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President's Message

BY BRUCE LAY • PMLA BOARD PRESIDENT

First, I want to express congratulations on a job well done by all the Amenity Managers, Administration, and Staff on meeting budget for 2011.

It looks like a rather unusual winter shaping up for 2012. I, like the rest of you am hoping for the much-needed rain. Hopefully it will be here by the time you read this. Our lake serves as a reservoir for recreation, irrigation and drinking water. Water is used to irrigate our Golf Course and during emergencies or lengthy periods when the Hetch Hetchy Tunnel is shut down, it is filtered and treated and used to supply our members. Past droughts and the recent dry winter is always worrisome, We always feel more comfortable when our lake is full.

I recently read where the Fish and Game Commission recently rejected a new permit idea that may have imposed costly Environmental Studies on privately stocked lakes such as ours. Thankfully, the commission advised the DFG go back to the table and come up with something more appropriate.

Our management team is always looking for new ways to improve member service. Relating to the new office hours of operation at the Administration office; the plan is to have the office open at 7:30 AM and close at 5:00 PM. The new hours will give working members more opportunities to do business at our Administration Office.

I want to address a most pleasing set of circumstances concerning the reinstatement of an older amenity. Over two years ago a good number of PML members declared that they would like to reactivate the old shooting range. The process began with formation of the PML Shooting Club. Throughout several meetings and two yearly budget sessions, this project was approved and is now scheduled for work and completion this year.

All during the planning and meetings, I observed a spirit of cooperation, and teamwork amongst the members of the Shooting Club and PML Management. It was a pleasure to be a part of the approval process.



A lot of roadwork will be going on this year, so I am again cautioning all members to observe the posted signs on our roadways.

The Grill at Pine Mountain Lake continues to serve high quality meals by a most capable staff. We enjoy every visit to this wonderful amenity.

As my Irish grandmother used to say: "May you have warm words on a cold evening, a full moon on a dark night, and a smooth road all the way to your door."

On the Cover



Pine Mountain Lake will be holding the PML Job Fair on April 7, 2012 at the Lake Lodge from 9AM – 1PM.

General Manager's Message

BY JOE POWELL, CCAM, CMCA, GENERAL MANAGER

Roads Refurbishment Engineering Work Begins

Many of our members noticed there are white paint lines and markings on some of the roadways within PML. Our roads engineer was recently evaluating the condition of our roads in preparation for our upcoming roads refurbishment project. We use a professional firm that specializes in engineering and managing large roads projects.

This year's project will include two years worth of roadwork and is tentatively scheduled for May. Once the engineer finishes the evaluation, he will update our pavement management plan and prepare the bid packages for the project. These bids will go out to pre-qualified contractors prior to the bid date. We anticipate spending around 1 million dollars on the project this year.

Lake Lodge Upgrades

The Lake Lodge will be closed down for short periods over the next couple of months, while our

Maintenance staff performs work on electrical and interior upgrades. The electrical work is an unanticipated expenditure, required by the County Planning Department and PG&E. The work performed will result in a safer, more efficient electrical system.

We would like to thank the groups that have agreed to move temporarily to the Grill building, while the Lake Lodge work is being performed. We appreciate the support as we make our amenities safer. For more information regarding scheduling at the Lake Lodge, please call Ivonne at (209) 962-8600.

Environmental Control Rules and Guidelines

The Environmental Control Committee reviews building and improvements to member property within PML in accordance with our CC&R's. ECC has been working on updating their rules and guidelines booklet and plan to present it to the Board and membership soon.

All members are welcome to provide

input on this important document. Once the draft is presented to the Board at an open meeting, PML will provide copies to the membership for review and input. We encourage all members to participate.

For more information, please contact our Environmental Control Coordinator, Sandy Golden at (209) 962-8605.

PML Job Fair in April

PML is conducting a job fair for seasonal positions this year. The job fair is scheduled for Saturday, April 7th and will be held at the PML Lake Lodge. If you or someone you know is looking for a summer job, we encourage you to attend.

We are currently accepting applications for all of our seasonal positions. For more information regarding the job fair or open positions, please contact our Human Resources Administrator, Allie Henderson at (209) 962-8628.

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Editor's Note

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

We publish all PMLA related submissions such as Board & Management Business, Clubs, Activities & Events. Where space remains, we publish non-PMLA related submissions in our "Community" section.

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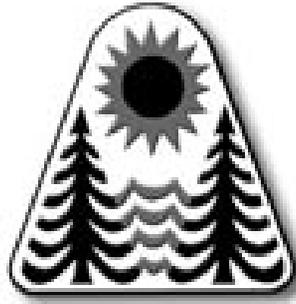
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 - Dunn Court Beach
 - Lake Lodge
 - Main Gate (restrooms)
 - Marina
 - Stables
 - Tennis Courts (Pine Mountain Drive)
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MON./TUES. 12/24 & 25	CHRISTMAS
MON. 12/31	NEW YEARS EVE
TUES. 1/1/13	NEW YEARS DAY

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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)

FEBRUARY 18TH
MARCH 17TH
APRIL 14TH (2nd Saturday)
MAY 19TH
JUNE 16TH
JULY 21ST
AUGUST 18TH Annual Meeting/Election
SEPTEMBER 8TH (2nd Saturday)
OCTOBER 27TH Budget Meeting (4th Saturday)
NOVEMBER 10TH (2nd Saturday)
NO DECEMBER MEETING

RULES

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Violations sent December 2011

Courtesy Notices	6
Notice of Non-Compliance	2
Final Notice	2
Fines Assessed	0
Violations Pending	27

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Please note that all letters appear in the order received by the PML News

The Pine Mountain Lake News welcomes letters and articles for publication provided they meet the criteria established in the current PMLA Editorial Policy (See excerpt below – entire policy on file at the Administration Office). Letters must be limited to 250 words, typewritten using upper and lowercase letters (no handwritten material, no all-capital material) and signed with name, unit and lot by a property owner in good standing. **LETTERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE EDITOR BY 4:30 PM ON THE 10th OF THE MONTH.** Letters deemed by the Editorial Committee to be improper will not be accepted. Readers are advised that the opinions expressed in these letters are those of the individual authors, not of PMLA. Letters appear in order received.

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A THANK YOU TO THE GRILL

To: Everyone at The Grill,

Thank you for your help in planning, serving and making sure the Pine Mountain Ladies Club Christmas Gala on December 15th was a memorable evening. The dinner was outstanding as was the service. Our music makers, Shirley and Luke did a great job. It was evident, all of you wanted us to have a great evening. Thank you so much.

Also, a big thank you to the Gala committee.

Gala Committee Co-Chairs: Diane Jenkins, Gayle Baker, Joyce Smith

THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR SUPPORT

Thank you Groveland,

My husband (Toby) and I, would like to thank everyone for continued support to our family. We attempted to find addresses for all of you who donated to our fund but were unable to get everyone's names and addresses. So Toby and I personally thank each and every one of you for the generosity you've extended to us. We are so appreciative for all the love and support and there are really just no words to express our feelings. Toby is still healing emotionally and physically from his traumatic ordeal.

While he will be both emotionally and physically scarred for the rest of his life, your support helped us out enormously and made it possible for us to focus on him getting well.

He is back to work now and ready to get back to his normal routine. Thank you again from the bottom of our hearts, each and every one of you, thank you.

Truly and Sincerely,
 Kim and Toby Granger
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PINE MOUNTAIN LAKE ASSOCIATION
SUMMARY STATEMENT OF OPERATING FUND REVENUES AND EXPENSES
 For The Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2011

OPERATION OF AMENITIES	Revenues					Expenses				Budget (NET COST) INCOME	Variance Bud - Act
	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		
Golf Course	\$ -0-	\$ 870,661	\$ 39,643	\$ 100	\$ 910,404	\$ 1,201,822	\$ (291,418)	\$ -0-	\$ (291,418)	\$ (251,835)	(39,583)
Restaurant & Bar	-0-	12,966	640,321	-0-	653,287	1,067,206	(413,919)	-0-	(413,919)	(454,969)	41,050
Marina	-0-	194,684	83,658	-0-	278,342	401,704	(123,362)	-0-	(123,362)	(93,339)	(30,023)
Snack Shack	-0-	-0-	39,451	-0-	39,451	62,362	(22,911)	-0-	(22,911)	(10,764)	(12,147)
Stables	-0-	69,905	-0-	2,878	72,783	193,889	(121,106)	-0-	(121,106)	(132,142)	11,036
Recreation	-0-	50,727	5,269	-0-	55,996	111,270	(55,274)	-0-	(55,274)	(44,040)	(11,234)
Roads & Facilities Maintenance	-0-	19,554	-0-	740	20,294	1,465,402	(1,445,108)	-0-	(1,445,108)	(1,471,732)	26,624
PROPERTY OWNER SERVICES											
Safety	-0-	48,037	-0-	711	48,748	861,867	(813,119)	-0-	(813,119)	(813,199)	80
Administration	-0-	147,407	-0-	17,568	164,975	1,366,591	(1,201,616)	-0-	(1,201,616)	(1,206,725)	5,109
ASSESSMENTS											
Assessments	4,344,189	-0-	-0-	69,976	4,414,165	116,385	4,297,880	740,484	3,557,396	3,570,745	(13,349)
Totals	\$ 4,344,189	\$ 1,413,941	\$ 808,342	\$ 91,973	\$ 6,658,445	\$ 6,848,398	\$ (189,953)	\$ 740,484	\$ (930,437)	\$ (908,000)	(22,437)

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 12 Months Ended Dec. 31, 2011

	TOTAL RESERVE FUNDS	NEW CAPITAL ADDITIONS FUND	TOTAL CONTRIBUTION TO CAPITAL
2011 Beginning Fund Balances	\$ 1,938,697	\$ 52,973	1,989,670
Interest Income	5,220	130	5,350
Bank Fees/Discounts Taken	164	22	186
Assessments Earned	1,742,195 ⁽¹⁾	25,672 ⁽²⁾	1,767,867
Income Tax Expense			-
PURCHASES BY AMENITY			
Golf Course	(314,494)		(314,494)
Country Club	(18,382)		(18,382)
Bar	(718)		(718)
Marina		(9,926)	(9,926)
Snack Shack		(13,795)	(13,795)
Swim Center			-
Stables	(36,221)		(36,221)
Recreation	(851)		(851)
Roads & Facilities Maintenance	(127,429)		(127,429)
PROPERTY OWNER SERVICES			
Safety	(25,863)	(1,860)	(27,723)
Administration		(31,397)	(31,397)
Non-Capital Reserve Expenses	(2,261,902)		(2,261,902)
Total transfer to Operating Fund for property and equipment additions and reserve expenses	(2,785,860)	(56,978)	(2,842,838)
Adjusted Fund Balances	\$ 898,416	\$ 21,819	\$ 920,235

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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On the Lake: Intro

BY MIKE HORVATH – LAKE CONSULTANT/LIMNOLOGIST

This is the first in a series of articles on a subject that I hope you will learn to love as much as I do... lakes. In particular, this is going to be about your "Lake." And I'll warn you right now, I am somewhat lacking when it comes to political correctness. I don't like to beat around the bush (or cattails), I like to talk dirt (or sediment in lake terms) and a little controversy can be very useful.

Some of the topics I'll cover include; water quality, lake processes, fish, dredging, sediment, recreation, shoreline management (seawalls, vegetation, and erosion), geese, lake levels, inflows and the list goes on. Of course the list goes on because at some point, everything on the planet seems to end up in the water (ask any golfer). If you have a particular interest in any one subject, give me a call and I'll bump it up the list.

So let's get started with something controversial right off the start. Pine Mountain Lake is a "lake" in name

only. That's extremely important from a management perspective. I'm not going to fuss over semantics, but when it comes to understanding the many things that affect your lake, it helps to realize that lakes and reservoirs behave quite differently.

Lakes as we usually refer to them are natural, formed by the forces of Nature. There are some man-made lakes, but without a dam, they tend to be rather small. On the other hand, if we add a dam, we can back up a lot of water into huge reservoirs that serve a variety of purposes. In water lingo, these purposes are often referred to as "beneficial uses." You probably have your own idea of what a beneficial use is, so at this point, I won't bore you with the official list for Pine Mountain Lake. I'd rather get back to function.

Reservoirs are usually located on a river or stream that captures the runoff from a large area of land called the watershed. When you compare the area of the watershed,

to the area of the water body, you get a ratio. The ratio for lakes is around 30:1, while for a reservoir, it is around 90:1. So, in addition to capturing a relatively larger amount of water than a lake, it also captures 3 times as much "stuff". It is that extra stuff that makes managing a reservoir challenging. That "stuff" can be nutrients, organic material, pesticides, pollution and of course, sediment.

I'll have to wait until next month to discuss sediment in more detail, but for now, let me just say that you have at least 300 years before Pine Mountain Lake becomes Pine Mountain Meadow. So, just like life, enjoy it every day you have it.

FACT. Since the lake was formed, there have been two years where no rain fell in December. In those two years, 3 and 8 inches of rain fell in the following two months. Don't put your umbrella away just yet!

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For questions, please call the Main Gate at (209) 962-8615

PML SAFETY REPORT

December – YTD		December – YTD		December – YTD		December – YTD					
Vehicles Refused	204	2753	Gate - Related	22	278	- Monitoring Control Burn	17	46	- Parking Warning	0	2
Phone Calls Received	4501	62624	Tamper	0	8	Fire Safety - Non-compliance	1	9	- Marking Tires	0	5
Residential Alarm	16	109	Follow Through	1	33	Hazard	19	215	- Accident PML	0	21
Amenity Alarm	8	85	Malfunction	13	133	Hazard - Tree Down	13	56	Patrolling Unit	519	5457
Animal Related	13	308	Struck by Vehicle	1	18	Suspicious Circumstance	14	370	Amenity Security Check	1922	24039
Animal - Loose	11	217	Unauthorized use of			Suspicious Person	6	77	Residence Security Check	324	3342
Impounded	5	51	Gate Card/Clicker	3		Suspicious Vehicle	3	71	Opening/Closing Buildings	148	3769
Dead/Injured	11	185	Confiscated Gate Card/Clicker	2	34	Campground Envelopes Collected	83	552	Opening/Closing Gates	297	3675
Disturbance	2	119	Mess/Pkg P/U or Delivery	34	195	Campground Dump Station	0	66	Posting Tennis	58	698
Dispatch Assist	98	1025	Posting Flyers	57	995	Residential Disturbance	1	131	Monitoring Tennis Courts	0	10
Patrol Assist	176	2731	Posting Stop Work Orders	0	1	Amenity Burglary	0	2	Personal Injury PML Property	0	12
Complaint-Non PML Regulations	1	62	ECC Inspection	0	2	Residential Burglary	0	22	Weapon Violation	2	25
Public Assist Misc.	18	322	Miscellaneous	83	731	Petty Theft	1	7	Amenity Bank Deposit P/U/Delivery	61	945
Welfare Check	4	44	Monitoring Scanner Traffic	34	251	Malicious Mischief	0	12	Patrol Vehicle - Maintenance	6	93
Transport	1	50	Emergency Vehicle Entering PML	35	267	Trespassing	0	5	- Safety Check	117	1488
Civil Stand-by	0	3	Lost and Found	4	61	Law Violations - All Other	0	21	Vehicles Admitted	10667	142709
Traffic Hazard	0	7	Fire Safety - Patrol Assist	0	6	Law Violations - TCSO	0	2	Realtors Passes Issued	159	8826
Traffic Control	2	14	Fire Safety Violation	0	3	Malicious Mischief - Vandalism	5	19	Guest Passes Issued	1552	19865
Water Leak	15	71	Control Burn Reported	76	950	Property Damage - PML	0	27	Vendor Passes Issued	122	1920
Jump Start	3	37	Permissive Burn Day	7	154	Property Damage - Resident	1	12	Fixed Post	6	37
Water Main Shut Off	0	2	Non-Permissive Burn Day	24	211	PML Regs Violations Resident	3	99	Courtesy Notice Issued	1	54
Escorting Vehicle	24	150	Fire Safety - Hazard	0	11	PML Regs Violations Guest	1	52	Tennis Fees Collected	\$165	\$1,813
Report Writing	7	64	- Smoke Complaint	1	29	Vehicle - Citation Issued	0	28	All Other Fees Collected	\$4,527.55	\$80,409.82

PMLA Money Matters

BY KEN SPENCER, ASSOCIATION CONTROLLER

Due to overwhelming demand (OK, so actually one person asked) I thought I would devote this month's article to answering some more of your questions from the mailbag. Again, remember the names have been changed to protect the innocent (or the guilty) and the questions are real (at least in my mind).

I just opened my 2012 Assessment package and noticed that the assessment went up for this year. Last year it went down, how come you can't keep lowering the dues or at least keep them the same?

Harold A.

Thanks Harry. This is perhaps the most asked question or comment that we receive. The answer is not simple or easy since there are many factors that go into determining the Association's budget and resulting assessment each year. The first and most important thing to remember is that the Board and management has a fiduciary duty (both legally and through the governing documents) to maintain all of the Association's assets including facilities, equipment and roads. As the Association gets older this maintenance costs more to accomplish. In addition we must set aside sufficient funds to take care of future repairs and maintenance. Each year during the budget process we strive to provide the highest level of service at the most reasonable cost. As with most things in life the cost of just about everything increases every year. Last year we were able to lower our assessment because of our positive financial performance versus budget. Be assured we always strive to balance property owner's individual financial concerns with the need to take proper care of the Association as a whole.

I don't live in PML but I am a property owner. I never come up or use any of the facilities/amenities. Why do I have to pay the same assessment as full-time residents?

Mary B.

Well, Mary, unfortunately this is the nature of owning property in a Homeowners Association (HOA).

Once again we are controlled by our governing documents. When you purchased your property in PML you agreed to be subject to these assessments, regardless of how much or how little you use the amenities. The only way to avoid this responsibility is to sell your property.

I have owned my own business for many years and I don't understand how PML can operate a restaurant, bar, golf course and marina that all lose money every year. If I ran my operation like that I would be out of business very quickly. Can you explain this to me?

Richard H.

Dick I think you have the answer right in your first sentence. Despite its appearance as a business the amenities operated by the Association are not, in fact, operated under a traditional business model. They are, instead, a member service that is provided as part of the package of owning property in an HOA. As such they do not operate under the same parameters as a true business. Their objective is not to make money, but rather to provide a service to the Association members. It is always our objective to generate as much revenue as possible while controlling costs without sacrificing the quality of our service. As a side note there are very few, if any, Associations that operate the types of amenities we provide at anything close to a profit.

I spend a lot of time "off the bill" meeting my various legal commitments and have trouble getting up to PML in time to conduct any business at the Administration office before you close. Any chance you could help me out?

Lindsay L.

Your timing (at least in this case) is perfect Lindsay. Effective January 3, 2012 we have expanded the hours of operation here at the Admin office. We are now open from 7:30 AM until 5:00 PM Monday through Friday, so feel free to drop in and we will be happy to help you. It is important to note that we

Guest Access to PML

BY JOHN EDNER, DIRECTOR OF SAFETY

The Department of Safety is responsible for ensuring that the guests of Property Owners are admitted to Pine Mountain Lake with as little delay as possible. It also our responsibility to ensure that unauthorized persons do not enter Pine Mountain Lake. Guests are entered into the computer system at the Main Gate in three methods. A property owner can call the Main Gate and provide the information concerning the guest and the dates for the visit. A list can be dropped off at the Main Gate if there will be numerous guests on a particular day. The third method is for the Property Owner to access the computer system and add the guest under their unit and lot. We have provided Property Owners with the ability to manage their guest list and make adjustments as they see fit.

If you have access to a computer and go to Gateaccess.net, you will be able to enter guest names with the date of their visit. The procedure is outlined at the PMLA website at www.pinemountainlake.com. With this system you can enter permanent guests who visit often and avoid the hassle of calling the Main Gate every time they visit. When you enter the name you would just leave the dates of the visit blank and the name will stay in the computer.

When you access Gateaccess.net you will need to use your PIN (personal identification number). If you don't know your PIN, you can contact the Main Gate or go to the Administration

Office. To call in a guest pass you will need your PIN. We do get questions about why the PIN is necessary when dealing with the Main Gate. This is to make sure that unauthorized persons are not calling and using your name, unit and lot to call in guests.

During holiday weekends the Main Gate does get very busy with guests arriving and gaining access to Pine Mountain Lake. If the guest names are in the computer system they are processed very quickly. If their names are not in the computer, the Gate personnel then must call the Property Owner and verify that the guest is authorized entry. Needless to say this can and does slow the process down.

During this time of the year we do experience power outages due to weather related issues. The first of December we experienced very high winds that cause major damage to trees and power lines. The Main Gate was inundated with phone calls wanting information about when the power would be restored. The Department of Safety does not have access to any information from PG&E that is not available to the public. We receive the same information that you get when you call PG&E to report the outage. One important thing to remember is that if you lose power it may not be a wide spread outage, but only a transformer that has gone out. If PG&E is not notified they will not know of the outage. The number to report an outage is 1-800-743-5000.

have accomplished this increase in operational hours without incurring any additional costs by implementing an alternative workweek schedule for the Administration staff.

It is always such a joy for me to spend time in my second home up in the mountains. The area is so peaceful, the people always friendly and the grounds and facilities immaculately maintained. My compliments to you and all the management and staff at Lake Tahoe Resorts

Lucy D.

Somehow I knew this one was too good to be true.

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 or have specific Association related financial questions please drop me a line at controller@pinemountainlake.com or give me a call at 962-8606. Thanks for reading and I hope you find this monthly discussion a little interesting, or at least a bit informative, and mildly entertaining.

Community Standards

BY DENNIS PIPAL

DAWGONIT !!

Recently we had an incident where a roaming dog was shot by someone who was sick and tired of having this dog on their property. Sadly, the Owner of the dog lost their pet. Yes, this is not an acceptable solution to a loose dog problem but it does point out the frustration that can develop when dog owners don't comply with the leash laws of Tuolumne County and the Governing Documents of our Association.

When dog owners don't comply with the local laws and rules they place their pet at risk. At risk of being hit by automobile traffic, being attacked by a wild animal or other dangerous dog, or worse yet, being attacked by an angry neighbor.

Honestly, our safety personnel spend too much time running after loose dogs when they could be providing other important services to our members. Recently, I had to help one of our officers corral two dogs, get them into the back of the safety truck, (something they definitely didn't want to do), haul them to the main gate, dispose of them in the doggy jail, water and feed them, and when the owner didn't claim them right away, take them for a walk and then... water and feed them again.

Unfortunately, Tuolumne County Animal Control, located in Sonora, doesn't have the staffing to run up here and pick up these dogs. It usually takes 2-3 days for them to respond and usually by then the owners figure out their dog is missing and they come pick them up. There is a \$25 bailout fee which hardly pays for the time and effort expended and there has been conversation about raising this fee to \$50.

And... if you want an even more contentious debate, let's talk about dog poop.

Unscopped poop is an enforcement headache because it's impossible to know who isn't scooping. Even if you see a resident walk away without picking up, they claim they went home to get a bag or they cleaned it up later. No one is ever responsible, yet the Common Areas are littered with land mines.

Uncollected pet waste is going to become more than an enforcement headache for community associations,

which increasingly are coming under the watchful gaze of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), especially in states like California.

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

I personally have someone in my neighborhood who is diligent about cleaning up after his pooch and fortunately I have the opportunity to use this forum to say Thank You!! And Well Done!!

So here's the straight poop.....

One – What about deer poop? These animals have a vegetarian diet and so, do not have the harmful bacteria and worms in their digestive system that carnivorous animals, such as dogs, can have.

Two – Why is dog poop bad for streams and lakes? There are two reasons. First, the bacteria in dog poop can cause serious diseases in humans, including cholera and dysentery, if contaminated water comes in contact with an open wound or is ingested. Second, bacteria requires oxygen in order to live and, as a result, will reduce the amount of oxygen in the water that is available for fish. Many species of fish cannot survive in streams that have reduced oxygen levels.

Three – I don't walk my dog by streams and lakes so how does it get there? Streams in Pine Mountain Lake are fed by storm drains. The system of storm drains and underground pipes is, essentially, the replacement for the smaller streams that existed here before your PML was built. When it rains, poop and other pollutants are carried into the storm drains, through pipes, into nearby streams and eventually the lake.

Bottom Line: Walking your dog is a natural part of being a dog owner. So should cleaning up after them.

Old Man Winter Goes AWOL

BY DAVID RAU, PGA HEAD PROFESSIONAL

Last year at this time I was begging for the end of winter to arrive. 2012 is a whole different story as Old Man Winter seems to be missing in action. I guess we should be careful what we wish for but this winter has been extremely dry, sunny, and beautiful. That being said, we need some moisture to bring back the "green" at Pine Mountain Lake.

As a reminder; for those of you that did not sign up for the 2012 Annual Golf Memberships, please remember to check out our new ten (10) and twenty (20) round punch cards available for purchase anytime during the 2012 golf season. The new punch cards are a welcomed option for all those Property Owners that cannot take advantage of our Annual Golf Memberships. Punch cards are also available at a discounted rate for Guests of Property Owners and the Public. Also, for you practice "nuts" we have practice range memberships available. Sign-up and registration forms for Annuals, Punch Cards, and Range Memberships continue to be available at our web site at the Admin Office and of course, the Golf Shop. We are continuing the "Bring Your Guests" special of \$45.00

Monday through Thursdays and \$50.00 Friday through Sundays. This great offer will only be available through March 31, 2012 so round up your cronies for some great golf at a great rate.

The 2012 line of merchandise is coming in slowly but surely and we've got some great new lines of apparel to spruce up your closet. You know what they say, "If you can't play good, look good!" In addition, we've got the new clubs coming in from TaylorMade, Callaway, and the now Puma owned Cobra line coming in early this spring. Also, see our great new discounts ad in this month's PML News.

As always, the Golf Shop welcomes you. Come demo any of our new equipment but we've also got some great "steals" on demo equipment from 2011. As always, I'd be happy to meet you down at the practice facility to help get you fitted to the right gear. So come check us out!

My door is always open and I am happy to meet, talk, play, and listen to any questions and/or comments you may have about how we can improve here at PML Golf & Country Club. Contact me at 962-8622 or via e-mail at: golfpro@pinemountainlake.com.



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Shades of Green

BY ALAN MACDONALD GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT

What a difference a year makes. Many times over the years I have heard statements such as "I can't wait for winter when the conditions will dry out". Well, you received your wish. The ball is rolling farther than ever. Have your scores gone down? If not, maybe a trip to your local pro for a lesson that will assist in lowering that handicap.

Last winter we were looking forward to the end of the rain, snow and wind. This year (early January) we are looking forward to see if the winter weather will return. We have not received any rain since November and for most of December, it was cold and freezing. Even the mountain passes are open, which is a record. They have never been open past the 1st of January.

The dry cold weather pulls the moisture out of the ground, requiring us to irrigate. Irrigating this time of year creates slippery, icy conditions that can make walking on slopes hazardous at times. We did irrigate the entire course on Christmas day to prevent creating additional walking hazards when open for play. Around the New Year the temperatures both at night and during the day were warmer, so we are able to irrigate without creating as many slippery conditions. Let's just hope that winter does arrive, we do need it!

In early January we removed the lateral hazard located to the right of #5. During the fall we filled in the ditches created by winter rains over the years and seeded the area. The area can now be played like all of the other "mulch areas" around

the course that are under the drip lines of most of our oaks. The true test will be when the rains return to prevent the area from eroding. The ditch that was part of the lateral hazard below the 18th green has been reduced in length with an additional piece culvert when we installed the insert to the drainage system across the approach to 18th green, so the size of that lateral hazard has been reduced.

Another drainage improvement this year will be across the approach to the 4th green. This new drainage system will take the underground drainage to the property line, eliminating the lateral hazard to the left of #4.

What are we thinking about when we drive the golf cart? It is easy to think about the next shot or get involved in a conversation with your riding partner (unless it is Uncle Milt). Given a little thought your driving habits may improve course playability, and if all cart operators were thinking the same, conditions could improve even more. There are various ways to minimize the effects of traffic on turf, one being to control traffic or limit it in different areas throughout the year, depending on the conditions. All we ask is that you think before going around a sign or rope and to keep the carts on the paths near the greens and tees. Players with walking carts should also use caution when using their cart. They should avoid wet areas, stay off of collars and tees. Every one working together can make it a little better for the next group.

Have fun and enjoy your course!

Traffic Control Devices

BY TOM MOFFITT, MAINTENANCE MANAGER

The United States of America, the State of California, Tuolumne County, and even Pine Mountain Lake, are in the process of replacing the traffic control devices. We have 485 post mounted traffic control devices, traffic signs, posted on our streets and roads. These are the familiar "STOP" signs, 25 MPH speed limit signs, yellow warning signs, white "NO PARKING", and guide signs on posts. Many of these signs have already been replaced, and you can't miss them, especially at night! Unless of course you are driving without your headlights on?

The replacement traffic signs are now a highly reflective material which illuminates when your headlights shine on them. This has alerted many drivers to think there are newly placed signs, secretly placed there, when there never was a sign there before...maybe? While there are new traffic control devices being placed at many locations with the upgraded retro-reflectivity application, some signs have gone unnoticed till now.

Traffic safety has been an ongoing project for our roadways for some time. In some locations, signs have been removed, or the sign has been changed. Traffic control devices and placement are regulated through the MUTCD (Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices), which is applied in the California MUTCD, and the California Department of Transportation. Traffic sign design is going through a metamorphosis towards a more international symbolic display, symbols replacing lettering. Each and every placement is somewhat unique within our

community. With our changing terrain, obstacles, natural barriers, driveways, intersections, varying sight lines, will make each placement a specific challenge.

The placement of a traffic control device by anyone which is not authorized to do so, is against the law. Removing a traffic control device without authorization is against the law. Vandalism, placing stickers, stealing the sign, shooting the signs, driving over the signs with a vehicle, well, please don't, because that is against the law too. The PML Maintenance Department replaces damaged signs as an ongoing task, with each and every sign mapped and logged; this is an expensive portion of our roads maintenance program.

PML is a residential community, with diverse traffic patterns. The maximum speed limit within PML is 25 MPH, and we have 140 road intersections. Traffic control devices are more present in some areas than in other areas, depending upon the traffic control applications. The goal is not to make PML Sign City, but rather, it is to maintain an increased level of traffic safety. Still, no matter which correct sign is placed at the most optimal location, without a driver's respect for the traffic laws, the signs are mere roadside displays.

Drive safe, be aware of conditions, respect the traffic laws, and always use defensive driving practices. PML will be reviewing the traffic calming applications within Pine Mountain Lake, and will be making adjustments to our traffic controls, and roadways.

Horsing Around at the Stables

BY LESTER SCOFIELD, STABLES MANAGER

The Stables operation experienced a busy winter due to calm weather conditions. We were fortunate that the weather allowed us to safely conduct trail ride and we saw an increase in groups that included students who were off for their winter break. There were also a number of folks that stopped by just to visit or to get more information about what we do here at the Stables.

Boarding horses is a big part of our operation and we offer boarding stalls for horses to property owners and the general public. We also offer guided trail rides for the cowboy or cowgirl

in all of us. Riders must be at least 8 years old to ride on the guided rides. For the younger children, we offer short pony rides, and this is a very popular attraction.

Our Stables provides a riding arena for exercising horses and for other equestrian events. A round pen is available for use by our members and customers to train a horse.

The Stables have a very nice BBQ along with a big grass area that can handle large groups of people. In the summer time we hold many events in this area, including the BBQ on Memorial Day weekend, Indepen-

dence Day weekend and Labor Day weekend BBQ's.

As we book more events for 2012, we will continue to communicate the schedule in the PML News and post it to the PML Website. Member ideas and suggestions for improving our Stables operation are always welcome, so feel free to give me a call or stop by.

Every year, we hold two Flea Markets in the spring and fall to allow PML members to clean out their garages and houses. The Flea Markets provide a great opportunity to find a good deal on new or used items and we encourage all of our members to participate. If you have something to sell, sign up, if not, there is always something fun to buy.

The Stables picnic area is also a very good place to have birthday parties, anniversaries or maybe just a big party.

You can also get hitched at the Stables or have wedding receptions. For those who want to get married will be happy to note that I am ordained and can officiate the wedding ceremony for you. Of course, your pastor or priest is welcome to officiate as well.

Our reserve funding plan in 2012 will allow us to remodel the Stables office and perform some much needed barn stall upgrades. The upgrades will make it safer for the horses around by providing new interior walls in the main barn; new horse waters, new stall footing and new mats.

As we finally get into winter, we all need to keep in mind to keep all of our animals warm and dry and be prepared for freezing temperatures. There is nothing worse than trying to repair a broken pipe in the cold weather.

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(Gift cards are available at the Administration Office,
The Grill, and the Pro Shop)

**2012 SCHEDULED
EVENT DATES AND TIMES**

FLEA MARKETS

Saturday, May 12th

Saturday, Sept. 8th

FIREWORKS DISPLAY

July 7th

MARINA STORE

Opening date: April 28th – May 11th (limited hours) 8 am to 5 pm

May 12th – Sept 3rd (regular hours) 7 am to 6 pm

MARINA LAKESIDE CAFÉ

Opening date: Saturday, May 12th to May 18th 11 am to 4 pm

May 19th – Sept 3rd summer hours

Sunday to Thursday 11 am to 6 pm

Friday & Saturday 11 am to 7 pm

Sunday (holiday weekends) 11 am to 7 pm

Sept 4th – Sept 16th – Fall hours 11 am to 4 pm

Friday & Saturdays 11 am to 6 pm

POOL

Opening date: Saturday, May 12th, closing date October 28th

Saturday, May 12 – Sept 3rd, (summer) 10 am to 9 pm

Sept 4th – Sept 16th (Fall) 10 am to 7 pm – weather permitting

Sept 17 – Oct 28, noon to 5 pm

SAND CASTLE CONTEST & FUN AND GAMES

Sunday, July 8th, 9:30 to 11:30 am

Sunday, July 8th, Fun & Games 1 – 3 pm

Saturday, Sept. 1st, 9:30 – 11:30 am

Sunday, Sept. 2nd, Fun & Games 11 am to 1 pm

FISHING DERBY

Saturday, May 5th to Monday, Sept 3rd

FISH PLANTS

Friday, May 11th

Friday, Sept 21st

FISHING DAYS FOR KIDS

Saturdays, June 16th, July 14th and Aug 11th

FREE STATE FISHING DAYS

July 7th

Sept 8th

AARP DRIVER SAFETY CLASS

Saturday, Nov 3rd

For detailed, updated information check the website

www.PineMountainLake.com

Times & Dates are subject to change without notice.

PML Aviation Association News

BY LARRY JOBE, PMLAA PUBLICITY

Pine Mountain Lake Aviation Association begins the 2012 year with our first meeting. February 4th, 6 PM at Kay Meermans Hangar. Standard Pot Luck so bring a dish to share. Our speaker will be League of WW I Aviation Historians President J. R. Williams. Yes that is "WW I" as in "World War One".

This is a speaker you don't want to miss. J. R. Williams is an expert about a time in aviation when pilots were made of sturdy material and the planes weren't. Many of the great names we recognize as being larger than life in the history of aviation came directly from the dog fights of WW I aviation. These planes, flimsy, fragile, ungainly and difficult to fly, set us on the road to where we are today. You might be surprised at the performance capability of some of these old crates.

Our aviation association gained a newly licensed pilot in the month

of December. Catharine Santa Maria earned her wings when she passed her check ride with Rob Davids out of Calaveras Airport. She and her instructor, Mike Gustafson, were greeted by an enthusiastic and congratulatory crowd upon their arrival back at E45 (Pine Mountain Lake Airport). This reporter can attest that a perfect landing was witnessed by all present.

Ken Helling, our Fly-Out Coordinator has planned a trip to Death Valley on Sunday, January 29th. Arriving in Death Valley between 10 and 10:30 AM for shuttle pickup to the Death Valley Inn where participants will enjoy the Inn's Sunday brunch beginning at 11:00 AM. If you are a pilot plan to go, if you have an extra seat or two take a non-pilot friend along and if you are not a pilot start working on your nearest and dearest pilot friend for a ride.

Our March meeting is planned for

Saturday, March 3rd, at Jeff and Vickie Benzing's hangar, 6 PM, also a Pot Luck. The speaker is Bill Bhrens. 91 years young, he flew in China during WW II, has recently published a book, and was head of lot sales for Boise Cascade when Pine Mountain Lake first went on the market in the late 60 ties. (Maybe he can tell you where the gold is buried on your lot.)

It's that time of year again when we need to renew our membership. Please help our volunteers by renewing early (due by February 28th); and if you are not already a member of the Pine Mountain Lake Aviation Association, you can join by filling out the application on our web site at <http://www.pmlaa.org>. Applications can also be requested at PMLAA, P. O. Box 131, Groveland, CA 95321. Annual dues are \$20 per person or per family. A check can be made out to PMLAA and sent to the above address.

PML Ladies Club January "Gift Exchange"

BY DAR BROWN, PUBLICITY CHAIR

Have you ever opened a Christmas gift and exclaimed "That is just what I wanted!", when the item was definitely NOT on your Christmas list? Be honest. You have, haven't you?? The Board of the PML Ladies Club gave members an opportunity to exchange those less-than-desirable items at the January luncheon. Following a delicious lunch provided by the staff at the Grill, the attendees shared their individual story of how they found and moved to Pine Mountain Lake and what it was about PML and Groveland that made them want to stay. Vice-President Virginia Bent shared a piece of trivia with everyone – Old Priest Grade is known as "Groveland's Moat", as the prospect of driving the Grade regularly is too daunting for some. Flatlanders!

As the old saying goes: "One man's trash is another man's treasure", or in this case "one woman's trash is another woman's treasure". The gift exchange resulted in plenty of

laughter as the attendees tried to decide what "treasure" to select from the gift table or if they should "steal" a gift from someone else. Jane Sperry broke the ice by stealing a set of tumblers from Catherine Santa Maria and then the gifts started rapidly changing hands. At the end of the event, everyone left with something new and with a big smile on her face.

The February luncheon on February 1 will be our always-popular Wine & Chocolate event. If you are not yet a member of the Ladies Club and would like to join in the fun, mail your membership dues of \$15 to Pine Mountain Lake



Jane Sperry with her "stolen" present.

Ladies Club, P O Box 100, Groveland, CA 95321. Write "membership" in the memo area and include your birthday – day and month only please – we don't want to give away any secrets!!

PML Organized Groups & Clubs

Contact the individuals below if you are interested in joining!

Aviation Association	
Marle Hewett	962-0701
Computer Users Group	
Frank Perry	962-0728
Country Mountain Riders	
Dorothy Scofield	962-8667
Duplicate Bridge	
Bobbie Vandenberg	962-6965
Exercise	
Barbara Elliott	962-6457
Friends of the Lake	
Richard Hathaway	962-7595
Garden Club	
Louise Turney	962-0609
Guardians of PML	
Brian Sweeney	962-5737
Ladies Club	
Catherine Santa Maria	962-7904
Ladies Golf Club	
Diane Lloyd	962-4386
Marathon Bridge	
Joe Sousa	962-5708
Men's Golf Club	
Gus Allegri	962-6915
Men's 9-Hole Golf Club	
Bob Oakley	962-4799
Monday Bridge Club	
Bill Parker	962-5957
Non-Residents' Club	
Kathy Coon	(510) 656-0162
Pine Needlers Quilt Guild	
Susan Halstead	878-3111
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Ned Nuddelman	925-371-2287
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In the Kitchen with Carrie

BY CARRIE TAYLOR, HEAD CHEF, THE GRILL



With winter upon us it is time to create, we are busy in the kitchen trying out new recipes and developing new specials. I received two wonderful books for Christmas

that I can't put down. They are filled with inspiration for specials and new menu items and I can't wait to bring the benefits to our guests.

Saturday Champagne Brunch is a new addition to The Grill starting this month. We will keep you posted on the website. I am really looking forward to pushing the envelope on Brunch delectables. Each week will be a different selection of scrumptious eye opening dishes. The menu will be limited but inventive and imaginative to include some sweet, some savory, some beautiful salads and creative lunch offerings. How does this tempt your tummy or dazzle your taste buds Crab Cake Eggs Benedict, Ricotta Griddle Cakes with Orange Syrup, Wilted Spinach Salad with Pan Seared salmon, and Bananas Foster Stuffed French Toast? All menu items will be priced individually and a basket for fresh pastries and Champagne will be included in the price. A perfect way to start the weekend! Reservations are strongly encouraged and seating is limited.

A fun way to experience my culinary skills is to attend our Chef Table Dinners. A revived concept here at The Grill that Sous Chef Raul and I are looking forward to creating themed 5 course meals. We will be rolling up our culinary sleeves, reaching out of the box to bring you memorable meals that will be sure to leave you wanting to do it again. If you would like a seat at the table, call Bambi for the details and reservations.

Recipes.... Recipes.... Recipes.... I am often asked for recipes, sometimes and there isn't one or the recipe is too large to break down into reasonable portions. When I can I will do my best to accommodate the requests. Here are two that I have promised to share.

Bread Pudding

1 cup Raisins
1/2 cup rum
1/2 cup hot water
Custard

1 cup cream
1 cup Whole Milk
1 1/4 cup Brown Sugar Packed
4 Eggs lightly beaten
1 stick Butter Melted
1 Tbs cinnamon
1/2 tsp Nutmeg
1/4 tsp Salt
1/2 cup rum

Combine all ingredients and add to 16 cups Bread cubes
Mix well
Bake at 325° for 1 hour or until set

Wild Mushroom Cheesecake

For crust

1 3/4 cups fresh bread crumbs from French bread
1 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese (about 3 ounces)
6 tablespoons (3/4 stick) butter, melted

For filling

1 tablespoon olive oil
1 cup chopped onion
4 cups coarsely chopped assorted fresh wild mushrooms (such as crimini, oyster and stemmed shiitake)
3 8-ounce packages cream cheese, room temperature
1 4-ounce package cream cheese, room temperature
2 teaspoons salt
1 teaspoon ground black pepper
4 large eggs
1/2 cup whipping cream
10 ounces crab meat (about 2 cups), drained well, picked over
1 cup (about 4 ounces) grated smoked Gouda cheese or parmesan
1/2 cup chopped fresh parsley
1 French bread baguette, sliced, toasted

MAKE CRUST: Preheat oven to 350°F. Mix all ingredients in medium bowl until well blended. Press mixture onto bottom (not sides) of 9-inch-diameter spring form pan with 2 3/4-inch-high sides. Bake crust until golden brown, about 15 minutes. Cool crust while preparing filling. Maintain oven temperature.

MAKE FILLING: Heat 1 tablespoon oil in heavy large skillet over medium-high heat. Add chopped onion and sauté 2 minutes. Add mushrooms and sauté until liquid evaporates and mushrooms begin to brown, about 10 minutes. Cool.

Using electric mixer beat cream

19th Hole Lounge News

BY AARON HAMBLIN, ASST. GRILL MANAGER



The 19th Hole Lounge and the Grill have been "buzzing" since the New Year has started. It's great to see our regulars coming in so often. It is

also great to some new faces now and then. All of us at the Lounge want to make you feel welcome and enjoy your visit here. We are continually updating our Wine List. If you have any input please let me know. If you'd like to comment on one of our new wines, let me know. With your input and your support, we can have a wine list suited perfectly for our members. We strongly encourage you to try our new wines. And let us know your favorites. Our Wine tasting dinner for March should be outstanding. We have invited Irish Vineyards to host the event, as is only right since it falls on Saint Patrick's Day. Our Chef is preparing a fine Irish Meal. Be sure to make reservations as this one will sell out. Here is a little about Irish Vineyards:

The Passion of the Irish

In 1998, the Irish family left the Valley in pursuit of their dreams, hoping to find a quaint location where they could raise their children and build a winery. The small town of Vallecito had both, and the historic Batten house became the foundation on which this dream would grow. The Batten farmhouse, built in 1867, offered the family a new beginning, and the 8.3 acres was the perfect place to plant grapes and start their winery.

In August 2003, the family opened

the doors to Irish Vineyards and realized their dream. Now the family-owned and operated winery offers small lots of finely crafted wines, created and aged to perfection. Come and visit to enjoy beautiful surroundings and good company. A relaxing atmosphere in a working winery. Laughter, fun and a care free attitude can be found at Irish Vineyards every day!

And don't forget, Rockslide will be playing on St. Patrick's Day from 8 pm till midnight.

Here is the entire March line-up for Entertainment:

FRI, MAR 2nd SHOWTIME KARAOKE

SAT, MAR 3rd DYNAMO

SAT, MAR 10th CRYSTAL IMAGE

SAT, MAR 17th ROCKSLIDE

SAT, MAR 24th ROBBIE ALLEN & THE OUTER EDGE

SAT, MAR 31st ESP BAND

We love to see all of our dancers on the floor. It's a great atmosphere at the Lounge on Saturday night. Lots of fun, laughter and of course....dancing the night away. And just a reminder, Karaoke has become such a popular event we encourage everyone to attend on the first Friday of each month. We have some outstanding singers among us. Later in the evening there is usually even a dance or two.

Please, stop by and say hi. We look forward to seeing you.

cheese, salt and pepper in large bowl until mixture is fluffy. Beat in eggs 1 at a time, then whipping cream. Mix in vegetable mixture, crab meat, cheese and chopped parsley.

Pour filling over crust. Place cheesecake on baking sheet. Bake until cake puffs and browns on top but center moves slightly when pan is shaken, about 1 hour 30 minutes. Transfer pan to rack and cool. (Cheesecake can be prepared 1 day ahead. Cover and refrigerate.)

Run small sharp knife around pan

sides to loosen cheesecake. Release pan sides. Transfer cheesecake to platter. Serve cold or at room temperature with baguette slices.

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

Until we eat together...

Sweet Heart

DINNER & DANCE

February 11th

Salad

Romaine Heart Spears with Green goddess Dressing and feta

Turned potatoes, baby carrot, asparagus

Entrees

Braised Short Ribs
Twice Baked Potato
with Truffle Butter

Baby carrots and Asparagus

Seared Scallops with Lemon Buerre Blanc, topiko caviar

Chicken Paillard

Oyster mushrooms, sherry, cream
Turned potatoes, baby carrot, asparagus

Dessert

Chocolate and raspberry mousse
in a Chocolate cup
with chocolate dipped strawberry

Dinner reservation times

7 pm, 7:30 pm or 8:00 pm

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accompany this tasting.

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\$23 plus tax per person
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Buffet Dinner

Fresh Baked Dinner Rolls
Mixed Green Salad
Seasonal vegetables
Rice pilaf
Carrie's Chicken Cordon Bleu
Dessert
S'mores Coffee and Fudge Ice Cream Cake

**Reservations are required,
so make yours today!
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Love is in the Air at The Grill

BY BAMBI JOHNSON, HOSPITALITY COORDINATOR



Love is in the air! Every course of our Annual Sweetheart Dinner and all of our special menus that Chef Carrie creates has her love and passion

behind it. And it shows in all of her amazing creations. I invite you all to come to our special events and taste the love that Carrie puts into her work!

February 2nd, Thursday, Wine Tasting and Dinner Buffet

“Southern Wine and Spirits”, one of our major wine distributors will be hosting this very popular event for the month of February. They always surprise us with their many representations of wineries at their tastings. All wine will be offered at discounted prices this night only. Chef Carrie will be preparing a wonderful Chicken Cordon Bleu dinner buffet to accompany the wine. The Tasting will begin at 5:00 pm and the dinner buffet will be served at 6:00 pm. The cost of this fun night is only \$23 plus tax. Reservations are required, so make yours today!

February 5th, Sunday Super Bowl Halftime Party

Join us at The 19th Hole Lounge for the fun as we watch the two top teams battle it out on the gridiron. Expect to see all your game time favorites on the buffet line such as, hot dogs, chili and nachos. The half time buffet is only \$10 plus tax. We look forward to you and your friends joining us for the fun!

February 11th, Saturday Annual Sweetheart Dinner Dance

This romantic dinner and dance for our local and visiting couples is always very popular, it is the perfect “Valentine’s Date”. This year we will be offering the following romantic entrees for you and your sweet heart to enjoy!

Salad

Romaine Heart spears with Green Goddess dressing and Feta

Entrée Choices

Braised Short Ribs

Served with twice baked potato with truffle butter, baby carrots and asparagus

See **IN THE AIR AT THE GRILL**
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Challenging Times at The Grill

BY JAY REIS, THE GRILL MANAGER



The Grill just wrapped up another challenged filled year. And 2012 looks like one more year with more opportunities, from our community with a growing demand for dining out to increased commodity costs threatening our bottom line. But we are not alone according to the experts.

The Grill will benefit from our member-friendly prices, but also be challenged by our ever-shifting menus and our goal of keeping our product as fresh to your table as possible.

The 3 biggest challenges that we face in 2012 are Beef prices, Diesel fuel costs, and grain prices. **John Barone, president, Marketvision says;** Choice beef prices will rise. “Drought in the southern plains has reduced cattle herds and caused a lot of feeder cattle to be marketed at lower weights, resulting in less overall beef, even less choice-grade beef and higher prices in 2012. This situation may not improve much in 2013”.

Another year of high fuel prices. “Diesel prices jumped 28.7 percent to an average \$3.85 per gallon nationally in 2011, and look to be similar in 2012. The logistics of managing freight into distribution centers, and then on to restaurants will be one of

the biggest challenges for supply chain professionals in 2012”.

Lower grain prices. “Record-high grain prices led to more planted acres globally, and those added supplies will dampen U.S. export prospects. The result will be lower year-over-year corn and wheat prices, albeit these will be coming down modestly from record-high levels”.

Those challenges are magnified 5 times in such rural areas like Pine Mountain Lake. As with most obstacles that we face here in our little slice of heaven, I look for solutions other than the easy reaction of just raising prices. My goal since we rebranded ourselves as The Grill was to bring value, friendly service in a casual family friendly atmosphere for everyone to enjoy the great views of the Sierra’s. While staying true to the Grill brand, we will be focusing in 2012 on bringing you the best value with fresh, quality ingredients despite the many challenges we face. One way that you can help me is by filling out the online guest survey. We make important decisions based on the feedback that we get from these surveys.

So to deal with these challenging times at the Grill, we try to remain flexible and proactive. We will strive to deliver great food and friendly service so that you mark “excellent” on all questions on our survey. Please feel free to contact me at clubmgr@pinmountainlake.com with any comments or suggestions.

St. Patrick's Day

WINE TASTING & LUNCH BUFFET

March 17th

Blarney Red & White, Pog Mo Thoin, Malbec, Viognier
and Glenda - just to name a few

MENU FEATURING

Traditional Irish Meal
Corned Beef and Cabbage
Potatoes
Carrots
Irish Soda Bread
Dessert

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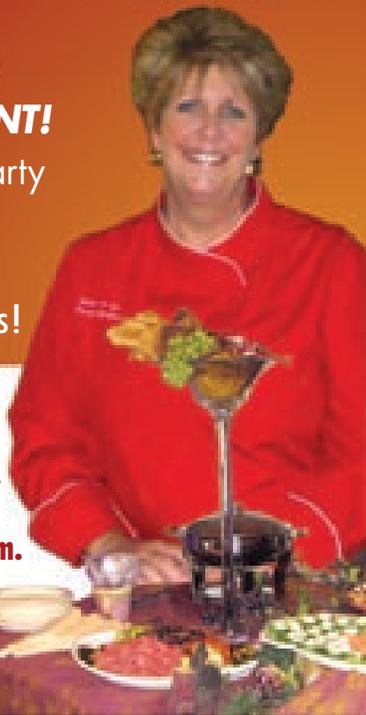
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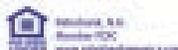
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Seared Scallops

With lemon Buerre Blanc and Topiko Caviar. Served with turned potato, baby carrots and asparagus

Chicken Paillard

Oyster mushrooms, sherry and cream Sauce

Served with turned potato, baby carrots and asparagus

Dessert

Chocolate and raspberry mousse in a chocolate cup, garnished with a chocolate dipped strawberry.

After dinner, swing your sweetheart to the sounds of the E.S.P. Band!

We hope you will join us for this fun and romantic evening. Call today to make your reservations for this pre-paid event. The cost is only \$50 inclusive, per person. The dinner reservation times are at 7 pm, 7:30 pm, or 8:00 pm so. This event is always a sell out, so make your reservations today!

**February 14th, Tuesday
Valentine's Day**

In celebration of Valentine's Day itself, we will be offering romantic

dinner specials in addition to our regular dinner menu. Dinner will be served from 5:00 pm until 8:00 pm. So, please make your reservations today by calling 962-8638.

**March 17th, Saturday
St. Patrick's Day Wine Tasting
and Lunch Buffet Featuring Irish
Vineyards**

Expect to see such varietals as Blarney Red & White, Pog Mo Thoin, Malbec, Viognier and Glenda, just to name a few. All wines featured will be offered for sale at discounted prices this day only. Carrie will prepare a traditional Irish meal of Corned Beef and cabbage, potatoes, carrots and Irish Soda bread. She will top off your afternoon with a dessert that would satisfy any leprechaun! The cost of this event is only \$19.00 plus tax. What a deal for wine tasting and a wonderful lunch! Reservations are required so call today to make yours. Seating time is at 12 pm on 3/17/12 at 962-8638.

Planning an event? Look no further! Let our staff handle all your food and beverage needs. We cater off-site events as well. Large or small, any and all occasions! Contact me 24/7 by e-mail, cluboffice@pinemountainlake.com, or by phone at 962-8638. Until we meet again, Bon appetit!

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Men's Nine Hole Golf Club

BY WALT BALES

My first article for the men's nine hole group and I'm writing about a hole-in-one on the seventh hole, on Jan. 4th, by Bob Haliwell. I witnessed the hole-in-one, and I also witnessed his hole-in-one on the third hole in October of 2011. Bob has had five hole-in-one's in the last two years.

DEC. 7TH (YELLOW BALL)
1st place: Larry Fuller, Walt Bales, Malcolm Brown, and George Wagner.
2nd place: Paul Pieretti, Willie Boatman, Bob Oakely, and George Young.

DEC. 14TH (4 MAN SCRAMBLE) 1st place: Paul Pieretti, Larry Fuller, George Young, and And John Klink. 2nd place: Roger Peterson, Dan Ayala, Malcolm

Brown, and Jack Leetham.

DEC. 21ST (4 MAN BEST BALL) 1st place: Jim (Doc) Van Gerpen, Bob Oakley, Tom Poley, and Wally Child. Second place: Roger Peterson, Rich Robenseifner, Dan Ayala, and Malcolm Brown.

DEC. 28TH (2 MAN SCRAMBLE)
1st place: Del Stockstill and Tom Poley.
Second place: Paul Pieretti and Larry Fuller.

The Men's Nine Hole group is always looking for new members. Contact the friendly staff at the Pro shop for all the information on joining the Men's Nine Hole group. No handicap is required for play.

PML Ladies Golf

BY SUE PERRY

Jingle ball, jingle ball, jingle all the way. Oh what fun it is to hit a ball down these dry fairways. Jingle ball, jingle ball, jingle all the way. Not much fun when it hits the green and you watch it roll away. What extraordinary weather we have had so far this winter. Golfing in shirtsleeves has been a treat but let's all pray for rain so our fire season is not quite so scary. Hope you all had wonderful holidays and enjoyed the following golf events:

DEC. 1ST...TEAM SCRAMBLE (COMPUTER DRAW)

First Place 39..Barbara Davis, Sharon Kenyon, Mona Tompkins, Anne Toner; Second Place 40*..Diane Lloyd, Sue Perry, Marilyn Scott, Joyce Smith; Third Place 40*..Lynne Dust, Joanne Foster, Mary Houser, Janne Pacco; Fourth Place 42..Sara Hancock, Clarice Ligonis, June Moore, Jane Reynolds; Fifth Place 43..Eleanor Ellis, Helena McMillan, Alice Scott, Paula Vautier

DEC. 8TH ... ANGEL BALL

First Place 143*..Yvonne Mattocks, Helena McMillan, Sue Perry, Marilyn Scott; Second Place 143* Barbara Davis, Eleanor Ellis, Alice Stoll, DRAW; Third Place 149..Dotty Davis, Corky Graham, Sara Hancock, Clarice Ligonis; Fourth Place 152..Lynne Dust, Kitty Edgerton, Joanne Foster, DRAW; BIRDIES: Marilyn Scott # 13 & # 18

DEC. 14TH... CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON AND GENERAL MEETING

A wonderful lunch was enjoyed by our membership and toys collected for the community children. Thanks to the event chairs Eleanor Ellis and March' Kizziar. Our outgoing Captain, Diane Lloyd, conducted the meeting and the new board was installed. Old business was the passing to the bylaws for the Pine Tree Invitational rules to allow a foursome to have one member and three guests. We welcome Judi Maguire as our new Captain for the 2012 year. Sharon Kenyon, Secretary has emailed us a detailed report on the luncheon and meeting so please consult for further information. I, disappointedly, was

unable to attend this year. Highlights of those receiving awards were : Ace of Aces = Jane Reynolds (Net 68) ..Putter of the Year = Jane Reynolds (28 putts) ; Thursday Play Day best average = 3 Medals by flight: 3rd Flight (27.5-42.5) Yvonne Mattocks (Net 75.3); 2nd Flight (22.0-26.5) Kathy Shehorn (Net 73.5); 1st Flight (11.0-21.6) Norma Baldinger (Net 72.3) Norma was previously awarded her medal at a small goodbye gathering—she & Les have moved to San Jose. Most Birdies = Marilyn Scott (8 birdies); Priscilla Park (6); Kitty Edgerton (5) . Most Improved Player was Diane Lloyd (Handicap decreased 6 points over 6 months). Complete results will be posted on our PMLGC bulletin board. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL WINNERS!

DEC. 15TH... GAME CANCELLED DO TO LACK OF PARTICIPANTS.

DEC. 22ND...PARS OR BETTER

First Place 48..Kitty Edgerton, Helena McMillan, Barbara Davis, Priscilla Park; Second Place 44.. Jodie Awai, Joanne Foster, Corky Graham, Clarice Ligonis; Third Place 42..Alma Frawley, Anne Toner, June Moore, Mona Tompkins; Fourth Place 38* ..Jenny Dwaileebe, Janice Mussatto, Virginia Tallman, Patty Peebles; Fifth Place 38* Thelma Faux, Barbara Gibson, Anne Peterson, DRAW; BIRDIES: Patty Peebles # 3, Mona Tompkins # 17

DEC. 29TH... IF I'DA (INDIVIDUAL)

1st Place 63*.. Kathy Oing, 2nd Place 63*..Barbara Davis, 3rd Place 64..Paula Vautier, 4th Place 66..Sandy Derodeff, 5th Place 67*..Corky Graham, 6th Place 67*..Ginny Lay, 7th Place 68*.. Priscilla Park, 8th Place 68*..Linda Cordle, (9th Place 68*..Jeanne Pacco, 10th Place 69* ..Kitty Edgerton, 11th Place 69*.. Jodie Awai . 12th Place 70 .. Eleanor Ellis; BIRDIES: Barbara Davie # 14, Kitty Edgerton # 14, Jeanne Pacco # 17

Happy Valentine's Day to all. Remember that on March 8th we will have a 9:30 am general meeting and our Pine Tree Invitations will be available.



Romance Menu: Tuesday, February 14, 2012

Our three course Valentine's Day Romance menu includes a soup or salad, entrée and dessert . Enjoy

Victor's Romance Soup or Waldorf Salad

Entrée Choice

- Stuffed Chicken Breast Normandy \$23.95
(Broccoli, Walnuts & Gouda Cheese)
- Vegetarian Pasta (no sides) \$19.95
- Lobster Ravioli (no sides) \$26.95
- Fresh Fish (TBA) \$26.95
- Filet Mignon \$32.95
- Rack of Lamb \$32.95
- USA Kobe Top Sirloin & Petite Lobster Tail \$38

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Pine Mountain Lakers RV Club

BY MADDIE SOUSA, SECRETARY



The Pine Mountain Lakers RV Club at our meeting held at Two Guys Pizza's meeting room on January 8th.

Our Pine Mountain Lakers RV Club meeting was held Jan 8th at Two Guys Pizza's Meeting Room. We enjoyed a pizza party and then got down to discussing the schedule of Events for 2012.

Travel Committee chairperson Nancy Meyer led the discussion and we came up with the following tentative schedule:

February 12

POTLUCK AT THE LAKE LODGE
Liz & Joe Mattingly

March 11

POTLUCK AT THE LAKE LODGE
Cluffs / Sperrys

April

SUGAR BARGE or ANGELS CAMP
Lou & Paul Riggs

May

MORRO BAY
Nuddleman / Hoagland

June

49ER COLUMBIA?

July

RIVER POINT LANDING
Meyer / Martin

August

SMITHWOOD ?

September 18-21

JACKSON RANCHERIA
Sousa / Hoagland

October

MANCHESTER BEACH
Sousa / Cluffs

November

POTLUCK AT LAKE LODGE

December

HOLIDAY PARTY

President Ned Nuddleman thanked the members for their participation and gave special thanks to Lou Riggs for providing Brownies for the group.

Anyone interested in joining our group or hosting or co-hosting an event may contact:

President Ned Nuddleman at:
Ned@nuddleman.com
or (925) 371-2287

Secretary Maddie Sousa at:
pinemtnmama@sonnet.com
or (209) 962-5708

PML Men's Golf Club

BY ROY CONLEY, SECRETARY

There were no Men's Club tournaments in December.

Here is the schedule for all of 2012:

The events read in order: Event Name, Event Date, Entry Due Date, and Format

Monday Sweeps – Jan 16 – Jan 13

Four clubs: only 4 clubs allowed, individual net.

Wednesday Sweeps – Feb 15 – Feb 13

Two man teams. Shark: 1-9 2-man scramble (min 2 drives), 10-18 better ball.

Ice Breaker – Mar 30 – Mar 28

Two man teams, one best ball.

Monday Sweeps – Apr 9 – Apr 6

Four-man scramble (min 2 drives per player).

Spring Mixed Partners – May 4 – May 2

Four-person scramble. Dinner to select teams on May 3.

Wednesday Sweeps – May 16 – May 14

Shamble: pick best drive (2 min), then play all balls into the hole, best 2 of 4.

NCGA Zone Qualifier – May 26 – May 24

Four-man teams. Scoring is best 2 balls of the 4. One 4-man team will qualify. Pairs will not play in same foursome. Maximum index of 18.4 and each player will play at 90% of existing handicap.

Club Championship – Jun 2-3 – May 31

36 holes, individual stroke play, full handicaps. Championship (black tees), Gold tee flight any age, Purple flight 60 yrs and older, Green flight 70 yrs and older.

Mother Lode – Jun 7-9 – May 15

Two-man teams. Practice round on June 7 and tournament play on June 8 and 9. June 8: one better ball; June 9: both scores count.

Friday Sweeps – Jun 15 – Jun 13

Two man teams. A player from black tees, B&C players from gold tees, D player from green tees. Best 2 balls of 4.

Two Man Invitational – Jun 30 – Jun 28

Two man teams. Point par, both balls.

Wednesday Sweeps – Jul 11 – Jul 9

Two man teams. "Pinehurst": both players tee off; then play your partner's tee shot; then choose one ball to play; player whose second shot is not chosen must play the team's third shot; then alternate shots until the played ball is holed.

Individual Net Championship & NCGA Net Amateur Qualifier – Jul 21-22 – Jul 19

Individual net total for two days. 100% of handicap used. Maximum index of 33.4.

Friday Sweeps – Aug 17 – Aug 15

Four-man teams. 1-2-3 best ball.

Couples Championship – Sep 7 – Sep 5

Stroke play, both balls count (full handicap, max score per hole = 10). Max handicap of 36.

Hamburger Tournament – Sep 21 – Sep 19

Two man teams. Scramble (Holes 1-9), modified scotch (Holes 10-18). Junior members (under 18) are eligible to play.

Annual Business Meeting – Sep 29 – Sep 27

Computer draw for four-man teams. Two best balls. Breakfast and election of officers at 7 AM business meeting before golf.

Fall Invitational – Oct 13 – Oct 11

Four-man teams. One member may bring up to three guests. All guests must have established handicaps. Point Par - all balls count; double bogey or higher results in a 1 point loss. No host cocktails and catered tri-tip dinner, prizes, and awards ceremony to follow golf at the Lake Lodge.

Friday Sweeps – Oct 17

Four-man teams. Red, white, blue.

Italian Invitational – Oct 26 – Oct 24

Four-man teams. One member may bring up to three guests. All guests must have established handicaps. Two best balls of four.

Turkey Shoot – Nov 9 – Nov 7

Four-man teams. Best 2 balls.

December PML Lady Niners

BY CYNDY KROUT



All the Niners at our Christmas party.

We started out December with continuing beautiful weather, putts day and Field Shots with 15 players. First place was a tie with Karen Dickson and Geralyn Dielman and second place another tie with Linelle Marshall and Pat VanGerpen. Third place was Wanda Patterson while fourth was shared between Linda Craig, Linn Faler and Cyndy. Linelle got a par on #10 and Linda C., Karen D., Geralyn, Barbara Haiges, Cyndy, Linelle and Pat Price all got a par on #14 and Pat VG hit one on #17. Karen D. broke 50 and was low net for the week!

On the 8th we celebrated with a Christmas lunch and installation of 2012 officers at the Charlotte Hotel. We are excited to have Stacie Brown as captain and Nancy Whitefield co-captain. Secretary this year will be Bev Oakley and Wanda Treasurer. Tournament chair

will again be Pat VG and Handicap chair Charlie Fratus. Charlie was recognized for her 10 year reign as our handicap chairman and thanked for all her work. We also thanked Geralyn and Barbara H. for their hard work as captain and co-captain for 2011.

Linda Craig stepped up to get the best prices for all our auction items. Since this is one of our fund raising events of the year we were pleased to have collected \$402! Thanks Linda with a little help from Pat P. and everyone that brought items worthy of the prices.

Congratulations go to Linelle Marshall our Club Champion this year and Linn Faler Ace of Aces. Most Improved for 2011 was Stacie Brown and Cyndy was shocked to be Putter of the Year. Way to go ladies.

Next up was December 15 and Even



Stacie, Nancy, Pat, Wanda, Beverly and Charlie our officers for 2012.

Holes less _ Handicap. With eight players Karen D. came in first and second Cyndy while Flo Jansen and Judy Michaelis were in third place. Faye Buckley got a par on #14 and Karen D. got a par on #14 and #17. Faye also got a chip-in on #13 and Cyndy was low net for the week.

December 22 we played Christmas Blind Date with 11 players. Cyndy and Pat VG came out in first place while Wanda P. and Shirley Haliwell were in second. Third was shared with Flo J and Barbara H.

Shirley H. also had Low Net.

And then, December 29 and Reindeer Games. Whoever came up with this

game had a sick mind. Starting with first place we had Karen D., second Marilyn Alexander, third Flo J., fourth was a three-way tie Darlene Hoagland, Wanda P. and Faye B., fifth Cyndy, sixth Barbara H. On #14 Marilyn A., Karen D., and Darlene H. each got a par and Barbara H., and Cyndy got one one on #17. Cyndy was low net for the week.

A Happy New Year and we hope to continue to play and take advantage of the wonderful weather. The ball is rolling like never before and we are enjoying it. Come on out and enjoy playing and being with friends. Pat will continue to challenge us with fun games. See you out there.

Garden Club Clippings

BY JOYCE SMITH

Have you been watching the amount of rainfall or lack thereof in the Sonora Union Democrat? The January 6th paper reported a total for rain in Groveland since July 1, 2011 was 3.70 inches. Last season to date, we had 28.38 inches. Need I say more? We are truly needing moisture. At this point either rain or snow would be great!

The Garden Club will have their 1st meeting of 2012 on February 13th at

the Lake Lodge. You will be receiving your Newsletter and/or Email prior to that and it will give time and information about meeting. President Louise Turney and her Board have been getting organized to have an interesting and productive year.

New Members are welcome. If you want to come and see what we are about, come on the 13th.

See you at the Lake Lodge

PML Marathon Bridge Club

BY JOE SOUSA

We held our first session at "The Grill" on January 3, 2012.

Although completely optional, many of members came early to enjoy dinner at "The Grill" and visit with fellow bridge players.

We begin playing at 6:30 pm

We play once a month from January

through August accumulating our points until the "Grand Finale" in August.

If you are interested in being a substitute fill in player, or playing next year, please call Joe Sousa at 962-5708.

The high scoring team for January was Kessan Sawday and Ray Connelly.

DID YOU KNOW?

TEACHERS WILL RECEIVE THE MOST VALENTINE'S DAY CARDS, FOLLOWED BY CHILDREN, MOTHERS, WIVES, SWEETHEARTS AND THEN PETS. YES, 3% OF PET OWNERS GIVE THEIR PETS VALENTINES.

FEBRUARY EVENTS CALENDAR



Wine Tasting Dinner Buffet – Feb 2nd



Super Bowl Halftime Party – Feb 5th



Sweetheart Dinner/Dance – Feb 11th

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THURSDAY

Wine Tasting Dinner Buffet

Hosted by *Southern Wine & Spirits*

Where: The Grill

Tastings: 5:00 • Dinner: 6:00

\$23 per person/plus tax. Wines will be offered for sale at a discount price during the event.

Reservations required.

Call 962-8638 to reserve your spot.

2-5

SUNDAY

The Super Bowl Halftime Party

Where: The 19th Hole Lounge

Expect to see all your game time favorites on the buffet line such as: hot dogs, chili, nachos, and more. The half time buffet is only \$10 plus tax. Join in the fun with your friends & neighbors.

2-11

SATURDAY

Annual Sweetheart Dinner Dance

Where: The Grill

Seatings: 7:00/7:30/8:00

\$50 per person includes Romantic Dinner & Dancing with your sweetheart. Featuring the music of E.S.P. Band. Reservations required. Call 962-8638.

2-14

TUESDAY

Valentine's Day Dinner

Where: The Grill

Dinner: 5:00–8:00

Special romantic dinner specials in addition to our regular dinner menu. Please make reservations early by calling 962-0638 now.

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

ENTERTAINMENT AT THE LOUNGE

FEBRUARY

**Friday, February 3rd
Showtime Karaoke**
(Always A Good Time)

**Saturday, February 11th
ESP BAND**

**Saturday, February 4th
DYNAMO**

**Saturday, February 18th
HIWAY 99 BAND**

**Saturday, February 25th
ROCKSLIDE**

MARCH

**Friday, March 2nd
Showtime Karaoke**

**Saturday, March 17th
ROCKSLIDE**

**Saturday, March 3rd
DYNAMO**

**Saturday, March 24th
ROBBIE ALLEN & THE
OUTER EDGE**

**Saturday, March 10th
CRYSTAL IMAGE**

**Saturday, March 31st
ESP BAND**

COMING IN MARCH

March 17th

Saturday at Noon at The Grill
St. Patrick's Day Wine Tasting & Lunch Buffet Featuring *Irish Vineyards Wines*
\$19 per person/plus tax. Wines will be offered for sale at a discount price during the event. Reservations required. Call 962-8638 to reserve your spot.

March 23rd

Friday at the Groveland Hotel
Italian Heritage Dinner and Guest Speaker - Featuring Leonard Casseretto
Features Gianelli wines. Call the Groveland Hotel at 962-4000 for more information or to reserve your spot.

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

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 Vandenbergh 209/962-6965 for information.

Mah-jongg

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

Kiwanis Meetings

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

Library Hours

The Groveland Branch Library is open
Tue-Thu: 1:00-6:00 pm; Fri-Sat: 10:00 am
- 2:00 pm 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 7:00 p.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) 9 a.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
No Reservations Required
533-2622
540 Greenley Rd., Sonora

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings

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

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Helping Hands Happenings

BY JOYCE SMITH

We held our Installation of Board Officers for 2012 on January 12th at The Grill. This event is part of our annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon. Although we are all volunteers, our Officers are nominated and elected by the members/volunteers. Installed Board Members are: President – Linda Flores; Vice President – Sandi Graham; Treasurer – Tom Carman; Recording Secretary – Dar Brown; Corresponding Secretary – Amanda Klaahsen; Parliamentarian – Valerie Napier; Crisis Chair – Jackie Baker; Store Manager – Patti Beaulieu. The nominating Committee for 2013 Officers was elected. They are Nola Nunes (Chair), Lonnie Roman and Wanda Day. Committee Chairs are: Historian – Dale Elliott; Publicity & Refreshments – Joyce Smith; Scholarship – Sandy Bradley; Sorting Room Scheduling and Training – Sandi Graham; Sunshine – Laurie Nagle; and Store Manager, Newsletter and Training – Patti Beaulieu. Department Heads: Books & Movies – Marie Dean; Cards – Shirley Carman; Crafts – Jackie

Baker; Electrical – Willie Boatman and Phil Spinelli; Jewelry – Ursula Goens; Linens & Layettees – Betty Boatman; and Toys – Susie Polek and Selma Watkins. We look forward to another successful year. We thank each of you for your willingness to serve and to all our volunteers for your dedication.

Thanks to all of you at The Grill for making this day special for us. We enjoyed the great lunch and great service.

Update on Packages to Troops - to date, 150 boxes have been sent through Helping Hands.

Congratulations Tony Flores, you are our latest *Helping Hands Extra Mile winner*. Judi Wilkinson nominated Tony "for being always willing to help in any way he can, even cleaning up 'icky' things we don't want to touch. Tony is a pleasure to work with and always has a ready smile. He goes above and beyond his usual work and is a willing substitute." Thanks Tony.

Check us out for Valentines and St. Patrick items.

See you at the Store or Barn.

DID YOU KNOW?

APPROXIMATELY 85 PERCENT OF ALL VALENTINES
ARE PURCHASED BY WOMEN.

From Your Tuolumne County District Supervisor

JOHN GRAY, TUOLUMNE COUNTY 4TH DISTRICT SUPERVISOR

I can't believe that we are already into the second month of 2012. My year as Chairman is over. I have enjoyed the challenge but I'm happy to pass the gavel to fellow Board Member, Dick Pland. The gavel is in good hands. This will be Dick's last year, as a Supervisor for Tuolumne County. After nearly 16 years of service, Dick has decided not to run for a fifth term. We will miss him. He has been a great mentor to me and an outstanding advocate for the people of Tuolumne County.

The Board adopted the 2012 Legislative Platform at the January 3rd Board Meeting. This is the second year that the Board has established a formal bipartisan platform to try to influence State and Federal Legislative Process. It is the Boards' unanimous opinion that we must walk together to help reform policies that are detrimental to county operations. The entire list can be found on the County's web page: www.tuolumne.ca.us.gov

The Board has also adopted its 2012 Goals. This is the 3rd year in which we have agreed as a Board that we need goals in place that are "achievable" and well thought out. As you may recall, we conducted outreach meetings with the public to develop a 5 Year Plan. The goals for 2012 reflect that 5 Year Plan. A list of the 2012 goals can also be found on the County's web page.

On January 19th, the Board will have conducted a second Special Board Meeting and Forum dealing with economic development. In 2008 when the City of Sonoma and Tuolumne County established the Tuolumne County Economic Development Authority, the top priority elements of that vision were as follow:

- Realize a revitalized economic development organization
- Secure sustainable funding
- Promote and encourage community support through effective education and communication
- Leverage inventory of assets and needs and the marketing of assets

- Business assistance program
- Necessary infrastructure to implement the vision

One of the key components of this Boards' recently adopted 5 Year Plan was to ask California Economic Development (CALED) to come back and conduct a follow-up forum aimed at: (1) evaluating how well the County and community have moved to address the key elements identified in 2008 (2) determining which of the 2008 elements require additional action; and (3) deciding on new elements to focus on economic development in the county's future.

The final report of the Forum will be placed on the Tuolumne County Economic Development Authority web page.

I wish that I could supply some good news concerning the State Responsibility Area (SRA) fee. It's still alive and changing as I write. This fee was originally designed to provide funds necessary to take fire preventive measures. Now, this same fee is being defined as a way of funding Cal Fire. Sometimes I wonder if it's also designed to punish rural counties for not supporting the Governor in his election. (Probably just my conspiracy theory section working... but when you try to sort through the reasoning, it's kind of hard to understand why it was developed).

The Sheriff and County Staff are working diligently to implement AB109 that directs the release of "low risk" prisoners from the State to the County's responsibility. AB109 is much too complicated to explain in a short article. Essentially, we must have a way of managing the prisoners that have been released in our area. The major problem that faces Tuolumne County is that our jail is already filled to capacity. If those individuals have to be placed in our jail there is very limited space in which to meet this requirement. This means that we must monitor inmates differently and release other low-risk prisoners that we already have in our jail.

For more than 20 years Tuolumne

County has been addressing the necessity for a jail with more cells. Multiple Grand Juries have identified and reported this need but we have continued to "kick the can down the road" until we can no longer ignore the condition.

At our January 3rd meeting, the Board of Supervisors voted to make an effort to secure a State Grant in the amount of \$33M for jail construction. It is anticipated that the funds required to build a facility in a size sufficient to satisfy the need will be nearly \$48M. Although a staggering figure, this \$48M is nearly \$40M less than the estimated cost figure in 2008. That in itself may be good news; however, there is still a funding gap of approximately \$15M.

AB109 has heightened the issue. We see "early release" into communities tied to a managed monitoring system for some and the transfer or reintroduction into county jails for others who were formerly housed in state facilities. This makes us even more aware of the situation at hand.

I want to go on record now to say that I support the need for a new jail. I stated a number of times when running for the position of 4th District Supervisor that a new jail should be a top priority. Sad to say, but certain people just "don't get it". Without the ultimate punishment of incarceration as a deterrent for bad behavior, criminals will continue their unsavory ways..

More information to come on this project in the months ahead..

In closing, I would like to give "kudos" to one of the South County's waste management companies, Moore Brothers. If you have been following the progress of the County's recycling program developed over the past 4 years, you will appreciate that there has been a considerable cooperative effort by the County and the Garbage Franchise holder to work out a recycling program that would fit the need in the various geographic areas.

The plan developed by Moore Brothers has benefited its customers in that it was implemented without requiring a large rate increase as

has happened in other areas. This is a significant consideration during tough economic times. As with any enterprise, it's difficult to maintain a constant fee when companies are faced with increasing costs. Moore Brothers has been able to do this with minimal impact on the customer.

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

Yosemite National Park's Half Dome Permit Program Extended

Yosemite National Park will require Day Use Permits seven days per week for climbing the Half Dome cables during the summer 2012 season. This is an extension of the interim permit system that was implemented beginning in 2010. Permits will be required seven days per week to ascend the Half Dome cables. This is part of an interim program designed to address crowding and safety issues on the cables.

Applications for permits are available from March 1 through March 31. The park will allocate permits through a preseason lottery, a two-day in advance lottery, and as part of the Wilderness Permit process. Details regarding the lotteries and the wilderness process can be found at the park's website at www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/hdpermits.htm. The lottery will be conducted through www.recreation.gov.

2011 Christmas Basket Thank You's

BY PATTI BEAULIEU AND DAR BROWN, CO-CHAIRS

Once again, in 2011, the Groveland community has come together and made nearly 100 local families very happy at Christmas time. When the baskets were handed out on Saturday, December 17th amidst beautiful clear, crisp weather, it was a successful ending to many months of preparation. This year we serviced 98 families, made up of 160 adults and 143 children from newborn through age 17. This community-wide program assists local low-income families and individuals that might not be able to enjoy a holiday meal or gifts for their children. Although this program began at Helping Hands many years ago, it is now its own independent program- funded, administered and manned solely by community volunteers. We were able to accept 34 new applicants this year, which means the economy still hasn't fully recovered. Even though we're faced with economic issues, many local businesses, service and social clubs, Churches and individuals still made generous donations to the project.

Almost everyone in the Groveland, Big Oak Flat and Buck Meadows areas participate in some way or another. You may not even know you do, but if you attend most of the local churches or belong to a local club or organization, you have given. Listed below are those who donated so generously this year, as many of them have in the past. There are also a TON of local residents who helped us again this year, and as they all know, we couldn't have done it without them.

We have to start by thanking our core team of volunteers who help us each year all during basket assembly week. They are Mal Brown, Karen Jablonski, Shirley Brasesco, Charlie Fratus, Carole and Ron Smith and Bruce Lay, who were there early each morning all week long, eager to do whatever needed to be done – from picking up empty boxes at the market, to sorting and assembling the food baskets. Karen made sure all the volunteers had coffee, tea, snacks and lunch all week. We were also fortunate to partner with the Groveland Firemen's Association this year. They collected and stored

donated gifts and food and delivered them to us when we needed them. They are Captains Josh Scheib, Jon Rock and Jake Ruhl; Engineers Joey Hall, Chris Goodnight and Matt Burton and Reserves on Duty Jason Culbertson and Cory Armstrong. Kathy Bernheisel, the Administrative Assistant kept track of our needs and had the guys there when we needed them. Many thanks to them all.

SHOPPERS: We had a stellar group of local ladies who shopped for clothes, shoes and special wishes this year. They were: Toni Augsburger, Jackie Baker, Chris Balek, Susie Bales, Patti Beaulieu, Dar Brown, Faye Buckley, GERALYN Dielman, Sandy Fiance, Cheryl Hernandez, Karen Jablonski, Flo Jansen, Amanda Klaahsen, Linelle Marshall, Sue Petersen, Syd Robenseifner, Joke Schaap, Linda Struhm, Donna Thayer and Claudette Williams. These ladies hit the stores running and were able to grant most the wishes of their assigned children.

FOOD DONATIONS were made by Diestel Turkey Ranch (for the 100 turkeys!), Yosemite Bank, RaboBank, New Life Christian Fellowship, Foothills Community Church 7th Day Adventists Church, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Big Oak Flat Baptist, Buck Meadows Community Church, Evangelical Free Church, Mountain Lutheran Church, Groveland Rotary, Groveland Lion Club, Groveland Highlanders 4H, Rebekahs Lodge 259, Kiwanis Club of Groveland, Hetch Hetchy Water District, Tuolumne County Association of Realtors, PML Men's 9 Hole Golf Club, PML Ladies 18 and 9 Hole Golf Clubs, PML RV Club, PML Garden Club, PML Residents Club, PML Racquet Club, PML ROOFBB's, Bob and Joan Herron and Mark Glover. The food contributions in the barrels at MarVal Market, Mt. Carmel Catholic Church and Tioga High School helped round out our supply.

GIFT DONATIONS were plentiful, thanks to the following: PML Ladies Club December Brunch attendees; PML Ladies 18 Hole Golf Club, PML Ladies 9 Hole Golf Club, PML Aviation Association Christmas Dinner attendees, and many others in the community who

donated to the Groveland Firehouse or the Community Hall. Friends of the Groveland Library (FOGL) donated money to purchase books for all the children. A total of 400 were bought, taking into consideration the age and interests of each child. Thanks to the FOGL volunteers who wrapped and delivered them all.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE is also received each year from many local businesses as well as citizens. Many thanks to the following who, with their generous donations, allowed us to give gift certificates at Mar Val Market and Helping Hands, purchase needed supplies and specific 'special request' gifts: Carole and Ron Smith of Carron Tax, Cathy and Jack Leetham of Accounting Plus, Evergreen Lodge, Geri Biggs, Groveland Appraisal, Heavenly Cleaning, Helping Hands Of Groveland, Hotel Charlotte, Jane Hansen, JoAnn Prieto, Santa John, Kathy McConnell, Kay Meermans, Moore Brothers, Precision Optics, Priest Station, Rob and Carrie Fratus in honor of Charlie and Rick Fratus, Sean Harrington, Sunset Inn and Yuni and Alan Gaudenti,

SANTA'S SPECIAL ELVES were Otis Fender, who makes sure Santa is available to greet those on pick up day, Audrey and Gene Fiance who supply those recipients with cookies and apple juice and Willie Boatman, who knows how busy Santa is this time of year so helps him out by assembling all the bicycles. This year Santa gave away 11 bikes with

helmets to local children, not to mention scooters, skateboards and other ride-on toys.

WRAPPERS, RUNNERS and ALL AROUND HELPERS IN MANY DIFFERENT WAYS are always needed and this year we had this super group: Richard Abdelnour, Chuck Bush (Mar Val Market); Jackie Baker, Chris Balek, Derrol Beaulieu, Mike and Faye Buckley, Judy Calcagno, Linda and Wally Child, Greg Cramblit, Mike Cunningham, Ron Dotson and grandson Devin, Linn Faler, Dick Faux, Pat Fernandez, Joan Herron, Mike Ireland, Amanda Klaahsen, Barbara Klahn, Jim Knudson, Linelle and Galen Marshall, Nola Nunes, Chris Passeur, Wanda Patterson, Kurt Peterson, Bill and Mary Reynolds, Rudy Rich, Betty Rohlf, Steve Salnick, Sandy Smith, Bill Walker and Dart Woodruff. We also thank the Yosemite Highway Herald and Pine Mountain News for running our articles for the past 4 months and the staff at MarVal Market for ordering, storing and delivering many of the food donations.

So....thanks to everyone for your contribution, your time and your support. You've come through for us again this year, and reaffirmed that this is the best place in the world to live. We are humbled by the generosity and kindness of our friends and neighbors. From Dar and Patti, project co-chairs, a huge THANK YOU to you all and a very Happy New Year.

Update to "Where the Hell is Groveland" Car Show Proceeds

BY CAROLE SMITH

Sorry it's been so long since we let you know what we have done with the proceeds from the car show.

We did give \$500 to the Tenaya Preschool and we have a little over \$1000 which we will be distributing sometime in May or June to students as scholarship funds. We decided that the money would be best spent by contributing to the

education of our children.

It will soon be time for our next show which will be held on June 3, 2012. We look forward to seeing you all at that time.

Thanks for your continued support of this event and keep your fingers crossed that we don't get rained out again!

Local Student Looking For Thesis Project Subjects

BY SANDY BRADLEY

Are you a survivor of a suicide in your family, a close friend or a co-worker with whom you were shocked and hurt by the loss? Brittany Bradley, Tioga High School graduate, Class of 2007, is currently working on her senior thesis in Photography at CSU Sacramento. The subject of her senior project is "survivors of suicide" and how those people left behind have been changed profoundly and affected forever by this traumatic experience. Brittany hopes to photograph people, or places, or things that have left an impression and memory of the deceased individual. She plans to display her work in an art/photo gallery showing in Sacramento, in an attempt to bring more light and awareness on a subject that is treated in a very taboo, proscribed manner in society. If you would be willing to participate in Brittany's project

please contact her through her "E" Mail address bradleyphotobug@yahoo.com.

There are a variety of ways that your story can be displayed and represented. If you prefer to remain anonymous, an object or place can be photographed with only an image of you in an unidentifiable manner. Your ideas together with the ideas of the artist will make for a very creative, moving, inspirational story. You may also contact Brittany's mom, Sandy Bradley at 878-0720 and your information will be forwarded to Brittany who in turn will contact you. Volunteers should contact either Brittany or Sandy by February 15th, 2012.

Thank you in advance to those who might consider responding to this appeal for local participation in a very personal, intense, subject matter.

Citizens Bond Oversight Committee

The Measure M Citizens Bond Oversight Committee is looking for members of the community who are willing to serve on the committee during the modernization of the Tenaya gymnasium. The committee was established in 2005 to "ensure bond proceeds were expended only

on the school facilities projects listed in Exhibit A-1" of the Bon Projects List. There must be an Oversight Committee or the district will not be in compliance with the bond language. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Jennifer Shimer in the District Office at 962-5765.

A Word of Thanks

BY LYNN UPTHAGROVE

Groveland is filled with little angels and I met one this weekend. Certain she thought I knew her name, just as surely it was on the tip of my tongue, but even days later I am still coming up blank and ended up too embarrassed to ask. A heartfelt "Thanks" goes out to my unnamed Angel who delivered the ribbon, foil and bows late afternoon on Saturday having single handedly

tackled all of Big Oak Flat down to Priest Station.

A huge round of applause to all of the helpers this year, you made it clear that the wrapping and decorating is a valued and worthy task making our town all the more charming and unique. I too hope the Chamber of Commerce will continue this effort for many years to come.

SIGN UP TODAY!



2012 MOTHER LODE INVITATIONAL JUNE 7TH, 8TH AND 9TH

FLIGHTS & FORMAT:

THURSDAY, JUNE 7TH
PRACTICE ROUND

FRIDAY, JUNE 8TH
TAYLORMADE/ADIDAS SHOP
ROUND 1 &
HORSE RACE
(FOR PRACTICE ROUND WINNERS)

SATURDAY, JUNE 9TH
ROUND 2 &
AWARDS DINNER

SILVER & GOLD (NET)
ROUND 1 - 1 BEST BALL - POINT PAR
ROUND 2 - BOTH BALLS - POINT PAR

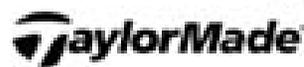
"NEW" PLATINUM (GROSS)
ROUND 1 - 1 BEST BALL
ROUND 2 - BOTH BALLS

ADDITIONAL COMPETITIONS:
TWO'S POT
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BY DORI JONES

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Styrofoam Collection

BY PEGGY ANDREWS

Tuolumne County Master Gardeners would once again like to thank the communities of Groveland and Big Oak Flat for helping make our recent Save Our Styrofoam collection day at huge success. Special thanks again goes to Barbara Hessler, for collecting through out the year, this time she had an entire pickup load cleaned and organized and Moore Brothers for helping

get the word out and last but not least the great bunch of guys at the Groveland Firehouse, for helping with the collection.

The next collection date is planned for mid June. The date is yet to be set but it usually coincides with the Hazardous Waste Day at Cal Sierra Waste Management in Sonora, so start saving again now. Thank you again.



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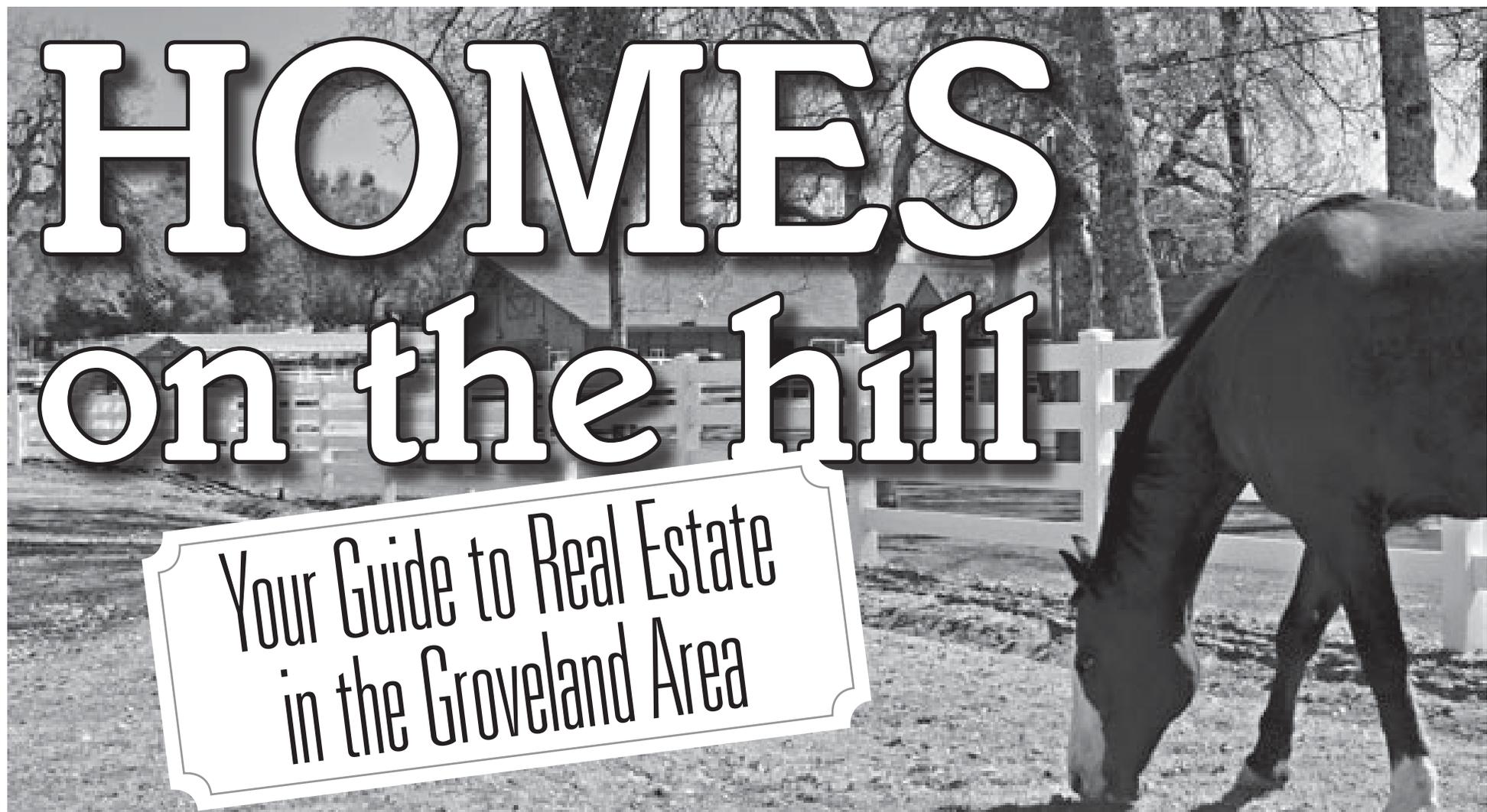
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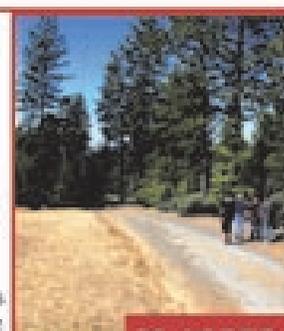
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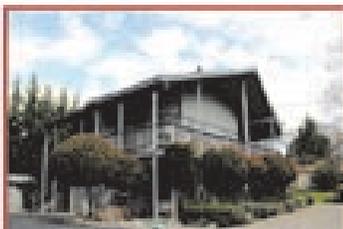


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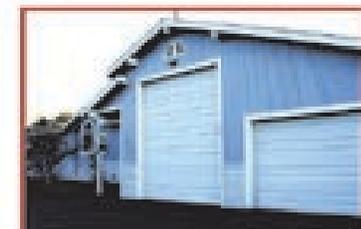
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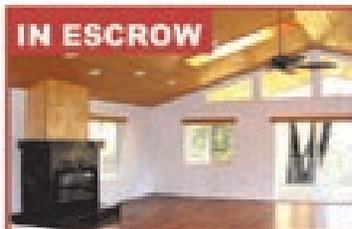
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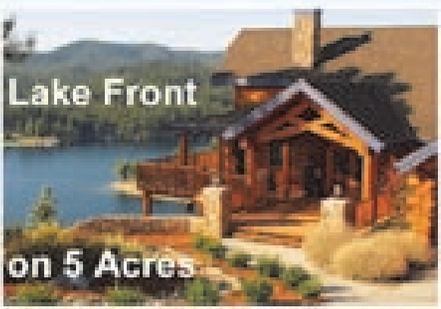
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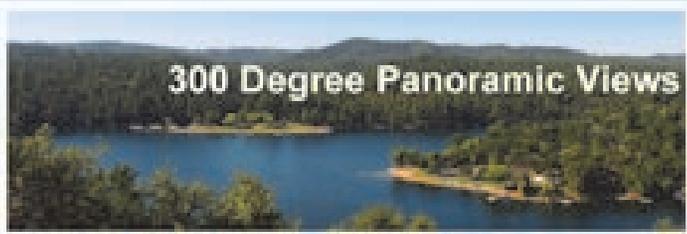
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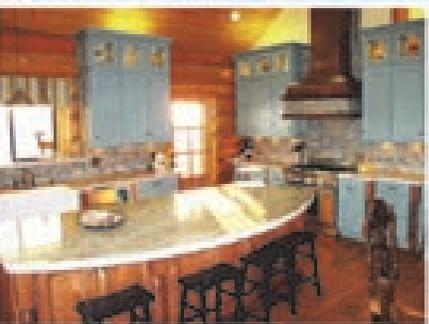


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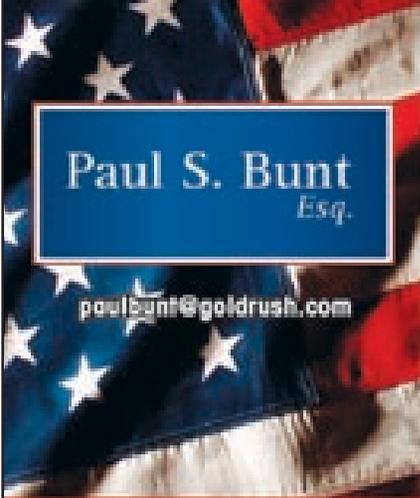
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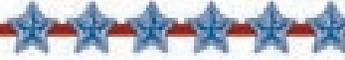


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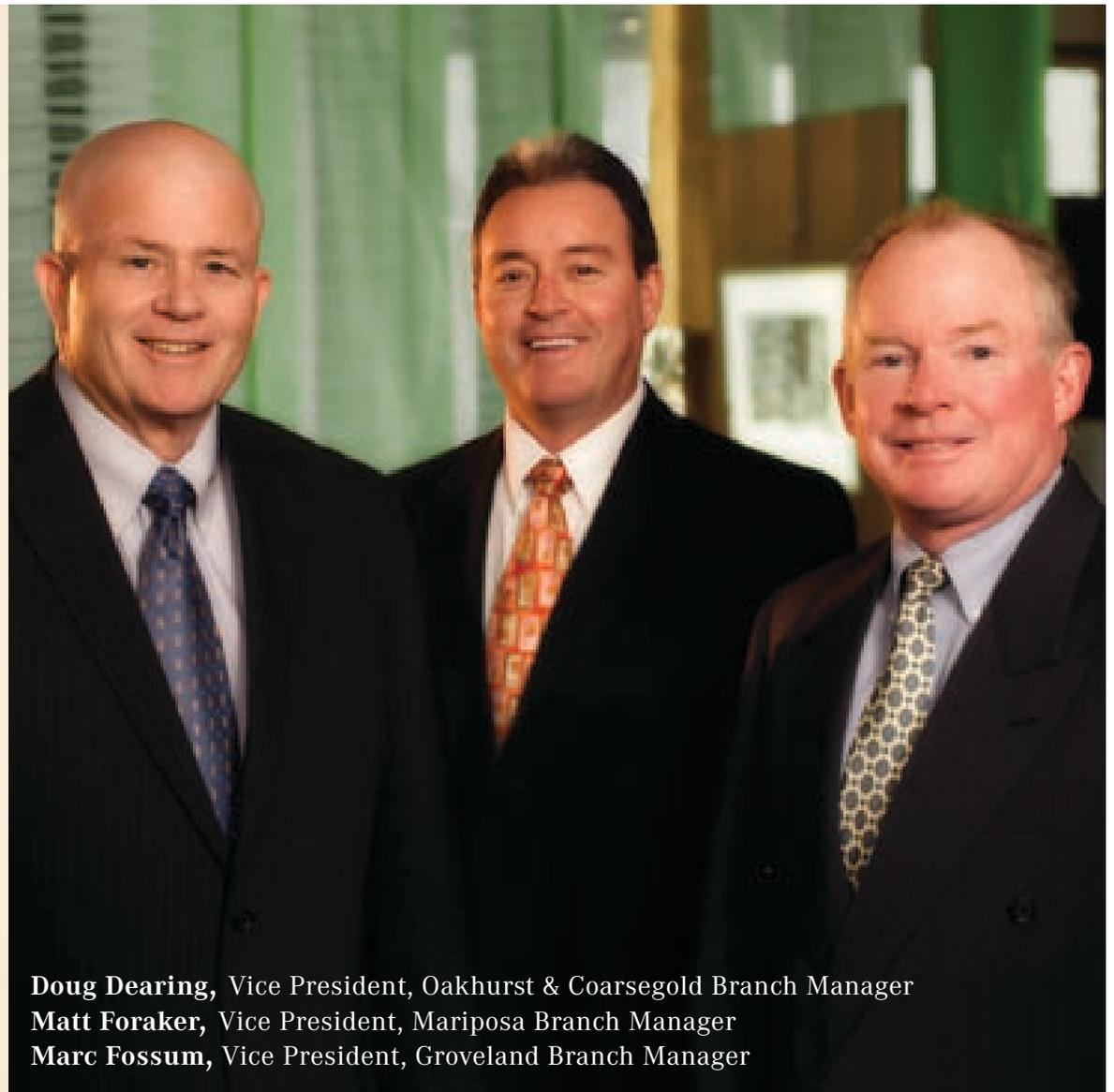
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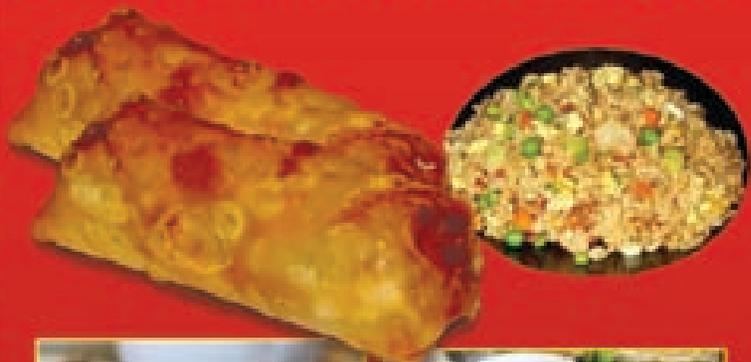
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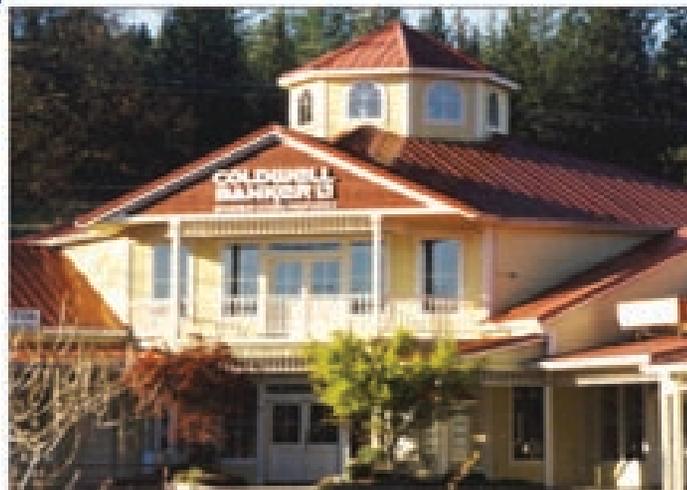
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BY KAREN LIM

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about his culinary talents, but what about him? He was born in Laos and emigrated from there to France as a teenager. Ever since he was a child he liked to cook. In



Dunkirk, France, he worked at Etoiles D'Asies restaurant. He studied under a Hong Kong chef. In 1982, he opened his own restaurant - Au Petit Chinois - and served Asian food until 2003 when he moved to the United States. In Texas, he opened Koung Thai Suchi from 2004 - 2011. Some of his favorite foods are Peking Duck and Lab - a Lao dish of chopped fish, chicken or beef fried with vegetables. He enjoys shopping and fixing his house. He's trilingual – Hmong, French and English. His latest dream? To open a sushi franchise that is as big as Subway! Come on in and say hello to our new chef and be sure to try one of his delicacies.



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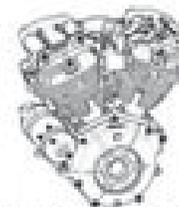
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Pine Cone Singers Begin Rehearsals for Spring Concert

BY LINELLE MARSHALL

After a well-deserved break, Pine Cone Singers have started rehearsing for our next concerts scheduled for May 18, 19 and 20, 2012. Rehearsals began on Tuesday, January 31, 2012, and are held each Tuesday from 3:00 – 5:30 PM, in the Groveland Community Hall. Singers in all voice parts are welcome. For more information, contact board president, Gloria Marler, 209-962-5005.

In addition to regularly scheduled winter and spring concerts, members of Pine Cone Singers were busy in the past few months with additional singing

opportunities – Christmas caroling in downtown Groveland for Santa's arrival on December 3rd; participating in the annual Martin Luther King Celebration in Sonora on January 15th.

We are pleased to announce the members of the 2012 Pine Cone Performers Board, which oversees activities of the chorus as well as dramatic productions presented by the Pine Cone Players: Gloria Marler, President; Shirley Brasesco, Vice-President; Sandra Menacho, Secretary; Anne Mingus, Treasurer; Anita Millard, Performers Representative.



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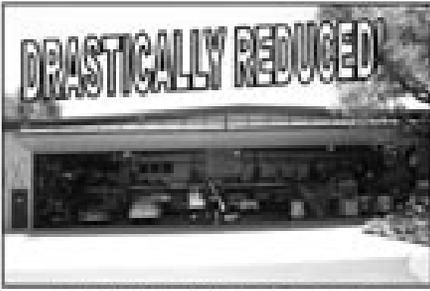
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BY MARY GAIL CRIFE

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those doing exercise programs!

This is part of a continuing program being held on the second Wednesday and Thursday of each month to familiarize us with healthy living choices. We invite you to join us for these educational and informative classes presented by Richard and Mary Gail Crife.

The times and dates this month are Wednesday, Feb. 8, at 7:00-8:00 PM, and Thursday, Feb. 9, at 1:00-2:00 PM. Come and find out what we mean when we say: "Bye-bye, yo-yo. Hello, swimsuit!"



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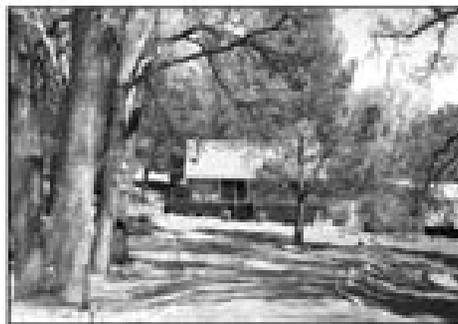
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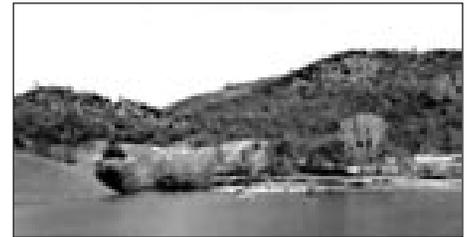
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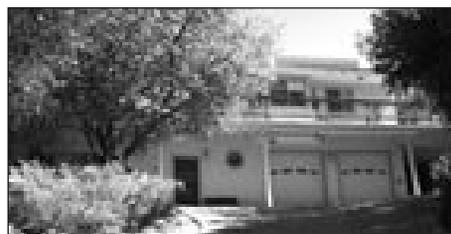
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Italian Heritage Dinner Series with Guest Speakers at The Groveland Hotel

BY JONI GERKING

The Groveland Hotel is excited to present a series of dinners with guest speakers to celebrate the Italian Heritage along the Highway 120 and 49 Corridors. Come for a special three course Italian meal, hear stories from family members, learn the history and see photos of early life in Tuolumne County. More than digging for gold, the Italian immigrant's heritage of industry, perseverance, patience and love for the land have kept our mountain towns living and vibrant.

Our first dinner of the series begins at 6:00 p.m. on January 27, 2012 with guest speaker Don Fulton, locally known as Skeet Fulton, who is a descendent of Mary and John Franco from Genoa, Italy. Although they arrived earlier in the area, in 1922 Fulton's grandparents bought property with a home built in 1854. Now called the Tannahill house, it is the oldest standing wooden structure in Groveland. Located between the Groveland Hotel and Groveland Motel on Highway 120 the house is still visible.

The Franco family grew vegetables, apples, cherries and grapes and made wine which they sold to the local populace. Johnny Franco did much of the masonry on the home and for several other homes in the area. He also worked as a butcher in Sal Ferretti's butcher shop during the Hetch Hetchy Dam building years.

Executive Chef Michael Pritchard's three course dinner offers a choice of appetizer: Portobello Ravioli, Minestrone Soup or Beet Salad. Entree options are Prawns, Veal Saltimbocca, and Italian Pork Lasagna. For dessert, take your choice of the house made Apple Tart or Chocolate Molten Cake. Coffee and Tea are included in the \$25 per person cost of dinner. Taxes and gratuities are additional. Gianelli Vineyard's award-winning wines are available, for an additional fee, to enjoy with your meal by the glass or by the bottle.

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Chicken Marsala

RECIPE PROVIDED BY TOM KNOTH AND PAULA MARTELL OF "TWO LITTLE PIGS BBQ CATERING"

INGREDIENTS

1/2 Cup All-Purpose Flour
2 tsp Emeril's Essence (or salt and pepper)
2 6 to 8-ounce Boneless, Skinless Chicken Breast Halves
1 Tbsp Olive Oil
4 Tbsp Butter
4 Cups Sliced Crimini Mushrooms
3/4 Cup Marsala Wine (use a good quality Marsala)
1 Cup Chicken Stock
2-3 Tbsp Heavy Whipping Cream (optional)
Salt and freshly ground black pepper
Chopped Chives, for garnish

DIRECTIONS

Cut Breast Halves in two and pound thin. We place them in freezer bags (unsealed) and pound them with a mallet until they are about 1/2 inch thick. Season the chicken with Emeril's Essence. Pour flour in a

bowl and quickly dredge the chicken breast halves in the flour, shaking to remove any excess flour.

Heat the oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat until very hot but not smoking. Add 1 tablespoon of olive oil and 1 tablespoon of the butter and cook the chicken breasts until golden brown on both sides, about 3 minutes per side. Transfer to a plate, cover, and set aside.

Add 1 tablespoon of the remaining butter to the pan and add the mushrooms. Cook, stirring frequently, until mushrooms are golden brown around the edges and have given off their liquid. Add the Marsala wine and bring to a boil, scraping to remove any browned bits from the bottom of the pan. When the wine has reduced by half, add the chicken stock and cook for 3 minutes, or until the sauce has thickened slightly.



Lower the heat to medium, return the chicken breasts to the pan, and continue to cook until they are cooked through and the sauce has thickened, about 5 to 6 minutes. Swirl in the remaining 2 tablespoons of butter, whipping cream (if using); salt and pepper, to taste (it usually is already salted enough). Garnish with chopped chives and serve immediately; may be served over cooked noodles, if desired.

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Computer Classes at The Little House

BY LUCI TYNDALL

After a brief break over the holidays, we'll be starting computer classes again at The Little House. We have some repeat classes for those who missed them or want to take them again and a couple of new offerings.

Here's the schedule:

Excel 1 Mon. Feb 6, 1 – 3 p.m.
Internet Searching Thurs., Feb. 16, 9–11 a.m.
Facebook Mon. Feb. 20, 1–3 p.m.
Mastering & Protecting Your PC Thurs. Mar. 1, 9 – 11 a.m.
Word 1 Mon. Mar. 5, 1 – 3 p.m.

The Excel and Word classes will start with an explanation of what each program is and what you might want to use it for. Then in Excel you'll fill in a spreadsheet, learn some shortcuts, add up one column and average another. Tips for managing Excel files will be offered, including simple formulas for numbers and how to build a database with Excel.

The Internet Searching class will give you tips for finding all kinds of information on the Internet in an efficient way. And you'll take a quick look at Facebook. The Facebook class will go into greater depth about how to use Facebook and how to protect yourself

from putting too much information out there!

Mastering & Protecting Your PC is a new class and will be taught by computer expert Gary Weinstein. Learn the basics about your computer and how to protect it from attacks including viruses, phishing, etc.

In Word 1 you'll get an introduction to formatting, making a poster, inserting graphics, and more. Learn how easy it is to create nifty documents in Word.

Classes will be taught at The Little House using laptop computers donated to GAINS. What a great collaborative effort! Barbara Broad will be teaching Excel, Word, and Internet classes. She has over ten years' experience teaching these classes to adults at the Tuolumne County Office of Education. All classes are free.

Space is limited to 10 people per class, so sign up early. You can register for the class by sending an e-mail to info@thelittlehouse.org or leaving a message on the answering machine at The Little House. The number is 962-7303. In either case, please provide your name, contact information, and the class you are registering for. Someone will get back to you and confirm that you are registered for the class.

Dr. Katherine Newcomb Joining Groveland Family Medical Center

BY GAIL WITZLSTEINER, DIRECTOR, DEVELOPMENT & PUBLIC RELATIONS, SRMC

January 4, 2012 (Sonora, CA) – Sonora Regional Medical Center welcomes Katherine Newcomb, MD, who has joined Steven Shield, MD, at Groveland Family Medical Center. Dr. Newcomb is board certified in Internal Medicine and specializes in taking care of patients 12 years and older for a wide range of primary care concerns, including those who may have more complicated medical issues.

As an Internal Medicine physician, Dr. Newcomb treats many common conditions and provides annual screenings. She also has a special interest in women's health. In addition, Dr. Newcomb is designated by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) as an Aviation Medical Examiner, examining pilots so that they can obtain their medical certificate as required by the FAA.

In her practice, Dr. Newcomb enjoys helping people understand their health conditions by explaining the disease

process and teaching patients incremental steps they can take to be healthier.

Dr. Newcomb was inspired early on by her childhood pediatrician who was a woman. She earned a Bachelors of Science in Biology from Stanford University and then went on to Case Western Reserve School of Medicine for her medical degree. She completed her internship and residency in Internal Medicine at Kaiser Permanente San Francisco Medical Center.

She was in full-time private practice from 1988 to 1999 in Atascadero on California's Central Coast. She then took some time off to raise her child. In 2004 she started a part-time private practice in Groveland.

Dr. Newcomb lives with her family in Groveland. She enjoys spending time with her husband and 13-year-old daughter. She also enjoys hiking, playing the flute, sewing, and caring for the family cats.

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Quilters' Corner

BY SANDY SMITH

'Tis the season of love, a very happy Valentines day to you and your "special person". Enjoy the day and I hope you get lots of chocolate!

Pine Needlers Quilt Guild will be meeting on the third Tuesday February 21st at 6 p.m. under the library. On Thursday the 23rd we will be having the block party from 1-3 at Deanas. We really need some help getting things ready for tieing. If you need directions call me at 962-4950.

Speaking of the Block Party I took 7 quilts down to CNVC in Sonora last month. Thanks to Mary Brown and Kyle and Savannah Shawtra who sewed and tied them for us over the busy holiday time.

Its not too early to consider or even start a Civil War quilt for the 2013 Quilt Stroll. Lyndy at Timeless Calico has beautiful patterns and lots of reproduction fabric. I have mine cut out and started but the ADD in me sometimes needs lots of time to start, not get sidetracked, so I do not run out of time. Check into Lyndy's classes, they look like so much fun. I love the Gentle Breezes quilt.

Eleanor Burns is one of my favorite quilt authors. I will be quoting things from her book Pioneer Sampler, for the next little while. Pioneer women were definitely a sturdy group of ladies. Over 250 thousand pioneers migrated to the west coast in the mid-1800's, enduring the hardships of hostile terrain. Women provided the strength and reason to endure. Their determination to meet the goal

and to keep their families intact is documented in their needlework. Wrapping up in a quilt was a home when there was no house. Wrapping up in a quilt was a comfort when there was no medical service. Wrapping up in a quilt was a shroud when there was no graveyard. . . .

I believe this says it all. We may not have to endure the hardships but the spirit is still within us, don't you agree?

I would like to share some of the blocks with you in that time period, and what was said about them over the next few months: Golden Gate; The Golden Gate is the strait linking San Francisco Bay with the Pacific Ocean. It is wide and deep enough to accommodate oceangoing vessels. The Emigrants' Guide to California, by Joseph Ware, estimated the cost of a voyage by ship around the Horn at \$600 per person, compared to the same price of moving a family of 4 overland by covered wagon. Guidebooks recommended taking two or three quilts per traveler, which was sufficient bedding to last the trip and several years after arrival.

Information for new quilters or to those who were interested. A Quarter yard measures 9 inches x 44 inches, a Fat Quarter measures 22 inches x 18 inches (allowing larger pieces to be cut), a Fat Eighth measures 22 inches x 9 inches. So now you know.

Remember Tues the 21st is the Pine Needlers meeting at 6 under the library. See you there.

Aging – Part 1

BY ETTY GARBER, PhD, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST

To paraphrase Betty Davis, film star, Getting old ain't for sissies. Gerontology is the scientific study of the processes and phenomena of aging. Most people don't want to age or show the lines and wrinkles of aging, but the alternative is less desirable. In the past and in some foreign cultures, elders were revered and considered wise due to their life experiences and wisdom. In today's world many aging parents and grandparents are sadly regarded as burdensome.

As one grows older physical aches and pains begin to appear. Waking up in the morning can introduce a new ailment, or "ache du' jour". We often feel betrayed by our bodies. We've lost flexibility, energy and stamina and we don't see or hear as well as we once did. Our minds have also begun to play tricks on us. Have you gone into a room and forgotten why you went in there? Have you forgotten where you put something?

Current census shows that older people are growing in numbers and living longer. During the 20th century, life expectancy grew by three decades, and longevity gains are continuing. It appears we are approaching a time when older adults will outnumber children for the first time in history.

The new longevity is not just about living longer, but about living better and maintaining a balanced, vital lifestyle. That affects the way we view health care, financial security, caregiving and quality-of-life issues.

This new reality shows changes in racial and ethnic diversity as well as

in living arrangements, health care needs and financial challenges.

When most of us were young our view of older people was based on our grandparents who looked and acted old, to us. Our perceptions were not very positive so we never paid attention to our own aging. We just weren't going to get old, ever. That idea was so far in the future that it held very little, if any, consideration. We heard and repeated, "Live for today."

For most of us, our TODAY is different from the TODAY of our youth. We are faced with circumstances that we never predicted; medical and health problems, financial insecurity, family and relationship conflicts and losses, employment, unemployment or retirement, and many other life obstructions and changes.

No one ever tells you about all these possible future events or how to prepare for them, even if you were open to hearing them. When I asked my grandmother many years ago, she told me, "Everyone has to look at the life they have chosen to live and they will find out for themselves what kind of old age they will have." I was too young to appreciate the wisdom to her response so I chose the mantra, "Live for today." Now, I get it.

Change is inevitable but what you change and how you change can make a difference.

In Aging --Part 2 I will discuss why and how to make the most beneficial decisions for best possible life in your senior years.

Stay tuned to next month's column, Aging – Part 2 for some helpful tips.

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Brainy Groveland 3rd Graders Read 422 Books!

BY VIRGINIA GUSTAFSON



New volunteer reading mentors: Joan Mosby, Bonnie Belisle, Warren Belisle and Linda Kehoe.



Brainy Groveland board members Nadine Pedron, Kathy Ryan and Steve Ryan congratulate third-grade readers Kaytlyn Trevino and Lily Lloyd.

Brainy Groveland is the reading incentive program designed to encourage Tenaya third-graders to love reading. We celebrated a very busy and productive fall term.

Forty students from Mrs. Groh and Mrs. Jeffrey's third grades read a total of 422 books and discussed them with Brainy Groveland volunteers during their weekly visits. The students earn a dollar for each book they read and discuss (two dollars for an especially long book).

At the end of the semester, they receive "matching dollars" equal to the number of books they read throughout the term. In December, we held a celebration at Tenaya for the 40 students and handed out an additional \$422. Every child read at

least one book and six children read 15 or more books. They are: Jacey Hawkins, Brenda Pike, Nathanael Vargas, Dejuan Garrett, Gavin Wilk, and Bobbie Wilson.

The success of the program is highly dependent on the skill and dedication of our wonderful team of volunteer "reading mentors." For the winter term, four new volunteers have joined the team: Linda Kehoe, Joan Mosby, Bonnie Belisle and Warren Belisle.

Mentors meet with the children one-on-one on Friday afternoons (typically once a month). If you are interested in finding out more about the program or joining as a volunteer, please contact Virginia Gustafson at 962-6336.

The Soroptimist Scene

BY BARBARA ELLIOT

Soroptimist International of Groveland (SIG) members and guests ended 2011 with a festive party at the Charlotte Hotel. There were no photos – either everyone was on their best behavior or Mayor Goose destroyed the evidence.

We want to renew our wishes to you for a Happy 2012.

Now that the crystal ball has fallen in New York, SIG is back making plans for the coming months. Usually we would be rolling along, planning the Chinese Auction. The members voted to defer this event. In the past years, you have been very supportive and we always look forward to spending a fun evening with our friends. This year there are several events coming up and we need to pace ourselves.

We got such good feedback regarding our first summer fund raiser – Surf's Up in the Sierra. Liz Mattingly has volunteered to chair this event. When you see her, give her encouragement or ideas and a promise to purchase gobs of tickets.

The Family Wellness Faire. A date to save ... April 10, 2012. This is a project to benefit the Groveland community. There will be more information in the paper next month.

SIG will be flying their Healthy Heart banner over downtown Groveland

during the month of February. No coincidence on the timing. February is Healthy Heart month. You know the drill – eat right, learn about the signs of heart ailments, pay attention to your heart's messages and be kind to yourself. Oh, and come to the Groveland Family Wellness Faire.

The Diane Lynn Pre-School Scholarship Fund has been a great help for of our local girls. Sally Salinas reported that the fund had provided \$1185. in scholarships, helping 9 girls. There are pledge cards in several of the downtown businesses, allowing you to contribute to this fund – this allows the girls to have a head start on entering the elementary school. Please help, this would be money well spent.

For the women who are on the cusp of checking out Soroptimists and being a part of the service to this lovely community, please call and join us for a luncheon and meet all of wonderful members (your neighbors).

Let your 2012 resolutions include "checking out" SIG, and possibly joining us in the good works planned in the future. If YOU have an interest in helping your community and having a really great time, call Jeanne Brunk at 962-6276.

Valentine Rose Sale

Tenaya Parent Preschool is having their annual Fresh Rose Sale! Buy a beautiful bouquet for your sweetheart or send a 'flower gram' to any student at Tenaya Elementary School. Tenaya Parent Preschool has been helping children within our community for nearly three decades. We rely heavily

on the support of the community to continue providing each child with a quality educational foundation to ensure success throughout their educational careers. Be sure to place your order early!

For further information please contact Penny @ (209) 962-7559.

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Women & Kids Fun Day!

BY JOHN KIEFER

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

Approximately 56 participants came and enjoyed a day learning about firearms and had the opportunity to shoot. Some folks came from Angels Camp, Murphy, Escalon and La Grange to join the locals with all the fun!

Members of the CDA were present to talk about the firearm and instructed on how to safely load and shoot. We had two certified archery instructors demonstrating and assisting in the shooting of compound bows. Everyone received free shooting glasses and ear protection. Kids were also given T-shirts with the CDA logo.

Shooting stations were set up where you could shoot rifle calibers from .17, .22, 22-250 or even a black powder rifle. The archery station turned out to be one of the more popular activities!

Paper targets at 50 yards and arcade style knock-down targets at closer distances were used for the rifles while balloons and 3D targets were used for archery.

Groups would wait for their turn to shoot and go from one station to the next and repeat throughout the day!



Grand prize winner center, CDA Regional director Rodney Torres, left and CDA Event Chairman John Kiefer, right

Lunch included BBQ hot dogs and hamburgers, chips, beverage.

Prizes were raffled off which included back packs, BB rifles and the grand prize was a .243 rifle won by a young girl with parent present.

We're already planning for this years event and hope to see everyone at our annual fundraiser banquet in July which is held at the Sonora Elks club.

For more information contact John Kiefer 209-962-6192

Raising Thousands of Dollars, 50-cents at a Time!

BY VIRGINIA GUSTAFSON



The 2011 Book Nook team: Joan Hart, Etty Garber, Linda Kehoe and Patti Morganelli

Do you buy books at the Book Nook, downstairs at the Groveland Library? Do you donate books to be sold there? Are you a member of Friends of the Groveland Library who donates time to sort, shelve and sell the books? Do you bake cookies for our home-made refreshments? If you answer yes to any of these – Thank You!

The Saturday book sales organized by Friends of the Groveland Library are our primary fund-raiser. The money raised from these book sales is used to help keep our library open five days a week and to support many reading programs for our area youngsters. Story-time for preschoolers, Bookleggers for elementary students, and the summer reading program are just some examples of where the proceeds from our book sales are used.

In addition, the book sales give every local resident the opportunity to buy gently used books on all kinds of subjects at extremely low prices.

In 2011, we raised over \$13,000 from book sales. When you think that most of our books sell for 50-cents or a dollar (and many for 25-cents!), that's a whole lot of books which have been donated by people in the community, then sorted, shelved, and sold by our FOGL volunteers, and purchased by you!

The Book Nook was managed this year by Etty Garber, ably assisted by cashiers Patti Morganelli and Joan Hart, assistant manager Linda Kehoe, and refreshments hostesses Gloria Burkley and Rosemary Adams. In addition, many FOGL members contributed hundreds of volunteer hours to help sort and shelve the books.

Please continue to support the Book Nook and help keep the Groveland Library open. Bring your donations and buy our nearly-new books. The Book Nook is open every Saturday from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm downstairs at the Groveland Library.

GAINs Directory 2012!

BY BARBARA BROAD

Now is the time! Is your business or group listed in the only directory for southern Tuolumne and northern Mariposa counties? And ready for what looks like an improved economy? Over 1400 copies of the free 100-page directory have been distributed annually since 2003.

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You can write a description of 100 words about your business

or service. It's not just another telephone directory! For-profit businesses pay \$35 and can be listed in four categories, other entries are free. In addition, you can purchase advertising on the cover or the last pages of the directory. It's the best bargain for advertising in town! Remember, it stays in homes and in rentals next to telephones for a whole year! All the money raised goes to the printer.

If you have had a listing, you should have received an entry form in the mail. If you were not in that directory, then get in touch with GAINs! Forms and 2010 directories are available at the Groveland Library and G.C.S.D. Fill in any changes you

want for 2011, and send them with your \$35 check if you are for-profit, to GAINs, P. O. Box 179, Groveland, 95321. Other groups are free!

Need a form or have questions? Contact Barbara Broad at

grovelandgains@gmail.com or 962.7730. Your form should be back to GAINs well before February 29. The directories will be distributed free in Groveland, Greeley Hill and Coulterville in April.

Local Pearl Harbor Survivor Attends 70th Anniversary Ceremonies in Hawaii

BY DAVID WILKINSON

2011 was quite a year for Groveland resident Hal Mayo. He served as the Co-Grand Marshall of the 49er Festival Parade in September and then returned to Hawaii this past December, to a place that is etched in his memory forever. This visit was “a much nicer time” than the stay he had 70 years ago. Hal was a young sailor in the US Navy stationed at Pearl Harbor when, on December 1st, he arrived at his new duty assignment as part of Patrol Wing One at the new NAS Kaneohe Bay.

That Fateful Day

Less than a week after being transferred to the, still under construction, Kaneohe Bay Naval Air Station, Hal's life and the way he would look at the world changed dramatically. On December 7, 1941, at a little before 8:00 AM, Hal would end up in the middle of the Japanese surprise attack.

Kaneohe Bay Naval Air Station was hit with fighter aircraft followed by bombers, approximately three minutes before the attack on Pearl Harbor would begin. Hal would watch helplessly as all of the PBY patrol bombers lined up along the runway were destroyed. “They were so concerned with sabotage that they bunched the aircraft together to make them easier to guard,” said Hal, “and easier to destroy from the air, too.” Having only a Colt 45 automatic, he quickly emptied the clip in a futile effort to do “something.” Hal says, “I thoroughly know the meaning of frustration.” “My next thought was ‘throw the gun at ‘em’, they were that low.”

One of his vivid memories was of the loss of a brand new flight suit that was onboard his aircraft. “I hated that they got that. It was a brand new flight suit,” said Hal. While he acknowledges that the loss of the flight suit was the least of the problems at the time, “You don't have time to be afraid. It was days later, when we got time to relax, that we realized how close we had come.” recalled Hal.

The men at Kaneohe Bay would spend the next few days ready for the attack they “knew” would come. “They were so successful in their first attack, we were sure they'd be back to



Hal Mayo pays his respects to the lives lost while on the Arizona Memorial.

finish us off,” recalls Hal. Having been dressed in their white uniforms at the time of the raid, the commanders knew that the men were easily spotted from the air, but there was no time to have the men find their khakis that would allow them to blend in with the light colored dirt of the station. A remedy was devised and 55 gallon drums of coffee were taken to each of the areas that the men had fortified with lumber from the construction of the base. “We took off our white uniforms and dipped them in the coffee. It turned them the same color as the ground around us.” “We stayed there for three days until we were called in. The Japanese weren't coming back.”

The base lost 17 men and 33 of 36 planes in the attack. Only the three PBY's that were on patrol escaped destruction. The unit would rebuild, new planes would be delivered and Hal would go on to fly missions in the South Pacific from Guadalcanal and other islands, but the events of December 7, 1941 would stand out in his mind.

Returning to Pearl

While Hal had been back to Kaneohe Bay since the end of the war, this would mark his first visit to Pearl Harbor in nearly 70 years. “I can still



Hal makes his way down the procession of honor. Photos courtesy The Greatest Generation Foundation.

see what it looked like. Some things you try to forget.”

The trip was arranged and paid for by The Greatest Generation Foundation. The foundation flew 24 survivors to Hawaii to take part in the ceremonies marking the attacks. The events began on December 3rd and went through the 10th. There were ceremonies, a parade, and an emotional visit to the National Cemetery of the Pacific.

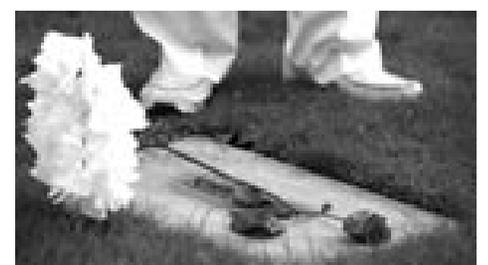
“We were treated like royalty,” says Mayo. Highlights of the trip were meeting the current sailors and soldiers stationed in Hawaii that were volunteers for the event and being with the other veterans while experiencing the red carpet treatment. The respect showed, and the way they treated the veterans “was amazing.” One of his fondest memories was of the return flight home. The pilot of the plane announced that the flight was carrying these heroes home and brought them all to the cockpit to honor them and then upgraded them all to First Class. “I've never had a better flight in my life,” says Hal, “It was wonderful.”

A Legacy

Hal Mayo has lived in Groveland since 2002. His daughter is Judi Wilkinson of Groveland, the longtime Advertising Manager here at the PML News and, I

am proud to say, he is my Grandfather. As a child I would ask my ‘Papa’ about his time in World War II. He would always tell me that he “never saw much action” and “I just flew on a plane.” It was only later in life that he opened up and told me about December 7th, Guadalcanal, and the daily bombing flights he would make. The two times that he was thought to have been killed in action, which he laughs about now, were stories that kept me on the edge of my seat. He was, and still is, a wonderful storyteller.

Hal Mayo was a young sailor when the war broke out and now, at almost 90 years old, he is still the bigger than life hero I remember from my childhood. The recognition, the respect, and the debt owed to the “greatest generation” can never truly be repaid, but it is important that we never stop trying to.



The survivors laid roses on the graves of the fallen. This stone reads “Unknown”.

Free Access to Online Ebook Service for Children

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.

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New Oncologist at SRCC

BY GAIL WITZLSTEINER, DIRECTOR, DEVELOPMENT & PUBLIC RELATIONS

Catherine Jones, MD, has joined Sonora Regional Cancer Center as one of the lead oncologists. She joins Medical Oncologist Robert D'Acquisto, MD, and Radiation Oncologist Mihoko Fujita, MD. Dr. Jones has most recently practiced in Merced, Calif., at Mercy Cancer Center, an affiliate of UC Davis Cancer Network, where she treated a wide variety of rare and common malignancies.

Dr. Jones received her medical degree from Michigan State University in East Lansing, Mich. She completed internship and residency in Internal Medicine at Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tenn., followed by clinical fellowship in Hematology/Oncology at Vanderbilt University Medical Center.

While completing her fellowship, Dr. Jones also completed a master's degree program, earning a Master of Science in Clinical Investigation. From 2007 to 2009, Dr. Jones served as assistant professor of medicine at the University of Miami in

Miami, Fla., and in 2009 started private practice at the Mercy Cancer Center.

Dr. Jones has always had an interest in science. Her grandmother, who already had two sons practicing medicine, encouraged Jones to also pursue medicine. During her residency she found the most interest in treating conditions that related to her training in pathology, which lead her to oncology.

For her master's degree, Dr. Jones focused on Phase I drug development and breast cancer treatment. She also researched disparities in health care and hopes to lessen the disparity gap in cancer care. In her practice, she finds joy in taking care of impoverished patients, providing each patient with the best care possible.

Dr. Jones has moved to Sonora and enjoys spending time with her 13-year-old son, playing adventure games, visiting amusement parks, and simply watching him grow and develop.

YCCD Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee Elects Chair

BY NICK STAVRIANOUDAKIS, DISTRICT PUBLIC AFFAIRS DIRECTOR, YOSEMITE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

The Yosemite Community College District (YCCD) Measure E Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC) elected Matthew Rolich as its new Chair and Jeff Phillips as its Vice Chair at their first quarterly meeting of 2012.

The committee's primary functions are to inform the public regarding the use of the bond funds, and to review expenditures and to prepare an Annual Report for YCCD's \$326.1 million bond. Measure E was passed in November 2004 to finance improvements at Columbia College, Modesto Junior College, and the expansion of college outreach sites.

In addition, the YCCD Board of Trustees, is seeking applications from qualified individuals interested in serving on the YCCD Measure E Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee. Three vacancies currently exist.

Eligible applicants must meet the criteria of the vacant seats, which are “College Support Organization

member”, “At-Large member”, and “Columbia College Student member”. An example of a College Support Organization would be a college foundation member; and for At-Large, merely being a resident of the YCCD jurisdiction. Employees or officials of the District, vendors, contractors or consultants of the District are not eligible to serve on the committee. The Chancellor and members of the Board of Trustees will screen applications in February and appointments will be made in March.

Applications can be obtained from the YCCD Chancellor's Office, 2201 Blue Gum Avenue, Modesto, CA 95352, by calling (209)575-6509, or going online at <http://www.yosemite.edu/bond/committee/>. Applications will be accepted until the qualified applicant pool is sufficient.

The CBOC committee meets quarterly. Minutes, agendas and other supporting documents are posted on the CBOC website.

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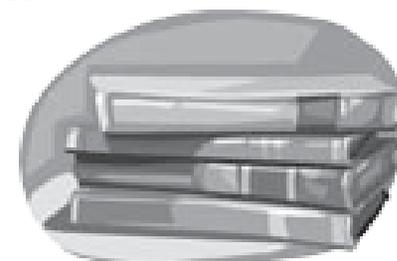
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Mikayla Kaufhardt is Tenaya Student of the Month

Tenaya Elementary School's *Student of the Month* for this month is Mikayla Kaufhardt.

Mikayla was chosen for always having a positive attitude and doing her best in school. Mikayla is a very kind and helpful student who is always willing to help anyone in need. Mikayla is respected by her classmates for her kindness, helpfulness, and positive attitude. Mikayla is an honor student and an outstanding school citizen. Congratulations, Mikayla! Mikayla is the daughter of Jacquelyn Rose of Groveland.



Mikayla Kaufhardt

Kelsie Klaahsen is Tioga Student of the Month

The Tioga High School *Student of the Month* for February is Senior Kelsie Klaahsen. Kelsie is a positive and popular student who is liked and respected by both teachers and peers. Kelsie has excelled in Track and Field as a Shot Putter and Discus Thrower. In both her Sophomore and Junior years she qualified for the Sac-Joaquin Section Masters in both events, and last year placed 6th in the Discus. She is looking forward to improving on this in her senior season.



Kelsie Klaahsen

Kelsie is looking to continuing competing on the college level and with her solid academic performance has many college options from which to choose. Her focus this semester will be improving her already impressive track and field

performance and selecting a school that best fits in meeting her future goals. Kelsie is the daughter of a very proud momma Amanda Klaahsen of Groveland.

Tioga S Club Blanket Drive

BY DAWNELLE DUTTON, S CLUB ADVISER

On December 16, 2011 the Tioga S Club held their blanket drive at the Foothills Community Church in Groveland. This was the first blanket drive that our club has held. The girls gave away over 100 blankets and we had over 40 community members that



S club members with the blankets prior to the giveaway Taylor P, Samantha H, Morgan, and Brianna D

came out in need for a warm blanket.

The girls collected blankets for almost 2 months to make this happen. They had a lot of help from the Groveland Soroptimists and from their families. A special thanks to the Deckard Family whom held a Christmas party to collect blankets. I am proud of the S Club girls

for making a effort to help others in their local community. Through these projects they are able to be compassionate and caring and it opens their eyes to something other than what is going on in their young lives. This community should be proud that we have young girls in this community willing to help!

Tioga Weight Room

BY RYAN DUTTON

Do you have a treadmill in your house that you just aren't using?

We are in need in some good conditioned treadmills or ellipticals. Remember, this is a tax write off and the kids will greatly benefit. We've

recently had 2 treadmills go out on us, so we are in need of filling their spots. If you call, we can arrange a pick up! Please call the Tioga Office at 962-4763 if you can help.

Kindergarten Registration At Tenaya Elementary

BY KELLY HAWKINS

It's that time again, Kindergarten Registration at Tenaya Elementary School. If you have a child that will be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2012, we would love to have them start their educational journey at Tenaya. We will also be offering Transitional Kindergarten for those children that could have been enrolled in kindergarten, under the old law, if they turned 5 years old by December 2, 2012. Transitional Kindergarten is a bridge between preschool and kindergarten

for children turning 5 years old between September and December.

Registration will be Friday, March 09, 2012 starting at 8:30 am. We will need copies of your child's birth certificate and immunization records. Please contact the school office to set up an appointment and pick up a registration packet. Please contact Kelly Hawkins or Rhonda Crow at 962-7846 to schedule your appointment today.

Tioga Recycling Program

BY RYAN DUTTON

First, we'd like to thank the community whom is dropping their recycling off at the school, it is greatly appreciated!

Second, I wanted to remind the community that we are trying to limit what we do take so we cut down on trash being given to us. Our trailer can only haul plastic recyclable bottles (such as water bottles). Please no food containers and or medicinal bottles as we cannot haul those down the hill as they are no revenue for the school.

Also, no cardboard boxes or anything

paper or cardboard.

We don't take wine bottles but do have a community member that is coming and getting them and recycling them for us, but they carry too much weight for us to haul and have no monetary value, so if you do bring them we can dispose, but we'd prefer we didn't.

We are taking glass beer bottles and all other food glass bottles we cannot take.

Thank you so much for your support! Any questions please call the Tioga office at 962-4763.

It's that time of year again when the winter constellations are prominent in the nighttime sky. One of the great experiences about watching celestial objects each evening is that you get to enjoy encore performances year after year. Objects in the nighttime sky, like the Orion Nebula, become like familiar friends that come to visit, make their trek across the sky as the months pass, and then reappear at the same time the following year. Each visit is a little different as your viewing experience is shaped by the weather, seeing conditions, phase of the moon, and other unexpected celestial visitors like comets.

As you read this newsletter in February, the Orion Nebula will be prominently on display high in the nighttime sky. It is the brightest nebula in the sky, and one of the brightest of all Deep Sky Objects. A nebula is a cloud of gas and/or dust in interstellar space. The word nebula in Latin means "cloud"; its plural is "nebulae". The Orion Nebula is visible to the naked eye under moderately good seeing conditions. It is seen as the middle "star" in the sword of Orion, which are the three stars located below Orion's Belt. The star appears fuzzy to observers with good eye-sight, and the nebulosity is easily seen through binoculars or a small telescope. The Orion Nebula is located in the constellation Orion and is approximately 1,500 light-years away and spans about 30 light-years. It is an example of a stellar nursery where new stars are being born. Observations of the nebula have revealed nearly 1,000 stars in various stages of formation. For those of us fortunate to enjoy the dark Groveland skies, the constellation Orion can be seen in the south-east sky as soon as it gets dark.

The Orion Nebula

BY EDDIE PAVLU, WWW.GROVELANDASTRO.COM



Anyone who has viewed the Orion Nebula through binoculars or a telescope already knows that the human eye isn't sensitive enough to detect color under very low light conditions. The human eye contains two types of photoreceptors, rods and cones. The rods are more numerous, some 120 million, and are more sensitive than the cones. However, rods are not sensitive to color. This is why you typically see shades of gray, instead of color, in low light conditions. Try it yourself, take a colorful picture outside at night and see how little color information is detectable. Today's digital camera sensors don't have these low-light color restrictions. You can think of a digital camera sensor as a bucket that collects photons (light) - the longer the exposure, the more light (color and details) that's captured and displayed in

the photograph.

Photographing the Orion Nebula presents some interesting challenges. Because it's a wintertime constellation, imaging sessions often require many hours outside late at night in very cold conditions. When I image the Orion Nebula it is often well below freezing so I dress in layers. Another challenge when photographing the Orion Nebula is due to high brightness of the core, or center, of the nebula. Orion is dim enough that a long exposure is required, however the core is so bright that too long of an exposure will "over expose" the image - leaving a big white blob in the center. Normally I would take many images of Orion with varying exposure times and stack them (digitally lay them on top of each other) all together. For the image of

the Orion Nebula printed with this article, I tried a different technique. I took one 2 minute exposure and then spent time in Photoshop teasing out all the details. Even an image with a 2 minute exposure using a digital camera reveals much more detail than the human eye can see. Look closely at this image; these are clouds of gas 1,500 light-years away that are producing new stars, solar systems, and planets.

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 to view a higher resolution version of many of my astrophotography images.

Here are some more details about the image:

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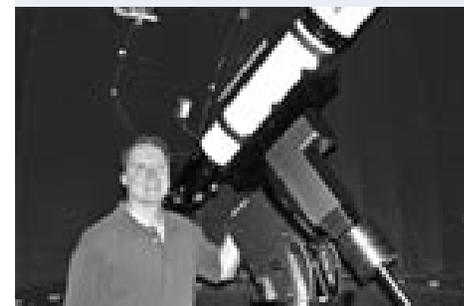
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Guide Camera: SBIG ST402-ME

Imaging Camera: QSI 583 WSG

Total Exposure Time: 2 minutes



Geotourism Center Honors Muir's Walk to Yosemite

BY MIGUEL MALDONADO

John Muir's spirit of exploration and education will be renewed by the creation of the John Muir Geotourism Center (JMGC), according to this newly formed non-profit group. A new \$75,000 donation will allow admirers of John Muir to seek additional developmental funds for a specialized center built around the genius of John Muir. It will provide learning opportunities for geotourists, students, parents and anyone concerned with environmental issues

seeking to enrich their visit to Yosemite National Park and the region. Our regional preservation of natural ecosystems and rural communities lifestyles will provide experiences following the writings of John Muir directly from the natural context he observed in the 1880s.

The organization is privileged to have Robert Hanna, - the great, great-grandson of John Muir, and Ken Pulvino, - founder of the John Muir Highway project - as key members of the Advisory Committee along

with a dedicated team of local community and Yosemite regional leaders.

The new Board of Directors is led by JMGC President, Mary Ann Huff, former President of the Mariposa Chamber of Commerce, and includes Laurie Byer, treasurer; Chuck Peck vice-president; John Shimer, secretary; and Teri Pulvino, director. They will be guided by an interim executive director, Miguel Maldonado - VP of the Yosemite Gateway Partners, to begin the JMGC program as a model and resource for the Yosemite region. Funded by a grant from the Graf/Pulvino Family Trust, the immediate goal of the board is to secure a physical site for the John Muir Geotourism Center and focus on extended regional, national and global

relationships.

JMGC future components will consist of the following:

- Range of Light Outdoors Classroom
- Youth Education Program
- Bean Creek Preserve Nature Walks

To learn more about these exciting opportunities, make a donation to this public benefit organization, or to follow the progress of this unique undertaking, visit the website at www.johnmuirhighway.net/jmgc. You may also contact Miguel Maldonado at 209.962.4917 or miguel@numinosity.net.

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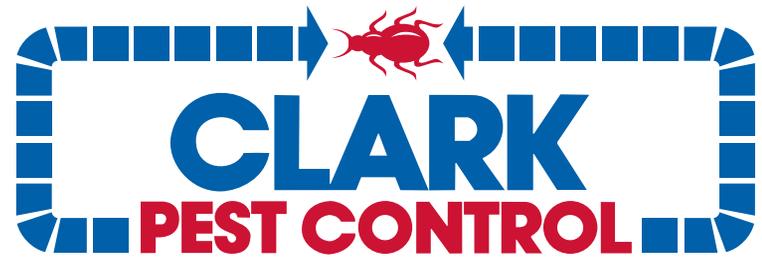
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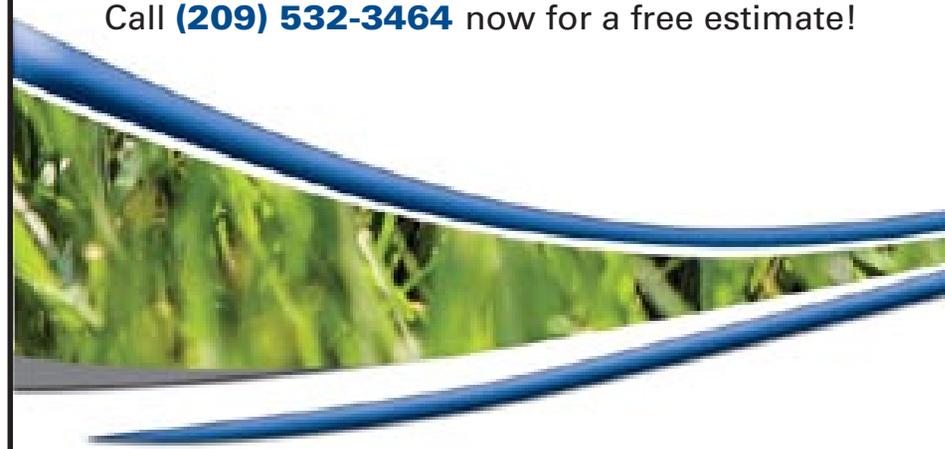


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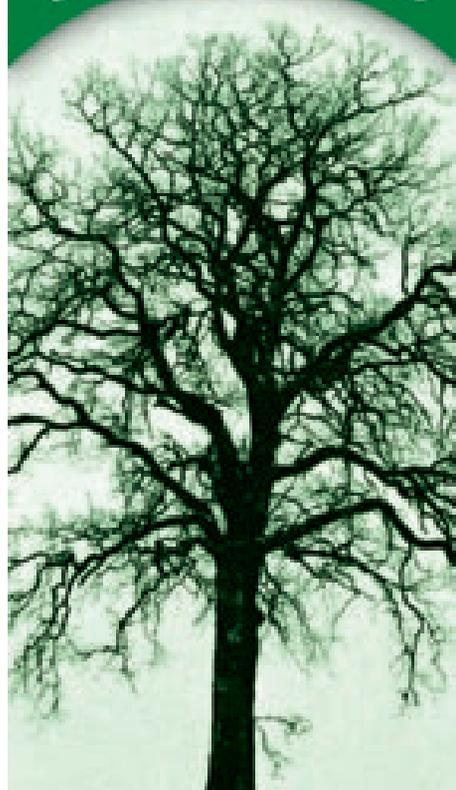
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Genealogy Workshop

BY PEGGY ANDREWS

People often ask how to begin researching their family history. I tell them to begin by writing down every thing they know about the person or persons they would like to know about. Besides the obvious information like birth and death dates, there is also place of birth and death. Parent's names and where they were born and where they were married, names of brothers and sisters. Also what they did for a living and where they went to school. I know it's a lot more fun to hit Ancestry.com and start playing but you may end up spending time searching the wrong person or persons.

Having a relative with an unusual name may help your search; however, I can almost guarantee there was or is a person out there with the same name and you may need the above listed information to correctly identify your family member. I once had a friend who's parent's were named Orval and Dorcus, imagine her surprise when she read about

their pending divorce in the local newspaper; however, the Orval and Dorcus in the paper, who had the same last name as her parents and lived in the same town, were not her parents.

Before you get completely overwhelmed, try researching one person at a time. That's not to say ignore information you find on another family member, just make a note of where you found the information so you can find it again and then go back to the original person. Working on one person at a time keeps you from going off on time wasting tangents and helps keep you organized.

You're invited to joint us February 24 at 1:00 in the Groveland library's downstairs meeting room. We will be forming carpools and driving to the Church of the LDS on old Highway 120 to meet the staff and tour their new Family History Library. Feel free to call me at 962-7264 for additional information.

Tenaya Elementary School Photo Contest Awards Ceremony February 7, 2012

BY BONNIE BELISLE

Thanks to all of you who voted and helped support our young photographers by dropping in the Museum to cast your ballot for the Top 3 photographs that have been on display since mid-November!

Each year, the Rotary Club, STCHS (Southern Tuolumne County Historical Society) and Tenaya Elementary School work together to host this student photography contest. A big thank-you to all that donated used digital cameras to STCHS for use in this year's contest. I'm sure you will all agree the quality of the photos improved with the use of these cameras.

This contest was judged by each of you! Now we are inviting all of you

to an Awards Ceremony to recognize these 15 very creative and aspiring photographers.

Date: Tuesday, February 7th

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Location: Tenaya Elementary School Cafeteria

First, second and third place photos will be announced. Cash Awards of \$35 for 1st -- \$25 for 2nd -- \$15 for 3rd in addition to gift certificates from the Pizza Factory, Priest Station Café, and Mountain Sage. Certificates of Participation and mini-photo key chains will also be awarded to all participants.

Hope many of you can make it to our Awards Ceremony to meet and honor the efforts of the students that participated in this year's event.

Sweet on The Little House

BY SYDNEY AVEY

Thanks to all our volunteers who staffed the See's Candy table and everyone who bought candy and helped support The Little House operations. We want to recognize the people who took time out during the busy holiday season to help with this fundraiser:

Our faithful organizers: Mary Brown, Regina Tilley, Kathy Ryan, Maggie Jacobson and Luci Tyndall.

Our venues: The Helping Hands Furniture Barn, MarVal Market and the Hotel Charlotte.

Our amazing candy table sales staffers: Joanne DeHart, Sydney Avey, Glenda

Moore, Sharon Hunt, Barbara Klahn, Judy Hewett, Joyce Reitzen, Linda Craig, Carole and Ron Smith, Norma Anderson, Mary Bruederle, Judy Basey and Josie Tamez, and Flo Jansen and Sandy Fiance who braved the cold in the MarVal parking lot on December 23 and 24.

We will reopen to serve the romance market on February 1. Look for us at the Barn Wednesday through Saturday and around town Sunday through Tuesday through February 14 (or until we sell out!). Call Mary at 962-0317 to volunteer.

Help Heather

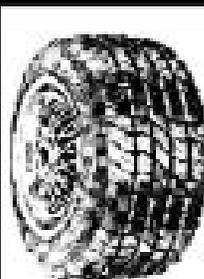
BY CHRISTINA WILKINSON

Heather McKinsey is a full-time Groveland resident who is in the final stages of kidney failure. Because of this, a Facebook page has been set up to help her find a donor. Please visit

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DOROTHY PARKER

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Bible Study meetings at the church are February 2 and February 16 at 1:00 PM. All are welcome to come to these days and enjoy lessons from 1st Corinthians.

We are looking forward to Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2012 with Worship Service at the church at 7 PM. This day commemorates the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness preparing for his ministry and his purpose

on earth. Bring your friends and neighbors to this special service. Pastor Ginger DuMars will conduct the Ash Wednesday service.

In case you might need a beautiful new Nike top or pants we still have some for sale on Sundays at our church. They will also be available on Bible Study days.

Mountain Lutheran Church will be serving four soup suppers in March this year. There will also be a special prayer service after the suppers conducted by Pastor Ginger.

We would enjoy having new friends visit our church. The Worship Service starts

at 10 AM every Sunday morning with refreshments and fellowship following the service. The church is located at 13000 Down to Earth Court, just off Ferretti Road in Groveland.



Fresh Eyes—New GEFC Blog

BY SYDNEY AVEY

We are zipping along on our Bible Journey 2012 — reading the New Living Translation of One Year Chronological Bible. To encourage us in our reading, Pastor Ron asked some of us to commit to write a prayerful response to a week's worth of reading. Each week, a different writer reflects on the reading for the week. These short devotionals are distributed in a Monday email and posted each Monday on our new blog

fresheyesgefc.wordpress.com. They are also printed in the Sunday bulletin.

We encourage you to join us on this adventure through God's Word. See for yourself how God has interacted with His people throughout history. Then check out our blog. We'd love it if you would click on the Follow link, subscribe using the RSS feed or leave a comment on a weekly entry. May God bless you in the reading of *His Word*.

The Mother Lode Gospel Jubilee II Is Coming

BY FRANK M. SMART

The Mother Lode Gospel Jubilee II will take place on Saturday, Feb. 11th at the Bret Harte High School Auditorium at 325 S. Main St., in Angels Camp.

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and children 15 and under are free.

The concert is being produced under the auspices of the Smart's A New Day Ministry of Tuolumne County, Ca., Inc., a non-profit musical ministry. Their motto is, "...and each new day he will not fail", Zeph. 3:5, NIV.

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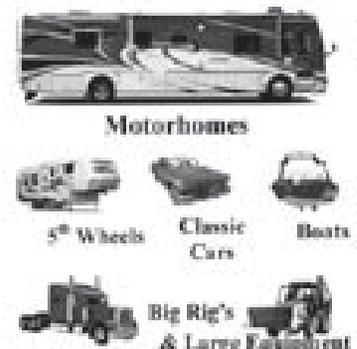
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- Did you get at least three local references from the contractors you are considering?
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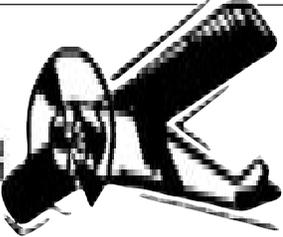
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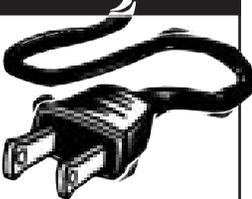
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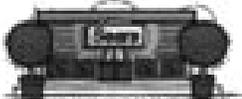
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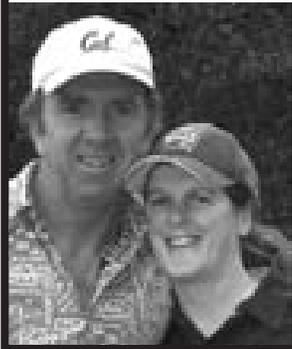
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PMLA LOTS FOR SALE

Below is a list of PMLA owned lots for sale:

Unit/Lot Numbers	Street	Asking Price
2/020	Mueller Drive	\$1,000
3/057	Pine Mountain Dr.	\$1,000
5/212	Ferretti Road	\$1,000
6/057	Cottonwood St.	\$1,000
6/118	Ferretti Road	\$1,000
6/219	Ferretti Road	SOLD
7/061	Ferretti Road	\$1,000
7/062	Ferretti Road	\$1,000
7/063	Ferretti Road	\$1,000
7/283	Ferretti Road	\$1,000

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



20740 Rising Hill-3/338 HUGE PRICE REDUC-TION on split-level home. 3bd/2ba, 1694sf & 2-car garage. Hardwood floors & large, redwood deck. Woodsy setting. Near tennis courts, Fisherman's Cove, the Lake Lodge & beach. \$152,200 #20111602



20749 Hemlock - 11/1 NEAR THE AIRPORT and not far from the charming, gold-mining town of Groveland and Yosemite Park. 2bd, 2ba, 1-car garage. Enjoy all the amenities of the Pine Mountain Lake Association. Lots of potential. Utilities available. \$75,000 #20111977



19865 Pleasant View-1/243 GOLF COURSE VIEW. Well-maintained 3bd/3ba, w/2-car garage. Desirable 2400sf home, perfect for full-time or vacationing. Enjoy sunny days on covered deck or cozy up to warm fireplace on winter nights. \$235,000 #20103737



20802 McKinley-10/52 NEEDS SOME TLC. 3bd, 2ba, 2822sf w/2-car garage, situated on 1.15 acres. Central H/A, plus wood-burning stove, inside laundry, formal dining area and cathedral ceiling. \$174,000 #20110648



12942 Mueller-2/82 FINAL TOUCHES being completed. Rock fireplace, hardwood flooring, gourmet kitchen, granite counters & top-quality cabinets, jetted tub. Covered rear decks and 1,000sf basement w/outside entry & roughed-in plumbing. \$265,000 #20103513



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12071 Breckenridge-13/40 CUSTOM-BUILT RE-TREAT. 4bd, 4-1/2ba, with fireplace in lvg rm, formal dining, breakfast nook, spacious kitchen & Thermador appliances. Downstairs 1600sf great-room with full bath, wet bar, wood-burning stove & pool table. Redwood decks on 3 levels. \$349,900 #20120011



19462 Grizzly-1/375 YOUR OWN CABIN, surrounded by towering pines. Main bdrm on lower level, 2 bedrooms in the loft area, wood-burning stove & knotty pine cabinets in kitchen. View of trees & seasonal creek. \$160,000 #20103224



13242 Wells Fargo-2/225 NICE MFG HOME, set back on the property, for privacy and appreciation of the landscaping. Entertainment center in living room. Main bedroom at the end of the home, away from guests. Near town and about 25 miles from Yosemite. \$199,500 #20103359



12900 Green Valley-3/410 SPACIOUS CHALET with upgrades. Newer hardwood floors, newer kitchen granite counters, large pantry and new roof in 2010. Nice-sized front deck. Bonus room off garage has full bathroom & laundry room. \$152,000 #20111226



20283 Marina Ct-13/318 SURROUND YOUR-SELF with the sounds of nature. Chalet-style home on two merged lots. Newer roof, deck & exterior paint. Knotty-pine interior, vaulted open-beam ceilings and wood-burning stove. Loft can be extra sleeping area for 4. Lovely pine tree views. \$168,000 #20111607



13150 Wells Fargo-2/216 CUTE MOUNTAIN HOME, being sold "As Is". 3bd, all on one level and 1-car garage. Concrete driveway. A/C and forced-air heating. Whatever furniture/furnishings are left will be included at no value or warranty. \$95,000 #20120018



12597 Cresthaven-4/429 COMPLETELY RENO-VATED in 2006-2007. Vaulted ceiling, tile counters, wet bar, stone fireplace, separate entrance to upstairs bedroom, paved RV parking. Near the Lake Lodge & beach. Has done very well on the vacation rental program. \$224,900 #20110190



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