 49er Chili Cook-off Winners

### JUDGES CHOICE

#### CHILI WITH BEANS

- 1st ..... Hotel Charlotte
- 2nd ..... PML Marina
- 3rd ..... The Cellar Door

#### VEGETARIAN CHILI

- 1st ..... Hotel Charlotte
- 2nd ..... Lillaskog
- 3rd ..... Pizza Factory

### PEOPLES CHOICE

#### BEST DECORATED BOOTH

- 1st ..... Fires of Odin
- 2nd ..... Pizza Factory
- 3rd ..... Lillaskog

#### CHILI WITH BEANS

- 1st ..... Hotel Charlotte
- 2nd ..... Fires of Odin
- 3rd ..... The Cellar Door

#### VEGETARIAN CHILI

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## On The Top of Mount Whitney

BY ROBERT HOLLAND

The sky that was previously clear now grew dark and thick with clouds. Lightning began to crash on nearby peaks. Within a short time lightning was striking close by, causing rock avalanches. Rain turned to hail that hit with the intensity of rocks. Summer storms in the High Sierras are usually brief, but this one lasted four hours, leaving in its wake flash flooding, avalanches, and un-chartable hiking trails.

This is what Boy Scout troop 564 from Groveland encountered while hiking to the top of Mount Whitney (14,508 ft.) during their 50 mile back pack trip this summer. Fortunately for boy scouts, Nick Eslick, Reed Holland

and their scout leader, Ken Eslick, they were, as the scout motto says, “Prepared”. When disaster hit, the scouts were able to help and even save the lives of day hikers who were stranded for the night on Mount Whitney.

The scouts say it was an event that they will never forget. They will be giving a presentation of their Whitney experience at their next Court of Honor. All are welcome to attend and learn the details of this memorable trip. The Court of Honor will be held Oct. 26th, 7:00pm, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints on Old Highway 120. Please contact Robert Holland with any questions at 962-6209.

## Bill Broderson Inducted Into Hall of Fame

BY DICK & DOTTIE DAVIS

Our own PML resident, Bill Broderson, was inducted into the Hall of Fame of Polytechnic High School in San Francisco on Saturday, August 27th. He was awarded this distinguished recognition for his athletic accomplishments at this high school. While he was attending the school there, he competed in baseball, basketball, football, tennis, track & field. He was a fine competitive swimmer, too. In those years, as he says, volleyball was a “girls’ game”, so he did not do that! He is still very active on the tennis courts here locally, even though he is now a “young” 84!

Bill and his wife, Dorothy, moved to PML after building a home on Longview Street in 1992. His hobby is gardening so, as soon as they moved in, they began developing the beautiful landscaped yard that they have today. You can find him most days working in his beloved garden. They are very busy with their children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. He was recently the president of the PML Racquet Club, also. And we can generally find him and Dorothy out on the lake in their beautiful patio



New Hall of Fame member,  
Bill Broderson

boat in the evening, swimming and having a lovely dinner.

Most of us can recognize Bill by his warm “bronze” tan and his silver locks of hair! He is such a gentle caring man that we all enjoy being with him. So, we say a very special “CONGRATULATIONS, BILL!” We are proud of you!



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## Friends of the Groveland Library LOCAL WRITERS: FIRST WORKS

BY NADINE PEDRON

So, what do Ellen Jeffrey, Bill Wallace, Sydney Avey and Nadine Pedron have in common? Well, first off, they have been students in Bill Manville's writing classes at the library. Second, they will all be featured at a first-ever FOGL LITERARY EVENT, (co-sponsored by GAINS), on WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12th from 4:00 -6:00 downstairs at the library. These Groveland authors will talk with you about their first published works, read a bit from them and engage you in a lively, informative discussion about writing and publishing. FOGL members will provide wine and appetizers for your added pleasure during the event. If you love books and writing, what better thing to do on a fall late afternoon! We look forward to seeing you there.

Speaking of the arts, our new exhibit downstairs in the Book Nook features photos by Steve Ryan. His subjects are wide ranging and include wild life, still life (if you can call a gorgeous red strawberry exploding in a glass of bubbly champagne...still), views of Yosemite and surrounding areas. The photos are engaging, dynamic and beautifully framed and displayed. Why not stop by any Saturday (10-2) to the Book Nook and enjoy? While you are there you

might find a book you like – or many, as most folks do.

### FOGL NEWS:

- We will once again field a team for the annual Trivia Bee sponsored by the Friends of the Tuolumne County Library, to be held at the Sonora Opera house on October 8th at 5:30. The event is hilarious fun and proceeds benefit the county Adult Literacy Program. Watch for publicity to see who our local team members will be and stop by the library to purchase tickets.

- Computer tutorials are available through our library and are arranged and provided by Carmen Anderson. You will have individual attention and all classes are free. Call (962-6144) or stop by the library for more information. While you are there check out the new lovely quilt display.

- FOGL meets every 4th Tuesday at 2:00 downstairs at the library. We encourage visitors and love new members (such as Joanne Terwillig who just joined us). NEXT MEETING ON OCTOBER 25TH.

## Women & Kids Fun Day!

BY JOHN KIEFER

The Western Sierra Chapter of the California Deer Association is hosting their 8th annual Women and Kids Fun Day on Saturday, October 29, 2011 at the Motherlode Gun Club.

If you ever wanted to try your hand at shooting, or would like to introduce the outdoor shooting sports to your children, this is the time. You will have the opportunity to try small bore rifle/pistol, black powder and

archery in a safe and instructional environment.

There will be a chance to win prizes for youths of all ages with an adult present.

Event starts at 9 am and ends at 2 pm. A free lunch from 12 noon to 1 pm will be provided.

For more information: Contact John Kiefer 209-962-6593 or Kevin Steele 209-743-3752

## Helping Hands Happenings

BY JOYCE SMITH

Did you have a good summer? Here at Helping Hands we have had a great summer. Sales have been good and we have made new friends and new customers have found out about us. Grandmothers have brought in visiting grandchildren to let them shop and it is a joy to see how careful they are in making choices. We have had tourists stop in from just about everywhere. It has been an interesting summer.

We have a new look in the store with some new display areas. Several years ago when John and Sandi Graham celebrated their 50th Anniversary, they asked, in lieu of gifts, that donations be given to Helping Hands. This money was used to purchase 4 new fixtures for display in the Store. A welcome addition and very generous of the Grahams. Thanks to local firemen for helping get them in place. We have been able to move some items around so if you have difficulty finding something, just ask at the register.

**BARN PURCHASES.** We do not handle money at the Barn. We give you a receipt to take to the store to pay for your item/items, the store takes your money and you bring the receipt back to the barn and pick up your purchase. This may be an inconvenience for the buyer, but is a matter of bookkeeping and safety for us.

**SUPPORT OUR TROOPS** update. Dar Brown, Program Chair, reported 18 boxes have been mailed. Thanks everyone for your donations to this worthy cause. You can drop donations for the troops off at the store. Want to

donate but don't know what to donate? Or don't have time to shop? Dar is happy to do the shopping for you; just drop off a donation with "Support Our Troops" noted on the envelope.

Have you seen our new loading zone sign at the Barn? Sean Cready made the sign for us. Thank you, Sean, it looks great.

**FALL GIVEAWAY.** Save the date. October 14th and 15th.

August 17th was NATIONAL THRIFT STORE DAY. If you missed coming in, I'm sorry. We celebrated by making prices in the Store and the Barn 1/2 off for that day only. Plus all customers making a purchase were able to enter a drawing for a \$10.00 gift certificate. We gave out 10 gift certificates and our customers were very pleased. (I missed going in that day but hopefully, next year, I will give more notice in the paper earlier.) Sounded like everyone had a good time.

We are so happy to have volunteers Joan and Bob Herron back with us. We missed you while you were away.

**FALL ITEMS** - October 10th will find the store decked out for Fall - Summer items will be gone and Fall items will be in great supply. Come in and take a look.

**WINTER HOURS** - October 31st is the day that Helping Hands switches to winter hours, 11 am to 3 pm. Remember to shop early.

See you at the Store or the Barn. Hope you made it to the 49er Parade and Festival. We had a great time marching in the parade.

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# Helping Hands "Support Our Troops" Program Thriving

BY DAR BROWN, PROGRAM CHAIR

Since ROOFBB passed the torch for the "Support Our Troops" program, support for the program continues to be strong. The donation box in the Helping Hands store is regularly overflowing with donations, and many donors have generously given cash, and as their personal shopper, I use that money to purchase items from soldiers' Wish Lists. Members of the Quilting Guild made wonderful skull caps, which the doctors on the front lines really appreciated. Helping Hands Book Manager, Marie Dean, keeps me well supplied with paperbacks for [operationpaperback.org](http://operationpaperback.org), for which I

ship books for libraries in the camps in Afghanistan. Shirley Carman makes sure I always have a supply of cards, which are in high demand by our troops. Pat Fernandez, lucky winner of TWO Helping Hands gifts certificates, gave them both to me to shop for our troops and the orphanages they support. Recent bag sales in the store allowed me to purchase enough children's clothes with Pat's certificates to fill 6 boxes! and Margie Barnhart purchased a bag of clothes as well, filling another 3 boxes. Since Helping Hands assumed the program, I have shipped 36 boxes and have more ready to mail. If you



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would like to make a donation, items can be dropped at Helping Hands or please call -5930 or email [dar\\_brown99@hotmail.com](mailto:dar_brown99@hotmail.com) and we

can make arrangements that work for you. Thank you to everyone for your support, and God Bless America and our troops.

## Spanakopita

RECIPE PROVIDED BY TOM KNOTH AND PAULA MARTELL

You may not recognize the name of this tasty appetizer, but chances are that you have had it somewhere. This very rich Greek dish incorporates cheeses, spinach, onions, garlic, and herbs in a decadent fillo pastry to make an unforgettable bite of food. It is a great "make ahead" dish and works well for parties.

- 2 lbs Fresh Spinach (or 10 oz Frozen Spinach)
- 1/2 Onion, chopped finely
- 6-8 Green Onions, finely chopped
- 2 Cloves Garlic, minced
- 1 Tbsp Olive Oil
- 5 oz (150g) Feta Cheese (sheep's milk preferably), crumbled
- 3 oz (90g) Ricotta Cheese
- 1/3 Cup Parmesan, freshly grated
- 1 Tbsp Fresh Dill, chopped
- 1/2 Cup Fresh Italian Parsley or Cilantro, chopped
- 1 big pinch Nutmeg
- 12 sheets Fillo Pastry, thawed (also referred to as Phyllo or filo pastry)
- 1/2 Cup Unsalted Butter, melted

Trim the stems of spinach and clean them well in cold water. Filling the kitchen sink with lots of

water and then submerging and rinsing the spinach works well in cleaning out the mud and debris. Drain. Roughly chop and then place it in a steamer.

Steam for 5-8 minutes or until the leaves are wilted. "Shock" the spinach by placing in ice water, and then drain. Thoroughly squeeze out the excess water from the spinach. This step is extremely important to avoid a soggy filling and crust.

*Note: If using frozen spinach, let it defrost for a couple of hours or microwave until defrosted; then thoroughly squeeze out the excess water from the spinach.*

Measure out and combine the feta, ricotta, parmesan, dill, parsley (or cilantro), and nutmeg with the spinach.

Heat a skillet over medium high heat; add 1 Tbsp of Olive oil and shortly after the onion; sauté the onion for about 2 minutes or until tender. Add the green onions and sauté for 1 minute, then add garlic, and cook for another 2-3 minutes. **Remove from heat** and then add the mixture of spinach, herbs,

cheeses and nutmeg. Check the taste and season as needed with salt and pepper. Some Feta Cheeses are very salty so you may not need any salt, but you will likely want to add some black or white pepper. If you want a little "kick" to your Spanakopita, you can also add a pinch or two of Cayenne or Chipotle Pepper.

Preheat the Oven to 350F. Melt 1/2 Cup of unsalted butter until just melted. Moisten and then squeeze out a towel (to avoid your opened Fillo dough from drying out). Open the Fillo dough and place on a clean counter top (or on plastic wrap), then place towel on top to cover.

Place one sheet of Fillo dough on a cutting board. Using a pastry or silicone brush, paint a light coat of the melted butter all over the sheet. Place two more Fillo sheets on top of the first sheet, and butter each after placing. Cut the combined three Fillo sheets into equal thirds lengthwise.

Spoon a little filling (a Tablespoon or two) on an angle at the end of each strip. Fold the pastry over to enclose the filling to form a triangle. Now take it upwards to form another triangle. Repeat this process until you reach the end. You will have a small strip at the end which you can grease with a little butter mixture and stick to the pastry. Brush the top lightly with



butter mixture.

At this point you can seal the pastries with plastic wrap and store in the refrigerator until ready to cook, or you can very tightly cover them with plastic wrap (or vacuum seal) and freeze them for later cooking (defrost at least 30 minutes before cooking). Better yet, cook them immediately per the following directions:

Grease baking sheet(s) and arrange the triangles on it with seam side down. Bake the triangles for 18-23 minutes or until the pastry is golden brown. Allow to cool for 10 minutes before serving. These may also be served at room temperature.

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.

# The Soroptimist Scene

BY BARBARA ELLIOTT

## RECENT HAPPENINGS

### Surf's Up in the Sierra

This first-time event occurred at the end of July, but we love the happy ending... Soroptimist International of Groveland dropped in on Tioga Girls' Volleyball team practice on August 31. President Jeanne Brunk unfurled an eight-foot check for \$800, along with Surf's Up Co-chair Nadele Manzo (co-chair Sharon Volponi could not attend). This check represents the team's share of the proceeds from Surf's Up in the Sierra. We hope they use these funds to help them have a very successful season.



### Soroptimist Social

On August 30, member Sonja Palmer graciously hosted an SIG "social" at her home. About 30 members, and nearly as many guests, attended this fun event. Many of the guests were familiar faces – women who were either previous SIG members or women who are considering joining our membership. We also had the opportunity to meet some women who are new to the Groveland community. President Jeanne Brunk gave a brief welcome to the guests, a brief overview of the goals and projects of SIG, and in-

vited guests to join Soroptimist. We also had some fun games and very tasty food provided by SIG's Membership committee. Fun was had by all.

On August 12-13, four SIG members

attended the Soroptimist Leadership Summit at the UC Merced Campus. This annual event provides the training and tools for Soroptimist Officers and Directors needed in their leadership roles in the organization. Workshops included conflict resolution, communication skills and email etiquette, among others.

On September 10, four SIG members – Faye Buckley, Judy Michaelis, Linda Struhm and Sharon Volponi – joined the local Kiwanis in its annual School Shopping Spree. They helped 41 local students in selecting new school clothes and fun was had by all.

### 49'er Festival and Chili Cook-Off

Soroptimist International of Groveland participated in the recent 49'er

Festival Parade on September 17. The theme of SIG's entry was "Soroptimist through the Decades." Members were dressed in appropriate attire for their particular decade, and carried signs



depicting the support, sacrifices and achievements women have accomplished since the 1920s, when Soroptimist was founded.

In addition to the entry in the parade, this year our members served up a *Slice of Americana*, featuring apple pie from the Cover's Apple Ranch. Net proceeds from the pie booth will benefit Soroptimist service projects. Best of all, our members enjoyed meeting and greeting the many folks attending the Festival and sharing information about Soroptimist projects and events in our community.

### Save the Date November 29, 2011: Holiday Tea

Once again, SIG is planning its popular annual Winter Holiday Tea, Auction, and Boutique. This year's event will be held on Tuesday, November 29, from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at PML Lake Lodge and catered by Dori's Tea Cottage. Guests look forward to seeing the Lodge transformed for this special fantastic event, and SIG members decorate the tables to tie into the theme.

There will be a silent auction, live auction and buy-it-now items – all handmade by Soroptimist members. This is a great opportunity to get started on your Christmas shopping and spend a special afternoon with friends. Call Julie McVicker at 962-0248 or Pat Pesha at 962-4299 for more information.

If you have an interest in helping your community and having a really great time, call Jeanne Brunk at 962-6276. "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.

# GAINs Community Service Awards

BY BARBARA BROAD

GAINs presented its Community Service Awards for service in 2010 at the 49er Festival. Nominated for the adult award were Tony and Linda Flores for their setting up new Halloween activities for the children and Helping Hands activities, Jim Knudson for his work toward establishing the Groveland Dog Park, and Joan Mosby and Phyllis Gschwend for stepping in at Tenaya to

open up the library closed by cutbacks in funding so students could use the library during the school year. The award went to Jim Knudson. Stephanie Hoffman received the Youth Award for her volunteer work with animals at the humane society. Community members nominated these volunteers, and a community committee made the difficult selection. Congratulations to all!

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# Tuolumne County Trivia Bee

BY CHUCK PETERSON

## HERE'S THE BUZZ – TRIVIA BEE TEAM ENTRIES REMAIN OPEN

4 teams have already signaled their intention to compete for the 2011 Tuolumne County Trivia Bee championship. The title will be decided Saturday, Oct. 8, in the Sonora Opera Hall.

This year's Bee will be the 13th in the

history of this almost annual event, proceeds of which benefit the county library system's literacy programs and services.

There's still plenty of time for more teams to enter, according to Lynn McCormick.....

Teams in the Trivia Bee competition typically represent clubs and organiza-

tions, office groups, and businesses. Newly formed teams are always welcome, according to Lynn McCormick, the library system's literacy, marketing and outreach librarian. She can be reached at the main library in Sonora by calling 694-2727 or 694-2717.

The team entry fee is \$200, and each team receives 3 tickets to distribute to team members. Rooting sections are encouraged – the more enthusiasm the better, as long as the rooters don't drown out the questions, or feed answers to their favorites.

Questions in the contest cover a wide range, from current events and popular music to local area history and geography.

Tickets for the event are \$10 and are on sale at the main county library, 480 Greenley Road, Sonora, and at branch libraries in Groveland, Tuolumne and Twain Harte.

Refreshments for those attending this year's event will be provided by the Sonora Emblem Club and the wine and beer bar will be manned by members of Sonora Mountain Lions Club.

# BRIEFS

## SUNDAY OCT. 9, DAY HIKE (1C)

Eightieth Birthday Hike to Mount Hoffman, Yosemite National Park,

Leader Frank's annual hike to the geographic center of Yosemite, Mt. Hoffman (elev.10,850') - ascends from the May Lake trailhead parking area (8000') for a total round distance of 3.5 miles. Carry sack lunch, one plus liter water, snacks etc. Hiking staffs highly recommended.

Due to limited numbers of hikers, a reservation is required. For meeting place, time, and reservation, contact leader, Frank, email - [frank-oyung@sbcglobal.net](mailto:frank-oyung@sbcglobal.net), ph. (209) 962-7585.

## GROVELAND THANKSGIVING FEAST

BY RUBEN BACCI

On Thursday, November 24, the 24th annual Thanksgiving Feast will be held at the Groveland Community Hall. All are welcome. There is no charge for the traditional meal of turkey, ham, dressing, and gravy, with all the trimmings. Donations are accepted at PO Box 55, Big Oak Flat, CA 95305.

If you would like to serve, please call Linda Flores at 962-0824 to volunteer. We are looking forward to seeing you.

## FIRE & ICE: A BENEFIT FOR ANTARCTICA IN GROVELAND

On Friday, Nov. 11 Jamestown resident Mike Morris will host a fundraiser at Camp Tuolumne Trails for Oceanites, a nonprofit that for scientific research in Antarctica, and Camp Tuolumne Trails. The event will feature dinner, dessert, a beer/wine bar, silent auction, live music by Amnesia, and a special fire show by Mountain Mischief.

Tickets are \$50 per person and include food and entertainment. Buy them at Mountain Sage in Groveland, Mountain Bookshop in East Sonora or call 728-7172.

For more details visit: [www.facebook.com/fundraising4antarctica](http://www.facebook.com/fundraising4antarctica), or [www.indiegogo.com/Fundraising-for-Antarctica](http://www.indiegogo.com/Fundraising-for-Antarctica).



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## Already?? It's That Time!! Christmas Basket Preliminaries

BY PATTI BEAULIEU

As we're finally getting used to fall, we realize it's time to start thinking Christmas Baskets. Although many have yet to begin to plan Christmas, the Groveland Community Christmas Basket program is so HUGE that Dar Brown and I have to start working on it in September.

If you're new to the area, this is the program that brings all businesses, clubs, citizens, groups, friends, schools, churches and neighbors together to help our less fortunate community members. Food items of all kind are donated and gifts of all sorts are purchased and donated. The process is all brought together during a week in December when the donations are wrapped, sorted and assembled, awaiting distribution. This event truly shows what a generous and kind community we live in - unlike any other. If you need affirmation of this, just come down to the Community Hall during Basket Assembly week and see what our town can do.

If your organization or business has generously made a monetary donation or donated food in the past, you'll be receiving a letter this month confirming your donation again this year. If you don't receive a letter, but would like to contribute, please contact Dar Brown at 962-5930.

We'll need many volunteers for different tasks this year. Some of the tasks will start as early as November, so if you'd like to help out with the project, please contact either Patti Beaulieu (962-7402) or Dar Brown (962-5930). We'll still need to have wrappers and assemblers during basket week (December 12 -16), but there will be other days prior that we can use your help. So, if you have commitments during that week (like getting ready for your own holidays) and can't help, give us a call, we'll be able to use you much earlier in the process.

Although they are donating gifts at their December meeting and dinner, the PML Aviation Association will not be having the 'It's a Wrap Party' this

year. If you want to donate a gift you can bring it to the Groveland Community Hall on Monday, December 5th or Tuesday, December 6th from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. We'll need lots of help selecting and wrapping all the gifts, so if you'd like to stay during this time and wrap, we'd love to have you. Lunch will be served.

**APPLICATIONS** - If you are struggling financially this year and need food assistance for the holiday season, the applications will be taken at the Groveland Community Hall on Thursday, November 10th from 4 - 7 p.m. and on Thursday, November 17th from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. We can only accept applications from those residents in Moccasin, Big Oak Flat, Groveland or Buck Meadows. You must apply in person on one of the application days and be prepared to show all sources of income. If you have children residing in the home 17 or under, please bring their clothing sizes as well as their 'wish lists' for Santa. If you miss the application days, you could be wait-listed so watch the local businesses and bulletin boards for flyers about the application dates and times and mark them on your calendar.

### CHRISTMAS BASKET PROJECT IMPORTANT DATES:

**December 5th and 6th:** Children's gifts can be donated and wrapped from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. - Community Hall. All are welcome to come and help, in lieu of the 'It's a Wrap' Party.

**December 7th:** PML Ladies Club December Brunch (Children's gifts are donated by attendees)

**December 12th - 16th:** Basket assembly week - Volunteers needed to wrap gifts, distribute food and many other tasks.

**December 17th:** Basket Distribution Day to recipients

If you have any questions about the Groveland Community Christmas Basket program, please call either Patti or Dar.

## Tuolumne County Library Announces Free Access To Online Ebook Service For Children

BY LYNN MCCORMICK, YOUTH, LITERACY, AND OUTREACH SERVICES

Tuolumne County Library is pleased to announce the collaboration with the California State Library to provide new e-reading technology for young children, bringing them a novel way to experience books and develop a love of learning. County library patrons now have free access - at home or in their local branch - to *BookFlix*, an online e-reading program from Scholastic that combines classic fictional video storybooks with similarly themed nonfiction ebooks to make reading exciting for children in grades Pre-K-3.

*BookFlix* pairs award-winning video based on some of the best-selling children's picture books of all time, produced by Weston Woods with related nonfiction ebooks from the rich libraries of Scholastic. Children will delight in watching their favorite books come to life on screen as they turn the electronic pages of an ebook to discover real-world facts and satisfy their curiosity about the world around them. Families can access the program through a link on the Tuolumne County Library's website at [www.tuolcolib.org](http://www.tuolcolib.org).

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For further information contact: Lynn McCormick, Youth, Literacy, and Outreach Services, 480 Greenley Rd, Sonoma, CA 95370, (209)-694-2717, [lmccormick@co.tuolumne.ca.us](mailto:lmccormick@co.tuolumne.ca.us), [www.tuolcolib.org](http://www.tuolcolib.org).

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# Adapting To Life Changes and Challenges

BY DR. ETTY GARBER

Each Stage of life presents us with changes and challenges; childhood, adolescence, adulthood, parenthood and senior citizen. When we are young children we are faced with learning many things, e.g. physical agility, language, the social system and relationships. As we get older we must adjust to siblings, school and other authority figures besides our parents.

Adolescence is a particularly difficult stage. In adolescence there are some life changes that are very confusing and emotionally trying; physical growth, sexuality, raging hormones, peer pressure and school grades.

When we enter the workforce as adults another set of life changes confront us. We develop our careers, choose a marital partner and have children. During adulthood we have many challenges that interrupt or interfere with these life changes, e.g. marital conflict, divorce, problems at work or loss of job, financial difficulties, moving and change of residence, to name just a few.

Being a parent has another set of changes that require attention. Unfortunately parenting manuals are not handed out when we have children so the most common parenting techniques we use are the ones our parents used on us. Sometimes we know that these weren't the best techniques, but we use them anyway because we don't know of any other options. Parenthood is a long and oft-

times, a never ending commitment. The challenges come daily and we are not always sure that what we are doing will have the response we want. But we do the best we can and hope for the best.

Lastly, the last life stage is that of the senior citizen. This may mean working longer than we intended and not being able to retire when we had planned. This life change has many facets that may include personal health issues, death of a spouse or family member or friend, budget and financial adjustments.

All of the life stages can be difficult. It depends a lot on the support of family and others who are important in our lives at the time and the specific problems we are facing. It also depends on our own attitude and self esteem. If as a child we were encouraged to believe that we were a worthwhile person and had the opportunity to develop our strengths and improve on our weaknesses, than we have the tools to adjust to the emotional rollercoaster of growing up.

The same is true when we hit the snags of adulthood. Being a parent is another gargantuan task. At this stage we are truly tested. We need to remember what it was like for us when we were our child's age but still maintain the position of teacher, trainer and loving parent.

Lastly, the senior stage can go either way; manageable or difficult. If we look at all the successes we have

had in our lives and feel great satisfaction in having done a good job, then the latter part of our lives can be a great joy. If there are many regrets or feelings that we weren't good enough or we have resentments from the past, then we will not allow ourselves to enjoy our remaining days. Our major challenge may be accepting our own or our loved one's mortality.

How do we adapt to these life changes and challenges?

Education is one key. Knowing as much about ourselves is very important. Check the ways you have handled problems in the past, see if what you did worked for you. If not, seek out new forms of behavior or other ways to resolve conflicts. Remember you have had success in the past. Take care of your health, keep a positive attitude, don't hang on to anger or bitterness. Take one issue at

a time and try not to want to fix every thing at once. Look for the good in yourself, in others and the situations. Recognize that it is okay to get help if you see that you can't do it alone. There are always people, agencies and organizations that are available and want to help you. All you need to do is ask.

Sometimes helping others is the best way of helping ourselves. Being a good listener and showing empathy provides someone facing difficulty with needed support. You may not have the exact same challenges but you know and understand the feelings of frustration, sadness, fear and loneliness. The worst feeling is that of isolation. It is all the other fears rolled into one. When you care for others, others will care for you. Remember we all have bumps in the road.

## Ghosts And Goblins Will Fill The Streets Of Groveland

BY LINDA FLORES

Monday, October 31st, 5 PM to 8 PM, will once more find Downtown Groveland the site of a fantastic Halloween Trick or Treating Party. Ghosts, Goblins, Princesses and Pirates will fill the street while the businesses pass out candy and treats to all. Have your picture taken, try out the s'mores around the campfire and be ready for a spooky surprise at the Groveland Community Center.

Last year everyone had a great time and many of the same volunteers will be

returning to make things even more delightfully spooky than before. Also, we'll be asking the community's help with new ideas as well as monies for candy, games, books, film & other activities. Our 1st Halloween Committee meeting will be held Thursday, Oct.6th at 6 pm at Tony & Linda Flores' home. Please call 962-0824 for further details - You're all welcome! This is an event where the volunteers have at least as much fun as the trick or treaters.

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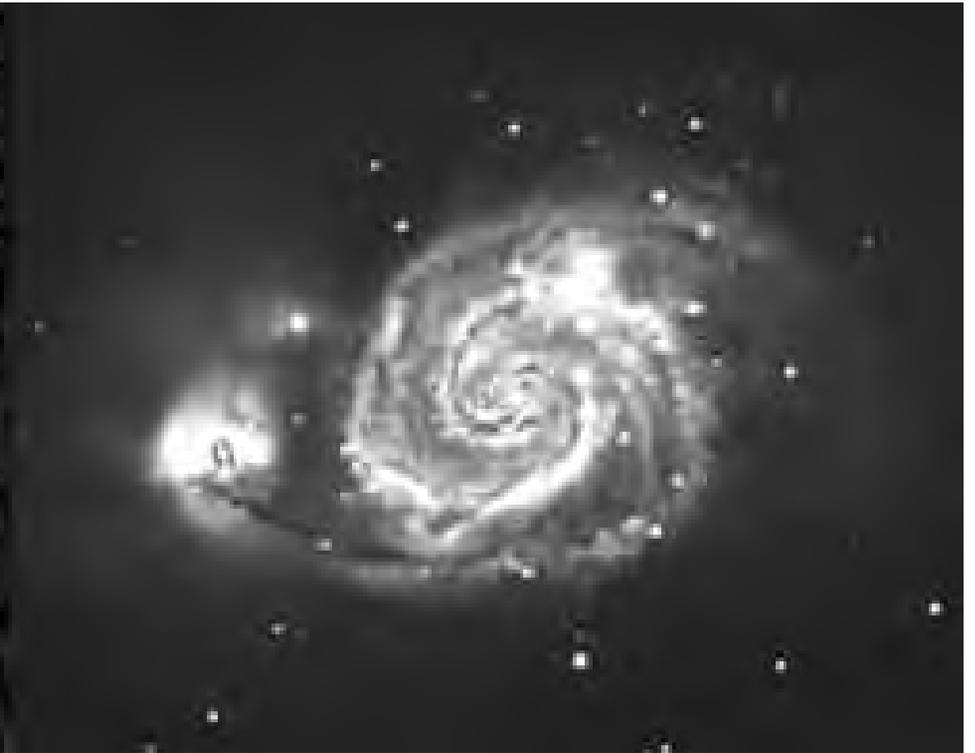
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# What a Difference Five Years Can Make....

BY EDDIE PAVLU, WWW.GROVELANDASTRO.COM



*Image of M51 on the LEFT: Date: June, 2005 | Location: Groveland Mount: Celestron CGE German Equatorial | Image Scope: Orion ED80 AOP Refractor | Imaging Camera: Canon Digital Rebel DSLR | Total Exposure Time: 10 minutes (color)*



*Image of M51 on the RIGHT: Date: March, 2010 | Location: Groveland Mount: Paramount ME German Equatorial | Image Scope: Astro Physics 155 Starfire APO Refractor | Imaging Camera: QSI 583 WSG | Total Exposure Time: 141 minutes (78 minutes L; 21 minutes each R,G,B)*

Like most hobbies, astro-photographers get better over time. Advances in equipment, new imaging techniques and sometimes just more patience all add up to better images. This month I'd like to share two images of the same object that I took, five years apart. The object that I chose to compare is the Whirlpool Galaxy.

Galaxies are large systems of interstellar matter and stars that come in many shapes. They typically range from a few thousand to several hundred thousand light-years in size and have masses between several million to several trillion times that of our sun.

Historically, galaxies have been categorized according to their visual shape. A common shape is the elliptical galaxy, which has an ellipse-shaped profile. Spiral galaxies are disk-shaped with curving, spiral arms. Galaxies with irregular or unusual shapes are known as peculiar galaxies, and typically result from disruption by the gravitational pull of neighboring galaxies. Small galaxies that lack a coherent structure could also be referred to as irregular galaxies. There are probably more

than a hundred billion galaxies in the observable universe.

The Whirlpool Galaxy, also known as M51, is a spiral galaxy located at a distance of approximately 23 million light-years from Earth. It is one of the most famous galaxies in the sky and, under the right dark-sky conditions, can even be seen with binoculars. Spiral galaxies are disks with spiral arms that extend from the galactic bulge (large, tightly packed group of stars) in the center of the galaxy. The spiral arms are brighter than the surrounding disk because they are sites of ongoing young and hot burning star formations. Many scientists believe that there is a massive black hole in the center of these galaxies.

The image of the Whirlpool galaxy on the LEFT is one that I took in June of 2005. I had just recently started my astro-photography hobby. It was a single 10 minute exposure, which was a long exposure for me at the time, taken from our backyard in Pine Mountain Lake. I used a Canon Digital Rebel DSLR camera attached to my telescope and I hand guided the mount for the entire 10 minutes. It certainly looks like the

Whirlpool Galaxy, but it lacks the color, contrast, and detail in the image of the Whirlpool Galaxy on the right. The image on the RIGHT was taken in March 2010. Five years had passed and I used that time to perfect my imaging skills. The image on the RIGHT was created from a series of 45 separate photographs taken from my observatory using a specialized camera used specifically for astro-photography. Each individual photograph was between 3 and 5 minutes of exposure time, 141 minutes in total. These individual photographs were then digitally stacked, one on top of another, to create the final image printed here.

Long exposures from today's digital camera sensors can capture light far too faint for our unaided eyes to see. One of the things that I really enjoy about imaging galaxies is how incredibly far they are located from us. The Whirlpool Galaxy is 23 million light-years from Earth. Light travels about 1 trillion miles in a year – so the Whirlpool Galaxy is about 23 million trillion miles away. Given its relative distance from the Earth, it's amazing to be looking at "light"

that has taken 23 million years to reach our eyes – or in this case the camera sensor.

Newspaper print, like the PML Newsletter, doesn't have nearly the resolution or color range to show all the fine details in this image. Please visit my on-line astrophotography gallery at [www.GrovelandAstro.com](http://www.GrovelandAstro.com) to view a higher resolution version of my many other astrophotography images.

While it may be difficult to completely appreciate the details in the differences between these two images in newspaper print – I can assure you the differences are extreme. Five years and several hundred hours of experience...see for yourself what a difference five years can make...



## Events and Diversions at the Groveland Hotel, October

BY JONI GERKING

Each month offers its own dates to commemorate. Just for fun, I decided to check out a new-to-me website, [www.holidayinsights.com](http://www.holidayinsights.com). This site lists several little known, but obviously important, dates to note on one's calendar. Among those listed are October 11 as 'Take Your Teddy Bear to Work Day.' Peggy Mosley has this one down as each of the guest rooms at the Groveland Hotel is decorated with Teddy Bears. In case you are interested, there are still more bears waiting to find good homes among Teddy Bear aficionados. October 12 as 'Moment of Frustration Day' and 'National Tell a Story Day' on the 27th are enticing. Actually, Tell a Story Day is enticing. I'm not sure I'm willing to give a whole day to Frustration! The two dates that most appeal to my husband, Ron, are October 21 as 'National Pumpkin Cheesecake Day' and the 30th as 'National Candy Corn Day.' I'm trying to decide whether I'm more interested in personally adopting October 4 'National Frappe Day' or 'Hermit Day' on October 29. The rumors are confirmed; I am a frappe loving introvert.

Let me assure you that most of those holidays can easily be celebrated at the Cellar Door and Groveland Hotel. You already know about the Teddy Bears. Peggy tells great Elvis stories, Pumpkin Cheesecake is likely to be available on the dessert menu and you are more than welcome to rent a room to celebrate Hermit Day. As for the candy corn, Halloween is one of Peggy's favorite holidays and you are certain to find eerie decorations and candy treats when you come trick-or-treating.

'Dinner with Mark Twain' on October 1 is a great way to begin the month. Pat Kaunert's portrayal of Sam Clemens is entertaining in the best sense of the word. Tall tales, "some of which actually happened" and authentic fare are on the menu for this charming fundraiser benefitting the Southern Tuolumne County Historic Society. Tickets for the evening performance are \$49 per person, 20%

goes directly to the Historic Society. A Souvenir booklet with authentic recipes researched through the STC Historic Society will also be available at the dinner and in the Groveland Hotel's gift shop.

The long awaited Gianelli Vineyards Winemaker Dinner is scheduled for Friday, November 4. Although the Gianelli's have been in the area outside Jamestown since the 1800s, both the family and the vine rootstock came from Italy. The Gianelli's have worked hard to carry forward the Italian winemaking techniques and vineyard stewardship practiced for thousands of years by creating a piece of Italy in their own back yard. 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! 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 Friday evening, November 4, 2011. Tickets are \$54 per person.

While in the autumn and save-the-date planning mode, remember that it is a short, quick stretch to the end of the year holiday season of Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Eve. The Groveland Hotel and Cellar Door Restaurant are always pleased to help you with entertaining unexpected guests, providing extra accommodations, large and small parties and holiday gatherings. Let us assist you in making your celebrations memorable and joyous!

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## Pine Cone Singers in Full Rehearsal Mode

BY LINELLE MARSHALL

After a very well-attended potluck dinner on September 29th (I think there's a real connection between music and eating well!), where Music Director Dennis Brown even got the crowd to vocalize and sing a round for fun, the Pine Cone Singers started rehearsals the next afternoon for this year's Christmas concert scheduled for December 9, 10 and 11, 2011.

Music lovers will be treated to a marvelous array of holiday songs and medleys for this concert – prayerful and majestic classics "Adoramus Te" by Palestrina, and "Sanctus" and "Benedictus" from Charles Gounod's St. Cecilia Mass, several tuneful melodies and arrangements of English composer John Rutter. The audience will surely want to tap their feet when they hear "Christmas on Broadway" and they'll get to exercise their own vocal cords in the annual Sing-Along medley. Christmas time is always an opportunity to contemplate the sights and sounds of winter as well as appreciate the special ties we have with family and friends. "The Hands of Winter" and "Holiday Reflection" are two evocative and poignant pieces that will touch the hearts of everyone. A little humor is always fun – this year with "At Christmas – A Christmas Sha Na Na" and "Cold and Fugue Season (A Christmas Parody)"! And what's a Pine Cone Sing-

ers performance without some great rhythmic gospel-style songs?! "Heard About a Newborn King" and "Run to the Manger" will make you want to run out and spread the Good News! Another special treat this December will be "The Prayer" from "Quest for Camelot" – winner of the 1999 Golden Globe Award for best song.

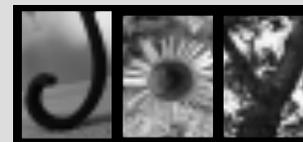
By the time this prints, Pine Cone Singers will have marched in the annual 49er Festival Parade as well as hopefully help elect our new Honorary Mayor – WOOF!

Pine Cone Performers are very excited to announce the appointment of two new non-member Community Advisors whose role will be to help the group better serve the needs and desires of the community. Dar Brown and Lynn Uthagrove have graciously accepted the invitation to act in this capacity. The goal will be to determine what kinds of performances (musical and theatrical) might be of interest to the community, as well as to investigate other possible performance opportunities.

Be sure to mark your calendars for what is sure to be the best Christmas concert yet! Pine Cone Singers rehearse every Tuesday at the Groveland Community Center from 3:00-5:30 PM. For more information, please contact Shirley Brasesco, 962-4815.

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## Shayla Bertram is Tenaya Student of the Month

When you need a helping hand, first grader Shayla Bertram is a good one to call on. A hard worker, she is always quick to help others in class. In addition, her beaming smile is the first thing you notice about this wonderful first grader. Shayla is a good friend to everyone and her enthusiasm for learning is contagious. Shayla's proud parents are Amy and Jesse Bertram of Groveland and they are an active part of the Tenaya School Community.



## Anthony Hatton is Tioga Student of the Month

BY RYAN DUTTON



We are proud to announce that the Student of the Month at Tioga High School this month is Anthony Hatton. Anthony is a senior who has started this school year off and running, literally! He is a dual member of the Tioga High School Cross Country and Soccer teams. Pulling double duty is not an easy feat physically, nor in the classroom. He does both very well. He is very coachable in his sports, and takes his studies seriously, understanding what it truly means to be a student-athlete. Anthony is a rather quiet, mild-mannered kid that is always willing to help and very respectful to all his peers and classmates. I have had the pleasure of teaching Anthony in class as well as on the athletic field, and he is the type of kid that you wish could be made more of! Anthony is being nominated this month by teacher Ryan Dutton. He understands the planning process for his future and has already begun to think about next year only a few weeks into the school year. Upon arriving here at Tioga from Mariposa High School, Anthony has grown up into a young man that I feel will be ready for the "real world" when he steps out of here next year. He may not be 100% sure of the career path he will take, but his attitude, personality, and respect for life in general will give him a solid foundation that will take him quite far! This year at Tioga, Anthony will also be participating in varsity basketball, track, and his proud new role of Student Council President! Congratulations, Anthony, on being named Student of the Month, we are so very proud of you!

## Soroptimist International of Groveland Presents Check to Tioga's Girls' Volleyball Team

BY DORI JONES



*Soroptimist President Jeanne Brunk (left) and Surf's Up co-chair Nadele Manzo (right) present check to the Tioga Girls' Volleyball team and Coach Tim Donovan.*

On July 23, Soroptimist International of Groveland held its first outdoor summer fundraiser named "Surf's Up in the Sierra." The event was held to help raise funds for the Tioga High School Girls' Volleyball team, which received a portion of the event's proceeds.

Highlights of the day included the

Tioga's Girls' Volleyball team playing against the Groveland Fire Department team as well as other challengers throughout the day. For a first time event, "Surf's Up in the Sierra" was a very successful event, enjoyed by many in our community.

On August 31, Jeanne Brunk, President of Soroptimist International of

Groveland, and Surf's Up co-chair Nadele Manzo (co-chair Sharon Volponi was not present), presented the Tioga High School Girls' Volleyball team and Coach Tim Donovan a check for \$800.00. Proceeds will be used to help defray some of the costs for travel and other team expenses this season.

## Fall Festival

BY ERIN SERRA

Tenaya Elementary School, **Friday, October 14th, 5-8 pm**, Food, Games & More! Hosted by the Tenaya Parent Club.

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**OBITUARY****ROBERT FRANCIS STOFLE**

August 29, 1917 – Sept. 3, 2011

Groveland resident Robert Francis Stofle died peacefully Saturday of natural causes at Meadow View Manor in Sonora. He was 94.

Born in Palisades, Colorado to George and Elva Stofle, the family later moved to Oakland, CA in 1919, where his father worked as a mechanic for the Southern Pacific Railroad. Mr. Stofle graduated from Fremont High, where he met and later married Jeanette Arlene Paris of Oakland, CA in 1942.

Mr. Stofle served as a pilot in the Army Air Corps – Air Force during WWII and he received his flight training in Roswell, NM. He was assigned to

cargo flight missions based in Calcutta, India and flew C47 cargo planes over the Himalayan Mountains into China carrying gasoline fuel for the Flying Tigers air fighters who were fighting against the Japanese invasions in China. The flight path over the mountains was nicknamed the 'Aluminum Highway' because of the number of planes that crashed due to inclement weather conditions. Captain Robert F. Stofle flew over 3,000 hours, mostly instrument navigation during the flight missions, and was later put in charge of plane crash investigations. He ended his service duties as a Retired Reserve Major Officer in Oakland, CA.

Robert worked for Ballenger & Company as a West Coast salesman for hospital supplies for 10 years before he established his own manufacturing business, Professional Apparel Company, in Oakland, CA where he produced specially designed apparel for hospitals and patients in Cali-

fornia. In 1960 he opened his first retail medical uniform store located on Broadway in Oakland. When he closed the apparel factory, the retail uniform store was expanded and moved into the Broadway/MacArthur Shopping Mall, and a second retail store was opened in Pleasant Hill, CA in 1980.

The Stofle family enjoyed many summer vacations camping in Yosemite and planning family reunions with East Coast relatives at the Yosemite Lodge and Ahwahnee Hotel. They also loved traveling up the Oregon Coast with their motor coach along the Olympic Coastline and on up to Van-

couver and Victoria Island. Jeanette Stofle's ashes were scatted in Bandon, OR after her passing in 2002.

Mr. Stofle moved to Groveland with his daughter and son-in-law, Rebecca & Jim Novak in 2007. The Stofle-Novak family has enjoyed their shared homestead ranch home in Pine Mountain Lake, joined by their daughter, Jessica Novak, and two great grandchildren, Alexis Avelina Novak, and Ava Sophia Novak as a four generation family for the past four years. Mr. Stofle moved to Meadow View Manor in Sonora this year after his health conditions required more nursing care.

There will be a private memorial service with family members in Bandon, OR next month to scatter ashes, and to say the final farewells to both beloved parents, Bob & Jeanette Stofle.

Terzich and Wilson Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

**Robert Francis Stofle**

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**Meet the Mayor of Groveland**

BY LYNN UPTHAGROVE

Okay, so it is purely an honorary title, but this little fellow, who is now starting his second non-consecutive term as Mayor, doesn't know the difference! In his first year out, Goose, unlike most politicians, actually got something done for the town of Groveland having taken on the fundraising activities for the new dog park. This term's "opus" remains undefined, but somehow a perfect project always seems to fall in our path.

Mayor Goose lives at the Hotel Charlotte in downtown Groveland where he welcomes visitors from around the world with a friendly bark "hello" and performs for them nightly, playing his favorite piano pieces with the aid of a delicious treat bandied about much like a conductor might wave his baton to the orchestra.

A favorite of Goose's and many of our locals and visitors alike is the food. Ah, Victor has really put together a sumptuous menu for both lunch & dinner. Goose wishes he could enjoy "people food" more often and thinks that the signature Chicken Jerusalem could be his favorite, but would also enjoy one of the perfectly prepared steaks. Check the menu online and let us know what your favorite might be.

Along with the entertaining dog, Hotel Charlotte is a center for events in the fall/winter season from our Cabaret Charlotte (October 20 & 23) to wine dinners, murder mystery plays and more. The Hotel Charlotte truly is where folks have fun—whether enjoying one of our programs or teaming up for a private event from pajama parties to toga parties, a speak-easy or Hawaiian luau, or how about a costumed cowboy, country BBQ? Consider the Hotel Charlotte the perfect intimate venue for your next event, whether a playful celebration or a somber remembrance.

Goose's house, Hotel Charlotte, is also the perfect stop for your overflow guests where they might enjoy a traditional room, cozy, but with everything you need for a quick stop, or perhaps one of the family suites where parents and kids each have separate rooms with the bath



2011 Honorary Mayor, Goose, seen here in his formal attire.

between. There are a few larger, more amenity rich rooms to choose from for those who enjoy a touch more than the basics. Planning for a group? Vacation rental condos are the way to go, and breakfast is still included! Just two miles from the Hotel (inside Pine Mountain Lake) where seven condos can host up to 50 people within one block, the perfect solution for reunions, golf tournaments, retreats or wedding parties. With the always-on-special for Groveland folks and their friends, a 10% discount, 365 days a year, weekends and holidays included and even one night stays on a Saturday, you shouldn't hesitate to call Hotel Charlotte first!

Goose's greatest joy comes from working as a fund raiser for the many service groups and general needs around town. Goose, in his four mayoral campaigns, has now raised over \$8,000, benefiting projects at Camp Tuolumne Trails, Groveland Dog Park and this year, Pine Cone Players (and much of this funding coming from guests around the world who have stopped to see the Mayor-Dog play the piano...Off the hill money!). This year is Goose's first with a bribe selling posse and he thanks the whole Pine Cone Players team who

See Mayor on next page

## New Sermon Series at GEFC

BY SYDNEY AVEY

Pastor Ron Cratty will begin a sermon series this month that will take us through the Easter season. In these days of uncertainty, when people are watching their return on investments dwindle, wondering if they will survive the next crisis and looking for leadership, the Gospel According to Mark gives us solid ground.

Mark addresses people who did not understand the person of Jesus or comprehend the radical nature of his message. Packed with action, this book offers guidance, comfort and

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Join us on Sunday mornings at our 9:30 service that features a blend of traditional and contemporary music, or the 11:00 service where we lift our voices to the accompaniment of guitars and drums.

## High Holy Day Services

BY JUDY MILLER, SECRETARY AND PR CHAIR MOTHER LODE JEWISH COMMUNITY

The Mother Lode Jewish Community (MLJC) has set plans for the upcoming High Holy Days. A Kol Nidre service will be held on the evening of Friday, Oct. 7 at a private home in Murphys. The service will be preceded by a potluck dinner at 4:45 PM. The Kol Nidre Service will begin at 6 PM.

Yom Kippur services will be held all day at a private home in Copperopolis. The first service will begin at 11 AM, followed by an afternoon service, memorial service and Neilah Service. A break-the-fast potluck will be held at 6 PM. Non-members are welcome at all services.

More information about the services and about the organization can be found on the MLJC website, [www.motherlodejcc.org](http://www.motherlodejcc.org). Or call the Mother Lode Jewish Community at 209-533-1650 or email us at [motherlodejcc@yahoo.com](mailto:motherlodejcc@yahoo.com) for additional information.

The Mother Lode Jewish Community's membership stretches throughout Amador, Calaveras, Tuolumne and Mariposa Counties. Services, some with rabbis and some without, and other activities are scheduled monthly, primarily rotating between Murphys and Sonora.

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sold heaps of tickets.

Beyond the Mayor race, we have all seen Goose tug on Lynn and Victor's heart strings to donate to this and that, and this and that again. Rarely

has Goose failed in getting Team Charlotte on board with whatever is next up for a donation. Goose hopes you will continue your frequent visits to the Café Charlotte this year and will send your overflow guests to

the Charlotte so he can continue his philanthropic efforts for Groveland, but more importantly to Goose, all he really wants is to play the piano for you and your guests. [www.Hotel-Charlotte.com](http://www.Hotel-Charlotte.com) 209.962.6455.

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- Did you read and do you understand your contract?

- Does the 3-day right to cancel a contract apply to you?

- Does the contract tell you when work will start and end?

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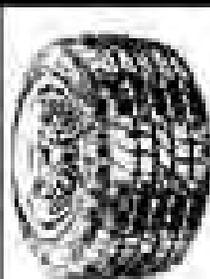
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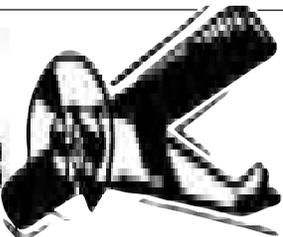
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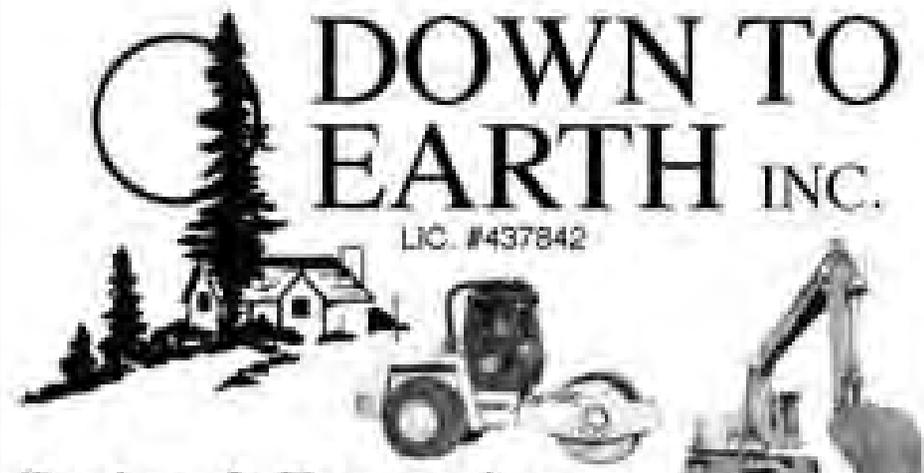
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**LAND FOR SALE**

**PRIME 1.74 AC LOT NEAR AIRPORT**  
Gentle slope. Southern exposure with panoramic view. Very private. Sewered. U11/L56 Elderberry Ct. For more info call Cell **209-768-4406**

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**BEAUTIFUL, TREED,** approx. 1 acre, 12/169, sewer/water, \$74,500 [paul-freed@sbcglobal.net](mailto:paul-freed@sbcglobal.net)

# CLASSIFIEDS

## (3) Lots For Sale

Please contact Red Rossio at Pine Mountain Lake Realty for details.

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 http://www.pmlr.com  
 brossio@pmlr.com  
 19000 Main Street, Suite A  
 PO Box 738,  
 Groveland CA 95321  
 (209) 962-7156 Office  
 (209) 768-4830 Cell  
 (209) 962-6710 Fax

**Unit 7 Lot 62, Ferretti Road, Groveland, California \$7,500 - price reduced!**

**Property Description:**  
 Buildable lot across from High School owned by Pine Mountain Lake Association as well as Lot next door (#63)

**Unit 7 Lot 63, Ferretti Road, Groveland, California \$7,500 - price reduced!**

**Property Description:**  
 Buildable lot across from High School owned by Pine Mountain Lake Association. Lot next door also available (#62)

**Unit 2 Lot 20, Ferretti Road, Groveland, California \$7,500 - price reduced!**

**BUY ALL THREE AT A DISCOUNT**

### PMLA LOTS FOR SALE

Below is a list of PMLA owned lots for sale:

Unit/Lot Numbers	Street	Asking Price
3/024	Ferretti Rd	\$4,000
3/057	Pine Mtn Dr	\$2,500
5/212	Ferretti Rd	\$2,500
6/057	Cottonwood St	\$3,000
6/118	Ferretti Rd	\$4,000
6/219	Ferretti Rd	\$3,000
7/061	Ferretti Rd	\$4,000
7/283	Ferretti Rd	\$3,000

For further information regarding any of these properties please contact Red Rossio at (209) 962-7156.

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##### PURE HORSE COUNTRY!

1 Acre, fenced and gated, located next to the Equestrian Center! Level, easy build lot, all utilities and sewer. Access to all PML horse trails and a 3 mile trail to Tuolumne River Canyon. Short walk to bass pond.  
 12/162 \$59,950  
 Call agent, Tom Knoth, 962-5838

**PRIME 1/4 ACRE SEWERED LOT**, on Pleasant View Dr. 2 blocks to Dunn Ct Beach. 1/4 mile to country club, in a nice neighborhood. Unit 1 / Lot 242. \$90,000 obo. E-mail woody.craig@sbcglobal.net or phone 831-464-1705.

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**EXCELLENT TENANTS** w/excellent credit and rental history looking for homes to rent. Owner approves tenant before placement. Call Yosemite Region Resorts. 800/962-4765

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 949-789-4565 ext 23  
 gina.h@legacyad.net

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#### SERVICES

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 209/962-7681

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 Cell 209-768-4469  
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**20283 Marina Ct - 13/318 COZY CHALET** on .67 acre. Newer roof, deck & ext paint. Wrap-around deck. Loft can sleep four. Knotty-pine interior, wood-burning stove & vaulted, open-beam ceiling. Lovely views of trees & snow-covered mountain peaks toward Yosemite. \$168,000 #20111607



**12685 Cresthaven - 4/481 BEAUTIFUL LAKE VIEW.** Three-level, furnished, log home. 3bd, 2-1/2 bath, Entertain on the large deck and relax in the hot tub! Great full-time residence/vacation home. "Move-in" condition. \$260,000 #20111145



**19554 Grizzly - 1/389 BRIGHT & AIRY.** Three-level, chalet/A-frame, with 4bd, 3ba. Basketball court and large deck. Currently a vacation rental, near the main marina and golf course, that will accommodate a large group. \$199,000 #20111461



**12900 Green Valley - 3/410 SPACIOUS CHALET** with upgrades. 3bd, 2ba, 2-car garage. Newer hardwood floors, kitchen granite counters, large pantry and new roof in 2010. Large garage has work area and bonus room w/full bath & laundry. \$152,000 #20111226



**20148 Lower Skyridge - 15-96 AT THE LAKE!** Super-clean cabin, with wood-beam ceilings, skylights, great room, wood-burning stove and downstairs bonus room w/new carpet & paint. View of the lake from both levels. Boat dock. Owner financing. \$499,000 #20111155

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  - Shared Entry with Receptionist
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**ALSO AVAILABLE**

- Suite B-1: 572 sq ft
  - Suite B-4: 538 sq ft
  - Suite D-2 & 3: 1440 sq ft Total
  - Suite E: 1400 sq ft
- Call for Lease Rates



**NEAR PINE MOUNTAIN LAKE AIRPORT  
Elmhurst Rd Commercial Building**

- Professional Office/Commercial Retail
  - Private & Open Floor Plan - 1100 sq ft
  - Central Heating & Air Conditioning
  - Paved Parking & Easy Delivery Access
  - Spacious Outside Decks & Storage
  - Landscaped & Maintained
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**19645 Pleasant View - 1/292 SPECTACULAR LAKEFRONT!** Gourmet kitchen, hardwood floors, granite counters, 3 heating & a/c zones. Bonus room w/mud & storage room plus bath & laundry. Latest tech in lighting, sound & WIFI. Two fireplaces, upscale appliances & more! \$875,000 #20104466



**20018 Lower Skyridge - 15/129 EXQUISITE MTN CHALET** built in 2007. Gourmet kitchen, oversized pantry, 2bd, 2ba, additional sleeping area in loft. Relax on the 2300sf deck, overlooking towering pines and a seasonal creek. Beautiful home! Too many features to mention. \$289,000 #20111633



**20260 Lower Skyridge - 15/68 3-LEVEL CHALET,** with 103 ft of deep-water lake frontage. Boat dock, Trex deck, large loft, with bathroom. Open-beam ceiling, master suite downstairs, with jetted tub. 2-car garage has unfinished upstairs and adjoining workshop area. Vacation rental history. \$420,000 #20111033



**20795 Non Pareil - 10/29 CUSTOM CEDAR HOME** set back on a 1/2 acre lot. Mountain-style decor. Large family room and private 3rd sleeping area for guests. The ultimate beauty of this home brings the expansive living area to all yet it still retains its warmth and serenity. \$325,000 #20104112



**20724 Crestpine Easement - 3/475 RANCH-STYLE HOME** has designer accents thru-out. Granite tile flooring & granite counters in kitchen & baths. Great room, w/zero-clearance firple & laminate flooring. Oversized 2-car garage & workshop area. \$252,000 #20101877



**20740 Rising Hill - 3/338 SPLIT-LEVEL DESIGN.** 3bd, 2ba, 1694sf and 2-car garage. Hardwood floors and large redwood deck. Wooded surroundings provide a peaceful mountain setting. Located near tennis courts, Fisherman's Cove and the Lake Lodge/beach. \$195,999 #20111602



**12003 Breckenridge - 13/142 SINGLE-LEVEL HOME,** with oversized 3-car garage, near PML Marina. Designer accents thru-out home. 3bd, 2ba, 3-car garage. Built in 2001. Short Sale! \$166,000 #20110058



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