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President's Corner

BY IAN MORCOTT • PMLA BOARD PRESIDENT

We are still waiting for winter to arrive and stay. The forecast is bleak and it appears that this may be the third dry winter with record breaking low rainfall amounts. This drought is serious and may cause mandatory water restrictions in the coming months.

One proactive approach is to change some habits now and start seriously conserving water. A few thoughtful choices implemented now may prevent or delay the need of some of the harsher conservation methods from becoming mandatory.

With a dry year also comes with a heightened fire danger. The more we can do to make our community fire safe the better. We were well prepared for the Rim Fire but more can and should be done. The good news is that the fire last summer did create a substantial firebreak on our north eastern flank.

The Association has been busy, the Marina Store/Cafe is being rebuilt and the building is already being framed. There have been planning meetings related to summer activities such as having a 5K trail run behind the Stables. There is a lot of work needed to prepare for the busy season.

I have had the pleasure of serving on our local school board and the PML board for the last several years. A while back, someone asked me why I wanted to serve on board of directors. I think that I was drawn to volunteering my time to try and help make things better in our

community. So I asked myself "what makes a good board member?" After some thought, I came up with the following:

- Patience, it takes time and effort to effect change in an organization as large as PML
- Learning the history of PML and why things are being done the way they are
- Building relationships of trust and respect
- Setting policy, strategy as a board and then allow the general manager and his team the space to manage the operation
- Providing guidance and positive communication to management and our members
- Always considering my fiduciary duty to protect, preserve, and enhancing the value of PML property for our members

Solid leadership from the Board members provides vision and stability for the future. PML is 45 years old and over the years we have seen a lot of progress and have dealt with many challenges. In the process, the organization has learned some lessons.

I would like to encourage all members to get involved. You don't need to be retired or live on the hill full to play a part. Come



to a few board meetings and see how and why we make certain policy decisions. Ask questions. If you giving some consideration to running for the board, or would like to contribute in some other capacity we could use your help. Please play your part in this fabulous community. Time is a valuable resource and we appreciate the work that our committee members perform for our Association.

Now, please let it rain!



On the Cover



THE PML FACILITY & MAINTENANCE STAFF

FRONT ROW Left to Right: Tom Moffitt, Joe Vilmer, Beth Smith, Joe Ronning

BACK ROW Left to Right: Keith Glover, Rick Laffranchi, Mike Neagley, John Davis, Richard Abdelnour, Jeremiah Cathay, Luke Granger, Toby Granger, Steve Harvey, Ricardo Olvera, Al Deshaies

NOT PICTURED

Susan Capitanich, Steve Sawyer, and Chad Meister

General Manager's Message

BY JOE POWELL, CCAM, CMCA, AMS, GENERAL MANAGER

GENERAL MANAGERS MESSAGE
By Joe Powell, CCAM, CMCA, AMS

Wildfire Affects Insurance

In recent years, insurance companies have dropped clients or refused to insure for fire in our area. Many were blindly following the Insurance Services Office (ISO) Public Protection Classification and not taking the time to come up and evaluate each property and our community fire safety program. Since PML is a rural, woodland area, we are given a higher risk rating. Unfortunately some insurance companies choose to ignore our efforts to create and maintain a fire-safe community. They are not willing to write coverage regardless of what we do. The threat from the Rim Fire only exacerbated the problem. So far, we have only received a few reports from members of dropped coverage, but will be taking steps to try and determine the size and scope of the problem. Our goal is to continue to assist members where we can.

Fortunately, we have been able to provide information that members used to make their case, and receive reconsideration in their coverage, but it did not always work

out as every situation is different. As a result, members have turned to local independent brokers and have had some success getting competitively-priced coverage. PMLA is not in the insurance business and cannot act as an intermediary between members and insurance companies, but we can certainly provide information and try to assist. We have a great deal of information regarding our fire safety program on our website and at the front counter here at the Administration Office.

We recently set up an Association email address at FireIns@pinemountainlake.com to solicit information from the entire membership, determine the scope of the problem and enlist the assistance of local brokers (or those willing to step up with a quote). The purpose of the email address is to get information from our members as to their issues with getting fire insurance coverage, getting dropped by their insurance carrier, success in securing new coverage and insurers who are willing to provide coverage. We will communicate the information we gather in future issues of the PML News and on our website. We also plan to create a list of brokers who are currently writing coverage for fire in our area. We will post this information so members can easily access it online at the Pine Mountain Lake website in the future. I am sure there are brokers out there who would love to have the extra business.

In the meantime, we recommend that affected members do the following:

Call the carriers who currently insure your autos and primary home policies. Long-term customers can usually get insurance agencies to reconsider coverage risk.

Call independent brokers located in the mountain communities in our area like

Sonora. We have information that there are at least four who are writing policies.

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(209) 962-6593

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(209) 591-8939

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(209) 532-6951

Obviously, we can make no personal recommendation or guarantee regarding these brokers or their ability to provide coverage, but the information we have from other members is that they are writing fire policies up here in PML. All three have done business in the area for many years. Interested members should contact these agencies directly and make their own determination as to who would best serve their insurance needs.

Marina Store/Café Project Update

The Marina Store/Café Project is progressing at a fast pace. The permits have been secured and work is in progress. The work area at the Marina has been secured for safety with fencing. The Board of Directors reviewed the final bids the first week in January and awarded the project to Plum Construction. Plum Construction is the same company that built the PML Electric Golf Cart Storage Facility a few years ago. Plum has the experience and resources needed to successfully complete our project within the stated timeframe and we look forward to working with them.

Be sure to take advantage of our great amenities by taking out your favorite valentine. Happy Valentines Day!

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NOVEMBER THRU MARCH
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The Grill, and at the Pro Shop)

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- Lake Lodge

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- Marina
- Stables
- Tennis Courts (Pine Mountain Drive)

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MON. 2/17 PRESIDENT'S DAY

MON. 5/26 Memorial Day

FRI. 7/4 Independence Day

MON. 9/1 Labor Day

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THUR. 11/27 Thanksgiving

FRI. 11/28 Day after Thanksgiving

WED. 12/24 Christmas Eve

THUR. 12/25 Christmas Day

WED. 12/31 New Year's Eve

THUR. 1/1/2015 New Year's Day

UPCOMING SCHEDULE OF BOARD MEETINGS

Meetings are held at the
PML Lake Lodge and start at 9 AM.
(Unless otherwise noted)

FEBRUARY 15

March 15

April 19

May 17

June 21

July 19

August 16 Annual Meeting/Election

September 20

October 25 Budget Meeting
4th Saturday - Begins at 8am

November 8 2nd Saturday

NO DECEMBER MEETING

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Violations Report – December 2013

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

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or by email to:
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Renting Your PML Property?

BY RENEE STRMISKA, RENTAL COORDINATOR

In order to keep our community safe and secure, we require all renters to register with the PML Administration Office. The Property Owner must pay the Renter Registration Fee in the amount stated on the current fee schedule and provide the Association with a signed copy of the lease or rental agreement. You must notify your tenant to bring a copy of the lease or rental agreement to the Administration Office so they can register and obtain the proper access cards. The registration process takes approximately fifteen minutes. If your tenants move, please contact the Administration Office so we can update our records.

Owners who rent their homes will be contacted twice a year to verify the rental status has not changed. Renters who have changed residences but still reside within PML must re-register with the new lease or rental agreement.

If you have any questions regarding our Rental Registration policies or procedures please contact the Administration Office at (209)962-8600 Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, or send an email to admin@pinemountainlake.com.

2014 ASSESSMENT/BUDGET PACKETS

On November 9, 2013 the Board of Directors approved the 2014 Budget and the annual assessment of \$1,956.00 per lot. Payments may be made either annually or monthly.

The 2014 Assessment/Budget Packets have been mailed to members.

IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED YOUR 2014 PACKET please contact the PML Administration office at 209-962-8627

NOTICE

Main Gate personnel are available to issue gate cards on Saturday & Sunday from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM.

Please call in advance to schedule an appointment at 209-962-8615

GOT RESERVATIONS?

To better accommodate you and to provide you with the best dining experience possible at The Grill, please call 209-962-8638 to make reservations.

PML Facilities and Roads Maintenance

BY TOM MOFFITT, MAINTENANCE MANAGER

There at the end of Par Court, just off of Mueller Drive, nestled away between the Golf Course fairways, is the Pine Mountain Lake Association Maintenance Facility. The fenced-in yard is home to the Golf Course Maintenance equipment and staff, the Facilities and Roads Maintenance equipment and staff, and the GCSD emergency water treatment plant. This is the oldest facility among the PMLA amenities, with its distinct green apple exterior, ageless pole barns, shop, storage sheds, pump station, pond, and offices. Most all of the buildings have metal roofs, except the Pump Station and the Paint Shed.

The Maintenance Facility has gasoline and diesel fuel in above ground storage tanks, a dispensing pump station, along with a waste oil collection tank. There is also a self contained wash rack for cleaning equipment and mowers, with concrete block bins for bunker sand and road sand. Parking the vehicles, and storing the equipment, is a delicate situation in the Maintenance Facility.

Much of the equipment and vehicles were antiquated to begin with in the early 1970's. The yard was home to some fairly unique pieces of machinery and equipment, some of which are still with us today. Some of it is still usable; much has been sold or scrapped, replaced with modern equipment and newer vehicles as needed. The fuel dispenser was in the middle of the yard at one time, as seen in these earlier pictures, and presented a huge safety problem.

Yes, the Maintenance Facility looked more like adventure land for American Pickers back then, but we have seen improvement with each passing decade. Construction of a fuel dispensing station on the southern fence line allowed the yard to be paved, and traffic to flow safely and effectively through the yard. Additional pole barns have been built to protect the golf course maintenance equipment, and to store machinery out of the weather. The shop building was enlarged twice over the years, from the original two bay service shop, adding a golf course service and fabrication bays.

As Pine Mountain Lake grew from the original homes and amenities, the maintenance obligations kept pace with the work. In 2007, a GCSD water treatment plant was constructed in the Maintenance Yard, to accommodate the needs of PML and Groveland residents during maintenance of the Hetch Hetchy tunnels (our water source) and during emergencies.

Maintenance vehicles, and construction equipment are valuable assets to the ongoing work in PML. We have planned



The Maintenance Yard back in the 1970's.



Current Maintenance Yard.



Administration Management and Accounting

Administration, Management and Accounting in the Facilities and Roads Maintenance Department is a huge obligation within PMLA as a whole. Besides personnel and payroll duties, the sub-department maintains vital records, plans, files, acquires permits and licenses, is central purchasing, warehouses janitorial supplies, shipping and receiving, parts and supplies acquisition, keeps the tool room, maintains the fuel and oil inventory, and handles the disposition of retired assets. A set of obligated tasks includes record-keeping and information reports for the State of California and Tuolumne County. The office staff compiles data for the operating permits, licenses, lake and dam reports, water reports, debris burning reports, records for safety training and emergency procedures. Hazardous materials records, MSDS (Material Safety Data Sheets), are updated and kept on-hand at the facility, along with the disposal records.

Project management, planning, organization, staffing, delegation of duties, and equipment acquisition are performed by the Facilities and Roads Maintenance Manager. Planning and scheduling are crucial to the weather driven work environment at PML, and together have yielded many a good result among the existing PMLA amenities in these past few years. Besides the improvements to our amenities, new projects have been planned, engineered, constructed and sites renewed. Projects involving contractors are planned and executed each year, whether with construction work or the bi-annual Roads Pavement Rehabilitation Project.

Work orders and property owner requests are received and dispatched from the Maintenance Facility Office to the maintenance staff. Visitors to the Maintenance Facility can purchase a Wood Cutting Permit during normal operating hours at the office. The Maintenance Facility Office Staff is a single person, Susan Capitanich, a veteran PML employee who works between the Golf Maintenance Department and the Facilities and Roads Department.

Service and Repair Shop

The Service and Repair Shop is the *dynamo* of the Maintenance Department. The shop repairs and services everything mechanical, everything with wheels, and everything with an engine or motor. If they can't fix it, it ain't broke...yet anyway. Working on such a large array of equipment takes some special talents and lot of perseverance. Many of the tasks are unique, with specialized details of specialized equipment, tractors, trucks, lifts, cranes, pumps, chippers, masticators, compressors, generators, spray rigs, street

for and funded the replacement of our aged (well-used) equipment, and gotten as much out of it as we can. After many years of use (some up to 30), much of the useful life of these assets has been spent. The Maintenance fleet has taken on a much more uniform appearance with white being the primary color for vehicles. Other construction equipment is now safety yellow, such as the tractors, dozer, grader, chipper, compressor, and trailers.

The Facilities and Roads Maintenance Facility has much of the same equipment you would find in most any other facilities such as Caltrans, a Public Works facility, a Parks and Recreation facility, and in a general construction yard. The PMLA facility has even more unique equipment when you consider the Lake Weed Harvester and Work Boats. Everything is in a constant seasonal flux, with snow removal equipment giving way to mowers and masticators each year. The work changes with the weather and the Maintenance Department steps up to the challenge, year in year out.

The Facilities and Roads Maintenance

Department operates from this single facility which is shared with the Golf Course Maintenance Department, and has several sub-departments within the organization. The Maintenance Department administration staff is a manager and single shared office staff employee; two working foremen oversee work crews for the maintenance of roads, dam and lake, greenbelts and fire abatement, buildings, recreation facilities, grounds, landscaping, the slash and compost piles. The service and repair shop is staffed by two mechanics and is supervised by the Maintenance Manager.

The sub-departments within the Maintenance Department are – Administration Management and Accounting - Buildings and Construction – Grounds and Landscaping – Service and Repair Shop - Streets, Lake and Greenbelts – Technical Applications. The Streets Foreman oversees the Streets, Lake and Greenbelts work, and the other foreman handles Buildings and Grounds. The buildings and grounds foreman position combines Building and Construction - Grounds and Landscaping and Technical Applications.

sweeper, construction tools and equipment. If the shop can't repair it, replace it or fabricate it, the equipment is sent to an outside vendor for repairs.

The primary shop service work is the periodical maintenance of the PMLA vehicles. Tires, brakes, batteries, oil and filters are the regular services for PML vehicles ranging from a light pickup truck to 10-ton dump truck. Component changes and major parts are also replaced in the shop.

John Davis is the heavy duty mechanic, with an excellent mechanical background working on heavy trucks and heavy equipment. A sure eye for fabrication and welding, he has repaired and kept the largest working items in the Maintenance Department fleet up and running. Every time a large piece of equipment is replaced, it can bring a sigh of relief, and a new set of challenges. He works on the dozer, backhoe, street sweeper, work boat, the Lake Weed harvester, dump trucks, cranes, lifts, street sweeper, trailers, construction equipment, you name it. Mentioned the street sweeper twice....it is two parts, sweeper and truck, with twice the work of any normal truck.

In these past few months, John has replaced the rollers and tracks on the skid-steer tractor, repaired the power divider and axle differential on the 10-ton dump truck, did a brake job while he was in there, replaced a broken axle and differential on the water truck, repaired hydraulics on the backhoe, replaced the rollers and tracks on the dozer, drove a dump truck during the demolition of the Marina building.

The golf carts are maintained and repaired by Richard Abdelnour, both at the Cart Barn and at the shop. Since coming on-board with PML in 2006, he has upgraded the periodic maintenance procedures and learned the repairs for the carts. Richard has worked with the EZGO Technician to learn the diagnostics and repairs for the newer electric carts, after having mastered the previous gas carts. He is also the small engine repair and service mechanic, keeps our fleet of chainsaws, blowers, and weed whackers fine tuned and ready. Our mechanic Richard has completely overcome the golf carts demon, with upgrades on the diagnostics, service and repairs of our golf cart fleet. The greater challenges have been with repairs to carts with damaged steering and body parts, he fixes those too.

Streets, Lake and Greenbelts

In the beginning, was the PML Streets Crew. Every maintenance worker that was not golf course, grounds, technical, shop or office, was Streets Crew. If the mechanics are the *dynamo* of the department, then the Streets Crew is the *workhorse* of the department. This is the largest of the Maintenance Department



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The Street Crew also does fire abatement projects.



The Street Crew works hard to keep the streets clear.

crews with eight workers. With the Foreman, Toby Granger, the crew has the greatest segment of duties with handling the roads maintenance, lake and dam maintenance, greenbelts and common areas fire abatement work, and many major construction projects. The Streets Crew also handles the materials at the PML Slash and Compost Site.

When the weather is cold, and snow storms rage, they are out clearing the roads, spreading traction sand, de-icing parking lots, removing fallen trees, trimming the limbs from trees to maintain a clear right of way for vehicles, helping wherever possible. When it is just rain, it is DI duties. Clearing drainage ditches, culverts and drainage inlets (DI) on the roads and properties. Later when the days are warmer, the crew is working the roads with pavement projects, painting stops and bars, grading embankments, constructing drainage repairs, working against the heat, working to get as much done before the rains begin again, and the cycle is renewed.

While the summers are intense, with Pine Mountain Lake in full recreation mode, time is of the essence, so are the fall, winter and spring months too. Prior to the recreation season, they are repairing and constructing docks, setting deadman anchors, setting buoys, grading beach sand, preparing swim areas, removing downed trees in the lake, and harvesting lake weeds. During the cooler months, the Streets Crew is at work on fire abatement projects. Clearing brush, trees, constructing roads and trails, building new debris piles, and burning the older drier debris piles.

Major work is accomplished each and every year with the Streets Crew. Members

of the crew operate the heavy equipment and construction equipment. They recently reconstructed and extended the Marina Dock A, built the new Marina Jetty, demolished the old Marina building, and are performing peripheral work at the Marina Building construction site this year. The Streets Crew also maintains the Archery Range, Campground, Fisherman's Cove, Dunn Court -Lake Lodge- Marina Beaches and docks, the Shooting Range, Slash and Compost Site, and the Trails.

Buildings and Grounds

The work is dedicated to the repair, construction and maintenance of our many recreation amenities structures, landscaping and grounds. This is the inside and the outside detail work at the Administration Building, Campground, Cart Barn, Country Club Building, Dunn Court, Fisherman's Cove, Lake Lodge, Mail Houses, Marina, PML Entry, Safety Buildings, Snack Shack, Stables, Swimming Pool, and Tennis Courts.

The Grounds workers maintain the recreational sites for Barbecues, Bocce Ball, Horseshoes, Playgrounds and Volleyball, besides attending to the landscaping. Seasonal plantings, seasonal leave drop, pine needles, irrigation, mowing, clearing pathways, and gathering garbage are just a sample of the daily chores for the Grounds Crew. In the off-recreation season the workers focus on hardscape projects, with erosion control, rock work, and plantings. With their diligent work, we have seen flowers in spring and summer, piles of leaves removed in the fall, and pathways cleared of snow in the winter.

PML has four commercial kitchens and

food preparation sites, and these require constant attention. The PML team of Technicians is on constant watch, monitoring performance and repairs on the appliances, plumbing, refrigeration, HVAC, and electrical systems. The Technicians are skilled workers who are Electrical, HVAC, Plumbing, and Gates. These systems are constantly under upgrades, and with technology, there are always failures. This keeps the team on constant alert, ready with troubleshooting and repairs.

Age and weather are constant factors that we struggle with at our Pine Mountain Lake buildings and structures. The construction and building repair workers are at constant pace, moving indoors in the colder months and outdoors in the warmer months. Bookending tasks on the recreation season is difficult at best, we plan the work to have little or no impact on our guests. Painting is best done in summer? Whoa, not when there are crowds of folks about. We plan the work for the pre-recreation season preparations, and post recreation month....weather allowing.

During the past year we have seen several roofs replaced, siding repairs, trim and painting. All of this work is the periodical maintenance of our structures. Woodpecker damage is an ongoing struggle, and the workers have been replacing the wood siding with Hardie Plank cement board for resistance to woodpecker damage. Maintenance Department workers have constructed several new structures in PML, apart from the contracted work, in the past year or so. These are the Mail Kiosk, Marina Guard Shack, Shooting Range Pavilions, Archery Range target stand and cover, Compost Shack, and the Driving Range shed. They have also remodeled several interiors and restrooms.

Beginning this year, January 2014, we have promoted our HVAC/ Plumbing Technician, Rick Laffranchi, to the position of a working Foreman. He will coordinate and oversee the inside and outside work at our many valuable amenities. This is a welcomed addition to our PML Maintenance Department staff.

The Facilities and Roads Maintenance Department has a full calendar of projects for this year. Major work will be seen at the Marina with the new building and construction, with plans to be ready by May 1st. The 2014 Roads Pavement Rehabilitation Project will be here in late spring, with more asphalt work continuing into the summer. Fire abatement work will be a priority throughout the year. The PML Maintenance Department is proud to serve our fellow staff and our members. We take pride in our work and look forward to all of the challenges that come with the job. Take the time to say hi whenever you see one of our employees. They really appreciate your support.

PINE MOUNTAIN LAKE ASSOCIATION
SUMMARY STATEMENT OF OPERATING FUND REVENUES AND EXPENSES
For The Eleven Months Ended December 31, 2013

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-	\$ 830,429	\$ 33,562		\$ 863,991	\$ 1,247,458	\$ (383,467)		\$ (383,467)	\$ (370,271)	(13,196)
Restaurant & Bar	-0-	12,158	698,743		710,901	1,114,369	(403,468)		(403,468)	(408,795)	5,327
Marina	-0-	213,824	94,322		308,146	417,889	(109,743)		(109,743)	(68,686)	(41,057)
Snack Shack	-0-		27,995		27,995	52,905	(24,910)		(24,910)	(22,567)	(2,343)
Stables	-0-	65,406		2,680	68,086	199,938	(131,852)		(131,852)	(124,612)	(7,240)
Recreation	-0-	30,266	2,728		32,994	91,964	(58,970)		(58,970)	(50,795)	(8,175)
Roads & Facilities Maintenance	-0-	23,953		940	24,893	1,510,783	(1,485,890)		(1,485,890)	(1,574,556)	88,666
PROPERTY OWNER SERVICES											
Safety	-0-	79,611		1,184	80,795	857,291	(776,496)		(776,496)	(806,124)	29,628
Administration	-0-	157,559		18,935	176,494	1,286,387	(1,109,893)		(1,109,893)	(1,227,359)	117,466
ASSESSMENTS											
Assessments	4,715,133			64,990	4,780,123	178,154	4,601,969	803,428	3,798,541	3,803,750	(5,209)
Totals	\$ 4,715,133	\$ 1,413,206	\$ 857,350	\$ 88,729	\$ 7,074,418	\$ 6,957,138	\$ 117,280	\$ 803,428	\$ (686,148)	\$ (850,015)	163,867

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.

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Fire Safety Update

Fuel Reduction Program

Our Fire Safety team will be inspecting Lots by Unit number for fuel reduction opportunities. The purpose of these inspections is to let members know what areas of their properties need additional fire safety work.

Inspection Schedule:

October	Unit 1
November	Unit 2
December	Unit 3
January	Unit 4
February	Units 5 & 6
March	Units 7 & 8
April	Units 9, 10, 11, 12
May	Units 13 & 15

Lots that are found to need additional work will receive an inspection report with the work required to be completed by July 1, 2014.

For more information, please contact our Community Standards Director, Dennis Pipal at (209) 962-1240.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES 12 Months Ended Dec. 31, 2013

	TOTAL RESERVE FUNDS	NEW CAPITAL ADDITIONS FUND	TOTAL CONTRIBUTION TO CAPITAL
2013 Beginning Fund Balances	\$ 1,119,316	\$ 4,840	1,124,156
Interest Income	1,598	2	1,600
Bank Fees/Discounts Taken	1,120		1,120
Assessments Earned	1,792,200 ⁽¹⁾	32,160 ⁽²⁾	1,824,360
Income Tax Expense			-
PURCHASES BY AMENITY			
Golf Course	(99,821)	(886)	(100,707)
Country Club	(7,336)		(7,336)
Bar			-
Marina	(51,327)		(51,327)
Snack Shack			-
Swim Center			-
Stables			-
Recreation	(1,921)		(1,921)
Roads & Facilities Maintenance	(61,340)		(61,340)
PROPERTY OWNER SERVICES			
Safety	(72,649)	(5,000)	(77,649)
Administration	(1,138)	(31,130)	(32,268)
Non-Capital Reserve Expenses	(372,986)		(372,986)
Total transfer to Operating Fund for property and equipment additions and reserve expenses	(668,518)	(37,016)	(705,534)
Adjusted Fund Balances	\$ 2,245,716	\$ (14)	\$ 2,245,702

Notes to the Financial Statements

- (1) The Budgeted Reserve Fund assessment for 2013 is \$1,792,195
- (2) The Budgeted New Capital Additions Fund assessment for 2013 is \$32,150

PMLA Money Matters

BY KEN SPENCER, ASSOCIATION CONTROLLER

Questions, questions, we get questions. I thought it might be interesting to take a look at the five most asked questions we get about life in a Homeowner's Association (HOA) and particularly here in PML.

1 WHAT DO I PAY MY ASSESSMENT FOR?

With an Association like PML, in which over 60% of the properties are owned by someone who does not live in the community, this is perhaps the most commonly asked question. It can be difficult for a non-resident owner to understand all that goes into running an Association of this size and complexity. Individuals who do not live here and thus cannot take advantage of all the great amenities PML has to offer can question the necessity for an assessment. As anyone who has reviewed our annual budget can see each property owner's assessment goes to pay for things like road maintenance, the upkeep of all of our facilities (Golf Course, Marina, Restaurant, Stables, Tennis Courts etc.). In addition we pay for the various services provided by the Association including the Department of Safety, and the Administration Department (including Accounting, Member Service, Human Resources, etc.). There is a lot that goes on behind the scenes to keep PML the fantastic place it continues to be.

2 WHY DOES THE ASSESSMENT SEEM TO GO UP EVERY YEAR?

This may be the most challenging and frustrating question that is asked. Like

most such questions it does not have an easy or simple answer. Suffice it to say that the Board of Directors and the Management team are charged with the responsibility of maintaining PML and enhancing its value to the membership. This means that we prepare a budget each year to accomplish this task. As much as none of us likes to pay more for things it is a fact of life. The cost of the goods and services that we must purchase each year to accomplish this keep going up. Gas costs more, utility costs increase, supplies are more expensive, service providers charge more. The list goes on. While we would all prefer to pay the same each year for these things the reality is that rarely, if ever happens. Finally I don't need to remind regular readers of this column that the impact of lot mergers has the ongoing affect of requiring a higher assessment for all property owners.

3 I OWN A VACANT LOT. WHY DO I HAVE TO PAY THE SAME ASSESSMENT AS SOMEONE WITH A HOME ON THEIR PROPERTY?

This may be the easiest question to answer. The governing documents of PML (the CC&R's and By-Laws) establish how the annual assessment is allocated among property owners. The Board and Management are constrained by these rules and they simply state that each property, regardless of size, location or condition bears an equal responsibility for the assessment. This is one of those situations that illustrates the importance

of understanding how an HOA works and a thorough review and acceptance of the rules before buying.

4 I KEEP MY LOT IN PRETTY GOOD SHAPE. WHY IS THE ASSOCIATION SO ADAMANT AND "PICKY" ABOUT KEEPING MY PROPERTY CLEANED UP FROM BRUSH, TREES, LEAVES ETC?

All of us witnessed the devastation and destruction caused by the Rim Fire last year. Living in a forest community increases the danger and risk for a disastrous fire within PML. Only by ensuring that ALL properties (including our Green Belts) within PML are as "fire safe" as possible can we reduce the risk of this type of tragedy striking here and impacting the lives and property of thousands of individuals.

5 HOW DID YOU GET TO BE SO HANDSOME, BRILLIANT, WITTY & AN ALL-AROUND GREAT GUY?

I would need an entire column to address this important question but just let me sum it up in one word. Genetics. Thanks Mom.

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

PML Safety Report

	4th Qtr	YTD
Guest Passes Issued	3738	16854
Vendor Passes Issued	502	2202
Temporary Resident Passes Issued	460	4594
Vehicles Admitted	29521	142630
Vehicles Refused Entry	586	3665
Phone Calls Received	14362	73851
Residential Alarm	18	131
Animal - Loose	86	276
Animal - Impounded	20	62
Animal - Dead/Injured	93	306
Animal - Disturbance	25	134
Public Assist Misc.	70	294
Welfare Check	8	47
Transport	19	59
Traffic Hazard	5	16
Traffic Control	0	4
Gate - Tamper	1	6
Gate - Follow Through	2	29
Gate - Malfunction	19	111
Gate - Struck by Vehicle	5	25
Control Burn Reported	32	633
Fire Safety - Smoke Complaint	4	36
Residential Disturbance	5	75
Amenity Burglary	1	2
Residential Burglary	2	7
Grand Theft	0	1
Petty Theft	1	21
Trespassing	3	20
Vandalism	3	31
Property Damage - PML	6	23
Property Damage - Resident	1	4
PML Regs Violations Resident	6	49
PML Regs Violations Guest	6	49
Vehicle - Citation Issued	1	70
Vehicle - Accident PML	9	18
Patrolling Unit	1622	4418
Amenity Security Check	7357	27992
Residence Security Check	1406	4910
Monitoring Tennis Courts	66	102
Weapon Violation	5	17
Fixed Post	5	47
Courtesy Notice Issued	17	58
All Other Fees Collected	\$13,994.56	\$108,948.41

PMLA AUTOMATIC PAYMENT PROGRAM

Taking the time to write a check for your monthly assessment payment can be time consuming and costly. You can avoid this burden and eliminate the potential for late payment charges by enrolling in PMLA's Auto Payment Program. By completing the form, which can be found at www.PineMountainLake.com under the Financial Information tab, and returning it to the Administration Office, you can have your monthly assessment automatically deducted from your checking account or charged to your credit card. This means you never have to remember to write a check and mail it each month. The peace of mind that comes with knowing your payment will always be made on time is easy to attain. We can also arrange to have any other regular payment you make to the Association (such as golf membership, horse boarding fees, etc.) paid in the same way.

For more information on this simple, effective and time saving plan please contact us at (209) 962-8600.

Guest & Renters Handbook Now Available Online!

You can now view or print the Guest and Renters Handbook from the PML Website. Go to our website at: www.PineMountainLake.com and click on the Important Information & Forms tab under the Resource Center title. Then click on Guest and Renters Handbook. This handbook has valuable information for Guests and Renters in Pine Mountain Lake.

Community Standards

BY DENNIS PIPAL, COMMUNITY STANDARDS, DIRECTOR

Fuel Reduction Inspections (part 3)

As of this writing, we are well into Unit 4 with our spring/winter inspections. We are doing a unit per month so we may not be getting to your Unit until April or May. If members would like to get a head start prior to our inspection, below is an example of how you can do your own inspection and help reduce our fuel load:

Check your trees and brush for dead limbs – as trees and brush grow the lower limbs die. This is most prevalent in pine tree varieties but is somewhat common to all varieties. These dead limbs need to be removed up to 15 feet high. During our inspections we are tagging some of these trees and brush indicating they need work. Anything dead just adds to our fuel load and needs to be eliminated.

Check your trees for limbs hanging too low to the ground - Fire typically starts on the ground and we don't want a ground fire climbing into the crowns of our trees where it can jump from one tree to the next. Limbing up our trees helps prevent a fire from getting out of control. The general rule is 1/3 the height of the tree however, this is not a hard and fast rule. Limbing up a 6 foot tree 2 feet would ruin the appearance of the tree so limbing up 1 foot is an acceptable solution. But limbing a 30 feet tree to 10 feet is appropriate. The maximum height required is 15 feet. We don't carry a measuring tape with us so use your best judgment in what is the correct height to limb a tree. We have allowed exceptions for Leyland Cypress

and landscape trees like Blue Spruce and similar non-indigenous species as long as it is clean around the tree from dead needles and leaves. And remember, oak trees need limbing too.

Check your Lot for trees growing too close to each other – mother nature has a way of starting new trees in the darnedest places. It's our job to manage these startups. We only have so much water and minerals in our soil and good management will improve the health of the trees we decide to keep as well as making sure our mature trees have adequate nourishment. Look for young trees that are obviously struggling. These can include: trees bent over – trees with black trunks – trees with unusual growths developing – trees with the only vegetation at the very top. There are still a few lots with what I call "tree farms." Masses of new startups, mostly either pines or cedars, which we will be asking members to save a few trees spaced properly and eliminate or transplant the rest.

The foregoing are the things we are tagging as we inspect member Lots. We don't tag every tree or brush but enough for members to get the idea of what to look for on their Lot.

We encourage members to be proactive when it comes to managing the vegetation on their Lot and hopefully this article helps make it easier to evaluate what needs to be done. If you have any questions our fire safety personnel are available to assist you at (209) 962-8616.

Under Review

BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL COMMITTEE

The PML Declaration of Restrictions outlines the responsibilities and requirements of the (Environmental Control Committee) ECC, for improvements within the subdivision. This information was included in the 2014 Budget/Assessment packet. The ECC Rules, Guidelines and Construction Booklet provides information regarding ECC requirements and rules. Members can access a copy at the PML website at www.PineMountainLake.com.

In the coming months, we will review various subjects that are under the review of the ECC.

Any concerns or complaints to be reviewed by the ECC must be placed in writing.

Field inspections are made every Tuesday and the volunteer Committee members meet every other Thursday.

For more information, please contact ECC at ecc@pinemountainlake.com or call the ECC Coordinator, Sandy, at (209) 962-8605.

Horsing Around at the Stables

BY LESTER SCOFIELD, STABLES MANAGER

As we start 2014 here at the PML Stables, we are looking forward to a good year. We are in the process of finalizing the schedule for this year's events. We now have at least six events on the calendar, the first of which is the Spring Flea Market on May 10th. Then we have Memorial Weekend BBQ put on by Tioga High School on Sunday, May 25th. Next, on Friday, July 4th is the Fourth of July BBQ put on by the Rehorse Rescue group of Jamestown. On Saturday, August 16th, it is the Groveland Rotary Club's Shrimp Fest. The Labor Day BBQ, put on by the South Tuolumne County Historical Society, is on August 31st. Then on September 13th we will have the Fall Flea Market.

As we get closer to these dates, we will provide more information in the PML News and our website, as to the time of these events. The PML Stables is the perfect place to hold events such as BBQ's, birthdays,

or other family get-togethers. We can also perform weddings and receptions.

We had a busy Christmas and New Year's time holding lots of trail and pony rides as we all know the weather was great. This time of year we will hold trail rides when we can, so give us a call if you would like to take a ride. Speaking of the weather, we need lots of rain so I hope we get plenty to help the grass grow for the horses to eat and to keep the dust down.

As I mentioned last month, we are working with the Groveland Trail Head mountain bike group to determine the feasibility of building some biking and hiking trails. We believe there is a need for more family-fun activities and biking and hiking are top of the list. As this plan progresses we will keep the membership informed. Hopefully it will all work out and we will be able to get this program started soon.

See you on the trails!

ALL PMLA HOMEOWNERS EMAIL OPT-IN PROGRAM

The Association is pleased to offer a money saving program available to all PMLA property owners. This program allows you to receive many of the documents we are required to provide to you via email. This option is important because:

Cost Savings – The Association is spared the expense of printing and mailing many documents to those property owners who sign up.

Environmental Savings – Less paper means less trash and reduced damage to the environment both in the disposal and production of paper and envelopes.

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for you to deal with. All documents can be saved on your computer and viewed at your discretion.


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BOARD ACTION(S) VOTING RECORD

January 18, 2014 Board Meeting – Agenda Items	Board Members*					COMMENTS	
SHOULD THE BOARD...	IM	JD	MG	DC	BS		COSTS
approve the minutes of the November 9 Board Meeting?	Y	S	M	Y	Y	A.I.F.	
approve publishing of the proposed amendment to Reso. 11.01–Shooting Range Policies and Procedures? Option 1 or Option 2?	Y	Y	M	S	Y	Proposed Amendment to Resolution 11.01 will be published in the March 2014 PML News – Option 2	
appoint Budget & Finance Committee Members?	Y	S	M	Y	Y	Bruce Lay and Dave Gibson appointed	
appoint Long Range Planning Committee Members?	Y	S	M	Y	Y	Bruce Lay	
reappoint Committee Members for 2014-2015?	Y	M	Y	Y	S	A.I.F.	
affirm Covenants Committee fines?	Y	Y	Y	S	M	A.I.F.	
approve Pre-Liens on properties with delinquent assessments?	Y	S	M	Y	Y	A.I.F.	
approve reduced golf rates for two 2014 SVS events?	Y	A	S	Y	M	4 Yes Votes (Estimated value for 2 events \$7000)	
approve donation to GAINS?	Y	Y	S	Y	M	A.I.F.	\$200
approve donation to Groveland Rotary Club?	Y	Y	S	Y	M	A.I.F. Two metal sign posts (value \$110)	\$110
approve donation to Pine Cone Performers?	Y	S	Y	Y	M	A.I.F.	\$100
						Total APPROVED Golf Donations this meeting (Retail Value)	\$7000
						Total APPROVED Other Donations this meeting (Retail Value)	\$410
						Total APPROVED expenditures this meeting	\$300
M = Motion S = Second A = Abstained A.I.F. = All In Favor o = No Vote							
* IM=IanMorcott JD=Jerry Dickson MG=Mike Gustafson DC=Dana Chavarria BS=Brian Sweeney /=Absent							
MINORITY VOTES HIGHLIGHTED							

Shades of Green

BY ALAN MACDONALD

This year we are going to replace the benches located at the tees. We will be offering the ones we now have for a very small fee of just twenty dollars. First come, first serve, come on out and pick the best one for your outside needs. Enjoy the bench you last sat on prior to that hole in one, or remember that great shot that closed out your opponent for a win.



Mark your calendar; we will be closed for greens aeration in 2014 on April 7th & 8th, and in the fall on September 29th & 30th.

How about this weather or lack of? The calendar year for 2013 was record setting dry. Early in 2014 there is very little forecasted wet weather for January. I am hoping that by the time you read this that it has all turned around, but for now we must deal with what we have; extremely dry conditions. The new sand in our bunkers won't stay on the slopes because it is so dry and due to the lack of moisture is still very soft and the ball will plug into the sand and make it difficult to get out. The good part of it is that everyone's handicap is going down due to all the roll you are getting. Maybe some new career low scores!

Other activities we will be doing this winter and spring is; improving the edges and definition of the bunkers and maintenance of a few of the old oaks and thinning of canopies to improve playing conditions. We will also be grinding some stumps around the course as we lost several trees in 2013. We would like to be out aerating our fairways with the solid tines, but the ground is too hard to allow us to do so. The aeration machine would take more of a beating than the turf!

Enjoy the dry winter, practice water conservation at home, play a lot of golf. Come on out and play your course on the weekends, you'll be glad you did.

Marina Store/Lakeside Café

BY IVONNE DECKARD, ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER

As the sun came up our building came down. Our maintenance department did a great job tearing down and cleaning up the building site. Contractors are now working hard on our new Marina Store/Lakeside Café. We are asking our Property Owners to respect our job site at all times. The Marina will still be open to our property owners with limited access. Please check with Department of Safety for boat ramp access by calling 962-8615 or *81 from the Marina pay phones. We will be working hard to have our Marina ready for the Spring/Summer season. Thank you in advance and please come and enjoy your new building this coming season.



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The Association received information regarding a homeowner's custom mailbox. The information was, to say the least, distressing. It seems that when the homeowners arrived to spend Christmas at their home in Pine Mountain Lake their mailbox was missing. Not damaged or knocked over, but actually completely gone. The owners listed the mailbox as the "mascot of our cabin" and were very disappointed to see that it had gone MIA. Their thoughts are that maybe someone took it or maybe, just maybe, somehow it was knocked over and someone found it. They would like it returned in either case.

The mailbox was last known to have been safely in place on the 7th of December and was gone by Christmas.

If you have seen, have, or know where it is, please return the mailbox to the Administration office or directly to the homeowner at Unit 3 Lot 358 on Cresthaven with no questions asked.

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New Year, New Laws & Regulations for Restaurants

BY JAY REIS, THE GRILL MANAGER



Every year we have new laws and new taxes, usually differing in every county and state. As we head into 2014 there are, like every year new laws that make it harder and harder to operate a restaurant. Here is a sampling of some of the new restaurant-relevant laws and regulations that went into effect January 1st.

Tips vs. Wage Changes

Tips that are automatically added to the guest bill (standard practice for parties of 8 or more) will be regarded as wages by the IRS. That means the Grill will be withholding payroll taxes before the servers receive that tip. This will create a paperwork nightmare. Solution: The Grill will not be adding on the standard 18% gratuity on large parties. Please keep this in mind the next time that you have a party of 8 or more guests. The Grill will no longer include the tip.

Minimum Wage Increase

In California, the minimum wage will increase on July 1st to \$9 per hour. In 2016, the minimum wage will increase to \$10 per hour.

On a Lighter Note

A 2007 federal law; in 2014 40 and 60 watt incandescent light bulbs will no longer be manufactured in the US or supplied by importers. The Grill already changed to more energy efficient bulbs a few years ago. Unfortunately, even though the new alternatives are supposed to last longer, they come with a higher price tag.

And this doesn't apply to the Grill but you might find it interesting:

Brew Pubs

California changed its definition of "beer manufacturer" to include places where brewing is incidental, not the sole purpose of the facility. This should open the way for new brewpubs who had held off because of the regulatory headaches. The new regulation also requires bars that fill growlers to label the containers with the type of beer it contains. I have a growler and if I need a label to know what's in it then they probably need to cut me off.

So as always with the New Year comes new laws and regulations. These are just a few that will affect restaurants in 2014 and ultimately be passed on down to the consumer. If you have any questions or comments feel free to contact me at clubmgr@pinemountainlake.com

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FLAT BREAD 12
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Entrées

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On the Lake: Flashy

BY MIKE HORVATH, LAKE MANAGER/LIMNOLOGIST

Flashy... that's a word that I wish we were hearing more of rather than the big "D" word that seems to work its way into so many casual conversations. You've probably already guessed that the "D" word is drought. I'm sure you all have your own idea of what a drought is, but what about flashy? I'll get to that in a bit.

As for drought, the definition is fairly cut and dried (sorry, I couldn't resist). And yes, dry is usually part of the equation, but not always. On Uncle Sam's website for drought, their opening message states that drought is one of the most costly natural disasters affecting the USA. So, that adds costly and disaster to the equation. And while there is no doubt that a drought can be both; is it really "natural?" "Natural" suggests that it's a phenomenon that occurs without human intervention and recurs over time.

If you look at the graph of rainfall for the Groveland Ranger District from 1940 to 2013, you can definitely see that there is a recurring nature to periods of reduced precipitation. And, if you look at the last bar on the right (no, not the Irondoor), you'll see that the 2013 calendar-year is the lowest recorded rainfall since 1940. So yes, I agree we are in a drought. At the American Geophysical Union meeting a few weeks ago, they even upped the ante by introducing the word "mega-drought."

This conversation about drought can roll on and on to include conservation, reservoir storage, groundwater levels, climate change, etc. Without getting into a heated political or economic debate, I'll leave drought with this thought. Even

during periods of ample rainfall, there is a big disparity between the demand for water, and how much water is actually available for the various users. For anyone who has watched the conversion of non-irrigated rangeland into water demanding orchards east of Oakdale, you can see how man-made demand has to be taken into account when defining drought. As "natural" as a drought can be, we might be preparing for it in some very peculiar ways.

So what about FLASHY? Flashy would be a good site to behold right now. In weather and water lingo, flashy is a term that refers to stream-flows. After a period of heavy rainfall, the water flowing in some streams can rise dramatically within a matter of minutes. Big Creek, which flows into our Lake, is one of those flashy streams. This year, we haven't seen that happen, but you have to remain hopeful. February, March and April can be some pretty wet months. It only takes a couple of big-flow, flashy events to send our Lake level back up.

If you want to stay connected and learn a little more about how much water flows into our Lake, try the USGS website at: http://waterdata.usgs.gov/ca/nwis/uv/?site_no=11284400. The link should take you to data that comes from the stream gauge on Big Creek just upstream of PML Drive (the tin shed). You can look at average flows, peak flows and the current real-time flow. And yes, there is a government drought website at www.drought.gov. Real dry reading!!

Until next time... Enjoy the Lake SPLASH... and let's hope for a splash rather than a thud.

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1. Exceeding the posted speed limit
2. Driving in a reckless manner
3. Following another through an access gate or allowing others to follow you through
4. Parking on street (road shoulders OK)

Personal Conduct:

1. Allowing loud music
2. Uttering abusive language or conduct that would be offensive to a reasonable person
3. Using the property Owner's gate card or clicker

Work Related Conduct

1. Starting work before 7am or continuing after 7pm
2. Allowing dogs at construction sites
3. Performing work on Sunday
4. Cutting down a tree in excess of 5" without PMLA approval
5. Trespassing on neighboring property
6. Using neighbors water or electricity without written permission
7. Leaving construction signs longer than 5 days after work has been completed
8. Nailing signs to trees
9. Storing building materials on street or easement
10. Beginning exterior construction without PML Association approval

Any Questions...call Dennis Pipal, Community Standards Director @ (209) 962-1240

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PML Men’s Nine Hole Golf Club

BY STEVE ENGSTROM

The Men’s Nine Hole Golf Club held their annual breakfast meeting on Wednesday December 11th at the Pine Mountain Lake Grill. Twenty one members attended for a great meal and put into place a number of changes for the upcoming year. First, though, the Club Officers were re-elected with Bob Oakley as President, Rich Robenseifner as Vice-President, Dick Dentino as Treasurer, and Steve Engstrom replacing Walt Bales as Secretary. Many Thanks to Walt for the great job he has done in this position.

A number of changes were made to the rules the Niners play by for the coming year that included eliminating the Par 3, 4 club, and 4 man scramble/bramble games and replacing them with a 2 man best ball game. By vote, the summer tee times are being moved to 12:00 P.M. (noon) and the Mulligan has been eliminated. Also, it was voted upon and approved to play each game from the purple/green combo Tees. Winter rules will remain in effect. The changes were made to make our scoring more compatible with accepted systems and to increase the number of games that will be



counted toward each player’s handicap.

While the group was scheduled to play after the breakfast, the course was closed due to snow on the course from the storm we had earlier in the week. In December and early January, the winners of our events were:

12/4 Yellow Ball

First: Jack Leethem, Lloyd Case, Walt Bales and Dick Dentino

12/18 1,2,3

First: Walt Bales, Bob Oakley, and Malcolm Brown

Second: Larry Fuller, Rich Robenseifner, Roger Peterson, and Lloyd Case

12/24 2 Man Scramble

First: Bob Haliwell and John Klink
Third: Rich Robenseifner and Steve Engstrom in a tie with Jack Leethem and Malcolm Brown

1/1 3 Blind Mice:

First: Tie between Walt Bales and Bob Haliwell

Third: Tie between Jack Leethem and John Cress

If you are new or returning to golf and don’t want to play 18 holes, you are invited to join the Men’s Nine Hole Golf Club.

Play every Wednesday. A variety of games & formats. We will maintain your nine-hole handicap. Walk or ride, it is still “a walk in the park.” Annual Championship Tournament. Membership is \$25 per year and applications are available at www.pmlm9h.webs.com

PML Organized Groups & Clubs

Contact the individuals below if you are interested in joining!

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Garden Club Clippings

BY JOYCE SMITH

Welcome to the New Year! Although you have celebrated your new year, Garden Club is just beginning with our first meeting of 2014 on Monday, Feb. 10th at the Lake Lodge, 1:00 P.M. We are looking forward to a full and productive year. We look forward to working with new President Lonnie Roman and her Board. New members are always welcome or you can visit.

We will have as our speaker/speakers Merry and Karen from Merry’s Plants & Gifts, a new business in Groveland. They will give us pointers on dressing up our homes for Valentine’s Day and how to care for indoor plants Plus, we will all be taking home a floral gift. This will be a good time to get acquainted with Merry and Karen.

You have all seen the signs at the entrances to PML regarding conserving water from Jan. 6th to Jan. 31st, this needs to be something we do all the time as the drought is real and our water is precious. We must all do our part. Have you ever seen Don Pedro Lake as low as it is now? Maybe we will have some really good moisture yet, but in the meantime, conserve.

See you at the Lake Lodge on the 10th.

Pine Mountain Lakers RV Club

BY MADDIE SOUSA, SECRETARY

For our December meeting the Pine Mountain Lakers RV Club met at the Groveland Hotel for our annual Holiday Dinner.

The Groveland Hotel was decked out in its Holiday splendor and Mother Nature had added a touch of winter snow for the full effect.

The event was attended by: Willie & Betty Boatman; Blaine & Pat Cluff; Dennis & Darlene Hoagland; Lee Isbell; Ned & Pat Nuddelman; Chuck & Pat Peshia; Joe & Maddie Sousa; Ron & Carole Smith; Paul & Jane Sperry, and Louise Tourney.

Our members enjoyed a delightful dinner and great companionship, all in the spirit of the Holidays.

In lieu of Holiday gifts to each other, we donated to the Wounded Warriors Project and of course our Groveland Christmas Basket Program. President Ned Nuddelman made the occasion even sweeter by donating a bottle of wine to everyone participating in our Holiday Donations. Many thanks, Ned.

Our January meeting will be a Pizza Party on Jan. 19th. at Two Guys Pizza on Ferretti Road. We will discuss the 2014 Outings.

For more information on our group and/or scheduled outings please call Ned Nuddelman at (925) 371-2287 or Maddie Sousa at (209) 962-5708.

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Quilters' Corner

BY SANDY SMITH

Did you ever wonder what goes on in a quilt guild meeting, well I am going to share with you right now: First we carry on with the usual new and old business as all meetings then the fun begins.

Refreshments are always really fun and tasty too. Also each month we have a Block of the Month, put together by Carol Willmon & Cheryl Ludolph. You complete one block and then you have a chance at winning 11 more to make a twin size quilt. It is always great fun to see what everyone has done with their block. I even won a fun red white and blue patriotic BOM.

Next we have monthly door prizes, which Pat Helling oversees. The drawings are exciting as you wait to see if your ticket is one of the winners.

Show and Tell is really wonderful, and inspiring too. It warms the cockles of your heart when you see a friend's finished quilt, especially when you know she has worked awhile on it.

Programs vary from "in house" teachers, to outside guest speakers, to mini workshops. Jean Cox does a great job of gathering programs for each month. During the year the guest speakers often have all day workshops. Learning is always more fun with friends.

This month's meeting is February 18th at 6 p.m. under the library. In our meeting this month we will be having a mini-workshop on embroidery stitches. On Thursday the 20th we meet for the Block Party at Deana's, 1 p.m. til 3ish to put together small quilts for CNVC. If you would like to help with this community project just give me a call, 962-4950. You don't have to be a member to help. See you there.

Busy time for quilters, Feb 6-8th Ricky Tims Seminar @ Modesto Centre Plaza. Register on line at www.rickytimes.com.

Turlock Quilt Guild presents Re-piecing The Past, quilt show, Feb. 15th 10a.m. to 5pm. & Feb. 16th 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Enjoy!

PML Lady Niner's

BY KAREN DICKSON

December turned out to be the worst month for golfing! It snowed and then was so cold that most people stayed home. They kept warm and cozy getting ready for their Holiday.

December 3rd we had our end of the year Christmas Luncheon. We held our party at "The Grill" the food was wonderful. THANK YOU CARRIE!

We installed our New Officers for 2014. SARAH ZIMMERMAN won "PUTTER OF THE YEAR" Again! Averaging 15 Putts around. Great putting Sarah.

FAYE BUCKLEY won "ACE OF ACES" "Faye played her best golf, how fantastic!!

NANCY WHITEFIELD "MOST IMPROVED 2013" WONDRFUL!!!

PAT VAN GERPEN won "CLUB

CHAMPION 2013" Pat broke 50 three times this year she is playing great golf!! FANTASTIC!!

We did our raffle where we bring things to auction off. This was so fun. Money goes to Cornea Green at the end of the year.

Stacie Brown, Carrie Carter and (I) Karen Dickson went to the last meeting for WHGHA. It was a Christmas Luncheon held at Diabo Country Club. What a beautiful and very special place to hold the meeting. This golf club is very old, 99 years. But wow was it beautiful. Plus big bonus all decked out for Christmas. We also had a very nice lunch.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!! Hope to see you out on the course!!!

PML Racquet Club News

BY KEN STEINER

Another report from the courts from the Racquet Club Scribe.

Correction to Previous Report: In my previous report on the 2013 Davis Cup tournament last September, I incorrectly reported that Priscilla Park plunked her partner, Tom Hernandez, in the forehead with her racquet as he attempted to hit a ball that was clearly hers. Citing shoddy journalism, Priscilla pointed out that she actually hit Tom in the back of the head and not his forehead. My apologies to Priscilla for this error. Those playing doubles with Priscilla in the future may wish to wear a helmet, or simply let her hit the shot if there is any question about whose ball it is. The second alternative is what I normally do when she is my partner.

Holiday Party/Fourth Quarterly Meeting

Forty-six club members and guests attended the Club's annual holiday party and its 4th quarter meeting at the Grill on December 17. The event was organized by Larry Santa Maria, Joanne DeHart and Maddie Sousa. The following individuals were elected by the attendees as the Club's officers for 2014:

Rick Gratian—President

Tom Hernandez—Vice President

Joanne DeHart—Secretary

Joe & Maddie Sousa—Treasurers

Jerry DeHart—Facilities

Dennis Hoagland—Director

Larry Santa Maria—Past President

The new club rosters were distributed to members in attendance. Thanks again to Dotty and Dick Davis for producing and printing this year's roster.

Other Racquet Club Business

The new Board met and established meeting and tournament dates for 2014. The first tournament will be the Cinco de Mayo tournament on May 3. Yes, Cinco de Mayo will be two days early this year for Racquet club members and friends.

If you are interested in joining the Racquet Club, the dues are \$10 per person per year. Contact President Rick Gratian at tel. 209-499-1001 or any other officer for information. President Gratian is also interested in introducing "drop-in doubles" to PML where individuals could show up at the courts at the same time and day each week and play with others who show up. If you are interested in participating in drop-in doubles, contact President Gratian.

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2013 PML Ladies Golf Club

BY SARA HANCOCK

December brought us a mix of cold, snow and very warm weather. December 5th was pretty cold but a few hearty souls did play. However, there were not enough players for sweeps. December 12th the course was covered with 8 inches of snow.

December 19th Six, Six, Six

1st Place Tie With a Score of 128....Kitty Edgerton, Sara Hancock, Yvonne Mattocks, Paula Vautier; Sandy DeRodeff, Alma Frawley, Linda Wall, Blind Draw. (Same game score of front and back). Birdies: Thelma Faux #7.

Dec. 26th After Christmas Blues

(Two Best Balls on Blue Flags, Four Putts on White Flags and One Best Ball on Red Flags)

1st Place ...109...Kitty Edgerton, Paula Vautier, Jodie Awai, Jane Reymolds; 2nd Place ...116...Marcee Cress, Yvonne Mattocks, Linda Wall and Blind Draw. Birdies: Kitty Edgerton #10 and #17, Marcee Cress #9 and Thelma Faux #6.

On December 11th, we had our Christmas Luncheon and General Meeting. Dotty Davis did a wonderful job of decorating our tables. Gifts were brought to share with the Christmas Baskets for the children of Groveland. Also, books were donated for Sonora Elementary School. Our meeting was highlighted by a number of awards earned over the year. Winner

of the Great Northern Pins went to Thelma Faux in Flight A and Marcee Cress in Flight B. Both with an average of 70.66. There was a 3-way tie for Ace of Aces with a net 66: Linda Johnson, Thelma Faux and Kitty Edgerton. Putter of the Year Award with 28 putts went to Marjorie Rich. The Most Improved Player of the year award went to our hard working captain Yvonne Mattocks. Her index went from 26.0 to 19.7. An award was given to Marjorie Rich for breaking a score of 80 with a 78. Kathie Wood received an award for breaking a score of 100 twice with a 97 and 95. Eclectic winners are as follows: 3rd Flight: 5th Place – Alice Stoll, 60.8; 4th Place – Joyce Smith, 59.11; 3rd Place – Alma Frawley, 58.2; 2nd Place – Marlene Drew, 57.2; 1st Place – Ann Hankin, 55.3. 2nd Flight: 5th Place Jodie Awai, 56.8; 4th Place – Kathy Wood, 55.5; 3rd Place – Kay Bettencourt, 55.2; 2nd Place – Barbara Connelly, 53.8; 1st Place – Corky Graham, 53.6. 1st Flight: 5th Place – Yvonne Mattocks, 58.9; 4th Place – Marilyn Scott, 58.9; 3rd Place – Helena McMillan, 58.7; 2nd Place – Sara Hancock, 58.2; 1st Place – Linda Johnson, 54.0.

Congratulations to Sandy DeRodeff for her first Hole-In-One on December 27th. She hit a perfect shot which bounced once and rolled into the hole. Wow, way to go Sandy.

By the time you are reading this, 2014 will be well under way. There are lots of fun play days ahead. I hope you all plan to participate in as many as possible. See you on the course.



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NICE FLAT GOLF COURSE LOT....with a great view up and down the fairways. Septic is already in and water to position where home would probably be built. A set of plans are available with the price of the lot. Call Dave or Ron, \$98,000 1/83 MLS#20131194

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ENCHANTING LAKEFRONT....Beautifully maintained 3 level 3 bd, 2 sleeping areas, 3.5 ba lakefront home. The main level great room with its large kitchen is wonderful for entertaining family & friends. Call Linda \$595,000 15/71 MLS#20130178



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BEAUTIFUL 1.7 ACRE LOT....enjoy the views from this ez access, mild sloping down premium lot. Very private location in desirable Unit 11. Call Michael or Patty, \$159,000 11/56 MLS20121723



BEAUTIFUL AND PEACEFUL SETTING... Spacious .90 acre lot bordering Graham Rd. for extra privacy! Horses are welcome on this gently upslope property. There is some fencing on the lot. Call Michael or Patty, \$48,900 12/148 MLS#20130634



RELAXING RETREAT FOR A LRG. FAMILY... Remodeled 5bd/2.5 ba. + a bunk room. A cozy living room w/ brick fireplace, open beam ceiling & bonus room downstairs. Located on a Lrg. lot w/great setting. Call Linda, \$225,000 3/331 MLS#20103754



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HOME IS IN IMMACULATE CONDITION....Massive covered deck for entertaining. Central heat/air system has been replaced. Short walk to Dunn Beach. This is a must see. Call Dave or Ron, \$225,000 1/104 MLS/20132032



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NICE UP HILL GOLF COURSE LOT. Sewered. Call Linda, \$25,000 7/120 MLS#20131584



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3-356 Cresthaven
\$157,500



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This "lofty" cabin is priced to sell at only \$169,900 for over 2000 sq.ft. of living area on two levels. The upper level features an open great room, step-saver kitchen,

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3/353
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2 Bd/2 Bth, Single Level, Approx 1026 SF, Approx. 0.4 Acre Home, Built in 1989. Great Room, Large Kitchen, Central Propane Heat, Evaporative Cooler, Inside Laundry, Covered front porch, deck in back.



Spacious Ranch Style Home
\$395,000
21179 Hemlock 12-124
MLS# 20130073

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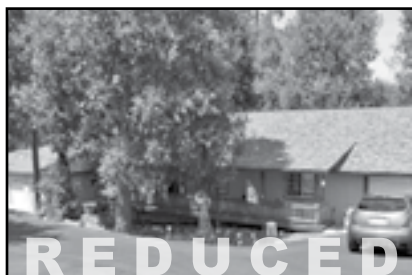
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**19th Hole Lounge
Super Bowl Party
February 2**



**Beer Tasting
Dinner Buffet
February 6**



**Valentine's Specials
at The Grill
February 14**



Wine Tasting Dinner Buffet
**Wine Tasting &
Dinner Buffet
February 20**

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SUNDAY @ 19TH HOLE LOUNGE

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2-5

WEDNESDAY @ GCSD GROUNDS

FIRST WEDNESDAY BIRD WALK
The group meets in the GCSD parking lot at 8AM. The walk will last two to three hours while covering much of the 200 acres of GCSD land. 27 species were seen on the January 1st walk. Bring binoculars and a birding guide if you have them. Call Jeanne at 962-7598.

2-6

THURSDAY @ THE GRILL

BEER TASTING DINNER BUFFET
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2-14

FRIDAY @ THE GRILL

VALENTINE'S DAY SPECIALS
The Grill will be serving a great selection of Valentine's Day specials. Music by the Waterfall Jazz Quartet. Come out and celebrate with the one you love. Call the Grill for reservations. 209-962-8638.

2-14

FRIDAY @ GROVELAND HOTEL

VALENTINE'S DAY MENU
The Groveland Hotel and the Cellar Door Restaurant invite you to come for Valentine's Day and Chef André's special menu. Menu available at www.groveland.co/ events and is available on both Friday and Saturday night.

2-15

SATURDAY @ PML LAKE LODGE

PMLA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
The Pine Mountain Lake Board of Directors monthly meeting will be held at the PML Lake Lodge beginning at 9AM. Meetings are open to the public. Contact the PMLA office at 962-8600 if you have an item for the agenda.

2-20

THURSDAY @ THE GRILL

WINE TASTING DINNER BUFFET
Featuring the wines of Bianchi Winery and a menu of Coq au Vin, Herb & Butter Pommes, Green Salad, and Vanilla Cream Puffs for dessert. \$23 per person plus tax. Reservations required. Call the Grill for reservations. 209-962-8638.

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**Tuesday, March 25
SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL FAMILY WELLNESS FAIRE**
Free screening for bone density, hearing, vision, blood pressure, diabetes, and chiropractic. \$25 blood chemistry panel. 8am – noon in the Tenaya Elementary School gymnasium.

Coldwell Banker Mountain Leisure Properties Welcomes Newest Agent, Ryan Niedens

Hello, my name is Ryan Niedens and I want to take this opportunity to let you know about my new career with Coldwell Banker Mountain Leisure Properties.

My name may already sound familiar to you. Perhaps you have heard of Ed and Kathy Niedens at "Heavenly Cleaning", or Jason and Jeromey Niedens at Conifer Communications. Well, I want to leave one more lasting memory... Ryan Niedens—Realtor.

I am not just an outsider wanting to sell homes. I have lived and grown up in Groveland since the age of six. I attended Tenaya Elementary, Tioga High School, Columbia Jr. College and Kaplan University. I lived in Sacramento for about six years, but I could not stay away from this lovely place and, now, I am very excited to be back in Groveland and even more excited about my new career.

I may be young, but don't let looks deceive you. I am good at doing my job. My youth gives me the energy, eagerness and determination I need to get everything completed to your satisfaction.

Although I specialize in the Groveland, Greeley Hill, and Don Pedro areas, I will



Ryan Niedens

not hesitate to step out of my bounds to assist you with whatever real estate needs you may have. I would love to be a valuable resource for you in your home-buying or selling endeavors. You can contact me at 209-962-1114 or e-mail: rcniedens@gmail.com.

I look forward to meeting you!

To Benefit the Children

BY BARBARA BROAD

The GAINs group is hoping to make a difference for the youth in the south county by developing healthy programs and projects to steer them away from substance abuse and suicide. The project coalition is taking shape, and they are making progress on a proposal to the Federal Drug-free Communities program. All this comes with help from the YES Partnership in Sonora, who have sponsored these programs there for years. They have outstanding Friday Night Live events.

On January 24 the group held a retreat at Tuolumne Trails to learn more about the Federal program and the need for it in Groveland. Members of the Tuolumne Narcotics Team described youth substance abuse in Groveland and in the county and

the activities they could recommend for our community. Then members of the group took steps toward making plans and getting the proposal prepared.

Members of the coalition so far are Shelly Beeman, Lynn Bonander, Nick de Poncel, Etty Garber, Sarah Garcia, John Gray, Wynette Hilton, John Infelise, Christina Loh, Miguel Maldonado, Miriam Martin, Judy Myers, Tom Radanovich, Steve Ryan, Bill Silva, Monty Thornburg, Luci Tyndall, Dave Urquhart, Christina Wilkinson, and Mary Young, with Bob White from the YES Partnership and Barbara Broad from GAINs. For more information contact Barbara at grovelandgains@gmail.com or 962-7730.

Join Friends of the Groveland Library

BY VIRGINIA GUSTAFSON, FOGL

Do you use the Groveland Library? Do you take out books, read newspapers, use the Internet, make photocopies, or borrow popular DVDs and audio books? Do your kids or grandkids come to Story Time, Summer Reading Program, or participate in reading programs at school?

Or are you just glad to live in a town that supports an active library?

If you think the county fully pays for our library, think again. Friends of the Groveland

Library makes up the difference with our Saturday book sales and our volunteer efforts in the library and the elementary school. Our Saturday book sales raise money to buy books and eBooks too.

We invite you to show your support for the Groveland Library and all the services it provides in our community.

Join Friends of the Groveland Library. For just \$20 a year, you will help provide kids' reading programs, buy new books

and eBooks, and keep the library open five days a week (the county only funds four days).

Please stop by the library and pick up a membership form, or mail your name, address and email address with your \$20 check to PO Box 43, Groveland, CA 95321.

FOGL meets at 2:00pm on the fourth Tuesday of each month at the library. We invite you to join us.



Friends of the Groveland Library purchased and then gift-wrapped over 400 children's books as part of the Groveland Christmas Basket project. The more kids read, the better their chances of a successful life. Photo by Virginia Gustafson.

Groveland Family Wellness Faire Approaching

BY SHIRLEY BRASESCO, PUBLIC AWARENESS, SOROPTIMIST INT. OF GROVELAND

The 14th annual Family Wellness Faire sponsored by Soroptimist International of Groveland takes place from 8am to noon on Tuesday, March 25 in the Tenaya Elementary School gym.

The event will offer free screenings for such things as bone density, hearing, vision, blood pressure, diabetes and

chiropractic.

Sonora Regional Medical Center will offer a \$25 blood chemistry panel that includes cholesterol, kidney function, thyroid, liver function and lipid panel. Those planning to get the blood test must not eat or drink anything except water for at least 12 hours prior to the test.

The Pine Cone Players Present "As The Stomach Turns"

BY JIM SODERBERG

What happens when classical melodrama, vaudeville & Burlesque collide? The result is a zany, unpredictable potpourri of fun and musical

entertainment as your talented friends and neighbors take to the boards in the Community Hall for three performances this coming April.

*Happy Valentine's Day from
the Pine Mountain Lake News*

A Realtor Writes

BY LAUREE BORUP

HOME SALES UP, THEN DOWN IN 2013

The first eight months of 2013 an average of 13 homes per month closed escrow in PML. The last four months closed sales dropped to an average of 7 homes per month. What happened? At least these things: the “sticker shock” of suddenly rising interest rates, fear of fire, federal financial uncertainty, and the reduced inventory of lower priced homes.

Interest Rates for a 30 year fixed mortgage steadily declined from 5.2 % in February 2011 to 3.5% in May 2013. Then rates jumped to 4.6% in July. Some escrows were canceled because of it. Some buyers said “let’s wait and see”. Sudden market changes make buyers nervous. For example, from 2003 to 2007 interest rates stayed steady between 6% and 6.5%. High by today’s standards, but that steadiness helped encourage the five years of most dramatic price appreciation for PML homes.

In early 2013 the rates in the 3.5% range spurred a lot of refinances, which slowed down when rates went up to 4.6% in July. For 2014, the Mortgage Bankers Association predicts a 32% drop in U. S. loan originations compared to 2013, and interest rates going over 5%. So refinances will greatly slow down.

Rim Fire and Insurance worries slowed sales in August through October. For a month, buyers and vacation renters (a source of home buyers) were scarce around here as the fire and smoke raged, and parts of PML were evacuated. Escrows were stalled as most major insurers would not issue new policies until the 3rd largest fire in State history was put out. And it wasn’t officially out until late October.

PML REAL ESTATE SALES	2013	2010	2007
# of Homes Sold	133	80	91
Home Average Sold Price	\$220K	\$189K	\$426K
% Homes Forecloser or Short Sale	26%	51%	0%
% Sold for All Cash	39%	39%	25%
# of Lots Sold	10	14	17
Lot Average Sold Price (via MLS)	\$24K*	\$17.6K	\$68K

**One lake lot sold for \$130,000, which raised the average, and the other 9 lots sold between \$5,500 and \$39,000.*

The Fiscal Cliff was the hot topic on the news last fall as the world watched in horror at the dysfunction of Congress in trying to salvage the credit of the country. The government shutdown, including our main attraction, Yosemite, brought the reality home. Political and financial uncertainty on such a scale makes the most stalwart investors hesitate to make big moves.

Bye Bye Cheap Homes and Foreclosures? A total of 48 homes sold last year under the price of \$150,000 in PML. Right now there are only 9 homes and condos listed under \$150,000. People interested in that price range, like first-time buyers and cash investors, have a lot less to choose from than they did a year ago. And as you

can see from the chart below, foreclosures and short sales were only 26% of the sales, compared to 51% three years ago.

How does PML compare to the rest of the State? The median home sold price in California increased 28% from the year before, to a median of \$422,000.

PML’s median price increased from \$165,000 in 2012 to \$185,000 for all of 2013, an increase of about 15%. The chart above shows the average sold price for 2013, which was \$220,000.

To see a list of all the properties sold in 2013, go to www.PineMtnLake.com

The 10 vacant lots in the chart above were those sold through the Tuolumne County Multiple Listing Service. Additionally, PML

Homeowners Association also sold 5 lots in 2013, all for \$500 each. These were lots they acquired through foreclosure after the owners didn’t pay HOA dues for a lengthy period of time. Lot sales are much brisker when new house construction is brisk. So, how many new home permits did PMLA issue in 2013? A measly TWO! That is the slowest ever in 43 years. Compare that to 176 new home permits in 1990.

What could hurt the PML real estate recovery in 2014? If Congress follows through on their increasing threats to take away the mortgage interest deductions. Right now vacation home owners with primary and secondary home mortgages can usually write off the interest on both, and this is an incentive to buy for higher wage earners. Sharp increases in interest rates, water and sewer rates, hazard insurance, or homeowner’s dues would also hurt.

The California Association of Realtors (CAR) predicts that 2014 statewide home sales volume will increase 3% over 2013, and home prices about 6%. CAR predicted in August the current cooling off of sales, and further predicted “None of these changes to the housing market in California suggests that the recovery is in jeopardy. On the contrary, real estate markets are moving into a state of more measured and sustainable housing recovery in which traditional buyers and sellers will play a greater role. The sharp rise in interest rates did cause a pause in the market, but continued recovery is on the way as everyone adjusts to new norms.”

Lauree is the broker-owner of RE/MAX Yosemite Gold, and has been a Groveland Realtor since 1988.

New Exhibit At The Book Nook

BY NADINE PEDRON

The work of Tracy Barbutes, Groveland-based photojournalist, will be featured at the Book Nook, downstairs at the Groveland Library every Saturday from 10:00 to 2:00 throughout the months of January, February and March. The exhibit includes a dramatic collection of Rim Fire photos, wild mustangs in the eastern Sierra and many shots of local scenes, gold country, Yosemite and the high Sierras. Prints will be on sale as well as a large collection of photo cards.

Tracy’s photography and writing have been featured throughout the world in print, on the web and in photo stock agencies, including National Geographic Magazine, Alaska Magazine, Mother Jones, LA Times, SF Chronicle, Anchorage Daily News, McClatchy Newspapers, Modesto Bee and international adventure travel catalogs. She is a member of the American society of Media

Photographers, National Press Photographers Association and San Francisco Bay Area Press Photographers Association. Tracy is currently a contract photographer for an international press agency, ZUMA Press.

Tracy is a former Bay Area resident who moved to Groveland after a seven-year stint in Alaska where she twice traveled the historic Iditarod trail as a member of the Serum Run expedition. She plans to return this March to again work with the official Iditarod Sled Dog Race photographer, making this her fourth journey along the trail. As a photojournalist, Tracy tells stories for a living, including the sled dog races, rodeos and expeditions. As time allows, she photographs special events, weddings, as well as commercial and editorial work. She can be contacted at photos@tracybarbutes.com, and her website is www.TracyBarbutesPhotography.com.

Woodpeckers & the Acorns You Don’t See

BY KRIS COREY

The Acorn Woodpecker is a common resident here in the foothills but making holes in the sides of your house is a minor problem compared to the unseen damage these colorful birds are causing inside your house.

Acorn Woodpeckers make holes in wood to stash acorns but they also put acorns in any hole that is available and they will keep putting the acorns in the holes until they are filled.

On top of your roof there are vent pipes for your plumbing. They are usually small pipes that stick up about a foot or so and are an important part of your plumbing system.

If you have Acorn Woodpeckers in your neighborhood your uncovered vent pipes are slowly but surely being filled with acorns and other debris. Eventually,

you will have extensive and expensive problems with your plumbing.

The solution is simple, quick and easy. Cover these pipes with screen caps to keep the acorns and other debris from clogging the vents. Do It Now, before it’s too late!

If you have the tools and materials available at home, screen caps are relatively easy to make once you determine the sizes of your pipes and figure out a pattern.

An easier and usually cheaper solution for most people though is to just buy the screen caps and install them yourself.

Unfortunately, pre-made screen caps are not readily or easily available in hardware stores or online so, when you get tired of looking contact local resident Kris Corey for a solution. (209) 768 - 0836.

Genealogy Workshop A Beginning

BY PEGGY ANDREWS

It's been a long time since I wrote a column, so I think with winter officially here it's time to plan indoor activities like family research.

Most of you have watched or heard of the TV show "Who Do You Think You Are?" sponsored by Ancestry.com. It's a fun show but they make it look way too easy, simply get yourself an Ancestry account and find your family. I'm here to tell you it's not that easy, remember they have professional researchers working for them. Most of us should be so lucky.

If you have decided this is the year to delve into your family history, you can save yourself a lot of time and money by doing a little homework before logging onto Ancestry. First and foremost there are some free software programs out there to get you started and well organized. One is Ancestral Quest Basics; it doesn't have a lot of the bells and whistles that some of the others have but it will help you keep everyone straight.

To get started enter all the information you have on each person in the family you want to research no matter how unimportant it may seem. You may think

your relative has an unusual name but I can almost guarantee there is another person out there with the same name living in the same state. The information you put together early in your research, will help identify an individual as your family member or at least narrow down the field. Believe me, you do not want to spend months researching the wrong person.

Information to enter would be, of course, name, date of birth and place of birth, if you don't have that information, write anything you can remember. Then go to parents and write down everything you know about them, including, for example, where they were married and occupations.

For more help please come to the Genealogy Workshops held on the 4th Friday of each month from 1:00 – 3:00. We meet in the History Resource Center (HRC) housed above the Groveland Yosemite Gateway Museum. Other arrangements can be made if climbing stairs is an issue. Please contact either Karen Davis at kidkaren@att.net or Peggy Andrews at pmlandrews@sonnet.com so we can be better prepared for your visit.

Pine Cone Singers Welcome New Music Director

BY LINELLE MARSHALL



Pine Cone Singers perform their Winter Concert - photo courtesy of Miguel Maldonado

The Pine Cone Singers have just begun rehearsals for our Spring Concert performances, scheduled for mid-May. We are very pleased to welcome our new music director, Ron Randall, who has already made quite an impact in the Sierra foothills. He has been a professional musician for nearly a half century. Formerly a French hornist and orchestral conductor, Ron began making the switch to choral conducting and eventually singing approximately twenty years ago. He currently serves as the music director of the Sonora Master Chorale, is the choir director at First Congregational Church of Murphys, U.C.C., recently became the

director of the Sonora Hills Chorus and has frequently appeared on stage with Sierra Repertory Theater. He has written numerous compositions and arrangements for full orchestra, various instruments, solo voice, vocal duets and chorus and is generally recognized as one of the finer baritone vocalists in the vicinity of Tuolumne and Calaveras Counties.

If you are a former Pine Cone Singer or would like to join the group, consider coming to our next rehearsal, on Tuesday, 3:00-5:30 PM, in the Groveland Community Hall. For more details, please contact our new Chairman of the Board, Luke Sullivan, at 209-962-5952.

PML Action Hero: Jim Thomas CALIFORNIA TO ALASKA AND BACK

BY JANET GREGORY

Life by the numbers. Order, engineering precision and a bit of chance; that's Jim Thomas or JT as many know him. Life by the numbers includes a whole lot of living that's more than just numbers.

25 years living in Alaska including working on the Alyeska Pipeline shaped Jim Thomas. Jim was a field and project engineer on the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System that stretches 800 frozen miles from Prudhoe Bay to Valdez, Alaska. Ask him about the Eskimo technique for walking on thin ice.

71 degrees north latitude is where Jim lived in Barrow, above the Arctic Circle and the northern most city in the US. Barrow is close to Prudhoe Bay, the largest oil field in North America where the pipeline starts. "It was like living on Mars, remote and barren," but with its own beauty.

4 seasons are very unique and dynamic on Alaska's North Slope. Summer is very green, windy and rainy with highs in the low 50's. Winter has no distinction between land



and sea, with average lows at minus 20; everything is frozen. There are over 100 words in Eskimo languages describing snow and ice. Spring is the ugliest time of year as dirt and garbage are exposed with the melt. It's an interesting time though, watching the land reinvigorate, rivers start to flow, longer days, and migration. Fall is the most amazing. Colors of the tundra are brilliant red, yellow and maroon.

27 degrees was the water temperature Labor Day 1985 when Jim joined the Barrow Polar Bear Club. After fully submerging in the below freezing water, it was a relief to warm up in the 33 degree air!

65 days of Polar Night when "you won't see the sun, it circles around below the horizon in winter." On winter solstice (late December) there are only 3 hours of civil twilight. "In summer the sun circles overhead 24-hours a day." The sky is amazing from "bright sun to darkest dark. A full moon on the snow is so bright that you need sun glasses." The



changing light and seasons, led the prevailing opinion "to see as far as you can walk, walk as far as you can see, and it all still looks the same. So why go anywhere?"

3-times the salary and 3-times the adventure lured this California native north. Jim was born and raised in Orinda, CA and attended Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo. After college Jim worked for Boeing as a structural engineer on the 747. He traveled some in the US, Mexico and Canada but Alaska sounded exciting. A kayak trip to from Wrangell to Sitka, in southeast Alaska iced the deal; he was hooked and took the job.

14 years ago Jim discovered E45, Pine Mountain Lake Airport. He investigated residential airport properties in Idaho, Washington and Oregon looking for a place to call home after 25 years in Alaska. PML was the perfect location for Jim with good

flying weather, a great community and closer to family. Jim's parents and three brothers live in California. Jim likes the remoteness of Groveland, "in California remote is good, we are 25 miles from the nearest stop light. In Alaska remote is bad!"

8 minute commute from PML to Columbia Airport in his Lancair Legacy. Jim is Airport Manager of both airports for Tuolumne County. The Eskimo techniques for walking on thin ice may help him out in these jobs! Jim built the Lancair Legacy, "Poncho" that he uses to commute to work. It is sleek and fast. With Coleen Keller as pilot and Jim as crew chief, Poncho hit 291 mph qualifying for the 2013 Reno Air Races. On slow days Jim's commute is 12 minutes in his Piper PA-12 Cub, with a cruise speed of 80. "The more I fly the Lancair, the more I enjoy the Cub and the more I fly the Cub, the more I enjoy the Lancair."

260 degrees max to min! The hottest temperature Jim has seen was 126 degrees in the shade in Havasu City, CA to the coldest temperature of 134 degrees-below-zero with wind chill in Alaska! Yikes! "I attribute this experience to both stupidity and clothing."

Jim Thomas is a PML Action Hero where life is not really measured by the numbers but is measured by the moments that matter.

Do you or someone you know have a story to tell? Contact me at janet.gregory@sbcglobal.net or 962-5061.

Raising Young Children

BY ETTY GARBER, PHD, LMFT

We all wish we were handed a manual when we had our children. Unfortunately, we all fly by the seat of our pants. The only modeling we had was from our own parents and they weren't always the best resource.


Parenting in one of the hardest jobs in the world and it never really ends. Therefore, it is important that a positive relationship with your children needs to include mutual respect, encouragement, open communication, love and acceptance.

Molly's mom complained, "Molly screams a lot at everyone when she doesn't get her way and she is 10 years old." Parents need to remember that children learn what they are taught by what they hear and see in their family at home. When asked mom reported that she and her husband have a challenging relationship which often includes shouting matches. Studies have shown that yelling and screaming at a child is absolutely ineffective. Everyone gets upset at times but nothing positive ever results from losing our cool and our self control. Too often frustration turns to physical abuse and that is never a good thing. It is difficult to remain calm when things go awry, but that's why our job as parents is so demanding. When that happens take a time out, come back together when you can deal with the situation with a parent posture of control and reasonableness.

Seven year old Bobby cried at school and told the teacher when asked why he was crying, he replied, "My dad told me that I was stupid and useless because I couldn't do my math homework. He tells me that all the time."

Children are very sensitive to how they are regarded which contributes to their self esteem. They need to have their acceptable behavior and positive efforts recognized and encouraged rather than have their weaknesses criticized. This helps them to develop self worth and healthy regard for their loving parents. We all know that nothing and no one is perfect so mistakes are inevitable. They need to be recognized and corrected as a learning experience. We also need to allow that children don't have all the knowledge and experience we as adults have and they need to be taught, not punished for what they don't know. Even if you have told them a hundred times, remember they are learning so much in such a short time, it may have been one of the things they have forgotten. Take the time to make it a teachable moment and gently remind them. Sometimes we forget, too. In the case of deliberate misbehavior, another teachable moment, explain your position and apply reasonable consequences related to the transgression.

The road is never smooth when raising children. That is the first step to accept in parenting. It is like giving birth which is very painful but when you see that tiny, screaming bundle of joy, your heart goes to your throat and you feel an exhilaration you have never felt before. That is called, Love. Children can be fun and funny, comforting and affectionate. They are your pride and joy. Treat them with love and kindness and your reward will be immeasurable. You will be regarded as the best parents ever.




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Healthy Habits FROM PINE MOUNTAIN THERAPY

BY, JULIE TANAKA, PT

COPING WITH CHRONIC ILLNESS

In therapy we treat both acute and chronic illnesses. Acute illnesses (like a cold or a broken bone) are usually over relatively quickly and once healed we are pretty much back to normal. That is not true for chronic illnesses, such as high blood pressure or diabetes to severe life threatening illnesses like lupus, cancer or neurologic diseases. With no "cure", these illnesses are usually around for a lifetime. The way people cope with chronic illness makes a huge difference in the course of the disease and in quality of life.

Coping Strategies

Educate yourself: the more you know the better equipped you are to understanding what is happening and why. The internet is a scary place, so tread lightly. Better resources are found through associations built around your specific illness. Google for a group, rather than the illness.

Partner with your doctor: you should be able to talk with your doctor and understand what they are saying. Take responsibility for your own care. Take notes during visits, keep logs of activities, symptoms and concerns to share during visits.

Team work: There are great professionals to help out in every aspect of your care. Pharmacists are a great source for managing your medications. We all have our specialties, dietitians and nurses to help with diet, medication management., Physical or occupational therapist are not just for strengthening. They can help you learn how to do activities of daily living in a way that decreases the stress on your body and take less energy.

Take ownership of your health: All the usual suspects...stop smoking, lose weight, exercise wisely, eat healthy. All these things are considered "alternative health" by the AMA. They should be "primary health". Everything will work so much better once these changes have been made.

Beware of depression: Dark moods are common when dealing with chronic illness. Speak out. It's normal. Talk to your doctor, your family, find a support group. Support groups have a bad reputation as being a place where everyone complains. But I think you will find that people that are going through what you are have the best ideas for coping.

Plan for end of life: We should all be doing this, because for all of us, life will end. Start the conversation now. Tools

can be found on the internet that help bring up topics of discussion. There are resources through the hospital social work department, support group or talk with your lawyer.

So much of the anxiety that comes with chronic illness is fear of the unknown, unanswered questions. Change the things you can, educate yourself, reach out for help. There are so many who are trained, willing and able to be there for you.

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Chamber News

BY YOSEMITE HWY 120 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

CELEBRATE YOSEMITE PAST PRESENT & FUTURE

May 17, 2014 Groveland Community Hall. Doors Open 10am to 2pm – Show Time 11am to 1pm.

A free event open to the public targeted at youth ages K thru 12th grade but also of great interest to any lover of Yosemite and of course perfectly suited for the Young at Heart too.

Celebrate Yosemite Past Present and Future will include an array of hands on display and exhibit tables, plus live performances by historic as well as futuristic characters, and a showing of the Ken Burns film "Yosemite: A Gathering of Spirit".

Hear the voice of the past with presentations by Galen Clark, Joseph Screech, Abe Lincoln, John Muir, Teddy Roosevelt and more. See an awe inspiring 25 minute film, and enjoy snacks and beverages. Get a personal message from the future about preservations of lands, waterways and habitat. Learn about the creatures that creep, crawl, hop, walk and fly in the forest. Touch exciting things, hear unusual sounds, see amazing photos, and more... don't miss this fun event!

Are you interested in attending this event? Contact us to book your seat(s), attendance is free but advance reservation of tickets will be done on a first come first served basis until venue capacity is reached. Would you like to be a part of this fun day? Volunteer help is welcome, call or email us.

Yosemite Highway 120 Chamber of Commerce (209) 962-0429 info@groveland.org.

Documentary Film Honors the 150th Anniversary of the Legislation Signed by Abraham Lincoln to Preserve Yosemite Valley and the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias, and Gave Birth to the National Park Idea. The Yosemite Conservancy is the only philanthropic organization dedicated exclusively to Yosemite National Park.

RIBBON CUTTING – NEW GROVELAND BUSINESS

A brand new business on Groveland's Main Street, and 3:30pm on Wednesday February 5th is the big day for their Ribbon Cutting Event and celebration! Busy Bee Bookkeeping and Tax Service, Betsy Voorhees Erwin, is located at 18687 Main Street, Suite B-4 in the Mountain Leisure Center, and can be reached at busybeetax@gmail.com by email or (209) 962-0630 by phone. Betsy specializes in personal service for small businesses, micro businesses (5 employees or less) and sole proprietor enterprises, and can take care of your 1099 and W2 preparation, payroll compliance, and Quickbooks work. She also handles individual 1040 preparation, itemized



Chamber Board member, James Nagle picks up donations from Lowe's, above left, and Orchard Supply Hardware, above right.

deductions, earned income credit, and low wage earners, including e-filing of returns, offering reasonable rates and senior discounts.

Groveland Community Thanks Sonora for Holiday Support

The Yosemite Highway 120 Chamber of Commerce would like to say a huge THANK YOU, on behalf of the community of Groveland, to the Sonora businesses who helped us with donations of Holiday Decorations and funds for our annual Santa Comes to Town event and Community Park tree lighting. Thanks to the generosity of these Sonora businesses, we were able to Light up the Night in Groveland for the holidays:

LOWE'S, Dale Schremstron,

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Jacob Foiada, Assistant Manager

WALMART, Jennifer Gordon, Store Manager

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BLUE MOUNTAIN MINERALS, Carey Haughy, President

Both Lowe's and OSH donated a goodly supply of lights to decorate the trees at Mary Laveroni Community Park in the center of Groveland town. Contributions of a Gift Card from Walmart, and cash funds from both Black Oak Casino Resort and Blue Mountain Minerals were used to purchase Holiday Decorations for Main Street and the park too.

We truly appreciate our Sonora partners, the owners, management, and their entire team of staff, each and every one. Thank You so much for your support of our town!

The Highway 120 Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center is located at 11875 Ponderosa Way, Suite A, just across from the Historic Jail House and Gardens, and we are open 9am to 3pm every day of the week all year. Contact us at (209) 962-0429 or info@groveland.org to sign up to receive our e-pubs, a weekly Community Events Calendar for the Groveland Highway 120 Northern Gateway to Yosemite and a monthly Newsletter from the Chamber office.

Southern Tuolumne County Historical Society Museum Happenings

BY CARRIE CARTER

2013 was a great year for your Groveland Yosemite Gateway Museum despite being closed for several days during the Rim Fire. The Federal government shut down and the snow in December also affected our visitation. In spite of these setbacks, we welcomed over

6,000 visitors this year. This was an increase of about 200 visitors from the previous year. Visitors came from 38 countries and every state except Wyoming. July was our busiest month with June and August close behind.

Valentine's Day is Friday, February 14 and we offer many unique items for your special valentine. The museum gift shop stocks many regional historical books and DVDs, jewelry, hiking sticks, puppets, stained glass, children's books, souvenirs, one of a kind handmade pine needle baskets and historic Groveland and Big Oak Flat art.

Last month's historic archive photo was of a very recognizable building that is now part of the Coldwell Banker Mountain Leisure Center on Main Street. However, it was not always in its current location. In 1899, Edwin and Charles Harper built the small house with its distinctive paired front gables and many Queen Anne details sitting 30 feet east of where it is today. It was moved in the late 1980s.

Henry Michael De Ferrari had the house built for his new bride, Rose



Cassaretto. De Ferrari, son of Augustino, opened and operated the Pioneer Saloon in Groveland just east of the old Granite Store (now Iron Door Saloon) from approximately 1903 to 1915. In 1909, he also managed the early telephone office, located in the Groveland Hotel. Henry De Ferrari moved to Oakland with his family in about 1918.

For more fascinating reading on the De Ferrari family and life in early Groveland and Big Oak Flat, come into the museum for a copy of Carlo De Ferrari's historical autobiography "The De Ferrari Family, Memories of Times Past". With over 400 vintage photos, it would make a great gift for yourself or friends. Don't forget to visit us on Facebook!

DO YOU RECOGNIZE THIS BUILDING?

If you can identify this month's historic photo from the STCHS archive you will receive 25% off any single item from the Groveland Yosemite Gateway Museum gift shop during the month of February (one gift per family).

Styrofoam Collection

BY PEGGY ANDREWS

Tuolumne County Master Gardeners will be collecting clean #6 Styrofoam on Saturday, February 8 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sunday, February 9th, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Waste Management at 14959 Camage Av. off Tuolumne Road in Sonora.

Waste Management will no longer be accepting Styrofoam as of January 1,

2014. Over the past year the Styrofoam collection has been such a success Waste Management was overwhelmed and could not keep up with the volume. There is no profit in Styrofoam so it is strictly a community service to help keep it out of the landfills.

Please contact, Peggy Andrews at 962-7264, if you have any questions.

Valentine's Day and the Magic of Robert Baxt at the Groveland Hotel

BY JONI GERKING

The new year excitement is over and we are starting to move into the rhythms of the months. Though February has its own grab bag of listed holidays, the two of note are Valentine's Day and President's Day. If you thought Valentine's Day was not a big deal, try explaining to your current squeeze exactly why you skipped the chance to affirm your affections! You may find a sudden change in your perception of Valentine Day's importance.

February 14 falls on a Friday this year. From my perspective, a weekend makes it easier to make plans, relax, and enjoy the opportunity to celebrate. The Groveland Hotel and Cellar Door Restaurant are doing their part to help you put the sweet back into your relationships with a special Valentine's menu on February 14 & 15, Friday and Saturday evenings. So, if you have "steam problems" (running out of steam or maybe too steamy), you have an extra night to take your sweetie out for dinner! Chef André has the perfect menu to get or keep you in the mood. You will find the menu on our website at www.groveland.com/events, and it is also available in our Cellar Door Restaurant.

If you would like your Valentine's Day plans to include "Get a Room," we have several romantic rooms available! We are more than happy to help you make extra points with a bottle of wine, flowers and chocolates. Just ask! Call us: 209-962-4000, or toll free: 800-273-3314, or send us an email: guestservices@groveland.com

How can you possibly make a good thing better? The afore mentioned Valentine's Day is on Friday, February 14 and President's Day is on Monday, February 17. In honor of President's Day, the National Park Service has declared February 15 - 17 to be Fee Free days. This makes the perfect weekend to enjoy

activities both indoors and in the great outdoors! Although we hope for and expect an influx of tourists, February is generally a quiet month to visit Yosemite and to see and feel the magic of the park

Robert Baxt, consummate magician, is back by popular demand on Saturday, February 22! It's the final Winter Magic performance with arguably the best show of the season! Baxt was the opener for our first Winter Magic season and his show was a complete sellout.

Besides performing at Hollywood's Magic Castle as magician and master of ceremonies, Robert Baxt plays the recurring special guest role of the character "Bernard" on the hit TV show, "How I Met Your Mother." You'll find him in episodes with the special credit title, "Guest Starring Robert Baxt." Check the video on our website, www.groveland.com/events to watch him perform.

If you missed Baxt's show the first time, this is your chance to grab tickets and see the magic innovator, ultimate showman, and television star in person! If you were one of the lucky few who saw his show last season, you'll want to see what new tricks and comedy routines the supremely skillful and hilarious Baxt has up his sleeve!

We have already sold several tickets for Robert Baxt's magic show, so if you plan to go, make your reservations now! Get your tickets, because once the seats are gone, they're truly gone!

The show starts at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 22. There is a \$10 cover charge for the show in addition to your dinner. Call our local phone number, 209-962-4000 or toll free, 800-273-3314. You may also send an email to guestservices@groveland.com

We are waiting to hear from you!

First Wednesday Bird Walk

BY JEANNE RIDGLEY

The first Wednesday of the month Bird Walk at the Groveland Community Services property at 18966 Ferretti Road, Groveland is led by Jeanne Ridgley. The property encompasses an area of more than 200 acres of oak, pine and willow habitat with three water storage ponds. 136 species of birds have been seen there since November of 2007.

27 species were seen on the Jan 1

Bird Walk. Highlights were wintering waterfowl: Wood Ducks, Ring-necked Ducks, Bufflehead and one Ruddy Duck.

Dates for upcoming trips are Feb and Mar 5. Meet the group in the GCSD parking lot at 8:00 AM. Bring binoculars and a birding field guide if you have one. Rain will cancel the trip. The walk will last about two-three hours. If you have any questions, call Jeanne at 962-7598.

Free Computer Classes at The Little House

BY BARBARA BROAD

More free computer classes from The Little House and GAINs. The classes using computers on Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Facebook will be at The Little House, and Facebook and Searching the Internet will meet at the Groveland Library Meeting Room.

How to Keep Records in Excel

10 am to noon, Monday, February 10, The Little House. An introduction to spreadsheets and some ideas of what to use them for, learning the basics of Excel.

Letters, Fliers, and Graphics in Word

10 am to noon, Monday, February 17, The Little House. Learn how to format letters and fliers and to use graphics in MS Word.

Using Facebook Safely

1 pm to 3 pm, Monday, February 24, The Little House. How to enjoy Facebook contacts with family and friends and not expose yourself to others. An online tutorial will be used, and you can continue using it at home.

Finding Information on the Internet

10 am to noon, Monday, March 3, Library Meeting Room. Tips for finding all kinds of information on the Internet efficiently and great ways to use the Internet.

More Ways to Use Excel

10 am to noon, Monday, March 10, The Little House. Learn more ways to use Excel for record keeping, calculating gas mileage, addresses, gifts given, etc.

Design Your Own Slide Show

10 am to noon, Monday, March 17, The Little House. See how easy it is to set up a slide show, and then add movement, graphics and sound. Make one for the last big trip you took, then mail it to your family and friends.

Formatting Newsletters, Using Mail Merge, and More

10 am to noon, Monday, March 24, The Little House. Learn how to use text boxes for newsletters and how to send your Christmas letters to a group of people, as well as much more in MS Word.

Finding Information on the Internet

10 am to noon, Monday, March 28, Library Meeting Room. Tips for finding all kinds of information on the Internet efficiently and great ways to use the Internet.

Barbara Broad is leading these classes. Sign up early because space is limited! Tell a friend! AND, if you have ideas for other classes, let Barbara know.

For information or to reserve a space, contact Barbara Broad, grovelandgains@gmail.com or 962-7730. Please leave your name, phone number, and email address.

Rambling Vet's Corner

BY TOM BICKMORE

Sorry for the delay! Below are the results for the 11/11/13 Veterans' Day Golf Tournament.

Low Gross

Gus Allegri
John Baker
Dan O'Connor
Eddie Wright

Red Flight

Paul Purifoy
Wayne Handley
Allen Craig
Michael Thobin

Blue Flight

Mike Breaux
Muffy Breaux
Dennis Pennell

Thanks to all the Volunteer's, Tee Sponsors, Raffle Prize Donator's, PML Golf Shop Staff and especially the ROOFBB'S for stepping aside on Monday Night. Marche and Terry Kizziar for the many, many raffle prizes and baskets. Stacy Brown and Staff for a great dinner. Money and Raffle Prizes have already started to come in for the 2014 Tournament. This year we will have a White Flight for all Ladies Teams.

The Palo Alto Veterans Health Care Services will be hosting a Outreach Clinic at PML Lake Lodge, March 20th from 11am - 3pm. If you know of any Veterans not currently enrolled please ask them to attend. We especially would like to have those who have recently served to get to attend. Any questions you can reach me at (209) 962-5517.

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From Your Tuolumne County District Supervisor

JOHN GRAY, TUOLUMNE COUNTY 4TH DISTRICT SUPERVISOR

Best wishes for the New Year! I hope that you all have enjoyed a great holiday season...

With an eye toward the future, the Board of Supervisors (BOS) has started off the new year by establishing our 2014 Annual Goals and an update of the County's 5 Year Plan. This plan can be found on the County website at <http://www.tuolumnecounty.ca.gov>.

The Board's approach over the past 5 years has been more purposeful than ever. We have developed a vision, a mission statement and a code of ethics and conduct. This plan was formed to provide a roadmap to link present day county operations to the future.

Annual goals are being tracked quarterly and we execute multi-year budgets to assure that what we spend today does not have a detrimental effect on the future—all sound business practices. As you know, we have been navigating very difficult times the past few years due to the downturn in the economy.

I have been asked by leaders of other counties how it is that we seem to be doing a little bit better. The short answer to this question....good planning, a comprehensive strategy, fiscally conservative budget policies, a co-operative work force and a Board with the courage to make tough decisions and hold the line when necessary.

We are by no means "out of the woods" but we do see daylight.

At the December 6th meeting the Board was called upon to take action regarding the growing of medical marijuana. In 1996, the voters in our state approved Proposition 215 that created the "Compassionate Use Act of 1996." To summarize, the intent of the Act was to ensure that seriously ill Californians have the right to obtain and use marijuana for medical purposes. The Act also allowed individuals to grow and cultivate marijuana for personal medical use.

The Board recognized the benefits of medical marijuana use by qualified patients and directed staff to prepare an

ordinance that provides for such use while also addressing the potential abuses and nuisance associated with the cultivation and distribution of medical marijuana.

The action taken on December 6th, 2013 by the Board was to refer the proposed ordinance to the Tuolumne County Planning Commission for review and recommendation after conducting a public hearing. The finding of the Commission will then be brought before the BOS where another public hearing will take place before the ordinance is voted upon. Information on the dates of those hearings can be found on the County's web page along with the entire ordinance.

For the past few weeks, we have been experiencing "spring-like" weather. This is not good news for the ski industry and other businesses that depend on tourist dollars to make a living. The Department of Water Resources recent survey has determined that the snow level in the Sierra is only at 17% of normal.

While the early signs are not good, historically the weather has rebounded in January and in February. There was also a torrential "Miracle March" in 1991 that produced enough snow to wash away several years of drought. There could be a chance for yet another miracle but the prudent advice would be for all of us to conserve now.

Governor Brown made his budget public on January 9th instead of the 10th due to a "leak" in the Administration. Details of the Governor's proposal can be found on the State web page or in most any newspaper. The good news is that we do have a budget surplus. The difficult task will be following just how that surplus is spent. It does appear that some monies will be directed toward funding additional jail construction and improvement.

Tuolumne County is in a good position to receive a \$20,000,000 grant to construct a new jail. The \$20,000,000 is roughly 50% of the total amount needed.

We will be applying for additional state money that may be available. We are ready to begin this project and just need a little more funding.

The passing of AB 109 (early prison release) has put an extreme burden on all counties. By releasing inmates back to the counties, the State Department of Corrections is saving a tremendous amount of money. It is only fitting for the State to provide all counties with adequate funding to support the necessary operational improvements required by AB 109.

We, as a county, face challenges in the New Year but we are prepared to meet these challenges with the determination and resolve that is expected of county leadership.

As always, please to contact me at my office number to schedule a time to discuss matters that are of concern or importance to you. Your comments are always welcome.

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Helping Hands News

THANK YOU TO OUR 'CHRISTMAS VILLAGE'

BY PATTI BEAULIEU

We're all familiar with the phrase, 'it takes a village' and there is no better example of this than with our own annual Groveland Community Christmas Basket Program. The village, in this case is the many residents in the town of Groveland and the surrounding communities of Moccasin, Big Oak Flat and Buck Meadows. What this 'village' has done, again this year, is provide many less fortunate families in these communities with a grand Christmas meal and gifts for their children, and in some cases, their live-in grandchildren.

Each year co-chairs, Dar Brown and Patti Beaulieu are astounded by the generosity, willingness to assist and contributions of this community, which we all know is unlike any other. We were able to grant 105 children their Christmas wishes, in addition to their winter clothing needs and provide food for 253 people in 78 families. Without our core team of Mal Brown, Shirley Brasesco, Fred Faiella, Karen Jablonski and Charlie Fratus, Dar and I couldn't even dream of getting it all done.

The project cannot possibly function or even get off the ground without the help of so many people, organizations, churches and several local businesses. Listed below, you will see the magnitude of the project and who has helped make it the success it was again this year.

Please know that everyone involved on every level is so very greatly appreciated and this can only take place, year after year, with their help.

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FOOD DONATIONS: MarVal Market for allowing the food donations to be purchased at cost and Chuck Bush for saving our boxes all year as well as coordinating the delivering the produce and perishables, Diestel Turkey Farms (who once again, so generously donated all the turkeys), RaboBank, Yosemite Bank; Big Oak Flat Baptist, Buck Meadows Community Church, Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints, Evangelical Free Church, Foothills Community Church, Groveland Christian Church, Mountain Lutheran Church, 7th Day Adventists Church, Garrote Lions Club, Groveland Rotary Club, Hetch Hetchy Water District, Kiwanis Club of Groveland, Rebekahs Lodge 259, Tuolumne County Association of Realtors, Liz and Donald Lilly, Joan and Bob Herron, Groveland Highlanders 4H Club, CA Dept of Forestry; and the following Pine Mountain Lake Organizations - RV Club, Resident's Club, Garden Club, ROOFBB's, Men's 9-Hole Golf Club and Racquet Club. Once again, Linn Faler was the elf in charge of verifying the food donations.

SHOPPING ELVES: This outstanding group of ladies braved the crowds (or the keyboards) and helped out Santa by shopping for the children- Toni Augsburg, Jackie Baker, Chris Balek, Patti Beaulieu, Dar Brown, Faye Buckley, GERALYN Dielman, Syl Engstrom, Linn Faler, Sandi Fiance, Shirley Haliwell, Cheryl Hernandez, Karen Jablonski, Flo Jansen, Amanda Klaahsen, Linelle Marshall, Sue Peterson, Syd Robenseifner, Dawn Silva, Linda Struhm, Donna Thayer and Claudette Williams.

WRAPPERS: The following Santa Helpers came in throughout the week to help him get all the gifts wrapped: Jackie Baker, Chris Balek, Betty and Willie Boatman, Shirley Brasesco, Faye Buckley, Cecile Burke, Mary Chapman, Susan Dwyer, Syl Engstrom, Linn Faler, Charlie Fratus, Karen and Frank Jablonski, Flo Jansen, Linelle Marshall, Trina Olson, Wanda Patterson, Sue Peterson, Cindy Selvey, Dawn Silva, Sharon Spinelli, Dea Thomas, members of FOGL wrapped all the books (over 400).

MORE ASSISTANCE WE COULDN'T LIVE WITHOUT: The Pine Mountain Lake News and Yosemite Highway Herald who give us room to publish our articles about the project; Jim Knudson and Steve Salnick, who pick up the turkeys in Chinese Camp at the crack of dawn on pick up day; Willie Boatman, who is Santa's chief elf and assembled all the bicycles; Kathy Cox, who allowed Santa to store all the gifts in her garage until they were given away; the Community Services Unit who manages the Community Hall traffic - Mike Cunningham, Richard Graham and John Klink; FOGL ladies, Virginia Gustafson and Harriet Codeglia, who provided cider and cookies on pick up day; MarVal Market, who allows us to put out a food barrel for donations; the Groveland Museum, who also had a food barrel for donations; the local members of Cal Fire who collected and delivered the food barrel donations; Karen Jablonski, Linda Child and Sue Fuller who worked our 'turkey and bike room'; our valiant 'runners', who gathered and delivered the goods to the recipients' cars on pick up day - Wally Child, Greg Cramblit, Fred Faiella, Dick Faux, Larry Fuller, Kurt Peterson, and Rudy Rich; AND OF COURSE, SANTA AND MRS. CLAUS!

As you can see, the help and donations we get are overwhelming and as we continue to chair this project each year, we are in awe of the generosity of the residents of this community. With a happy and humble heart, we say THANK YOU!!!

HELPING HANDS HAPPENINGS

BY JOYCE SMITH

Did you make a New Year's Resolution? "Forty to forty five percent of American adults make one or more resolutions. Top resolutions are weight loss, exercise, quitting smoking and better money management. By the second week in January, 25 percent have abandoned their resolutions". These are all good resolutions with good intentions. (Fact from our Jan. 2014 Helping Hands Newsletter.) If you made resolutions, I wish you success.

It's almost January as I write this. It's difficult to get going with my article after the, (hopefully for all) wonderful Christmas with our loved ones and friends. Sitting in front of my computer screen isn't the most fun, but I could be taking down Christmas decorations. Taking down decorations is something all businesses have to do and we

are no exception. We sold a lot of Christmas items so that helps to move things out, and our Christmas sales helped to get even more things out the door. We are really good with having sales and the weather was good for being out after our big snow and many low temperature days. (We were closed a record 3 consecutive days because of this snow.) We had a number of 1/2 price sale days right before Christmas and we had a lot of people in. I hope you were able to take advantage of them.

New Policy January 1. We will no longer be accepting credit or debit transactions for less than \$ 5.00. So you will either have to pay in cash or buy something more to make the purchase for more than \$5.00 if you use a credit or debit card.

We had our Annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon at the Pine Mountain Lake Grille on January 9th. This was planned by our outgoing Board. We thank the Board for this nice event and appreciate their acknowledgment of our part in Helping Hands. We are all here because we like what we do and feel good about what we do for our community.

Snow Days!!! We hope to have some. Call the store first before venturing out. We could be closed if it is a hazard for our volunteers to get here.

Again, Happy New Year! See you at the Store or Barn!

TROOP UPDATE

BY MARY BROWN-WESEE

Helping Hands support the troops program is continuing this year with my help, so I'll need your continued help. I've been looking at soldier request and see that most have microwaves and laundry facilities. Some request are for items that help pass the time, such as coloring books and crayons, puzzles, small games and puzzle books like sudoku etc. When shopping keep in mind the boxes are 12X12x5. Razors and shave cream, deodorant, baby wipes, disinfectant wipes. On the feminine side...panty liners, regular thin pads, and tampons. Laundry pods (Tide is one brand). On the food side beef jerky is very popular, INDIVIDUAL servings of oatmeal, soups, cereal, (cups they can add water to) applesauce, peanuts or any other nuts, cliff bars, cereal bars. Recent boxes sent contained Valentine cards for them to send home to loved ones. If you have any items to help fill the boxes please drop them off at Helping Hands. Thank you all for your support in this project.

Mountain Lutheran Church's Epiphany

BY PASTOR GINGER DUMARS

We are in the middle of the Season of Epiphany, which is sometimes called Ordinary Time because it's between 2 of our highest Holy Days of the church year. It's one of 2 Liturgical Seasons between Christmas & Easter. Epiphany began on Jan. 6 and ends on March 5, Ash Wed., which marks the beginning of Lent this year. Epiphany emphasizes the various ways that God makes God's presence, God's I.D. & activities known to us – especially through Jesus Christ. The symbol & main theme for this Season is God's LIGHT with Jesus and His ministry as the Light of the World, which NO darkness can overcome! We all seem to need these Seasons of Light (Christmas & Epiphany) during the darkest days & longest dark nights of the year.

As we began this new calendar year, we elected 2014's Officers for Mountain Lutheran's Council & Congregation: President - Tom Carman, V.P. - Mary Bruha, Recording Secretary - Kay Smith, Treasurer - Stan Bruederle, Financial Secretary - Bob Smith, and Members at Large - Eva Sheldon & Dorine Smith. The Pastor also serves as a Council Member. We are excited about a new (County Approved) bright blue & white I.D. sign to be installed soon on the corner of Down to Earth Ct. & Ferretti Rd. and also happy about our new Oak Literature

Stand (constructed by Bob DuMars) to be delivered soon. Come & See these new items that help promote the Good News of Jesus & our Good News for YOU!

We continue to enjoy Guest Preachers once each month! On Feb. 9 Pastor Lee Warford will give the sermon at Sunday Morning's 10:00 Worship Service. Pr. Lee is the Assistant to the Pastor at Columbia's 49'er Presbyterian Church. He brings a relevant message based on God's Word from an "Open Bible" background & perspective that is respected & appreciated by people from various Christian denominations! And, we are always blessed by Pastor John Van Dyck who was with us & preached for us on Jan. 19! Pr. John works as a Counselor for At Risk Youth & Adults as well as offering relevant sermons for Mountain Lutheran & Mt. Calvary Lutheran (Sugar Pine) Churches upon request.

Our Ash Wed. Service will be held at 7 p.m. on March 5 and will include Scripture Readings, Hymns, Sermon, Holy Communion, Marking the Cross on our foreheads with ashes. Everyone is warmly welcomed to this Ash Wed. Service and to our 10:00 Sunday Worship Services & to ALL events at Mountain Lutheran Church, 13000 Down to Earth Court at Ferretti Road, Groveland!

Divide Cemetery News

BY PEGGY ANDREWS

The trustees are working on ideas to help the erosion problem up at the cemetery. One of the ideas was to keep the oak leaves on the ground this winter and rake them up in the spring. If you have any ideas, please let one of the trustees know.

We are also going to be working on fixing some of the graves where the ground has eroded around the stone.

Another project is to identify graves of veterans who may not have a military headstone. If you have any information again please contact one of the trustees.

Many of you may have noticed there is a new concrete pad next to the new retaining wall in the middle of the cemetery. This pad was meant to be used for services, rather than having the awning set up on the road, and was not meant to be used as a parking pad.

Oak Grove Cemetery Trustees are as follows: Mark Thornton, Leonard Cassaretto, Denise Henderson, Lillian Cravens, and Peggy Andrews and Caretaker Randy Henerson.

If you have any questions or information regarding veterans, please email Peggy Andrews at pmlandrews@sonnet.com or call 962-7264.



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Tenaya Principal's Lunch



Congratulations to Penny Moore-Vilmur, Corra Sorsdahl, Alexis Cruz, Nathan Martinez, Eric Aguiar, Jacey Hawkins, Haily Kampe, Trevor Weeks, Leo Sweeney, and Michael Rhodes for being chosen for

January's Principal's Lunch/Dessert. Students are given Tenaya Tokens for doing good deeds. Then each month a token is chosen from each classroom so that child may attend Principal's Lunch. We are very proud of all of you.

Tenaya Elementary Photo Contest Awards Ceremony

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.

This contest is being judged by each of you as you visit the Museum! Now we are inviting you to our Awards Ceremony to recognize these 11 very creative and aspiring

photographers.

Date: Wed., Feb. 26, 2014

Time: 2:20 – 3:00 p.m.

Location: Tenaya Elem. 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.

Valentine Rose Sale

BY TENAYA PARENT PRESCHOOL

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 and/or teacher 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.

Make your loved ones smile this Valentine's Day for a good cause!! Be sure to place your order early.

For further information, please contact Tenaya Parent Preschool @ 209-962-7559

Tenaya Parent Preschool students, staff and families thank you in advance for your support!!!

Tenaya Parent Preschool is currently accepting enrollment applications

Tioga High Student of the Month



Matt Spring

Tioga High is pleased to select senior Matt Spring as our Student of the Month. Matt is well liked and respected by his teachers and fellow students for his athletic achievements, academic strength, and good nature. He has excelled for

all four years in cross-country and track, and also plays on the soccer, basketball, and baseball teams. Matt is successfully completing a rigorous course load that this year includes Physics, Calculus, as well as AP English and Econ/Civics.

Throughout Matt's four years at Tioga he has continued to impress staff with his willingness to volunteer for service at school.

Tenaya Elementary Student of the Month



Lucy Hessler

5th Grader, Lucy Hessler, is Tenaya's Student of the Month.

Lucy is an outstanding student/athlete. She excels in the classroom and on the field/court. Lucy has a "can do" attitude and warm smile. She is

always willing to give the extra effort needed to accomplish her goals. We are all very proud of her. Lucy was nominated by her teacher Dave Palmer. Lucy's parents are Ron and Michelle Hessler of Groveland.

Matt Spring truly represents the best of what our little school can deliver. Matt's parents are Chris Spring and Paul Spring both of Groveland.

Tenaya 4th Graders Make Progress in Math

BY VIRGINIA GUSTAFSON

Students in Mr. Egger's 4th grade class have been working on math facts with Brainy Groveland volunteers every Monday afternoon. We use repetitive drilling and testing to make sure each child has a solid foundation in basic math. Following Brainy Groveland's philosophy of financial rewards for effort and achievement, the students earn \$1 for each level of addition or multiplication tables they master.

During the fall term every student made progress, and 15 out of the class of 27 met a higher goal (number of tests passed) to qualify for a chance to win a brand new Android tablet computer. The tablet was donated by Brainy Groveland and won by Ember Harris.

More importantly, the students are developing competence and confidence in their basic math skills.

If you would like to volunteer as a Brainy Groveland math mentor and visit the classroom once a month, please contact Virginia Gustafson at 962-6336. All materials and training are provided.



4th grade teacher Rob Eggers and student Ember Harris. Photo by: Steve Ryan.

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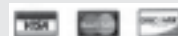
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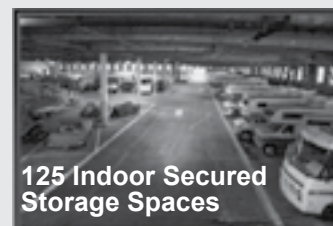
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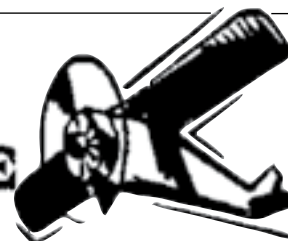
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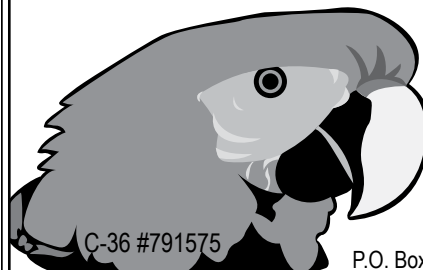
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