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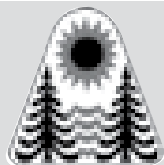
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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Steve Margossian • Board President

with a new concrete structure that should outlast most of us.

For Administration, we repaired the failing rain gutters and installed new flooring on the entryway. We also patched up the parking area that was showing signs of its age.

For the infrastructure, we hired a new controller and maintenance manager. We purchased and installed an ATM system for the Country Club, and most of all, we procured and installed the new accounting system.

Looking at the downside, not all was sunshine and roses. Mother Nature slapped us upside the head with an extended rainy period in the spring and blistering heat in the peak season. These both had an impact on our revenue but we survived with a mild fall.

The bureaucracy whipsawed us on the Lake dredging permitting process by imposing the requirement to do an impact study. This caused us to miss our window for implementation and delay the project by a year and increase our cost by \$60,000.

Another disappointment was the failure to get our road maintenance contract completed and scheduled. The work for this year will be combined with the 2006 work to give us more leverage in negotiations. This work should be completed in the early spring.

Finally, legal costs continue to plague us. Our former GM and a former director filed the Lett-Kauffman lawsuit accusing the Association of malfeasance and fraud. While it is our contention and that of legal counsel that all of these charges are unfounded, we are still forced to defend ourselves. Also driving the legal costs is the Lett Arbitration that just seems to be dragging on with the meter running. Another contributor to our increasing legal fees are those residual cases that are still active but currently in legal stagnation. But as they say, with all this manure, there has

to be a pony in there somewhere.

Not wanting to end on a negative note, when weighed on the grand scale of things, it was a pretty good year. As you can see, all of our staff were busy little campers and we owe them a hearty thank you for a job well done. Without their efforts, PML would not be the wonderful place that it is. And personally, I want to wish each and every one of you a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

# The Cost to PMLA Members for Pending Litigation

In response to property owner concerns and questions regarding pending litigation and the costs to the Association, we have listed the current pending cases by title and the amount the Association has paid so far.

## Ken Lett v. PMLA

(Arbitration)

\$47,964.36

## Ken Lett and Mel Kauffman v. PMLA

(Member Lawsuit)

\$33,516.03

## PMLA v. Thomas Huey

(CC&R Enforcement Lawsuit)

\$58,717.22

## Dane Nielsen v. PMLA

(Lawsuit - Labor Code 132(a) Claim)

\$18,926

Now that the Holidays have come and gone and a New Year is upon us, this is an ideal time to reflect on 2006. To quote Dickens "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times."

On the upside, we accomplished numerous tasks to improve our infrastructure and refurbish our amenities. We tried our best to reach out to all of the different areas.

In Tennis, we resurfaced courts 3 and 4; we repaired courts 5 and 6, and installed a much needed sun awning to protect our players during the hot summer months.

In the Equestrian Center, we completed phase 1 of the fencing project, repaired the barn paddock area, rebuilt the stage and installed a new fire alarm system to more adequately safeguard our boarders and protect the property.

For the Swim Center, we repaired the concrete decking and repainted the pool itself. We also commissioned a study to develop plans for the long awaited ADA ramp that is slated to be complete in 2007.

In Golf Operations, the pro shop got new display racks; Maintenance got an infusion of much needed equipment to increase productivity and rid us of the high maintenance items. We also replaced 20 golf carts and kept them dry by redoing the cart-shed roof.

We repaired the significant termite damage in the Lake Lodge along with the replacement of the flooring in both bathrooms and the kitchen. The major effort was the replacement of the failing deck



## On the Cover

Tioga High School Junior, Danny Irene, goes in for a layup as team mate Billy Hilton looks on.

Photography by:

Ron Stringer, Tenaya Elementary School Teacher.

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# GENERAL MANAGER'S MESSAGE

By Joe Powell,  
CCAM, General Manager

## Administration

The 2007 Annual Assessment books were mailed to all PML members, if you did not receive one or you lost yours, please contact my Administrative Assistant, Debra Durai at (209) 962-8627. Please note that the prepayment discount will only apply when the Annual Assessment is paid in full by January 31st, 2007.

## Lot Merger Issue

In 2005 the Association engaged in mediation with a property owner regarding his demand that the Association allow the de-merger of his lots in a conflict with the CC&R's. At the end of 2005 the Association resolved the issue with the property owner. After the resolution of this matter, the issue of lot merging causing a reduction in the assessment base of the Association became a policy consideration by the Board.

The Board enacted a moratorium on merging and placed the issue on multiple Board meeting agendas in an effort to elicit member opinion and discussion. After multiple meetings the Board asked Association Counsel to prepare a Board resolution. The resolution was published for over thirty days for member notice and comment in accordance with California Civil Code. Notices were also posted in multiple locations in the common areas in an effort to compel member comment and attendance at Board meetings to speak on the subject.

After eight months of published notices and meetings, the draft Board resolution was brought forward for Board action at the October 21st Board meeting. Due to complaints that the meeting was not noticed properly, the Board gave members another chance to speak at the October 21st meeting and subsequently postponed Board action on this draft resolution until the November 18th Board meeting to ensure all members had an opportunity to evaluate the impact of the resolution and voice their opinion on the matter.

At the November 18th Board meeting, the Board decided to rescind the moratorium on mergers and table the draft resolution until August of 2007. At that time an advisory measure will be included on the Annual Election ballot so that PMLA members could be

surveyed to determine if there is enough member interest to prompt the Board to move forward with a change to our current merger policy.

The Board has already announced at several Board meetings that "de-mergers" which are more appropriately referred to as minor subdivisions will not be considered in the future. The number of lots that the County would consider for a minor subdivision are negligible and the legal ramifications could be significant to PML. As a result of lengthy review, advice of Counsel and consideration, the Board decided to terminate any further effort to change this policy.

## Department of Safety

On December 7th PML Director of Safety, John Edner and PML Safety Officer Bonnie Langfeldt joined Tuolumne County employees for a disaster training program. The program, known as the National Incident Management System was held by the Tuolumne County's Office of Emergency Services and will benefit PML residents in the event there is an emergency. This type of training is part of our on-going efforts to support the County in providing Public Safety services for our members. We would like to thank Steve Boyack, Tuolumne County's Emergency Services Coordinator for working with us and we look forward to better communication and agency response in the event there is an emergency in our area. I would also like to thank John and Bonnie for taking the time to participate in this critical training.

## Golf Course Rating

Once again the Pine Mountain Lake Golf Course has received a 4.5 star rating out of 5 for the Golf Digest - Places to Play. This rating is based on reader comments to Golf Digest. This year's Best Places to Play rated more than 4000 courses in North America and the Islands. The courses were evaluated by approximately 20,000 Golf Digest readers. As always the courses were rated on the overall golf experience, value for the money, standard of service, conditioning of the course and normal pace of play for 18 holes. Special thanks and recognition go to PML Head Golf Professional, Chris Borrego and his staff and Golf Course Superintendent, Alan MacDonald and his staff for their combined efforts operating and maintaining our championship facility.

## Unit and Lot Identification Signs

In 2004 in response to requests by local emergency response agencies, the Board of Directors enacted a resolution that requires all members to post a sign that identified the members Unit, Lot and Street address. Lots without an assigned

address were only required to post the Unit and Lot designation. Members are encouraged to post the appropriate identification signs on their lots. Our staff continues to inspect lots and we will be sending out letters to owners that have not complied. Help your emergency services by posting your signs.

## Burning in PML

We ask that all members utilize the Compost Area near the PML Campgrounds to dispose of limbs, leaves, brush and clippings. Household garbage, stumps and construction debris are not permitted. For those that choose to burn please be polite to your neighbors and make sure that you do not burn green or wet vegetation. We have received complaints of smoke caused by the burning of wet leaves. It is also important that you monitor the fire and not leave it unattended.

If you have any questions, feel free to call our Fire Safety Coordinator, Larry Wooduff at (209) 962-8616. It is also important to check with the Department of Safety to determine if it is a permissible burn day. The Department of Safety checks with the County Air Quality Control Department every day and will be happy to give you the information. You can reach them at (209) 962-8615.

## Local Rainfall

by Jerry Dickson

Date	Rain, Inches (24 Hr. to 9 AM)	Season Total Inches
		Season Start
July 1, 2006		1.98
Nov. 11	0.06	2.04
Nov. 13	0.02	2.06
Nov. 14	1.20	3.26
Nov. 27	0.42	3.68
Nov. 28	0.08	3.76
Dec. 9	0.48	4.24
Dec. 10	1.20	5.44
Dec. 11	0.16	5.60

Some of you have a barometer and a few will get one for Christmas—and wonder why it doesn't agree with the weather guy. Do what he did, set it to sea level—29.92 in. Hg. on a nice average day (or to his reading on a normal day).

Actually the true pressure is about 1-in. Hg. lower for each 1,000 ft. of altitude.\* My garage floor is at the 2800 foot contour line, which means the true pressure is about 27 1/8 in. Hg., or 13.3 Psi. That 747 at 33,000 feet has only 3.8 Psi. Makes you short of breath!

\*For 0 to 5,000 Ft.

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The PML News is dedicated to reporting PML Association business and PML Association news to Pine Mountain Lake Property Owners.

The PML News receives more than 100 Tuolumne County/Groveland community related submissions each month. All such community related articles and notices will appear in the PML News on a SPACE AVAILABLE basis and at the DISCRETION of the PML News Publishing Editor.

### All Ads and articles must be received by 4:30 PM on the 10th of the month!

Articles are accepted as an e-mail attachment, on CD-R, on disk, laser printed or in these programs

**Word, Excel, PageMaker, Illustrator, Photoshop or Acrobat files ONLY.**

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ment composition.

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LOCATION OF  
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In an emergency, call 911! In case of a death-related accident, call the Coroner's Office at 209/533-5833.

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

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OFFICE DIRECTORY

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- Accounts Payable...209/962-8626
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  - Stables...209/962-8667

**Country Club Reservations  
HOTLINE...209/962-8638**



Every third Saturday of the month at the PML Lake Lodge. Meetings start at 9 AM.

- January 20, 2007**
- February 17, 2007**
- March 17, 2007**
- April 21, 2007**
- May 19, 2007**
- June 16, 2007**
- July 21, 2007**
- August 18, 2007**
- September 15, 2007**
- October 20, 2007**
- November 17, 2007**

NOTICE • NOTICE • NOTICE

**2007**

- Monday**  
**January 1** New Years Day
  - Tuesday**  
**January 2** New Years  
In Lieu of New Years Eve (Sunday)
  - Monday**  
**February 19** Presidents Day
  - Monday**  
**May 28** Memorial Day  
(National Observance Day)
  - Wednesday**  
**July 4** Independence Day
  - Monday**  
**September 3** Labor Day
  - Monday**  
**November 12** Veterans Day
  - Thursday**  
**Nov. 22** Thanksgiving
  - Friday**  
**Nov. 23** Day after Thanksgiving
  - Monday**  
**December 24** Christmas Eve
  - Tuesday**  
**December 25** Christmas
  - Monday**  
**December 31** New Years Eve
  - Tuesday**  
**January 1, 2008** New Years Day
- OFFICE CLOSED ON THESE DAYS**

**Editor's Note**

We greatly appreciate your contributions but please note that the PML News fills up very quickly – often by the 7th or 8th of the month (long before the 10th deadline). To ensure that your submission is reviewed for publication please submit in full and as early as possible.

**Please remember that the PML News is limited in capacity and your submissions are reviewed on a first-come-first-served, space-available basis.**

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

We do our best to provide you with timely news. If you experience delayed delivery, or have misplaced a particular edition, please visit us at the PMLA website [www.pinemountainlake.com](http://www.pinemountainlake.com) for a downloadable PDF of the News posted by the 1st of the month and a downloadable PDF list of ad rates.

**PMLA Department  
of Safety Report**

As of November 2006

CLASSIFICATION	MONTH	YTD
Phone Calls Received	4,345	60,127
Alarm Res.	7	46
Animals - Loose	14	220
Animals - Impounded	2	65
Animals - Trapped	1	1
Animals - Registered	0	7
Animals - Dead/Injured	15	176
Animals - Disturbance	2	190
Assist - Dispatch (Gen.)	33	687
Assist - Patrol (Gen.)	110	1,450
Complaint - Non PML Res.	3	81
Illegal Burn/Fire	14	63
Report Writing	2	59
Gate - Tamper	1	15
Gate - Follow Through	8	59
Gate - Malfunction	4	93
Confiscated Access Card	0	37
Mess/Pkg P/U - Delivery	22	587
Posting Fliers	14	114
Miscellaneous	213	2,884
Lost and Found	1	43
ECC Inspection	0	102
New Sale Inspection	0	31
Lot Fire Inspection	0	0
Hazard	8	152
Suspicious Circumstance	7	204
Suspicious Person	9	71
Suspicious Vehicle	3	84
Tennis Fees Collected	\$263	\$2,897
All Other Fees Collected	\$1,734	\$22,824
Camp Envelope/Dump St.	\$18	\$426
Amenity Burglary	0	6
Residential Burglary	2	17
Grand Theft	0	12
Petty Theft	2	20
Malicious Mischief	1	68
Trespass	0	38
Law Violations - All Other	0	39
Law Violations to TCSO	1	55
Training/Meeting	1	62
PML Reg Violation - Res.	3	279
PML Reg Violation - Guest	0	51
Vehicles Refused	129	2,067
Vehicles - Illegally Parked	5	75
Vehicles - Citation Issued	3	31
Vehicles - Marking Tires	2	9
Vehicles - Accident - PML	2	22
Vehicles Admitted	8,577	123,808
Security Checks - Amenity	1,840	14,280
Security Checks - Res.	259	4,153
Opening/Closing Buildings	262	3,025
Opening/Closing Gates	248	2,706
Posting Tennis	62	624
Monitoring Tennis Courts	3	93
Weapons	0	27
Amenity P/U & Del. to Bank	78	1,264
Patrol Vehicle - Maint.	5	89
Patrol Vehicle - Safety Ck.	87	914
Hetch Hetchy Realtors	269	8,626
Passes Issued	2,034	24,743
Fixed Post	28	126



PINE MOUNTAIN LAKE ASSOCIATION													
SUMMARY STATEMENT OF OPERATING FUND REVENUES AND EXPENSES													
For The Eleven Months Ended November 30, 2006													
OPERATION OF AMENITIES	Revenues					Expenses							
						Total Expenses	(Cost)/Income			Budget			
	Members' Assessments Net of Discount	User Fees	Sales, Net of Cost of Sales	Miscellaneous Income	Total Revenues		Before Depreciation	Depreciation Expense	(NET COST) INCOME	(NET COST) INCOME	Variance Bud - Act		
Golf Course	\$ -0-	\$ 842,430	\$ 80,768	\$ 515	\$ 923,713	\$ 1,071,647	\$ (147,934)	\$ 198,963	\$ (346,897)		\$ (305,683)	(41,214)	
Country Club	-0-	-0-	343,788	963	344,751	688,786	(344,035)	29,997	(374,032)		(309,305)	(64,727)	
Campgrounds	-0-	34,349	-0-	-0-	34,349	25,036	9,313	1,770	7,543		2,592	4,951	
Marina	-0-	173,503	56,185	284	229,972	244,334	(14,362)	49,611	(63,973)		(48,922)	(15,051)	
Lake & Dam	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	0	76,860	(76,860)	1,729	(78,589)		(55,448)	(23,141)	
Lake Lodge	-0-	1,400	98	-0-	1,498	42,369	(40,871)	7,769	(48,640)		(41,813)	(6,827)	
Swim Center	-0-	10,601	3,139	6	13,746	65,724	(51,978)	27,414	(79,392)		(64,115)	(15,277)	
Equestrian Center	-0-	72,744	111	10	72,865	157,147	(84,282)	11,939	(96,221)		(73,428)	(22,793)	
Tennis	-0-	10,190	-0-	-0-	10,190	10,108	82	12,364	(12,282)		(8,784)	(3,498)	
Roads & Facilities Maintenance	-0-	20,546	-0-	4,580	25,126	807,528	(782,402)	135,414	(917,816)		(948,859)	31,043	
Country Club Building (3)	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	0	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-		-0-	-0-	
PROPERTY OWNER SERVICES													
Membership and ECC	-0-	71,847	-0-	8,534	80,381	116,328	(35,947)	1,014	(36,961)		7,562	(44,523)	
PML News	-0-	134,969	-0-	-0-	134,969	90,831	44,138	328	43,810		19,685	24,125	
Safety	-0-	64,702	64	152	64,918	547,135	(482,217)	13,682	(495,899)		(510,041)	14,142	
Administration	-0-	(4,217)	112	18,624	14,519	955,830	(941,311)	10,216	(951,527)		(897,168)	(54,359)	
ASSESSMENTS													
Assessments	3,108,572	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	3,108,572	-0-	3,108,572		2,879,880	228,692	
Totals	\$ 3,108,572	\$ 1,433,064	\$ 484,265	\$ 33,668	\$ 1,950,997	\$ 4,899,663	\$ 159,906	\$ 502,210	\$ (342,304)		\$ (353,847)	11,543	

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.
3. The Country Club Building is fully allocated to the Country Club and Golf Course.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES 11 Months Ended November 30, 2006					
	RESERVE FUNDS			NEW CAPITAL ADDITIONS FUND	TOTAL CONTRIBUTION TO CAPITAL
	AMENITY REFURBISHMENT FUND	CAPITAL EQUIP. REPLACEMENT FUND	TOTAL RESERVE FUNDS		
2006 Beginning Fund Balances	\$919,199	\$144,953	\$1,064,152	\$42,554	\$1,106,706
Interest Income	43,505	5,608	49,113	998	50,111
Less Bank Fees	(30)	(120)	(150)	(30)	(180)
Assessments Earned	695,093 <sup>(1)</sup>	362,091 <sup>(2)</sup>	1,057,184	3,028 <sup>(3)</sup>	1,060,212
Income Tax Expense					0
PURCHASES BY AMENITY					
Golf Course	(13,119)	(128,448)	(141,567)	(1,588)	(143,155)
Country Club			0		0
Campgrounds			0		0
Lake and Marina	(58,298)	(14,940)	(73,238)		(73,238)
Lake Lodge	(53,040)		(53,040)		(53,040)
Swim Center	(9,845)		(9,845)		(9,845)
Equestrian Center	(814)	(67,040)	(67,854)	(1,741)	(69,595)
Tennis	(37,178)		(37,178)	(6,692)	(43,870)
Roads & Facilities Maintenance	(14,994)	(50,251)	(65,245)		(65,245)
Country Club Building			0		0
PROPERTY OWNER SERVICES					
Membership & ECC			0		0
PML News			0		0
Safety	(674)	(31,469)	(32,143)		(32,143)
Social Activities			0		0
Administration	(2,299)	(51,952)	(54,251)	(4,567)	(58,818)
Total transfer to Operating Fund for property and equipment additions	(190,261)	(344,100)	(534,361)	(14,589)	(548,950)
Adjusted Fund Balances	\$1,467,506	\$168,432	\$1,635,938	\$31,961	\$1,667,899

Notes to the Financial Statements

- (1) The Budgeted Amenity Refurbishment Fund assessment for 2006 is \$757,500.
- (2) The Budgeted Capital Equipment Replacement Fund assessment for 2006 is \$394,600.
- (3) The Budgeted New Capital Additions Fund assessment for 2006 is \$3,300.

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

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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## A Ladies Club Thankyou

As Chair of the PML Ladies Club Christmas Cinderella Ball Gala, I want to say a big THANK YOU to the staff of the Country Club. Tom Dorsey, Manager, and Sharon Volponi, Events Manager, were just great to work with—always helpful with suggestions and accommodating to our requests. Chef Orpheus Brown prepared an outstanding gourmet dinner, beautifully presented. Another round of applause to Ryan Niedens and the wait staff and to Charlie Bishop and his crew. They all helped make the evening a success for my committee and me.

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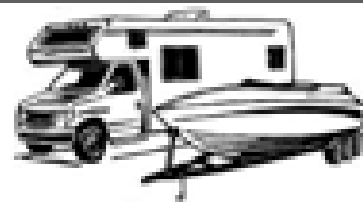
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# The New pinemountainlake.com Website

The Pine Mountain Lake Association is pleased to announce that on Friday, December 15, 2006 our new website went "live." The new site is very user friendly and incorporates the key elements that members had expressed a desire to have on our site. While the new site is live and operational, it is still a work in progress as we continue to add content elements, such as upcoming Country Club events, Association an-

nouncements, and a new photo gallery.

We are pleased to have had Sabre Design & Publishing—from right here in Groveland—design the new site with state-of-the-art programming that allows for back-end updating.

Back-end updating of websites is still relatively new and can be very expensive, but Sabre Design in conjunction with Gregory Ross of Stickbox (based out of Las Vegas, Nevada) were able to

design and program the website to fit within our Association's budget. Since the Association purchased the back-end programming outright, we do not have to pay any monthly lease fees for the special programming or pay a programmer to make any changes.

Changes and updates to the content of the website will now be made from in-house without the need for an onstaff programmer. The customized programming gives us the opportunity to utilize features that are normally only available to larger companies.

In the process of updating the website we also eliminated the cost of utilizing a dedicated server. Transferring our website to a shared server gave us more email accounts to utilize when we need them, as well as giving us larger storage space with 24-hour technical support. This change has amounted to quite a savings for the Association.

Be sure to check out the new website, we're sure you'll love the new format as much as we do. The web address remains the same—[www.pinemountainlake.com](http://www.pinemountainlake.com).



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## Sabre Design Unveils World Poker Association Website

Local publishers and graphic designers, Sabre Design, forged a relationship in late 2005 with Jesse Jones, founder of the World Poker Association (WPA).

The small design firm from Groveland was selected to design not only the website, but to also create the look and branding for the WPA. Sabre Design created a new logo that exudes dominance for the WPA in the world of poker. The business cards they designed look like actual playing cards. They also created brochures, membership cards and postcards. With a standout logo and the professionally designed pieces of collateral under their belt—and only a few months later—the WPA is now being recognized all over the world.

Easing some of the difficulties involved in being a full-time poker player is one of the goals of the World Poker Association, a Las Vegas-based group.

The association aims to be the "PGA of poker" by becoming a sanctioning body for major poker tournaments worldwide and establishing standardized tournament rules.

The WPA is quickly becoming a major go to for not only seasoned pros like Jesse Jones, but also for well-known poker players and now WPA members such as Joseph Hachem, Phil Hellmuth, Phil Gordon and many more.

This website is one of many designed by the local design firm. Visit the WPA at [WPAPoker.org](http://WPAPoker.org).

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# Ala Carte - January '07

by Sharon Volponi

We trust you all made some wonderful holiday memories with your families and friends!

We thank again all those who celebrated here at the PML Country Club. And while we're saying thanks, a big thank you to the Club decorators of the ROOFBB and Guardian Clubs. The beautiful Christmas decorations add so much to the ambience and festive spirit of the season. We almost hate to see them come down!

The New Year is upon us, and we are busy gearing up to make this our best year ever.

We appreciate your continued support. Our calendar is already filling up with club activities and special events, weddings, anniversaries, and such. If you or your group is thinking of planning an event with

us, call soon to book your date! We don't want you to be disappointed.

The "Big Event" of January is the Rotary Club's annual Red, White & Blue Ball that will be held this year on Saturday, January 27. It is a terrific fundraiser for this service club, offering a fine dinner, wonderful dancing music by Homegrown, and a lively raffle. Call a Rotarian for ticket information. The Club will be closed to ala Carte dining on this evening.

When the weather turns cold and damp and you want to give your spirits a lift, grab some friends and come on down to the Club. We are waiting to serve you. See our entertainment schedule below.

Happy New Year! 🍷

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## PML Men's Golf Club

**Y**our Pine Mountain Lake Men's Club tournament schedule for 2007 will not be finalized until after the deadline (December 10th) for submission to the PML news. We do have a full schedule of tournaments planned for 2007 and they will be published in the February issue of the PML news.

We do have one tournament scheduled for January 17th and that will be a Monthly Special. The format will be a computer draw four-man scramble. Sign up sheets may be obtained in the pro-shop or online at our web site <http://www.pmlmgc.com>.

I would like to remind Men's Club members that your 2007 membership dues (\$55.00) which include your NCGA membership fee are now due and payable. If you have changes to your address, telephone or email, please provide the updated information. Dues may be dropped in the Men's Club box in the pro-shop or mailed to PMLMGC, P.O. Box 1079, Groveland, Ca. 95321.

### Golf rules quiz

(answers at the bottom of article)

1. Q. May a player play a left handed stroke with the back of a head of a right handed club?

2 Q. A player playing in the rain holds an umbrella over his head with one hand while holing a very short putt, gripping the club with the other hand. Is this permissible?

### Answers to golf rules quiz:

1. Yes. A player may play a stroke with any part of the clubhead, provided the ball is fairly struck at and the club conforms with rule 4-1.

2. Yes. Rule 14-2 prohibits a player while making a stroke, from accepting protection from the elements from someone other than himself. The rule does not prohibit him from protecting himself.

## Pine Mountain Lake Computer Users Group

by Tom Carman

**O**n January 16, Janice Musatto will present "Photo Editing and Manipulating". Janice will discuss fixing common flaws on photographs, retouching images, removing backgrounds, and, yes, adding or removing people. So, if you have ever had a special photograph that you wished someone was in, or didn't like a certain background or exposure, then be sure to attend our next meeting. Janice has presented to our club since 1998 on other topics such as Graphic Display, Search Engines, Virus Attacks, and Cyber Terrorism.

The CUG is composed of members at all levels of computer experience, and guests are always welcome. Remember, you do not have to be a resident of Pine

Mountain Lake to attend the CUG meetings. For non-PML residents, please contact Gerald DeHart or Bob Oakley if you plan to attend so PML Safety Department can issue the proper pass. To learn other information about the CUG, such as past meeting content, monthly newsletters, club by-laws, and officer info, check out the club's website listed in this article.

We look forward to seeing you on January 16th, 7:00pm at the Lake Lodge. Be sure to check out the CUG Web Site at <http://www.geocities.com/pmlcug>.

Further information about the CUG may also be obtained from Bob Oakley at 962-4799 or Gerald DeHart at 962-7429. ☞



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# PML Racquet Club

by Al Peirona

## Well....here we go on a New Year.

2006 activities ended with the Holiday Party and meeting held at the Country Club on December 16. This was a well attended affair. There was a choice of three main entrees....Chicken Picatta, Prime Rib and Mahi-Mahi fish.

Judi Maguire was in charge of this finale. To our knowledge, no one complained about the very economical price of \$20.00. In addition, wine was provided by the PML Racquet Club. What! No one complained!!

Now that we are into 2007, the new Racquet Club Board will diligently start

on setting up the schedule for the socials, tournaments and quarterly meetings, etc.

The make up of the new Board will be included in next month's PML News. Kudos goes to the last year's Board which consisted of Mark Nouillan, Larry Santa Maria, Geralyn Dielman, Judi Maguire and Dennis DeCant.

Racquet Club membership dues remain at \$10.00 per member. Dues should be sent payable to PML Racquet Club by the end of January to: P.O. Box 534, Groveland, 95321.

This will enable the preparation of the 2007 club roster directory which includes the calendar for the year.

If things go as in the past, the initial tennis get together will take place in March. Let's hope so! Last year's "Wearing of the Green" social was delayed by rain and snow slush.

• Joe Powell, via his General Manager's message in last month's PML News, has announced that the plans are to finish painting the outside court area at courts 5 and 6 when weather permits.

• New memberships are encouraged. While there will be more, the Racquet Club will be blessed with the following four new lady members: Janice Mussatto, Kathy Oing, Patty Peebles and Sue Perry. All are Ladies Club golfers.

Welcome Aboard.

## PML Organized Groups & Clubs

Contact the individuals below if you are interested in joining!

### Aviation Association:

Allen Craig 209/962-6757

### Computer Users Group:

Gerald DeHart 209/962-7429

### Country Mountain Riders:

Connie Soderberg 209/962-5299

### Crafts Guild:

Lorraine Jordan 209/962-6707

### Dance Party:

Harry Maier 209/962-6760

### Duplicate Bridge:

Ann Laffin 209/962-6394

### Exercise:

Marie Humphreys 209/962-7905

### Friends of the Lake:

Marilyn Hathaway 209/962-7595

### Garden Club:

Arlene Vorce 209/962-7186

### Guardians of PML:

John Nielsen 209/962-4934

### Ladies Club:

Harriet Wallace 209/962-4233

### Ladies Golf Club:

Patty Ryan 209/962-1979

### Men's Golf Club:

Frank Jablowski 209/962-4375

### Men's 9-Hole Golf Club:

Wally Child 209/962-0723

### Monday Bridge Club:

Bill Mingus 209/962-4240 (M)

N. Anderson 209/962-0337 (W)

### Non-Residents' Group:

Kathy Coon 510/656-0162

### PML Niners:

Linelle Marshall 209/962-7931

### PML Waterski & Wakeboard Club:

Rick Whitacre 408/582-3081

e-mail: rwguard55-pml@yahoo.com

### PM Lakers RV Club:

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Al Rodriguez 209/962-6457

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## Men's Nine-Hole Golf Club Reports on 12th Annual Membership Meeting

by Bob Cowley

This year's annual Membership Meeting was held on December 6th at 9:30 a.m. in the Country Club Banquet Room. Coffee, fresh fruit and sweet rolls were offered to our members. Our President, Wally Child, opened the meeting at 9:30 AM. The club approved the selection of Bob Cowley as Secretary. The other officers stayed on for the 2007 year. Steve Thompson, our Treasurer, announced our finances are in good shape. Bob Oakley, our Vice President, brought up three motions to discuss and vote on to amend our rules. Our President, Wally Child, called for the vote which resulted in the following. We will play an O/B ball at the point it went out adding a 2 stroke penalty. This means you will be lying 3, if it was your tee shot, and playing 4. This will really speed up play. We will use the current PGA rules for handicap, however, we voted down using the maximum allowed. Those players who request playing from the green tees will have 5 points subtracted from their current handicap.

Tony Murphy, PMLCC Asst. Pro and advisor, spoke to us on "Ready Golf." We all have different thoughts about holding up play, but Tony gave us some good examples to go by. Let's help ourselves by sharing these ideas as we play. Thanks Tony for your courteous advice and training.

At 11:00 a.m. we had a shotgun start for a regularly scheduled game of four-man scramble. Twenty four members had a

beautiful day of golf and attitude adjustment afterwards on the patio.

Look for upcoming announcements concerning general Membership Meetings, news on members' handicaps, scheduled games to be played on future dates, and many other features of interest for our members and guests on our website at: <http://www.freewebs.com/pmlm9h>.

Membership in the Men's Nine Hole Golf Club is open to any man who is a member in good standing of the Pine Mountain Lake Association. If you are new to Golf or returning to Golf after an extended absence, please consider the Niner's as an alternative to playing 18 holes.

Please contact Wally Child 962-0723, Bob Oakley 962-4799, Bob Cowley 962-6245 or Steve Thompson 962-6154, for further information on how to join us for our weekly games.

We are currently teeing off from a shotgun start at 11:00 A.M. on Wednesdays during the winter season. We will return to our normal noon tee time in the spring. ☞

### Games scheduled for January 2007 are:

January 3	One Man Scramble
January 10	Four Man Best Ball
January 17	Low Net
January 24	Three Blind Mice
January 31	Even Holes

## SWISS BALL EXERCISE CLASSES

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For more information please leave a message for Leah Stafford at 962-8600 and she will return your call.

# PML Aviation Association Announces New Officers for 2007

by Virginia Gustafson

The PML Aviation Association has elected officers for the coming year. Leading the organization will be Allen Craig, retired American Airlines pilot. Bonanza pilot Norm Peebles will serve as Vice President of Airport Affairs. Vice President of Social Affairs is Conni Buchner who has organized many excel-

lent events for us in the past. Kay Smith, a former Navion pilot, is our treasurer and Bob Cowley is the new club secretary.

**In addition, the following members will be serving in key posts:**

Paul Sperry – property

Larry Jobe – seminars  
Diane Harrison – roster  
Barbara Coldren – membership  
Silvano Gai – webmaster  
Ken Codeglia and Phil Hickerson – multimedia  
Renie Leakakos – legal counsel  
Linda Monahan – safety editor  
Vicki Benzing –  
Community Aviation Day  
Virginia Gustafson – newsletter editor

Membership in the PML Aviation Association is open to all PML pilots and anyone with an interest in aviation topics. Membership dues and renewals for 2007 are now payable. Please mail

checks for \$20 per household to Box 131, Groveland, CA 95321. Be sure to include your current email and mailing address.

Meetings are normally held the first Saturday of each month. The next meeting is a very special Valentine Dance, on February 3 at 6:00pm at the Buchner Hangar on the corner of Hemlock and Woodside Way at the airport. Hours of wonderful dance music will be provided by everyone's favorite band: Home Grown. They play all our favorite dance tunes and it will be a great party. There is a \$10 per person music charge payable at the door. Any questions, please call Conni at 962-4325. ☞



*New officers: Bob Cowley, Conni Buckner, Allen Craig, Kay Smith and Norm Peebles*



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# Niners' Ring in the New Year!

by Jane Reynolds

December's final meeting of the year was held at the Hotel Charlotte with good food, great camaraderie and lots of Christmas cheer. Bernie again graced us with her wonderful poems filled with fun golf humor. Our 2007 officers were then graciously sworn in by Bernie Frost.

Barbara Davis swept the awards, winning Ace of Aces, the Championship and Most Improved Player. Linelle Marshall won the Best Putter of the Year. Way to go Gals!

The 9ers would like to thank the officers and all the Chairs & Assistants that volunteered their time and effort to make this a great club. I would like to take this time to list the Chairs in 2006: Eclectic, Linn Faler; T.O.C., Mary Reynolds; Team Play; Linelle Marshall; Rules, Patty Seymour; Social, Jane Hansen; Publicity, Jane Reynolds; Corena Green, Mary

Reynolds; By-laws/Parliamentarian, Patty Stevens; Photographer, Shirley Haliwell; WNHGA Delegate, Barbara Haiges and alternate, Barbara Davis. Thank you from all of us.

## Play Day Results:

**Nov. 9th, PUTTS DAY:** 1st Flight, Linelle Marshall (17); 2nd Flight, Charlie Fratus (17) & Bev Oakley (20); 3rd Flight, Cyndy Krout (19) & Pat Price and Joy Thompson with 21. LOW PUTTS: Charlie Fratus and Linelle Marshall with 17 putts. LOW NET: Charlie Fratus and Barb Davis netted 39.

**Nov. 16th, POKER – 3s WILD:** 1st Flight, Darlene Hicks in first place with Linelle Marshall taking second; 2nd Flight, 1st place, Barb Haiges and Flo Jansen in second place; 3rd Flight, Cyndy Krout in 1st and Pat Price placing



From left to right: Ann Clark, Pat Price, Claudette Babyak, Linelle Marshall, Joy Thompson & Barbara Haiges.

second. LOW NET: Claudette Babyak with 37.

**Nov. 30th, BALL TOSS-LOW NET:** First Flight: Linn Faler & Wanda Patterson (37) & Shirley Haliwell 2nd place (41). Second Flight: 1st, Cyndy Krout (34), 2nd, Bev Oakley (37) & Pat Price coming in 3rd (40). LOW NET: Cyndy Krout (34).

Happy New Year to you all! 🍷



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### — Winter Notables —

#### Recipe Research:

Soon we will be off to some exotic land searching new recipes. The restaurant will be closed Jan 11th and reopens on Feb 8th. The hotel remains open with Lynn's parents, Jim & Marge, on hand from Wisconsin. Stop in and say hi!

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# PML Ladies Golf News For November

by Sue Perry

The Pine Mountain Lake Ladies Golf Club members gobbled up some great weather and some fun golf in the month of November. The highlight was our annual Three Legged Turkey Shoot which was held on November 4th. The weather was perfect for the 39 players who participated in a very tough competition. Only 7 strokes separated first place from last place. Many came away wondering if they really needed all those clubs they have in their bags. A big thank you to Sarah Hancock for chairing this event. We all loved your home baked cookies...yum! Linda Wall invited players to compete in a putting competition while we waited for the results of the 18 hole game. Some very nice appetizers were served for our enjoyment. The results were as follows:

**1st place** – 92 (tie break) P. Ryan, J.Pacco, M.Kizzar, D. Davis, 2nd place- 92 C. Stevens, L. McLaughlin, L. Wall, J. Awai, 3rd place-93 (tie break) J. Dwaileebe, M. Drew, D.Lloyd,

S.DeRodeff, 4th place-93 S. Perry, S. Hancock, C. Graham, J. Smith, 5th place-93 M. Scott, I.Williams, B. Connelly, E. Ellis. Birdies: M.Kizziar- #6, J. Pacco-#17, J. Dwaileebe-#10, M.Scott-#11, U.Butera-#10. Putting Contest: 3 putt sinker-L. McLaughlin, 1 putt sinkers- I.Moffit, C.Stevens, C. Ligonis, J. Awai,J. Foster, U. Butera, B. Connelly, E. Ellis, G. Lay, M. Hathaway.

**The results of our other events for the month are as follows:**

**November 2nd:** Ace of Aces: Linda Wall and Kitty Edgerton 73. !st Flight Hdcp 11-19 Low gross Priscilla Park -97, Low net Kitty Edgerton 73. 2nd Flight Hdcp 20-30 Low gross Yvonne Mattocks -101 Low net Linda Wall -73. 3rd Flight Hdcp 31-40 Low gross Jodi Awai -110, Low net Joyce Smith - 74. Low Putts Linda Wall -31

**November 9th:** Red, White, and Blue: 1st place...132 – H. McMillan, K Shehorn, M. Scott, G. Lay, 2nd place...134

– J. Mussatto, S. Perry, K. Oing, J. Sample, 3rd Place. 135 E. Ellis, A. Frawley, L. Mattea, S. Vaughn, 4th Place...138-N. Baldinger, M. Drew, J. Dwaileebe, P. Gschwend, 5th Place...140-G. Dickson, P. Ryan, J. Foster, M. Tompkins, 6th Place...141- L. Dust, P. Breece, L. Johnson, J. Pacco, Birdies: M. Scott #9, J. Mussatto #10

**November 16th:** Turkey Shoot !st Flight 10-19 Marilyn Scott -17 pts, Janice Mussatto-15 pts, 2nd flight 21-25 Linda Wall-15 pts, Sara Hancock-14 pts, Judi Maguire-14 pts, 3rd Flight 26-30 Alma Frawley -16 pts, Kay Betencourt -16 pts., Phyllis Gschwend - 15 pts., Helena McMillan-15pts., 4th Flight 31- 35 Ina Rathert-14 pts., Grace Dickson-12 pts., 5th Flight 36-40 Eleanor Ellis -16pts., Joyce Smith-10 pts. Birdies: M. Scott #15, J. Mussatto # 15....Nineteen players also received gift certificates to Main Street Market which I am sure were much appreciated for getting those holiday goodies. A big thanks to Yvonne Mattocks for getting

them to us so quickly - November 23rd. Happy Thanksgiving!

**November 30th:** Our last play day of the month was beat the Champs. Our Champs, Janice Mussatto and Kitty Edgerton, were in true form and with 68 points. Most of us found them too tough to beat. Those lucky few who edged them out were: H. McMillan, Kathy Shehorn – 63 pts., B Gibson, A Peterson- 65 pts., S Vaughn – 67 pts...Congrats!

**Birdies:** J Mussatto #6 & #10 K. Edgerton #9

Joyce Smith has retired from the position of publicity chairman after serving for the past several years. We owe Joyce a big debt of gratitude for the wonderful job she did . Thank You Joyce! Our annual Christmas luncheon will be held on Wednesday, December 13th. See you there! ☺

## PML Garden Club Clippings

by Joyce Smith

The trip to Duarte Greenhouse to see and buy poinsettias was a great trip. It's on the corner of Santa Fe and Hatch Rd. in Ceres should you want to make this trip on your own. I was unable to go but everyone I've talked too enjoyed the trip immensely. You can't get a fresher plant than a poinsettia from Duarte's.

December 3rd we gathered at the PML Country Club for our Christmas Dinner and Installation of officers. The decorating committee headed by Lonnie Roman and Dian Watson and their committee did a great job. The tables

and decorations were lovely. The red table coverings and club decorations made for a very festive setting for the Installlation ceremony performed by Margorie Ward, a former Garden Club President. Thanks Marjorie for a great job. Thanks also, to our Club Staff for the delicious dinner and great service. It was a very enjoyable evening for us.

**The new officers are:**

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*Vice Presidents-*  
Lonnie Roman and Dian Watson

*Recording Secretary-*  
Carol Cooper

*Corresponding Secretary-*  
Maddie Sousa

*Treasurer and Parliamentarian-*  
Sharon Hunt.

All these ladies are eager to take on their job responsibilities and 2007 prom-

ises to be a busy year for the club.

—Remember, January we do not meet. Our new officers are busy planning for the coming year.

—Our thanks to the officers and committee chairs for 2006. They provided us with a very interesting year.

—Membership dues are \$10.00 a person and due by January 31st. Mail your check to: PML Garden Club, P. O. Box 167, Groveland.

—Our good friends and members, Larry and Lois Hunt have sold their home and will be moving very soon to Visalia. Lois is a former Garden Club president. Many of you have birdhouses Lois either made or helped you make, she was so creative. Both she and Larry have been actively involved in the club for many years and we will miss them greatly. We wish you well.

—This is my last article for the Garden Club as the publicity person. I have enjoyed bringing you news of our group and hopefully made the community aware of what we are all about. Members have a good time, learn a lot about plants for our area and take care of our project, The Jail.

**See you at the Garden Club meeting in February.**



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## CALENDAR

### AUDITIONS FOR PINE CONE PLAYERS' SPRING PLAY JANUARY 7

Auditions for the seven parts available in the Pine Cone Players' 2007 spring play "Curse You, Jack Dalton" will be held in the Groveland Community Hall on Sunday, January 7, from 3:00 to 6:00 PM. The play is set to go on stage on Memorial Day weekend (May 25, 26, and 27).

As mentioned, there are seven parts available. The women: An aristocratic matron who has a heart of stone...an imposing society matron in her late fifties, artificial & shallow; A beautiful statuesque woman in her late twenties with a heart of granite; A poor but honest, hardworking, and beautiful young woman with a good heart. Though only a servant, she is graceful and well-mannered with a charming personality; Jack's sister. She speaks with a strident voice, is rather ungainly, and suffers incomparable beauty to the other women. The men: Jack Dalton, the manly hero! He's handsome & strong, but has a tender heart; The villain. A true deep-dyed villain with no heart at all! He's polished and suave, and speaks with a deep voice; A meek-appearing, but courteous and sincere young man with a heart full of hope.

The parts are not necessarily limited to age or physical appearing-appropriate actors. Costumes, wigs, & stage makeup can alter appearances, so auditions are open to anyone interested in any of the roles. Nancy Robichaud will be directing the play and rehearsals will be held on Monday afternoons from 3:00/4:00 to 6:00 PM beginning soon after auditions are held. Questions should be directed to 962-7389.

## ON-GOING ACTIVITIES

### SWISS BALL EXERCISE CLASS

WINTER SESSION: January 15 - March 21, 2007  
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### HOT LUNCHES FOR SENIORS

Sierra Foothill Senior Management Inc. serves hot lunches at noon Mondays & Tuesdays at Groveland Community Hall, also Thursdays at Big Oak Flat First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 11345 Wards Ferry Road. For information and/or reservations, call 962-6700. Anyone 60 or older is welcome. If a couple, only one needs to be 60. A \$3.25 donation is requested but no senior is denied a meal. There is a \$6.25 charge for anyone younger than 60.

### AMERICAN LEGION POST #300 WEEKLY LUNCHEON AND DINNER POTLUCK 2nd Tuesdays (lunch), 3rd Thursdays (dinner)

Luncheon meets at 11:30 at The Big Oak Restaurant, Hwy 120, Big Oak Flat. Potluck dinner meets at 6:15 PM at the Groveland Community Hall 209/962-5647.

### BRIDGE AT THE LAKE LODGE Mondays • 10:15 AM & 10:30 AM

All bridge players are welcome. Men (10:15 AM) call Bill Mingus at 209/962-4240 for reservations. Women (10:30 AM) call Norma Anderson at 209/962-0645 for reservations.

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### HORSESHOE PITCHING Mondays & Thursdays • 1 PM

Meet at 1 PM at the pits (corner of Tannahill Dr. & Pleasant View)! Men and women of all skill levels welcome to participate. Instruction available to all beginners. Shoes furnished. Pits are available for use by all property owners and their guests on a first-come, first-served basis seven days a week.

### SIERRA CLUB HIKE OF THE WEEK Thursdays • 8 AM

Midweek Hikes in the Groveland Area on Thursdays. Weather permitting, each Thursday meet at Mary Laveroni Community Park in Groveland at 8 AM for an approximate 6-mile hike. Bring a jacket, water, sunscreen and a snack in a daypack and wear hiking boots. The hike is generally followed by a no-host lunch at a local

restaurant. Call Frank Oyung for further details 209/962-7585.

### BRIDGE (DUPLICATE) AT THE LAKE LODGE 2nd & 4th Thursdays

All bridge players are welcome. Call Ann Laffin 209/962-6394 for information.

### WOMEN'S SUPPORT/ DISCUSSION GROUP Wednesdays • 11 AM

Attention Pine Mountain Lake and Groveland Area Ladies: A new women's support/discussion group will be forming. Days and times will be determined by participants. It is time to do something for yourselves. Make new friends, get rid of some old emotional baggage, and share your knowledge and experience. Call me. Let's talk.  
Etty Garber, PhD. 209-962-5205.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SWING DANCE LESSIONS

Swing Dance Lessons, Monday Nights at the Groveland Community Center, 6-7:30 pm, beginning on Jan 8th. For more info contact Tom Knoth at 209-962-5838

### HIGH COUNTRY LINE DANCERS

High Country Line Dancers at Groveland Community Hall – 7-9 p.m. every Tuesday evening. Beginner line dancing lessons 7-8 p.m.; intermediate/advanced lessons and dancing 8-9 p.m. Everyone welcome! Instructor: Susan Nash. \$2.00 per person. For more info, call Carol Stevens at 962-5198 or Sue Salnick at 962-4155.

### MOVIES AT MOUNTAIN SAGE

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### WHITEWOLF ART GALLERY EXHIBITS

The Whitewolf Art Gallery opened a three week exhibit of the art from Art Quotient (a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization) young artists. Youth arts & crafts classes will be available for free in the Spring. Please call 962-0342 to register.

### BALLROOM DANCING ANYONE?

Attention Adults: Tioga High School will be offering Ballroom Dance beginning October 6th at the Tenaya School Cafeteria. Class is from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. on Fridays. The fee is \$5/class; bring cash or check to class (checks to be made out to Tioga High School). If you have questions, please call 962-4763.

### SOROPTIMIST MEETINGS CHANGE

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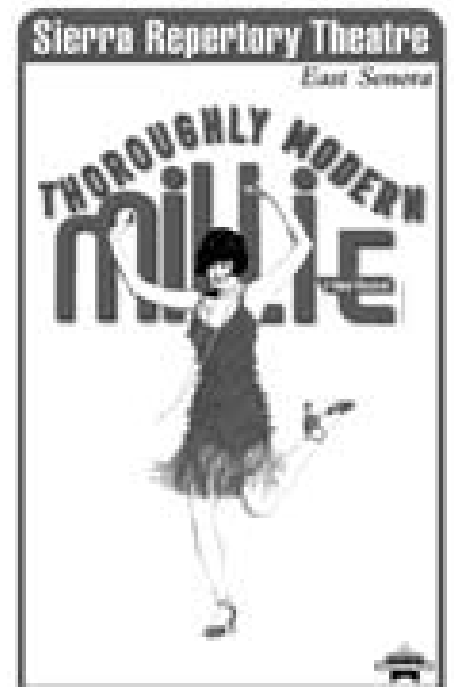
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# PML Ladies Club Salutes the Holidays with A “Double Header”

by Rosemary Adams

In our great American Sports Pastime of Baseball, double headers are quite common and always great for fans. Well, for this Holiday Season, our PML Ladies Club offered a double header, and what a treat it was. On Wednesday, December 6th, Co-Chairs Noreen Scwab & Connie Scott offered a Victorian Christmas Coffee, wherein we were invited to their parlor for tasty treats and entertained with frolic, fun, and surprises. Their parlor was the Lake Lodge, which had been nicely decorated for the holidays. The committee added tables laid in deep red cloths, overlaid in white lace cloths, and trimmed with bud vases of deep

read & white flowers and gold wire wrapped canes. On each cane was hung a Christmas scene or a picture of children in a Victorian mode. These were presented to the attendees as favors, together with Christmas wrapped cones of candy. Fine, fine.

We had been encouraged to dress in Victorian mode, and many of did - a Fun Touch! The committee members. Trays were offered at each table, and we thoroughly enjoyed them. What a great way to kick off the Holiday Season.

Pictures are included here showing our Great Committee, as well as a picture of our President, Harriett. We are sorry that space limitations did not

permit us to identify our Great Committee but we thank you for an outstanding party. And, of course, our thanks to Noreen & Connie for bringing us a lovely party.

Then, Thursday, December 7th, Chairman Pat Price and her committee brought us our Cinderella Ball, another splendiferous occasion!! Chair Pat Price and her committee turned our PML Country Club into a glittery setting for Cinderella and her Prince Charming. The tables were covered in white cloths and adorned with clear glass blocks, glass horses and glass slippers strewn with gold and glass beads, silver star strips and glittery leaves. Decorated favors

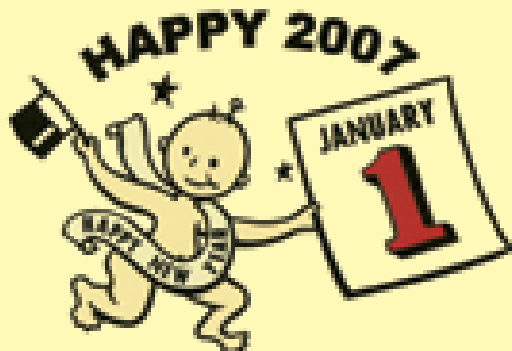
were placed on each napkin. Lovely, lovely. The club had been tastefully decorated with two large Christmas trees, and greenery swathed clear lights on the rafters. The committee created a welcoming area of two rows of White Poinsettias to greet the attendees. A fine touch!

Our partygoers enjoyed a fine dinner, wonderful dancing music was provided by Kyle Barker – as always, a special pleasure – and our own Cinderella (Anne Clark) and her Prince Charming ( ).

Our thanks to Pat Price and her committee for bringing us such a delightful evening.

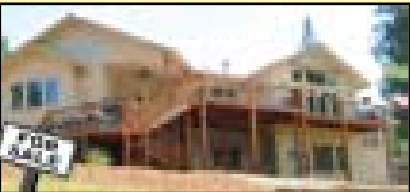
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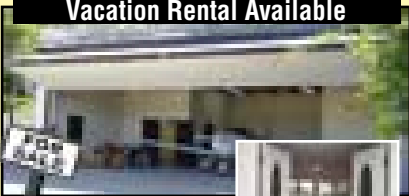
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### Cinderella Ball:

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Cinderella, Anne Clark

(Photos continued on Next Page...)







## Sierra Red Hatters

“Yosemite Rose” on Ferretti Rd. was our Sierra Red Hatters choice for Nov. 16th meeting. We had a Victorian tea served with crumpets and scones, quarter sandwiches and a luscious dessert. The owner, Katherine DaValle and her mother Betty Willson were our gracious hosts. The mother, also our server, is 86 years of age and still teaches 4th graders 2 times a week in Columbia State Park. She has over 120 students.

We celebrated Carole Smith’s birthday with gift and song. Yosemite Rose should be a must on everyone’s list of places to stay and eat.



Above: Teri Metz, our server Betty Willson, Lois Penning and Carole Smith.

### Victorian Christmas Coffee:

Co-chairs Noreen Schwab and Connie Scott with Committee Members.

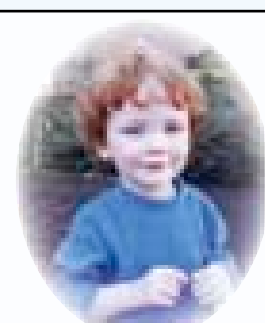
President Harriet Wallace at Christmas Tree.



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# Tuolumne Trails Update

by Virginia Gustafson

The new year brings continued progress at the camp! Please wish for a very dry winter as we still have lots of construction to finish.

**Question:** what does 150 tons of rock plus 35 tons of sand plus a mile-and-a-half of rebar rods equal? Answer: the base under the Great Hall cement floor. Yes, it's going to be a big building!

We hope you had a chance to hear the camp story profiled on the Sonora radio stations' Mother Lode Views a few weeks ago. If you missed it, you can find a streaming audio version on [www.tuolumnetrails.org](http://www.tuolumnetrails.org).

We want to thank many local people and organizations for their tax-deductible contributions to the camp this year. If you would like to help support the kids next summer, donations may be made by mailing your check to the Jerry and Paula Baker Foundation, 12930 Boitano Court, Groveland. Be sure to include your address so we can send you a tax-receipt. Note that donations are used only for children's games, sports equipment, furnishings and for camper scholarships. Donations are not used for facilities or administration.

Special thanks to the Groveland Sorop-

timists whose donation will completely furnish one of the girls' cabins.

As you can see in this month's photos, the children's cabins are now closed in thanks to many volunteers who helped build the cabins and install the windows and doors. Our current projects are to sand the floors and install the lights and bathroom fixtures.

So what should we name these six children's bunkhouses? Some suggestions are trees, Indian tribes, flowers, toys? What's your idea? Send an email to [pmbpml@aol.com](mailto:pmbpml@aol.com).

com and be part of the naming process. Big news – there is now electricity at the camp! It's wonderful to have lights and power where we need them. Work on the Great Hall is continuing. Now that the foundation is in, we're working on walls. The professional crews under the direction of Doug Leahy are doing the heavy work; volunteers can help stack the light Styrofoam blocks that form the outline of the walls. The more the merrier – come out for a few hours and help make a difference for a child with special medical needs.



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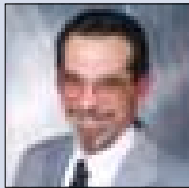




Bottom: Paula and Jerry Baker at work in the camp office.  
Middle: Children's bunkhouses are nearing completion.  
Above: Volunteers help paint windows and doors.



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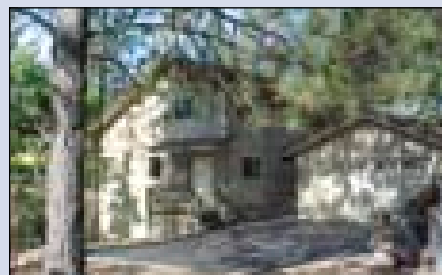
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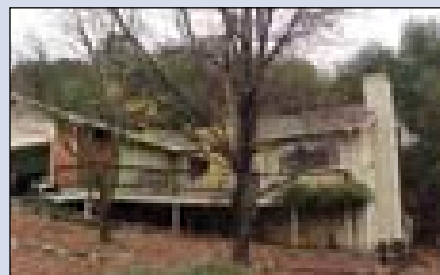
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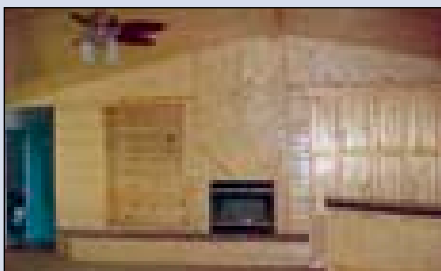


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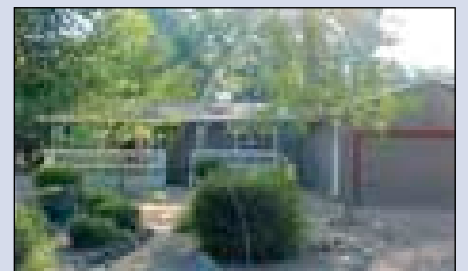
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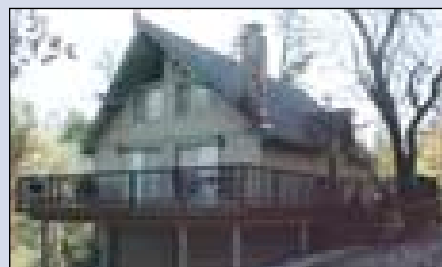
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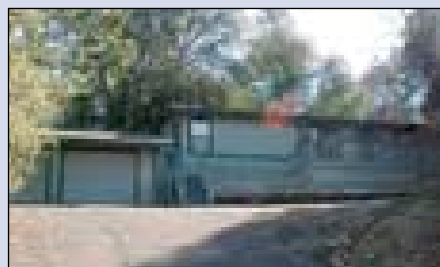
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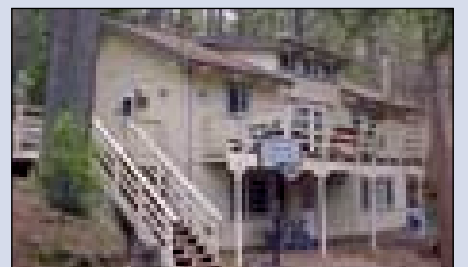
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## Common Questions about Social Security and Medicare

To build a secure retirement, you will likely take advantage of multiple building blocks to establish your overall plan. Two of the important pieces people most often take advantage of are Social Security and Medicare. Unfortunately, while many will eventually rely on these programs to assist in their retirement funding, relatively few have a good understanding of how these programs work. Following are the answers to a few commonly asked questions, to help educate you a little more on the subject. We'll also provide you with sources you can turn to for more information about these programs.

your benefits, provided you are full-retirement age or older. However, if you're younger than full-retirement age, you must limit your on-the-job earnings to avoid losing benefits. The earnings limit for most workers is \$12,480 in 2006. If you exceed the limit, \$1 will be withheld from your benefits for every \$2 earned in excess of the limit. Keep in mind, only employment earnings count against the limit. Pensions, interest, dividends, capital gains and other investment income do not count nor does money distributed from IRAs or from 401(k), 403(b) or other deferred-compensation plans.

### Q: When can I qualify for Medicare?

A: Medicare coverage does not begin until age 65 for most individuals, even if they start receiving Social Security benefits at age 62. Three groups that can receive Medicare coverage before age 65 include: people who receive Social Security disability benefits because they have amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (Lou Gehrig's disease); other disabled people who have received Social Security disability benefits for at least two years; and patients of all ages who need kidney dialysis or a kidney transplant because of end-stage renal failure.

### Q: What does Medicare cover?

A: Medicare consists of Hospital Insurance (Part A), Medical Insurance (Part B) and Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage (Part D). More specifically, Part A helps pay for inpatient hospital care, hospice care and skilled home health services for homebound patients. It also helps with short-term inpatient

### Q: What is the minimum age for Social Security retirement benefits?

A: You can begin receiving "early" Social Security retirement benefits at age 62. However, if you retire at 62, your monthly benefits will be permanently reduced. Under the current system, which includes varying rates based upon your birth year, that reduction starts at 20 percent for those born in 1937 or before and climbs to as high as 30 percent for those born in 1960 or later. In addition, the full-retirement age – the age when you can claim your full benefits – is actually increasing. Previously, retirees who waited until age 65 to apply would receive full benefits. Now, however, the full-retirement age is gradually increasing to age 67. Your full-retirement age is a combination of years and months, and again depends on the year of your birth.

### Q: How much can I work and still receive my Social Security benefits?

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care in Medicare-certified skilled nursing facilities if the patient is there for rehabilitation. Part B helps pay for doctors' services, outpatient hospital care, and some medical equipment and supplies.

While these are just a few of the many questions you may have about Social Security and Medicare, the idea is to get you thinking about how these programs will fit into your retirement plan. Remember, these certainly won't be able to cover all your retirement expenses but they can be an important part of your overall strategy. To find out more about Social Security, you can visit socialsecurity.gov or call 1-800-772-1213. To learn more about Medicare, go to medicare.gov or call 1-800-MEDICARE.

This article was provided by Marianne Gannon Depetris of A.G. Edwards & Sons, Inc., Member SIPC. Lot owner #7-33.

## Red Hat Posse

by Peggy Wyrick

Too numerous to mention, The Red Hat Posse of Coulterville had their Christmas luncheon at the historic Hotel Jeffery. With Cherylann's wide range menu, we all had a great variety and their Chocolate Mousse was to die for. We also have a new member, Mickey Anderson of Don Pedro. Welcome Mickey.

Christmas gifts were given to all by Queen Mum, Peggy Wyrick.

We all had a fun, fun, fun time. We went to the upstairs banquet hall to view the Christmas trees that were decorated and donated by different organizations for the coalition of the area. These trees were raffled off on the 16th of December.

Yes, The Red Hat Posse has one decorated and donated.



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able to help the family with some current medical bills, fuel expenses, and other pressing needs. We can't thank enough all of the wonderful people who brought baked goods by the dozens, some of whom stayed to help, those who purchased the items and also those who made donations solely out of the goodness of their hearts. We can't list you all here, but you know who you are and so do we. Bless you!

But the need is still great. So, the next big event will be a Spaghetti Feed Benefit Dinner for Joanne on Saturday, January, 27, 2007, at the Groveland Community Hall from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The menu includes spaghetti, garlic bread, and salad. Soft drinks and

water will also be available. We will have an auction with many terrific gifts to bid on and a 50-50 raffle. There will be a country western band for entertainment and dancing starting at 5:00 p.m. Lillian Dawson will be there selling raffle tickets for her gorgeous hand-crocheted "trellis afghan," the drawing to be held at the Rebekah breakfast on February 5. So, please come and join us on Saturday, January 27, for some great food, music, and friendship for a very good cause! Look for flyers around town in the next couple weeks. For more information or to donate an item for the auction, please call Sue at 962-4155.




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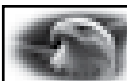
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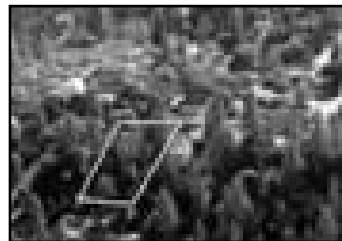
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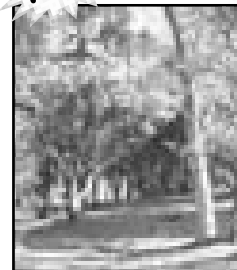
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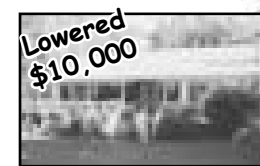


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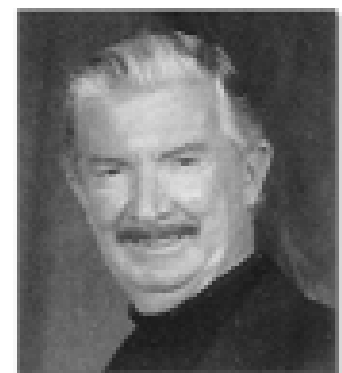
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by Carolyn T. Botell

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We had a good turnout for our Installation Ceremony Luncheon at the Charlotte Hotel on Tuesday, December 12th, with Lisa Muetterties, California Association of REALTORS® (CAR) Regional Chairperson for our Region 7 (Central Valley & Foothills), conducting the "oath of office" at the event. Here is a photograph showing, from left to right (front row) Lisa Muetterties, Eleda Carlson, Nancy Jones, and Kathleen Love, and (back row) Barry Scales, Malcolm Brown, James Nagle, and June Dee Stone.

A special Welcome and Thanks to June Dee, the newest member of the

HHAOR Board of Directors. June Dee is originally from Long Island, New York, and came to Groveland 8 years ago, by way of San Jose. She worked for 2 years as an Office Support Staff for a local Realty Office while getting her license, and has a Telecommunications Management background. June Dee loves gardening and boating!

A very special Thank You to Linda

Willhite (not pictured), Sugar Pine Realty GMAC, who has served on our Board for several years as Director, Vice President, and President, and as a CAR Director, and who is retiring from our Board of Directors as of 2007.

Thanks to everyone who attended the event, and to Lynn and Victor and the staff of the Charlotte Hotel for the excellent meal and service!



## Brain Teasers

by June Dee

### New Year's in New York

1. Before the annual festivities took place at what is now known as Times Square, where did New Yorkers ring in the New Year?

- A. On top of the Empire State Building
- B. St. Patrick's Cathedral
- C. Staten Island (at the Statue of Liberty)
- D. Trinity Church

2. How long does it take the ball to drop to the bottom of the flagpole?

- A. 60 seconds
- B. 30 seconds
- C. 10 seconds
- D. 2 minutes

3. What was the original New Year's Ball made from?

- A. Aluminum and wood
- B. Wood and iron
- C. Steel only
- D. Plastic and wood

4. What was the original name of the area known as Times Square?

- A. Triangular Crossroads
- B. It didn't have a name
- C. Longacre Square
- D. Always called Times Square

5. Which company built the latest version of the New Year's Ball?

- A. Macy's Art Department
- B. Tiffany's
- C. Neiman Marcus
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**L**ivable Communities is one of five goals identified by the Northern Yosemite Corridor Partners, Inc., derived from the Community Visioning Town Meeting of January 15th, 2005. Improved healthcare is an important component of Livable Communities and update on the formation of a rural Health Advisory Council is this month's focus.

The formation of the Rural Health Advisory Council, one of the projects sponsored by Northern Yosemite Corridor Partners, Inc., is currently underway in our community.

Better healthcare has been a consistent focus and request according to several locally conducted research efforts in the Groveland area. An initial survey by GAINs in 2001 showed an interest on better healthcare. Five focus groups and a Community Visioning meeting conducted by Southside Senior Services, Inc. dba The Gathering Place in 2002, showed citizen concern for healthcare along many dimensions, including, for example, access on evenings and weekends. A more recent survey by GAINs, in 2004, again showed many areas in which residents identified unmet healthcare needs. The Community Visions meeting of January 2005, which resulted in the formation of NYCPI, also identified many dimensions of their desire for improved healthcare. The Groveland Citizens' survey in 2006 identified the need for 24-hour emergency medical care as their top concern. Taken together, these concerns have been addressed by the Strategic Plan Committee for Rural Healthcare in the Greater Groveland area. The first organization to take the baton in addressing healthcare needs was GAINs, who then passed the baton to the Strategic Plan Committee. The Strategic Plan Committee will then pass the baton to the Health Advisory Council as soon as it is firmly established. The Final Report of the Strategic Plan Committee, "Meeting the Healthcare Needs of the Greater Groveland Area," can be viewed at the [gcsd.org](http://gcsd.org) website. It contains the history of the effort, its mission and visions to improve healthcare in our area, as well as recommendations for future action. Its

mission is: "To create and maintain a locally determined collaborative alliance for comprehensive, high-quality healthcare and health education, supplemented with acts of kindness, for people of all ages and incomes, in the rural mountain communities of southern Tuolumne and northern Mariposa counties." Its visions are primarily based on Patient-Centered Care.

One of its recommendations was the formation of a Health Advisory Council consisting primarily of local health professionals who will continue dialogue with the senior management teams of 3 major hospitals serving our area: Sonora Regional Medical Center, Tuolumne General Hospital, and John C. Fremont Hospital. The first meeting of the senior management teams and the Strategic Plan Committee was conducted in Groveland in January 2006. Its focus was to find collaborative, winning solutions to better meet the healthcare needs in our communities on the hill. The Strategic Plan Committee conducted another meeting in March 2006 in Sonora. Strategic Plan Committee members have also met individually with the 3 hospitals' senior teams to share and discuss its Final Report.

The recommendation for the formation of the Groveland area's rural Health Advisory Council was taken on as one of the Livable Communities projects by NYCPI. Four meetings have taken place with new Council members to further define the work of the rural Health Advisory Council. Later will come the formation of a Consortium of service organizations who, among other roles, can identify ongoing and emerging health needs to the Council.

The next meeting between the 3 hospitals' senior management teams and our local representatives on the Strategic Plan Committee and the new members of the Health Advisory Council will take place in Groveland on January 19th, 2007. We will be introducing new Health Advisory Council members, and will be engaging in further creative thinking on meeting the healthcare needs of our area. Call Liz Mattingly at 962-7648, for further information.

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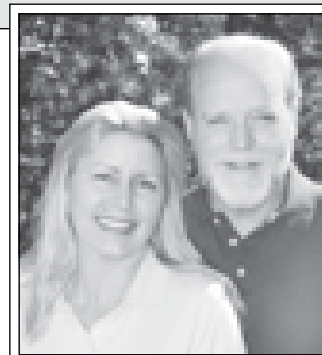
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When you switch jobs, one of the most important financial decisions you may be faced with is what to do with the money in your company 401(k) plan. While it may be tempting to withdraw that money and use it to cover other expenses, doing so could have very detrimental effects on your overall finances. Unfortunately, studies have shown that nearly half of workers do cash out of their 401(k) plans when they leave a job.<sup>1</sup>

In addition to depriving yourself of valuable retirement savings, early cash-outs can subject you to hefty state and federal income taxes. You may also face

an early withdrawal penalty of ten percent, reducing the value of your hard-earned savings even more. So, if you find yourself in the position of changing jobs, you may be wondering what your options are for your retirement plan funds.

Generally, you have four alternatives for handling the assets in your former employer's retirement plan. Your options include: rolling them into an IRA; taking a cash distribution; leaving the assets in the plan; or moving them to a new employer's plan. We'll take a brief look at each of these strategies.

If you're changing jobs or retiring, your best bet is usually to roll your 401(k) assets over into an IRA. By doing so, you retain the tax-deferred growth potential of your investments. What's more, you can maintain all of your IRAs in the same place, making it easier to manage your retirement assets and analyze your overall asset allocation.

An IRA also offers the additional ben-

efit of giving you access to your money when you need it.\* For example, if you lose a job due to downsizing or some other reason, you might not be able to draw an income stream from retirement plan assets left with a former employer. With an IRA, you have the flexibility to determine how much income you need, and you can take withdrawals when you want (taxes and IRS penalties may apply).

Cashing out should generally be considered a last resort. If you withdraw all your funds each time you change jobs, you'll systematically erode one of your principal sources of retirement income. To illustrate, with lump sum distribution, on top of income taxes and IRS penalties you may be subject to, your employer will also be required to withhold 20 percent of the taxable amount of your distribution and send it to the IRS as a prepayment of the taxes that will be due. As you can see, cashing out is not the most desirable option.

Leaving your assets in your former employer's plan may be an option that's available to you, but doing so could create

complexities in managing your investments. Keep in mind you will be limited to the plan's investment alternatives, and your employer will also control when and how you access your retirement savings in the future. Leaving the assets where they are requires no action on your part, but it may not be worth the potential hassles it could create.

Finally, you may be able to move your retirement plan savings into a new employer's plan when you change jobs. However, doing so may involve many of the same benefits and drawbacks of leaving your money in a former employer's retirement plan. You'll need to make sure your new employer's plan permits transfers or rollovers from other types of plans before you decide to go that route.

<sup>1</sup> Hewitt Associates LLC, July 2005

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culinary background to tempt the palate. I look forward to preparing dishes like Chicken in Red Wine Sauce with Bacon and Mushrooms and French Onion Soup, among others.

Italy is the next stop on my culinary journey. Reminiscing about Chicago's rich Italian population I will create home-made pastas and sauces, grilled meats and possibly even a Chicago style stuffed pizza.

Moving through Europe I will stop in Germany for some of my family's traditional recipes and some updated favorites. Beef Stroganoff, Steak Roulades, Speatzle, Red Cabbage and Sauerkraut are to name a few.

Curries, chutneys and spices such as garam masala, coriander, and cumin will be the focus as I finish my culinary journey with the cuisine of India.

I have a real appreciation for the diversity of ethnic cuisines and look forward to sharing my adventure with you.

Greg Lutes is the new Chef at the Groveland Hotel.



# Tuolumne County Residents Encouraged To Recycle Christmas Trees

Tuolumne County's Solid Waste Division is encouraging Tuolumne County residents to once again plan on recycling their Christmas trees. Christmas trees can be chipped, shredded and used as: mulch for water conservation and weed control; erosion and dust control on hiking trails and bridle paths; additives in composting operations; and alternative fuel in co-generation or biomass plants.

## Reminders for Tuolumne County residents:

- Christmas trees become a fire hazard when kept too long.
- Burning Christmas trees in the fireplace is extremely dangerous.
- Burning trees in the open creates air pollution.
- Recycled trees have many beneficial uses.

Christmas trees should NOT be mixed with other trash for disposal or recycling. Residents may wish to chip their Christmas trees and use them at home as mulch or compost or take advantage of one of the following opportunities to recycle Christmas trees in Tuolumne County.

## DROP OFF LOCATIONS

Please remove all deco-

rations, tinsel, metal tree stands and nails. Also, some trees may have a metal supporting rod in the trunk that must be removed. Please do not bring any Christmas wrapping paper or trash.

**Big Oak Flat/Groveland Transfer Station** at the end of Merrell Road will accept clean cut and bundled trees AT NO CHARGE. The minimum gate fee of \$14.70 will be charged for any flocked trees. Drop off during regular business hours, 8:00 am to 3:45 pm, Wednesday and Saturday only, through the month of January.

**Cal Sierra Earth Resource Facility (ERF)** on Camage Avenue, off of Tuolumne Road, near Standard will accept clean, whole trees AT NO CHARGE during regular business hours, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, closed 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm, Tuesday thru Saturday, through the month of January. NO FLOCKED TREES.

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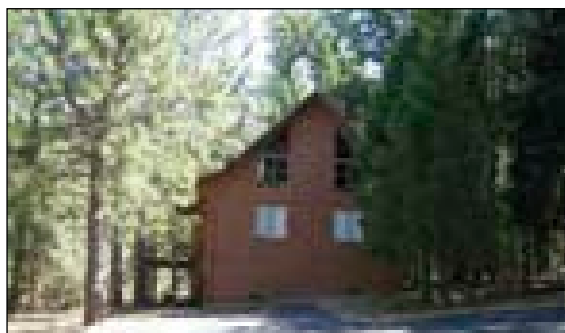
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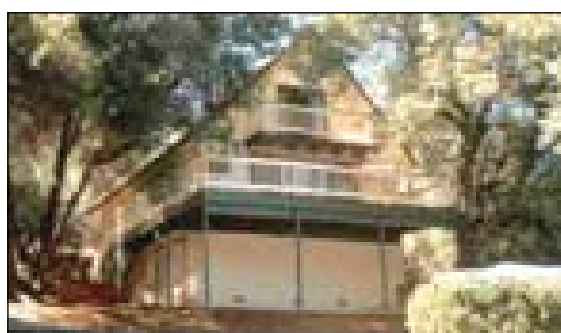
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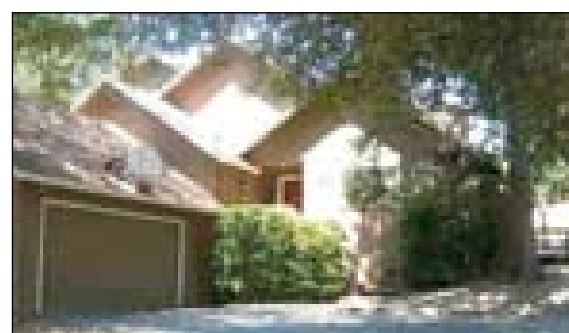
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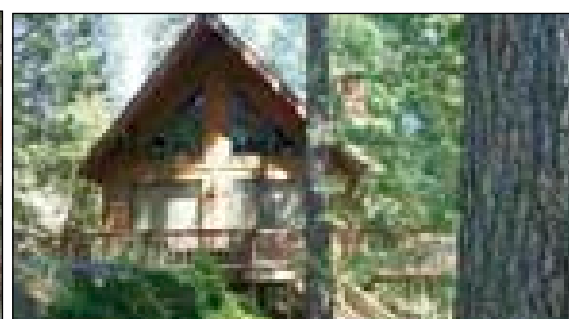
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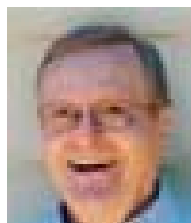


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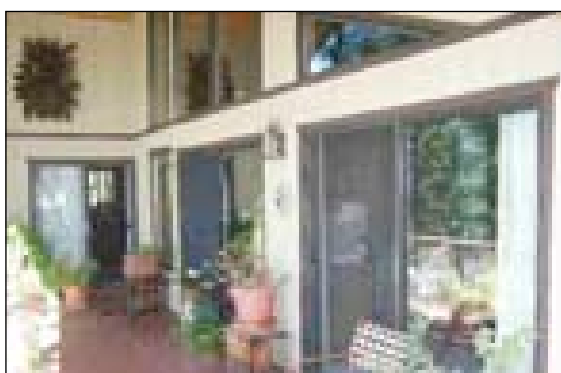
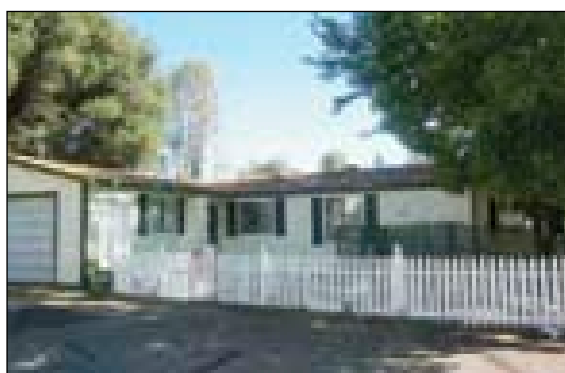
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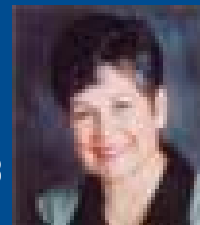
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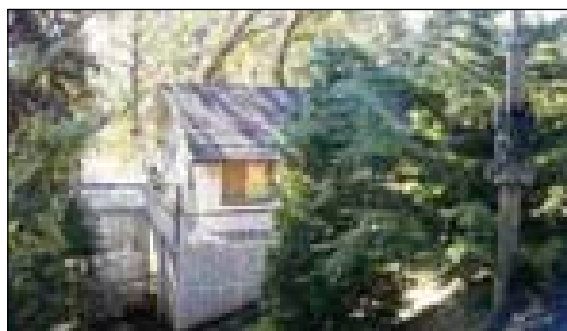


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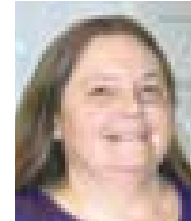
**NICE GOLF COURSE HOME** with lots of room and a great cabin feel. Open floor plan for easy entertaining. 3 Bedroom – 2+ Baths Plus Bonus/Game room ( enough space for pool table) in lower level. Several sliding glass doors for great view of golf course. Double Decks. A nice brick wall in the living room with fireplace. Nice trees to give you privacy. Short walk to the Country Club and all amenities. 5/133 \$420,000



**NICE LEVEL ENTRY ON A QUIET CUL-DE-SAC**...Great View of Mountains & Trees...Spacious Home - 3 Bedroom 2 Bath - 1879 sq.ft. - Good Storage Through-out...Well Appointed Kitchen Including Tile Counters - Pantry - Eating Bar...Nice Stone Alcove W/Free Standing Stove...Covered Deck Great for Entertaining Year Round...2 Car Garage/Opener...Home, Termite & Roof Inspections Are Done... Nice Curb Appeal \$379,000 8/245



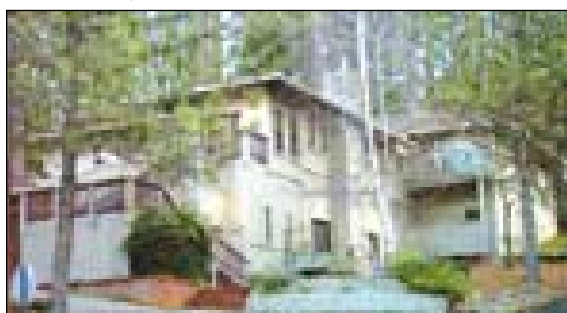
**FRESHLY PAINTED AND CARPETED** 3 Bdr. – 2 Bath - Nearly new kitchen appliances including the refrigerator. Open floor plan plus bonus room. If buyer's desire a sailboat and trailer - will be included in the sale. No garage, but plenty of room to build one and room to park 6 cars in the black top driveway. Pest Insp. is done. 7/137 \$290,000



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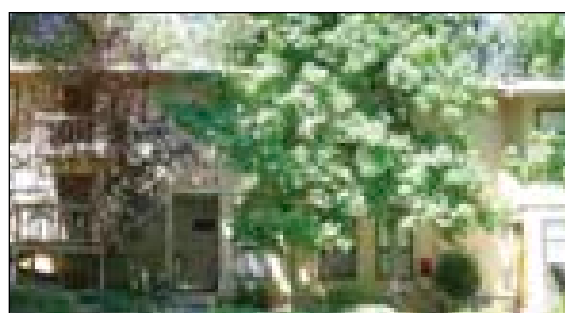
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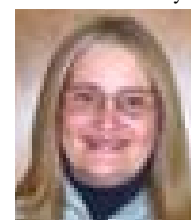
**BEAUTIFUL CUSTOM BUILT HOME WITH QUALITY CONSTRUCTION**...Corner Lot - Landscaped - Drip System...Short Walk to Lake/Marina...3,581 Sq. Ft. Boast - 4 Bedrooms, 3.5 Baths - One With Jetted Tub...Formal Dining Room plus Breakfast Area Dining... Gourmet Kitchen, Granite Counter Tops, Island With Cook Top, All The Extras...Large Great Room in the Lower Level...3 Car Garage with Openers...RV Parking...Well Maintained and Lots of Upgrades... Hot Tub on Deck. \$675,000 8/47



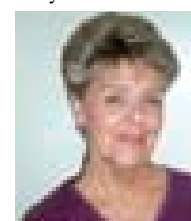
**BEAUTIFULLY TREED 3.11 ACRES WITH CITY WATER**...2 Dwellings on property...Main house to be sold "as is" (fixer upper)...1 Bedroom 1 Bath Guest house, converted mobile that has been added on to and remodeled in 2005... Approx. 976 Sq. Ft. Shared Seasonal Pond. 20451 Whites Gulch Road \$289,000



**GREAT LOCATION!...GREAT SET-UP!**...Nice 2 Bedroom 2 Bath Condo Overlooking The 5th Green At PML Golf Course...\*\*Lower Unit\*\* One Level...Walk To Country Club & Amenities...\*\*\*New Carpet And Tile Floors \*\*\*... Comes Turn Key!..."Completely Furnished"...Pest Inspection Is Done. \$225,000 Unit 5 Lot 272 - Oaks Condo #8



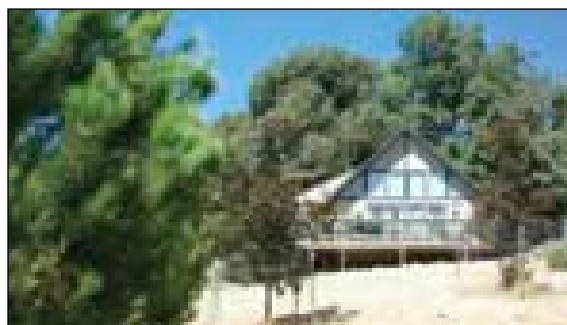
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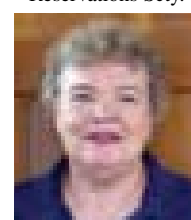
**GREAT HOME FOR ENTERTAINING...SPECTACULAR MOUNTAIN & PARTIAL LAKE VIEWS.** 3 Bedroom - 2+ Baths & A Jetted Tub...Approx. 2,187 Sq. Ft....Free Standing Air Tight Stove W/Floor to Ceiling Stone...New Trex Deck, Fresh Paint And New Awning...Pool Table Available For Sale. \$529,900 Unit 3 Lot 91



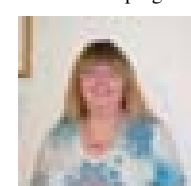
**A TERRIFIC BUY FOR THIS MOUNTAIN CHALET**...2 Bedroom - 2+ Bath...Enjoy The Open Beam Ceiling & Loft If You Need A Third Bedroom...Pellet Stove...Situating On Double Merged Lots With Plenty Of Elbow Room...Great Wrap Around Deck To Enjoy Those Evening Sunsets...R V Parking...See Now!!! \$250,000 Unit 6 Lot 133



**2.19 ACRES - CUSTOM BUILT HOME 2 BDR. – 1 BATH** with lots of nice features such as extra large bathroom, oversized garage and several fenced Rose Gardens (over 140 roses). Barn, Shed for storage. Pest Insp. Done 20201 Whites Gulch Rd. \$345,000



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**1/77 – Almost level golf course lot**, close to all amenities. . . . . \$175,000  
**2/4 – Level lot** – Nice Views – EZ Build. . . . . \$99,000  
**2/20 – Gentle Upslope** – view of mountains & trees \$69,900  
**2/485** – Large merged lot, close to amenities, backs to green belt . . . . . \$139,000  
**3/299 – Nice Lot With A Gentle Downslope**, Views Of The Mtns. And Trees Located Near amenities. . . . . \$79,000  
**3/303** – Dlb. lot with giant oak trees . . . . . \$115,000

**5C/309** – Prime golf course lot – Cul de Sac – Sewered . . . . . \$268,000  
**6/235** – . . . . . \$50,000  
**5/29** – Beautiful trees, E Z build lot across from golf course . . . . . \$70,000  
**10/64** – Rough grading done (about \$30,000 invested) overlooking greenbelt in private location. . . . . \$59,000  
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**YVE** – Lots 57,58 & 59 being sold together, lots of room and so close to Yosemite. Very level building lot. Must be sold together as one lot. . . . . \$37,500  
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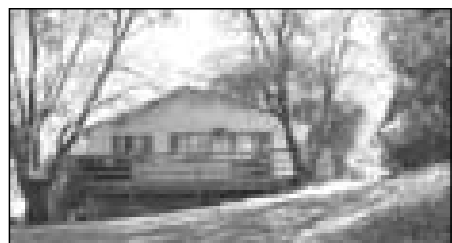
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**ON THE LEVEL....**on one level with great views. Storage/work shop under house. Cork floor in kitchen. 3bd/2ba, .50 acre. Call Barbara Gothe, \$405,000 13/125 MLS#65105



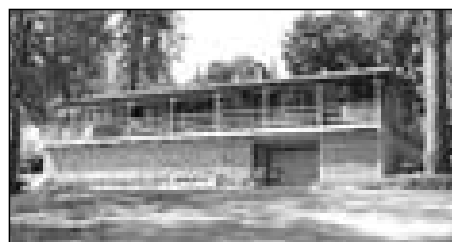
**VIEW FROM TEE TO GREEN....**3bd/3ba home in pristine condition located on the 2nd fairway. Light and airy w/open great room. Complete guest quarters. Huge 4+ car garage, two lots merged, circular driveway and sewer. Call David Lint \$699,000 5/34 MLS#65165



**A BEST SELLER....**tastefully remodeled 2bd/2ba home with cozy free standing stove in the living room. Open dining area and secluded front deck for those great BBQ's. Call Linda Willhite, \$269,950 7/181 MLS#64802



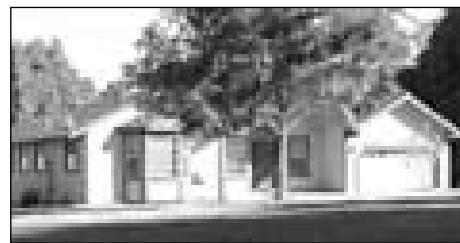
**IT'S A CHARMER....**Clean & fresh, new paint inside & out, open living room to dining & kit, full breakfast bar, pantry & laundry rm. Propane heat, + air tight woodstove. Lots of windows, front deck for great BBQ'S. Priced to sell quick! Call Elaine North, \$225,280 3/4 MLS#64975



**PRICED TO SELL....**this 3bd/2.5ba home with spacious living room is perfect for a second home or starter. Single car garage. Free-standing wood store. New crushed gravel area for the RV or boat. Must see to appreciate. Call David Lint, \$299,999 2/362 MLS#65232



**GREAT HOME....** In excellent condition ready to move in! Sunroom, 30 year roof, trex type deck...all clean as a whistle. Nearly 1/2 acre. Owner will finance. Call Bob Lawson, \$299,900 2/8 MLS#65240



**SOLID COMFORT....**This 3bd/2ba approx 2104 sq ft single level home with hot tub and loads of RV parking, is perfect for the comfort you've earned. Living room with fireplace and formal dining area opens onto a spacious deck to expand leisure activities to the out of doors. Call Linda Willhite, \$479,000 4/512 MLS#65113



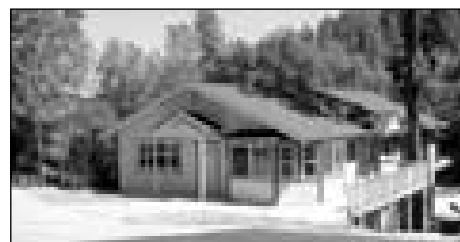
**PREMIER SETTING....**sensational 4bd/3.5ba, 4,382 sq. ft. home with a 2400 sq. ft. partially finished basement and a 600 sq. ft. storage area. 4car-2 story garages with panoramic views of the mountains and lake. Loads of amenities. Call Linda Willhite, \$1,320,000 9/5 MLS#65260



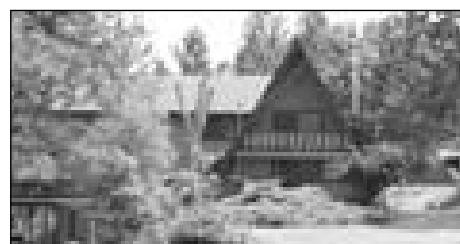
**NICE SINGLE LEVEL HOME....**3bd/2ba with vaulted open beam ceiling in great room. Cozy pellet stove. On 1/2 acre lot, backs to seasonal creek. RV parking. Close to golf and main beach/marina. Great vacation or full time home. Call Bob Lawson, \$295,000 1/360 MLS#65289



**RARE FIND W/SEPARATE GUEST QUARTERS.** 4 bd, 3 ba 2600 sq. ft. newly refurbished. New vinyl windows & French doors, new roof & gutters, new garage doors, new carpet & flooring throughout, (2) new propane fireplaces, new interior & exterior rock work & tile, new exterior lighting and other upgrades! All on large level lot w/ample parking. Take a look...priced to sell at \$475,000! Call Bob Lawson. 3/253 MLS #65067



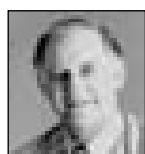
**NEW WELL BUILT CUSTOM HOME....**open floor plan, level entry, hardwood floors, granite counters/custom bath tile w/jetted tub, vaulted ceilings, lg. bonus room, oversized garage. Close to CC. Priced to sell quick! Call Elaine North, \$420,000 2/191 MLS#65345



**REMODELED CHALET....**with lots of charm. Hugh great room & master suite, office. Covered deck with hot tub. 2 car garage plus 4 car garage/workshop (detached). Garden area. 3 lots merged. All new carpet and paint thru-out. Must see to appreciate. Call David Lint, \$431,000 6/164 MLS#65169



**RELAX IN THE SHADED PARK LIKE SETTING....**overlooking the 4th fairway, this home is on one level. Perfect for a retirement or vacation home. Features include 3bd/2ba, approx 1860 sq ft. open floor plan with wet bar & oversized garage. Call Ron Connick, \$459,900 5/245 MLS#65386



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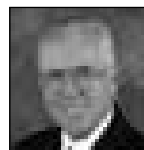
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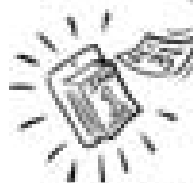
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## Homes Over \$500,000

## \$350,000 - \$500,000

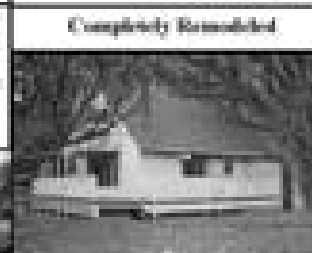
## Under \$340,000



**Pine Mountain Lake Tuxedo Home**  
Large approx. 2,712 sq. ft. 3 Bedrooms, 2 Bath + Office/4th Bedroom home with private tuxedo access. Formal Dining + Breakfast area. Living Room has rock surround fireplace and large stone fireplace wall. Built-in hot tub on Patio. 20 X 10 for drive pad in place with room to build a larger 3-Car Garage. Too much to list, must see!  
1218 \$499,000



**Walk to Down Court Beach**  
Completely remodeled inside & out. 3 Bedrooms, 2 Bath home with approx. 1,701 sq. ft. on the golf course. New flooring, paint, heating & cooling system, & more. Don't wait!  
1219 \$475,000



**Completely Remodeled**  
2 Level, 3 Bedrooms, 2 Bath Home with approx. 1544 sq. ft. situated on approx. 384 acre lot. This home has been completely remodeled throughout. Central electric heat & air. Plus a free standing wood stove. Well insulated and ready for winter. Don't miss this one.  
1227 \$339,000



**Outstanding Beauty & Value**  
Remodeled 4 Bedrooms, 3.5 Bath home with quality construction and outstanding views. Upgraded appointments throughout. Gourmet Kitchen with granite countertops. Formal Dining Room & Breakfast area. Lower level features large stone fireplace, bedrooms & bath great for guests or as in-law quarters. Approx. 3,581 sq. ft. plus Exercise & Hobby Room. 3-Car Garage.  
1247 \$475,000



**Location & View**  
Approx. 1,817 sq. ft. at end of a Cul-de-Sac. 3 Bedrooms, 2 Bath + large Bonus Room or 4th Bedroom/Quarters. Open Living area with a Cathedral ceiling, vaulted floor & skylight. 2-Car garage.  
1252 \$474,900



**Cable Feet with Lots of Knotty Pine**  
Come check out this lovely 3-Level Chateau surrounded by majestic pines. Approx. 1,847 sq. ft., built in 1987. 3 Bedrooms, 2 Bath plus Bonus Room with separate entrance & additional half bath. Laundry Room with Wash tub. Central Propane Heat, Cathedral Ceiling and lots of knotty pine. On large approx. 0.192 acre lot with plenty of parking.  
1260 \$339,000



**Easy Walk to Down Court Beach**  
Custom 3-Bedroom, 2 Bath Plus Large Bonus/Guest Room. Approx. 2,863 sq. ft. Huge Master Suite on upper level with fireplace, sitting area, 2 walk-in closets & a built-in vanity nook. Opened Garage with workshop. Maintenance free vinyl siding. New Central Heat Pump & Air. Don't wait!  
1245 \$389,000



**Large Bonus Room**  
Large 3 Bedrooms, 2.5 Bath home approx. 2,390 sq. ft. has great extra lot. Deck, surrounds upper level & covered deck on lower. Great Room with brick fireplace & open beam ceilings. Come take a look.  
1211 \$420,000



**Picture Perfect**  
Beautifully remodeled single level home. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, approx. 1453 sq. ft. 2 car garage, level driveway. New roof, Deck, carpet & flooring, top-of-the-line kitchen appliances, granite counter tops & cupboard fittings. New French doors & crown molding add extra charm. New propane fireplace.  
1241 \$339,000



**Exquisite With Open Inviting Floor Plan**  
3 Bedrooms, 2.25 Bath plus Loft Home. High ceilings. Approx. 2,187 sq. ft. Built in 1988/Upgraded in 2004. On 2.5 Acre Lot with over 12 Acres Open for recreational ball fields and on the "L" Shaped Deck with new Tens Decking. Inside Laundry Room. 2-Car Garage with Workshop. Circular drive with lots of extra parking.  
1201 \$129,000



**Quiet Country Setting**  
Need this lovely ranch home on 1.7 acres looking to be on 1100 acre ranch & riding trails. Approx. 2,030 sq. ft. featuring 4 Bedrooms, 2.5 Bath plus a spacious Bonus Room with it's own wood stove. Back surround fireplace in Living Room. Lot offers plenty of room for a Barn & Chisel or if you don't have your own horses, it is close to the Riding Stables.  
1210 \$420,000



**Adorable Cottage**  
2 Bedrooms, 2 Bath home on a nearly half acre lot. Built in 1982 and just completely remodeled inside out. New propane fireplace insert, new flooring, new roof, & new decks. New granite kitchen counters, all new appliances & fixtures. There is a 10 X 12 finished Workshop already on the property, with plenty of room for growth.  
1238 \$319,000

## Land to Build Your Dream House on

6/28s - Approx. 1/2 Acre. Paved Road. Gentle up-slope with easy building site. \$250,000  
Whites Gulch - 2.3 Acres off Whites Gulch Road. Easy building area. All Utilities available at site. Adjacent Home on 2.19 Acres also available. Price for Acreage only \$197,000.  
1/77 - Nearly level Golf Course lot. Great location, great view! Approx. .26 Acre. \$171,000  
They 126, Big Oak Flat - Approx. 1.4 Acre building lot with 365 ft. frontage on Hwy 120. Gentle down slope with some level areas. Zoned RE-1 residential. Public water and sewer. Needs to be cleared, but priced accordingly. \$29,000  
2/4 - Approx. .29 Acre. Gentle up slope lot with a view of lake. Good lot for only \$99,000.  
3/209 - Over 1.4 Acre. Easy building site close to everything. With sewer. \$79,000  
2/485 - .64 Acre merged lot within walking distance of Down Court Beach, Lake, Golf Course and all amenities. Only \$129,000

## Just Freshened Up



**This One's A Real Deal!!**  
3 Bedrooms, 2 Bath + 600 sq. ft. Storage/Bonus Room for under \$300,000! Total of Approx. 1,800 sq. ft. Just totally painted, & carpeted throughout. Over 1/4 Acre with an increased drive that accommodates 4 cars. Appliances included, even the washer & dryer. There is even a rail boat & trailer included!  
1217 \$299,000

## Golf Course Condo



**Brand New Home - Just Completed 2006**  
Almost 1 acre of land. Backs to large private ranch for even a more spacious feel. The home is spacious as well with approx. 2,130 sq. ft. 3 Bedrooms, 2.5 Bath. Extra large Master Suite with room for an office. Master Bath has built-in steam tub & shower. Gorgeous Kitchen with granite countertops & walk-in Pantry. Central vacuum system. Living/Dining with skylight & ceiling fan. 3-car garage & more.  
1225 \$559,000



**Very nice, homey Single level** Approx. 1,057 sq. ft. 2 Bedrooms, 2 Bath. Breakfast bar & open living area. New Tile, new carpet & new window coverings. Back-laid front & wood burning stove with brick surround. Well on. Most. Furnishings included.  
Chick Creek Rd \$221,000



Looking for serene estate of Pine Mountain Lake? Check out this lovely 2 Bedrooms, 1 Bath home in a private wooded area. Only 2.5 miles from town. Approx. 1,190 sq. ft. Includes all appliances, a satellite dish & spa. Enjoy the views from 4 Decks. Several landscaped gardens with over 140 trees. Adjacent parcel also available for special needs pricing.  
Whites Gulch Rd \$141,000

## Offsite Properties with no Association Fees



1.11 acre. Main House is four-upper 3 Bedrooms, 2 Bath approx. 1,300 sq. ft. Completely remodeled Guest house is a 12 X 65 Mobile home with 30 X 16 addition. 1 Bedroom, 1 Bath approx. 950 sq. ft. Wood & propane fireplace in Guest House. Surrounding outlight fireplace in Main House. Shared gravel road. Whites Gulch Rd. Price reflects as-is condition. \$289,000

# Is He the One?

“Is he the one?” a small voice asked. The tiny glowing man and his companions had been sent by the Queen Mother on a mission to find the boy who would help the People survive in this strange world they landed on. The Queen Mother had had a vision from the Eternal Being showing her the boy, now Buzz was in the boy’s room staring into the boys face curiously.

“Yes, at least I think he is. Maybe we should wake him to be certain,” said the Queen Mother’s second assistant, Chip. He’d shared in the vision from the Eternal Being because he had such a close connection with the Queen Mother. The boy looked like he did in the vision but only the correct Savior would know the code word, a word that was a mystery to all the People except Chip and the Queen Mother. “Archie” was the word because it was also the boy’s name. Chip floated lightly over to the boy’s pillow, landing softly next to the boy’s face, illuminating his features in a soft yellow glow, giving the boy the look of a true Savior, causing a ripple of excitement mixed with approval and awe through the gathered People.

Buzz followed Chip closely and together they started tugging at the stray strands of dirty blonde hair, trying to wake the boy out of his dream state. Finally he stirred and looked at the tiny men that were causing his head to hurt. He gazed at his visitors

in a bleary-eyed stupor until he rubbed the sleep from his eyes and sat up, wide-eyed and looking like he’d just seen a ghost.

“Wh-Who’re you?” the People’s Savior asked warily to Buzz and Chip. “We’re in need of your assistance,” Chip stated flatly, “may I ask what your name is?”

“It’s Archie, what’s yours?”

“My name is Chip, and this is Buzz. We’ve been sent by the Queen Mother to receive you into our company and lead you to the Queen Mother.”

“But, why me? What am I supposed to do? Why are you here?”

“Because we’ve landed outside in the forest, and we know that you can help us get back home.”

“Where’s home?” the boy asked, any fear he felt when he woke up was now gone, replaced by pure boyish curiosity for the strange floating People hovering in front of his face and outside his window.

“Right here, inside you,” another one said evilly, grinning to the others as they eagerly agreed with this new Person. Archie became fearful again as they swarmed through the window at his face, coming swiftly closer to him. He reached a hand up and tried to swat at the intruders but it didn’t phase them. To his horror, the People became distorted, then they seemed to change shape, becoming something out of his worst nightmare, coming closer and

closer and changing constantly.

“It won’t hurt, we promise, just give us a chance,” the Queen Mother said to Archie.

“No! Leave me alone. Stop! Go back, stay away,” he said, but still they came filling his mind with images of a happy life but he

knew they were wrong, false hopes.

Twisting and writhing, he screamed for his mother, but she wouldn’t come.

“Wake up! Archie, wake up! Did my poor Archie have another bad dream?” his mother asked. Archie calmed down, realizing he was still in bed, the People were gone, and his mother called him by his favorite nickname, Archie Smith, boy wonder.

## A Brief History of Ska

by Jesse Fletcher, Tioga High School Student

### First wave of Ska

Ska started in Jamaica in the late 1950’s. Ska was Jamaica’s first very own style of music. In the 1960’s ghetto areas were filling up with youths looking for work. These youths drew group identity, as “Rude boys.” Being rude was being somebody, even though society was calling you a nobody.

### Second wave of ska

The band 2tone combined the punk music energy of late 70’s England and the rhythm of Jamaican Ska music, which was created by the rhythm of Jamaican Ska music, which was created by combining different genes. This was also done by new Ska bands like Specials or Madness. 2tone incorporated both blacks and whites in the band and fan base. Unity was the message.

The ska club scene were whites and blacks who worked in factories and both shaved their heads and wore big boots as a matter of necessity. The original skinheads

were both blacks and white.

Rude boys dressed in suits to mock the higher classes. Rude boys and skinheads “Skanked”... a dance that imitated their fight against higher class, and brawl if needed.

### Third wave of Ska

Since Americans were deprived of the joys of ska the first time around, it was inevitable that some conversion of the music would infect the U.S. Many bands would go through the rounds again as new bands were influenced by them and added their own touch.

### Some say Ska is dead...

But some say its still around in the hearts of the true fans.

### Some Ska bands to check out.

Skankin pickles, dance hall crashers, hepcat, the mighty boss tones, the toasters, and Reel-Big-Fish.

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## Leonardo Da Vinci

by Donovan DeHart, Tioga High School Student

Leonardo Da Vinci was born in the renaissance, in April 1452. Leonardo was born in a farmhouse in Anchiano, 3 km away from Vinci. The family of Leonardo “Ser Piero” was 25 when Leonardo was born in 1452. The actual mother of Leonardo is named Catarina. He didn’t marry this woman until later because she was a farmers daughter, and was not wealthy or in Ser Piero’s prospective worthy. Leonardo was christened from the parson Piero Da Bartolomeo to the name Lionardo and not Leonardo. With the age of 14 Leonardo moved to Florence where he began an apprenticeship in the workshop of Verrocchio. Leonardo developed his skills from an artist by the name of Verrocchio, a very famous and well-known artist at this time. Leonardo’s first ink and lead drawing was later called “The Perspective of Disappearance”. This drawing was depicted from a river named “Arno”. His next drawing was a drawing of an angel. This drawing surpassed his teacher. Leonardo had his own workshop between 1476 and 1478. In this

time period he drew a picture that amazed all with the name “Baptism Of Christ”, another picture of an angel. Something different or out of the ordinary happened on April 8, 1476. An anonymous man accused Leonardo of having a homosexual affair with Jacopo Saltarelli, who was a model. This eventually led to the homosexuality of Leonardo Da Vinci. King Francis invited Leonardo to spend the last span of his life in Amboise at the court of France. In the autumn of 1516 Leonardo Da Vinci arrived in Amboise. In his bag was the most famous painting yet the “Mono Lisa”. To this day the “Mono Lisa” is still one of the most famous pictures ever painted. Leonardo never drew or painted in France, but made hydrological studies of what he wanted to present. Leonardo died May 2, 1519. At this time Leonardo was 67 years of age. Leonardo had a paralysis on the right side of his body since 1517 and Vasari told about an illness a few weeks before Leonardo died. On April 23, 1519, Leonardo wrote his last will.



**PML News  
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Tioga High School students are currently submitting original articles and stories for the Pine Mountain Lake News. Where applicable, we will note which articles are in fact written by a student.

We do encourage local youth of all ages to submit to us each month.

—PML STAFF

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**Tenaya  
Student  
of the  
Month**

**School:**  
Tenaya Elementary

**Student:** Wyatt Goodson

**Grade:** 3



**Parents:** Bob and Terry Goodson of Greeley Hill

Wyatt is a delight to have in class. He tries hard and is doing well in third grade. Wyatt is kind to others and shows compassion for his peers. He is always willing to volunteer help when needed and responds well to suggestions. Thank you Wyatt!

**Nominated by:** Sharon Groh - Teacher

**Big school  
vs. small school**

by Megan Butler, Tioga High School Student

Ever wonder what its like to walk into a crowd flowing with people you don't even know? With blank, friendly, or even mean stares all directed to you? Imagine that being your first day of school in a school with thousands of kids with different backgrounds, thoughts, and sometimes even secrets. All together in one school, in an abundance of classes. To walk around and see new faces every time you blink. Seems like enough to drive a person crazy!

But going to a big school with tons of people isn't always bad. After all they have football, softball, baseball, a swim team and so much after school activities and fun things that keep you busy.

Going to a small school on the other hand with kids you've known your whole life. Kids that know your strengths and weaknesses. With teachers that actually know your name. Walk into a classroom with 20 kids instead of 50. Get extra help from teachers that care. Sure it may not have enough money or as many games as a big school. But a small school where you know everyone is way better than a big school with 600 kids.

So what's your opinion? To go to a big school where people think of you as a wave being tossed in the ocean, or to go to a small school where everyone knows you and loves you for you! It's your choice.

**Tioga  
Boys  
Basketball**

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
1/2	ROP	ROP	6:00/7:30 pm
1/5	Mountain Oaks	Tioga	5:00/8:00 pm
1/8	Stone Ridge	Tioga	6:00/7:30 pm
1/12	Big Valley	Tioga	5:00 pm
1/12	Don Pedro	Tioga	7:30 pm
1/16	ROP	ROP	6:00 pm
1/19	Mountain Oaks	Tioga	5:00/8:00 pm
1/23	Mother Lode	Tioga	7:30 pm
1/25	Mother Lode	Tuolumne	7:30 pm
1/26	Stone Ridge	Merced	5:00/8:00 pm
1/30	Don Pedro	Don Pedro	7:30 pm
2/2	ROP	Tioga	6:00/7:30 pm
2/6	Mountain Oaks	Mtn. Oaks	5:00/8:00 pm
2/9	Mother Lode	Mother Lode	7:30 pm
2/12	Stone Ridge	Tioga	5:00/8:00 pm
2/16	Don Pedro	Tioga	7:30 pm

**Note:** This schedule is subject to change without notice

**Tioga  
Girls  
Basketball**

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
1/5	Mountain Oaks	Tioga	6:30 pm
1/8	Stone Ridge	Tioga	6:30 pm
1/12	Don Pedro	Tioga	6:00 pm
1/19	Mountain Oaks	Tioga	6:30 pm
1/23	Mother Lode	Tioga	6:00 pm
1/25	Mother Lode	Tuolumne	6:00 pm
1/26	Stone Ridge	Stone Ridge	6:30 pm
1/30	Don Pedro	Don Pedro	6:00 pm
2/6	Mountain Oaks	Mtn. Oaks	6:30 pm
2/9	Mother Lode	Tuolumne	6:00 pm
2/12	Stone Ridge	Tioga	6:30 pm
2/16	Don Pedro	Tioga	6:00 pm

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*Tioga High School Basketball Center; Danny Irene, leaps well above Linden's team to get the basketball as his teammates look on. This game was played on December 12th at the Tioga gymnasium. Photography by Ron Stringer.*

**HEALTHY  
HEART  
RECIPE**

Now that the holidays are over, you've probably made some New Year's Resolutions. As a rule, one of those is probably related to losing weight. To take even better care of yourself this year, make a promise to love your heart! Cutting out just 200 to 300 calories a day - about one candy bar's worth - can help you lose up to two pounds per week and gradually bring you closer to a heart-healthy weight. This year, when you entertain, try this delicious appetizer and be good to the hearts of your friends and family, too!

**Raspberry-Pepper Jelly  
over Cream Cheese**

*(serves 8; 1 tablespoon cream cheese, 1 1/2 teaspoons jelly mixture, and 3 crackers or 3 slices of fruit per serving)*

1/4 cup all-fruit seedless raspberry spread

1/2 teaspoon balsamic vinegar

1/8 teaspoon ground cinnamon

1/8 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes

4 oz. fat-free or light cream cheese

24 fat-free or low-fat, low-sodium crackers or 3 medium red apples or red-skinned pears, each cut into 8 slices.

In a small microwaveable bowl, stir together first 4 ingredients. Microwave on high for 15 seconds or until melted. Stir and cool completely.

Put cream cheese on a plate. Spoon the raspberry mixture on top. Serve with crackers or fruit.

With fruit - nutrients per serving: calories 62; total fat 0.0 g; cholesterol 3 mg; sodium 71 mg; carbohydrates 13 g; total sugars 10 g; dietary fiber 1 g; protein 2 g.

With crackers - nutrients per serving: calories 69; total fat 0.0 g; cholesterol 3 mg; sodium 124 mg; carbohydrates 13 g; total sugars 5 g; dietary fiber 0 g; protein 3 g.

**The Gathering Place Installs Three  
New Board Members**

by Sharon Hunt

The Southside Senior Services, Inc. Board of Directors is excited to announce the installation of Liz Mattingly, Ron Michaelis and Carol Smith as Directors to the Board. This year we changed our By-Laws to increase our Board from nine to eleven members. As we grow closer to obtaining the site and funding for the Gathering Place, it was felt that we needed to bring on the skills and talents for the next phase of our work.

Liz Mattingly brings strong skills in organizational management. Her background is in financial, real estate and property management. She says, "I have a strong belief that we must give back to our community to make it stronger, healthier and happier." Liz is a very active member of Soroptimist International of Groveland. In 2005 she became one of the five members of the Strategic Plan Committee for Rural Healthcare for the Greater Groveland Area. The committee was instrumental in getting the three top hospital administrators from Tuolumne General Hospital, Sonora Regional Medical Center and John C. Fremont Hospital in Mariposa to sit down at the same table to discuss win-win solutions for the healthcare of the community.

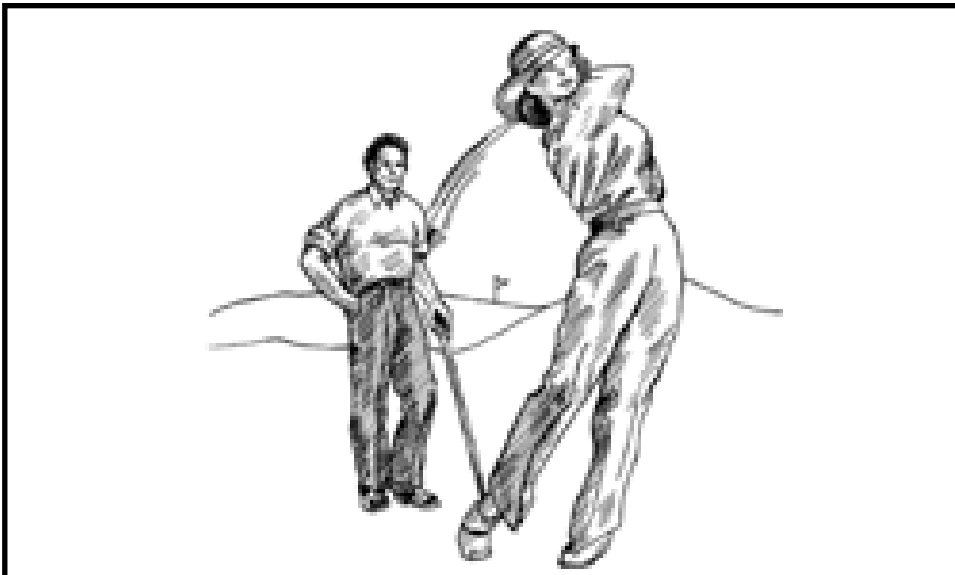
Ron Michaelis has spent a lifetime in the field of engineering with a degree in Industrial Engineering and Business Administration. As we obtain the site and the build The Gathering Place we need his skills as general manager of a real estate development and general contracting company. Ron is a member of the Groveland Rotary Club. He was the Director and Centennial Project Coordinator of building the bathroom at the Little League Baseball field in Big Oak Flat. Ron was also the project manager for the Jerry and Paula Baker Tuolumne Trails Camp for disabled kids. He was responsible for working directly with the Tuolumne County Planning Department in moving through the permits and red tape.

Carole Smith is self-employed with an emphasis in accounting. Carole has spent 25 years as an Enrolled Agent. She represents taxpayers at the IRS. Carole says, "I would like to be involved with The Gathering Place as I strongly believe in this project and would like to ultimately see it to conclusion. I bring to the Board my ability to roll up my sleeves and get the job done."

The Board is excited to have these three talented new members.

The on-going Board Members are Paul Bunt, President, Karen Serrett, Vice President, Barbara Elliott, Treasurer, Sharon Hunt, Executive Secretary, and

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We want to wish HAPPY HOLIDAYS to ALL and offer a special thanks to those of you, who have diligently supported us. It is you, our treasured customer, who makes the job of bringing this piece of History back to life an easier one. With our local residents in mind, we have made changes to our menus. We added comfort food items to our Saloon menu, such as "The Beekeeper" a honey stung fried chicken served with vegetables & mashed potatoes and gravy. We also revised our Dining Parlor menu with locals in mind. We brought the price down on each menu item and offer soup and salad on the side. This may make it a little easier for some to justify going out for a nice dinner once in a while, (we all deserve it every

now & then.) As we are going into Winter, we have also found it necessary to make some changes to our hours. We are open 7 days a week, but our new Winter hours for serving food in The Magnolia Saloon & Grill are as follows: Mon - Th 12:00 to 8:00 pm, Fri & Sat 11:00 - 9:00 pm & Sun 11:00 - 8:00 pm. Cherylan's Dining Parlor will serve dinner Fri & Sat 5:00 - 9:00 pm & Sun 5:00 - 8:00pm, reservations are suggested. The Hotel also continues to be open 7 days a week.

The Dining Parlor is available for special events any time, so please call us with your ideas & let us see if we can help you to put together an extra special event to be a fond memory for all of your guests. Again, thank you for your support.

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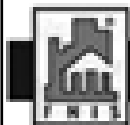
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During the summer months the feeder should be changed every week; during the winter months every two weeks. For best results, place the feeder in a partially shaded area since direct sunlight will cause discoloration and stagnation of the sugar water mixture.

Hummingbirds are interesting creatures with over 750 species in their family. They have brilliant plumage with a metallic sheen, long, slender and sometimes-curved beaks. Their legs are stiff and straight with no movable joints. Their feet do have a clasping ability for support on branches and bushes. Capable of flying both vertically and diagonally, this small creature is often referred to as a helicopter.



# Sierra Rep serves up a year's worth of razzmatazz, adventure and romance

Sierra Repertory Theatre will create a full year of exciting entertainment in 2007, in a season packed with hot new comedies, big Broadway blockbusters, a classic American tragedy and a return of the region's all-time favorite Gold Rush musical.

SRT's 28th season includes more performances, more matinees and more regional premieres than ever before, with great deals on season tickets now on sale. SRT Artistic Director Scott Viets and Producing Director Dennis Jones will lead an artistic team that will create 10 shows covering a full range of theater.

"The announcement of our 2007 season is generating the kind of buzz and excitement every theatre hopes for and we can't wait to launch what we feel will be one of our strongest, most diverse seasons yet," Viets says. "Not only are nine of the ten shows new to our stage, but as an even bigger treat for our audiences, two are Regional premieres (MOONLIGHT & MAGNOLIAS, PLAID TIDINGS), one a West Coast premiere (MID-LIFE: THE CRISIS MUSICAL), and two fresh off of their Broadway National tours (THOROUGHLY MODERN MILLIE, WHITE CHRISTMAS)! That's five, hot new shows! And Sonora audiences will be the first to see some of them ... anywhere!"

SRT's new season opens February 3 with the theatre's traditional gala celebration. The event begins with a reception and dinner at the Elks Lodge in Sonora, followed by the premiere of SRT's tap-dancing Broadway blockbuster, THOROUGHLY MODERN MILLIE.

The gala kicks off a calendar packed with more than 390 performances - SRT will have at least one and often two shows running every weekend through December 23.

Ticket prices remain unchanged for the season, ranging from \$18-\$26 per person, with discounts for students, seniors and groups of 20 or more.

Season tickets range from \$115-\$130 for 6-show packages and from \$205-\$230 for 11-show packages.

Call for more information at (209) 532-3120 or visit SRT's website at [www.sierrarep.org](http://www.sierrarep.org).

### THOROUGHLY MODERN MILLIE

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May 4 - June 10 - East Sonora  
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### MIDLIFE! - The Crisis Musical

June 29 - August 26 - East Sonora  
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### PAINT YOUR WAGON

July 20 - September 16 - Fallon House  
A smash-hit Broadway favorite that brings the California Gold Rush vividly to life - rich in melody and American spirit. "Vigorous, colorful and melodious." - *New York Post*

### ALL MY SONS - By Arthur Miller

September 21 - October 14 - East Sonora  
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### FOREVER PLAID

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### PLAID TIDINGS

November 16 - December 22 - Fallon House  
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### Irving Berlin's WHITE CHRISTMAS

November 2 - December 23 - East Sonora  
The holiday classic has come to the stage at last, full of dancing, laughter and great songs. A merry and bright theatrical experience for the whole family! "Snow flies, hearts warm in a dazzling staged White Christmas." - *Oakland Tribune*

SRT is a professional theater producing a year-round season of classic and contemporary plays at two locations - the SRT theater in East Sonora and the historic Fallon House Theatre in Columbia.

The talented resident company and visiting guest artists include members of Actors' Equity Association, the Union of Professional Actors and Stage Managers. High quality performances, production values and management have established Sierra Rep as a model for regional theater.

Sierra Rep's 200-seat theater in East Sonora is intimate, attractive and comfortable, with excellent sight lines and acoustics, and no seat more than 10 rows from the stage. The Fallon House is a restored Gold Rush-era theater and inn located in Columbia State Historic Park. It seats 274. Both theaters are centrally heated and cooled and wheelchair accessible.

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# Genealogy Chat

by Peggy Andrews

If your New Year's resolution was to delve in to your family's history using one of the many Genealogy programs to organize the information, the Chat Club is the place to be on January 26th. We will meet downstairs in the Groveland Library, from 1 to 4. The program this month will be lead by our very own professional genealogist and long time Groveland historian Bonnie Stevens.

Bonnie will be teaching us about Genealogy Software, using the Master Genealogy program in the computers in the History Resource Center. If you are thinking about buying software, here's an opportunity to see

what this software has to offer. There are also volunteer opportunities in the HRC, so if you are thinking about volunteering, this is a chance learn about the program. For the advanced computer users, who have programs like FTM or Legacy, it will be a chance to compare programs and perhaps have a computer software challenge at the end of the presentation.

A good genealogy program is one of best tools you can buy, without one the project can me difficult and time consuming to organize, so please join us to learn from one of the best.

The Chat Club is open to all those interested in researching their family's history and more recently to researching the history of Tuolumne County, south of the Tuolumne River. We meet the fourth Friday of each month from 1 to 4, downstairs at the Groveland Library.

# Pine Cone Singers' Rehearsals

by Gail Perlee

The Pine Cone Singers, in preparation for their guest performance in the Opera Hall in Sonora to celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, will reconvene to rehearse for this performance on Tuesday, January 9th and Thursday, January 11th at 3:00 PM in the Groveland Community Hall. Under the direction of Dennis Brown, the chorus will be singing "Land of Our Dreams" and "Ride The Chariot" plus an additional number selected by the director. The performance will take place the afternoon of Sunday, January 14th.

Following the Martin Luther King, Jr. performance, the chorus will then meet again on Tuesday, January 30th at 3:00 PM in the Groveland Community Hall for the first rehearsal of their 2007 spring concert.

# The Medical Center Adds Allied Health Professional

To Its Groveland Family Medical Center by Ileana Grycel



The Sonora Regional Medical Center, announces the expansion of services in Groveland through its full-time placement of G. Erik Rohde-Moe, PA-C. Rohde-Moe is accepting new patients and will serve the Groveland community while working with Dr. Steven Shield who is also accepting new patients. The Groveland Family Medical Center evaluates patients ranging from newborn to the aging population. Care is enhanced in the south county through additional resources that include X-ray and laboratory services.

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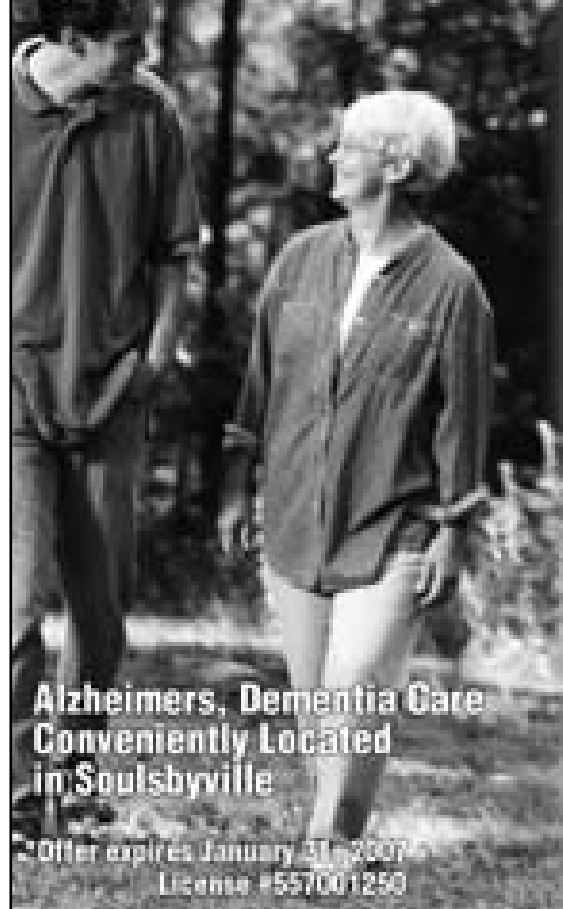
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# THE SOROPTIMIST SCENE

Soroptimist enjoyed playing elves for the “Christmas Basket” program last December. In addition to being one of the service clubs that donates money toward the purchase of gift certificates for turkeys and hams for Christmas dinner, many members were part of the toy and clothing shopping program for the children in our community. A few years ago, a very generous, anonymous donor contributed \$5000 so that local children could get what they really wanted for Christmas but

that parents could not afford. Again, in 2006, this donor asked the Soroptimist Club to spend \$5000 using the toy and clothing list that comes from the Christmas Basket program. The children from needy families compile a “wish list” of special items which could include large electronic toys, sleeping bags, sports equipment, jewelry boxes, etc...a budget is set per age group...the special items are purchased and then clothing that is requested is bought, for each child, with any remaining funds.

Soroptimist scours nearby towns for the very best “deals” available to make the most of this wonderful donation. The toys and clothing are wrapped, labeled and distributed to each family, from the Community Center, so that the children are able to have a “Very Merry Christmas”!

On December 12, Soroptimist met at Casa Viejos (Sr. Citizen’s home in Jamestown) for their annual Christmas party. We entertained the guests with music and dance and provided refreshments, lap robes and “goody bags”. We enjoy chatting with the residents and sharing the joy of the holiday season with them, and hope they look forward to our visits each year.

Internationally, Stephen Lewis, special envoy for AIDS in Africa, recently called for a well-funded and powerful new United Nations agency addressing HIV/AIDS in women and girls (similar to UNICEF for children’s issues). Women and girls are more vulnerable to AIDS and the cases of infected women and girls continue to grow in Africa and around the world. Lewis argues that “years from now, historians will ask how it was possible that the world allowed AIDS to throttle and eviscerate a continent-and overwhelmingly the women of that continent-and watch the tragedy unfold in real time while we toyed with the game of reform”.

In November, Soroptimist held one of their annual fundraisers: Personal Endeavor Day. 76 women (members

and their guests) attended a luncheon and auction at PML Country Club. After a creative lunch of salad, chicken pate, asparagus, risotto and cranberry creme brulee, the ladies participated in a very spirited auction. The auction items were hand-made or created by Soroptimist members. It was such fun when several ladies bid against one another for a particularly coveted item. One really lovely wreath was finally won at \$200! Many selections were perfect for Christmas gifts and even pampering oneself! The auction brought in over \$3000 which will be used primarily for service fund projects. Kudos to Catherine Santa Maria, our talented auctioneer, and Liz Mattingly and her outstanding committee for such an enjoyable and profitable afternoon!

SAVE THE DATE: Feb. 17, 2007 for the Chinese Dinner and Auction! Dinner tickets for this annual fundraiser will be on sale very soon. Using your quarters, you’ll have an opportunity to win a wide range of unique auction items, win a trip and spending money from the raffle, enjoy a delicious dinner, gorgeous decorations and truly fun company at this hugely popular event. Attendance will be limited so watch for more details and sale of tickets soon!

For information about Soroptimist membership, contact Donna Thayer 962-5007 or Gail Shaw 962-0907.



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# Helping Hands Happenings

by Joyce Smith

**H**ello all, I'm back as publicity person for Helping Hands. I will do my best to keep the community informed regarding news of interest about Helping Hands. Where to begin.....

—Election of officers for 2007 was held during our General Meeting on Dec. 7th. Officers elected were:

<b>President</b>	Judi Wilkinson
<b>Vice President</b>	Sandi Graham
<b>Recording Secretary</b>	Julie McVickers
<b>Corresponding Secretary</b>	Jan Dycus
<b>Treasurer</b>	Carole Smith
<b>Parliamentarian</b>	Shirley Carman
<b>Store Manager</b>	Patti Beaulieu

—The Budget for 2007 was approved. At the conclusion of business, we moved into the Community Hall, big room, for our Annual Christmas Luncheon and Gift Bag Grab. We really outdid ourselves

with the food, all excellent. We had a great time with the gift "Exchange" and I do mean exchange as some gifts were exchanged several times. Lots of good fun and much laughter.

—This has been a very good year for Helping Hands and made possible by our many volunteers, there are 70 something of us now. And yes, our community is a big part of our success by supplying the merchandise. A true community effort that does so much good. Makes a person feel proud being a part of this. Thank you everyone!!

—Should you have a "shopping urge" come by the store and browse all you want. Chances are you will find something you really need. And if you love a sale, Helping Hands is the place for you. Watch for the sale sign when you are downtown.

From all of us, "Have a Happy, Healthy New Year".

See you at Helping Hands.

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If you're interested in trying it out, you can catch us every Tuesday night at the Groveland Community Hall. Our winter/

spring session will start on Tuesday, January 9, 2007. Beginner lessons are from 7:00-8:00 p.m. Intermediate/advanced lessons and dancing follow from 8:00-9:00 p.m. Our instructor is Susan Nash, and there's a \$2 donation per person per week.

Beginners are welcome to stay for the second hour and either watch or give some of the more advanced dances a try also. Susan might even teach you Red Hot Salsa!

For more information, call Carol Stevens at 962-5198 or Sue Salnick at 962-4155.

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## Take Down of Groveland Christmas Decorations

**S**et for Monday, January 8th. We have set the take down date at 12 days after Christmas. Many religions believe that a 12 day period after Christ's birth is the period of time required for the Wise Men and the King to have visited his birthplace. We will

meet at 9 AM in the parking area between Custom Realty and the Designing Women shop. Just look for the purple Mustang.

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Mother Lode Memories

by Nancy Perry and Debra Durai

This next series of articles by Jean McClish is a very interesting and informative group entitled “Wandering Along Highway 120.” The articles began with the December 1974 issue of the PML News and ran for quite a few months. When reading these articles, please keep in mind they were written in 1974-75. Businesses change hands, some close, and some of the information has changed. We will present the articles as they were written.

Several years ago the new Highway 120 bypassed a section of old Highway 120. It’s now called Old Highway 120 Road, which is found just past Tenaya Grammar School on the right. This is where you will find “Hangman’s Tree.”

Did you know?

The Groveland Jail located on Ponderosa Lane, contains two jail cells.

The structure has a rock pier and post foundation, “V” groove siding and a simple gable roof. Without research it’s impossible to give an exact date for the construction of this building. It was not on the 1877 Groveland townsite map but does appear on the “Common Lands” locations map of 1903.

Because of the materials used and the fact that Groveland was experiencing a population increase at the turn of the century, (due to the hard rock mining boom), it is assumed that the jail was constructed some time between 1895 and 1903.

December 9, 1974

WHERE DOES THAT ROAD GO?  
WHERE DOES THAT ROAD GO... is the result of Jean McClish simply “getting involved” in the heritage of this area. Jean was the official photographer for the PML NEWS. In her spare time... she goes to school three days a week at the Columbia College, spends hours in the library going over books that might give her a key to some exciting memory, and then she can be spotted with camera, pencil, and paper heading down a “wayside” road such as Memorial Drive.

Because of her interest and “getting involved,” Jean this month begins a series of articles that deals with the names of roads in and around our area... where they go, and what past and future resides along their roadside.

In the next issue of Pine Mountain Lake NEWS, Jean is going to tour us thru a “DOUBLE LOOP”; starting with the Groveland Deer Flat Road to Wards Ferry to Big Oak Flat, then down Harper Road to Merrill Road and ending our tour in Groveland.

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WANDERING ALONG HIGHWAY 120  
By Jean McClish

Turn south from the Big Oak Flat Road just east of the 3,000-foot elevation signpost between Big Oak Flat and Groveland.

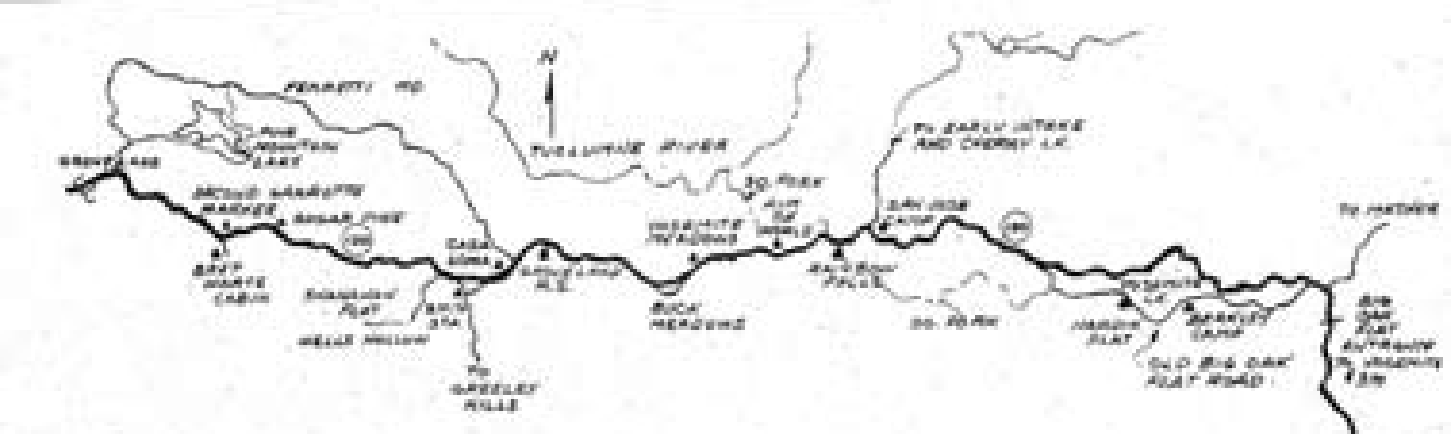
The road wanders several hundred yards to a rock-pillared gate, which stands open.

This is the Oak Grove Cemetery, resting place for inhabitants of Groveland and Big Oak Flat and surrounding area since the 1880’s. Generations of local families lay here - Reid, Gray, Scofield. Familiar names of bygone years - Mueller, Tannahill. Priest, mark marble or granite headstones.

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Some of the earliest marble slabs lean into the years, the carved legend difficult to decipher.

Poignant moments in the life of a family is revealed - carved forever in marble epitaph:

CHARLES L. HARPER  
Died Jan 23, 1891  
Aged 68 years

Loved one we have laid thee in the quiet graves embrace.

Thy memory will be cherished until we see thy heavenly face.

Four Drew children who died in the 1879 diphtheria epidemic lie together, the obelisk gravestone reading: Earth counts 4 mortals 1’s Heaven 4 angels more

Ornate wrought iron fences surround graves of generations of a family.

Others are bound together by cement curbs. An occasional single grave is outlined by a wrought iron or a wooden post fence. Some are marked by quartz or their rock, head and foot - no headstone to tell the passerby who lies here.

The remote grounds are oak studded. The crunch of acorns underfoot and the shuffling of oak leaves as one passes from grave to grave break the quiet dignity and the birds scold.

Memorial Drive was named Graveyard Road for a time. The residents objected to that designation. The road had been referred to simply as “the cemetery road” for many years and no signpost marked the turnoff - everyone knew where the cemetery was.

Back towards Big Oak Flat and on the opposite side of Highway 120 is the Catholic cemetery flanking the hill in front of Mt. Carmel Church. We will visit here another day.

The Big Oak flat Road (Highway 120) from Pine Mountain Lake to Yosemite traverses scenic countryside. Vistas range from quaint to spectacular.

It passes landmarks of the southern mines of the Mother Lode and the ranches, mills, and hostleries of Tuolumne County’s earlier days.

The drive from Groveland to the Big Oak Flat Entrance to Yosemite National Park is twenty-six miles and can be made in little more than half an hour.

If getting to Yosemite is the traveler’s only goal, then God’s speed.

However, a leisurely investigative trip can fill pleasurable hours. It is those who ride with a spirit of adventure that we set forth the following:

Leaving Groveland, the road quickly passes the Tenaya School and in less than two miles comes to the site of Second Garrotte, (Old Hwy 120 Road) marked by a plaque reading, “Sizeable settlement established at this rich placer location in 1849 by miners spreading eastward from Big Oak Flat and Groveland....”. At this location only ashes remain where once notorious Hangman’s Tree stood.

Nearby is the Bret Harte cabin, a house within a house, reasonable preserved but seldom visited in its out-of-the-way seclusion.

The gold mines of Second Garrotte, the eastern most along the Big Oak Flat Road, were not as prosperous as those in many other areas, but the settlement was the home for a small community of settlers for many years with almost none remaining today. There had been homes, gardens, a flour mill, store, barns and in the earliest lusty days, the inevitable fandango houses.

Eastward, the road climbs abruptly for a mile or so and emerges into a wider valley. On the left is the Sugar Pine Ranch. The first settler here built a cabin in 1860’s. The present white house was built shortly after the turn of the century. In 1946 the Wesley Osborne’s bought the property, added cabins and operated a ranch-motel. They run the motel to this day, but no longer serve the meals for which they enjoyed a wide reputation for excellence.

A mile further is the first turn off to Shanahan Flat and Hells Hollow.

Less than a dozen families live along this intriguing byway. A second turn off in two miles is a more direct route, and is the one recommended for an easier investigation.

Smith Station, just ahead, was a change station for horses pulling the stage and freight wagons and a stopping place for passengers and drivers.

John B. Smith came to California from Maine in 1854 and homesteaded the meadow, first known as Sprague’s Ranch. Smith provided overnight lodgings for stage passengers and hostlers and served meals, family style, which included venison or mountain trout or beef which Smith butchered himself.

Vegetables came from the garden planted beside the two-story house. Meals cost 25 cents and a bed could be had for 75 cents to \$1.00.

The first tollgate of the Big Oak Flat Road Company was temporarily located here.

Smith Station Road turns south, heading toward Wagner Valley and connecting with other roads going to Greeley Hill, Coulterville or Bower Cave.

Continuing along the Big Oak Flat Road, Casa Loma passes by on the left near where Ferretti Road joins the highway. The Groveland Ranger Station is next, and then the road passes into Mariposa County for several miles.

Within this Mariposa County stretch the road reaches Buck Meadows.

Turning off here to the right, a narrow road wanders back to the old cabins and an operating sand and gravel quarry.

In the early days Buck Meadows was known as Hamilton’s. Alva Hamilton and his wife, Johannah, built their farmhouse here and ran a hotel for travelers. It was a favorite stopping place for cattlemen herding cattle up country to pasture or back down again. The Hamilton’s remained open all year around, although there was little business in the winter.

They farmed here, raising their own beef and pork. They planted orchards of apples, peaches and Bartlett pears, which thrived, protected from the wind. In the valley over the hill they grew again.

On the other side of the highway beyond Buck Meadows is Yosemite Meadows, offering gasoline, groceries, and a bar and restaurant serving Italian food all year around.

Rim of the World Vista Point is ahead with a splendid panoramic view of Jawbone Ridge and the Tuolumne River Canyon.

Two miles further is the bridge crossing the South Fork of the Tuolumne River. Until 1870 the crossing here was made over logs felled across the river. The Big Oak Flat-Yosemite Road Company built a covered bridge and this became the toll gate sometime after 1894. John Cox, the toll collector, built his cabin on a rock overlooking the pool. The Cliff House later occupied this site.

A road turns off at the near end of the bridge and leads to a waterfall and Rainbow Pool. This is an excellent picnic and swimming spot. The old road continues past the pool, crosses lower bridge and rejoins Highway 120 several hundred yards to the east.

Almost immediately a road turns off to the left to San Jose Camp. The roof tops can be seen from the highway. The road leads to Early Intake and Cherry Lake and is the long way to Mather.

Within five miles there is a turn off to Hardin Flat leading to Yosemite Lakes and Berkeley Camp. The road is a section of Old Big Oak Flat Road.

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## Sonora Area Foundation **YES Partnership wins Elaine Symons Baker Community Impact Award**

Organizers and supporters of Tuolumne County's YES Partnership got a surprise birthday gift Friday at their 20th anniversary lunch auction.

Directors of the Sonora Area Foundation presented the community partnership with the annual Elaine Symons Baker Community Impact Award. It comes with a \$10,000 check for the YES Partnership's

work in preventing substance abuse and child abuse and supporting Tuolumne County youth and families.

SAF Directors select a community recipient for the award each year, in honor of the Foundation's first benefactor, Sonora native Elaine Symons Baker. Organizations are chosen for making a significant impact in the community. Past recipients

have included the Jamestown Family Learning Center, the Sonora High School Golden Regiment Band, the Amador-Tuolumne Community Action Agency and Interfaith Social Services among others.

Foundation Directors had some fun with this year's presentation at the Sonora Elks Lodge. They added a small "mystery basket" to close the event's live auction, then with Auctioneer Mike Macon's help, directors bid up the price on the basket to \$10,000 before letting the crowd in on the secret.

Foundation President Celeste Boyd said the YES Partnership was an easy choice for this year's award, as the group celebrates its 20th anniversary.

The group formed in 1986 in response to a spike in teen suicides, and over the years broadened its focus to work on issues of child abuse, youth leadership and drug and alcohol prevention. More than a dozen agencies and youth-focused organizations participate in monthly meetings and committees to coordinate efforts in community education, youth leadership and drug-free activities for youth.

"We're honored and excited to put the money to good use, and move forward in meeting the mission of the Yes Partnership, which is preventing substance abuse and

child abuse in Tuolumne County," said Yes Partnership coordinator Shana Monaco. "It's nice for our partners to be honored for all they contribute to our goals."

The Sonora Area Foundation, established in 1990, is a Community Foundation that channels donors' charitable contributions to worthy projects in Tuolumne County. The Foundation's mission is to strengthen its community by promoting philanthropy through assisting donors, making grants and providing leadership.

The Foundation now has assets of more than \$38 million. Its governing board regularly awards grants that fulfill needs in Tuolumne County. Those grants now exceed \$8 million since the Foundation's inception. The Foundation also administers more than 160 charitable funds set up for scholarships and other charitable causes.

The Sonora Area Foundation is certified as having achieved the National Standards of Excellence for Community Foundations by the Council on Foundations and is a member of the League of California Community Foundations.

For more information on grant applications or the establishment of a donor fund, contact the Foundation at 209-533-2596 or the website [www.sonora-area.org](http://www.sonora-area.org).



*The Picture Left to right: Celeste Boyd, President, Sonora Area Foundation  
Shana Monaco, Tuolumne County YES Partnership Projects Manager  
Martha Golay, Tuolumne County YES Partnership Drug Free Communities Coordinator*

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Yosemite Lakes is a private picnic and camping park with accommodations for over 300 vacationers. There is trout fishing in the lake, a swimming beach and playground. The old Harry Guinn Bridge, now closed to vehicles, crosses the river into Ponderosa Campground.

The old road continues onto the Berkeley Camp. Another connects with Highway 120.

Hardin Flat was the site of James Hardin's sawmill. Hardin's was a stopping place for tourists, and for a time was as far as travelers could go by stage. The rest of the trip into the Yosemite Valley was accomplished on horseback down precarious zig-zag trails. In 1855 a traveler could ride by stage from Chinese Camp to Hardin's for \$13.00 with no extra charge for the horseback trip to the valley.

The present highway to Yosemite bypasses Crocker Station, once one of the most important stopping places for stages, and later for horseless carriages, on the Big Oak Flat Road. Henry

Crocker and his wife Ellen served family style meals on tables with white cloths and featured roasts of venison or mutton or beef, trout or chicken. There were fifteen buildings: a hotel, cottages and housekeeping cabins made out of logs, finished inside with lumber.

The Big Oak Flat Entrance to Yosemite Park is five miles from Yosemite Lakes.

The road began as a trail to the mines in 1849 and became a full-fledged highway in 1874 when it was opened all the way to the valley floor.

The advent of the automobile in the Park in 1913 signaled the beginning of the end of the stage stations. They played a vital role in the early days, and they lived until they died. \*

\* Primary source of information: THE BIG OAK FLAT ROAD TO YOSEMITE, Irene Paden & Margaret Schlichtman, 1959.

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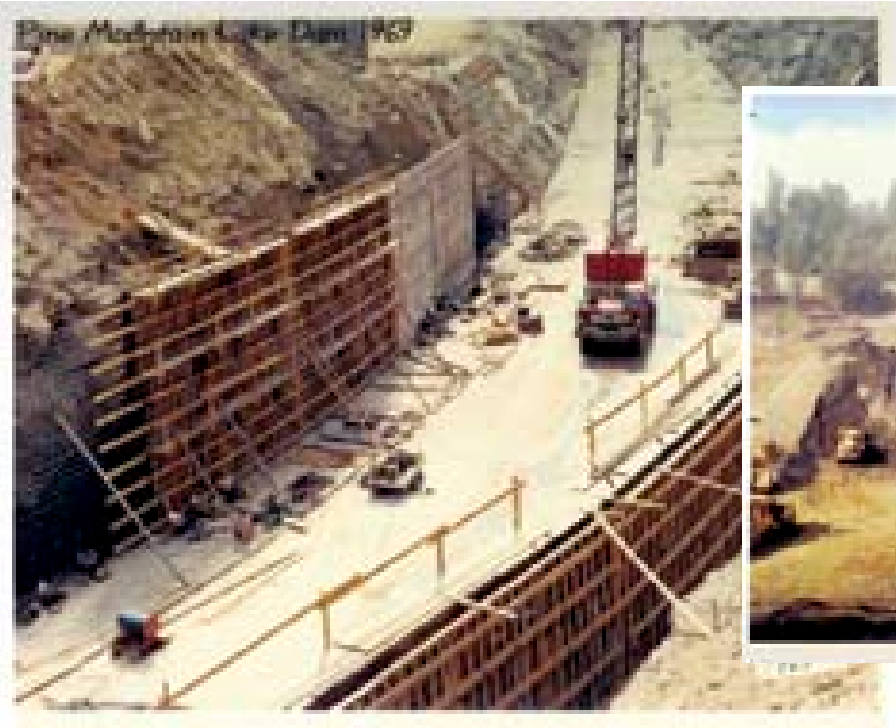
internal granular chimney drain, down stream drainage system and clay core.

The dam has a reinforced concrete spillway. The height of the dam is 120 feet; the crest width of the dam is 555 feet. It has the capacity to release 28,000 cubic feet of water per second.

The Pine Mountain Lake Dam is under

the jurisdiction of the Division of Safety of Dams and the Department of Water Resources in the State of California.

Construction of the Dam cost in excess of \$1.8 million. On November 20, 1969 the dam was completed. Water began to run over the spillway on March 1, 1970.



An alluring photo taken Thanksgiving weekend on a cold, foggy morning at Lake Don Pedro. Photography by Carol Stevens.

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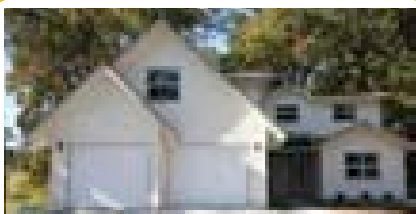


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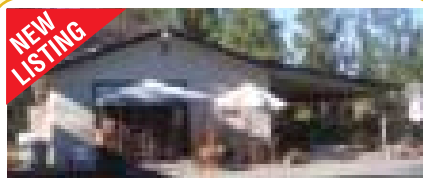
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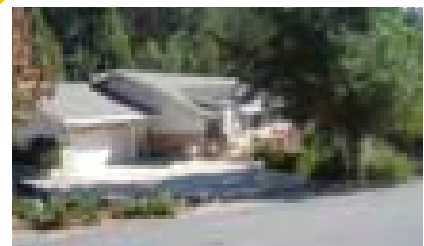
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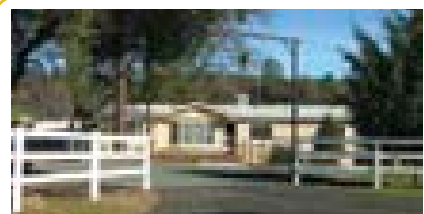
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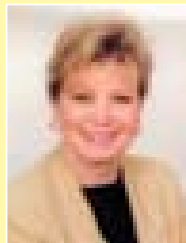
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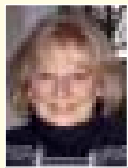
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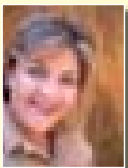
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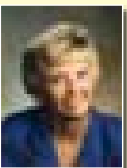
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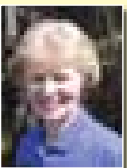
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# Whitewolf Art Tails

For the first time, the Gallery featured 2 free youth arts and crafts classes during December. Several young artists came out to customize their own clocks on December 9th and on December 16th, they decorated ornaments for the holidays. Much thanks to Helping Hands for donating the money for supplies to have these classes. More classes are being scheduled for the Spring, so please check the PML News for more future information on the classes.

On-going art in The Gallery includes the work of Michael Carey, Milton Eisenhower and David Wilkinson.

Michael is a wildlife artist from Sacramento who works in color pencil. He also makes the beautiful log frames you can purchase framing his artwork.

Milton Eisenhower lives in Yucca Valley, California. He's a wildlife sculpturer who works in alabaster.

David Wilkinson's nature and wildlife

photographs from around the area and his automotive artwork are featured as well.

The Gallery has new Winter hours: Monday-Friday from 1 to 5 and Saturday from noon to 6.

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Right: A custom clock created by artist Marguerite. Left Top: Gallery Owner—David Wilkinson—putting a battery in Beau's clock. Bottom: Making the clocks.



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Noah and Regina out on snowshoe in Yosemite Valley. Photo by Mountain Sage

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You can visit the snow covered quiet of the Giant Sequoia Groves (a mere 30 minutes from Groveland) or walk to expansive snow draped views of the Yosemite Valley from Badger Pass area. If you prefer a shorter drive there

are several destinations nearby. With a thermos of hot cocoa in hand, take the family out to Crane Flat or Evergreen Road area and go for a walk in the snow. Look carefully to find different animal tracks, make snow people, or have a good 'ol fashion snow ball fight! Winter is one of the best times to see Yosemite. Get out and explore our beautiful backyard at a time you can have it nearly all to yourself.

For more suggestions on where to go, and for snowshoe rentals and sales, please give your local outdoor gear shop and winter cafe, Mountain Sage a call at 962-4686 or stop by. Mountain Sage is located with ample parking at 18653 Main Street, Groveland just across from the Groveland pharmacy. Hope to see you out there soon!

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# Friends of the Groveland Library

by Nadine Pedron

## I LOOK TO THE FUTURE BECAUSE...

...that's where I'm going to spend the rest of my life ( George Burns). And so we did, about 60 of us, look to the future of our Tuolumne County Library system. On November 30th, the meeting room at the Sonora library bulged and bustled with library stakeholders: Friends, library staff, community and county leaders, students and school faculty representatives. Connie Corcoran, County Librarian, convened and steered us, while international consultant, Ray Rood, set the stage for the day's work. Actually, it felt more like...well...serious play. You see, we were to be inventive, creative, free to envision grandly what our ideal library would look like, feel like and what services would be in place in the year 2020. And further we were to treat our vision as fact, reality, not merely as hope. Tables of working groups began somewhat timidly (after all, we aren't often granted this much fanciful freedom), but soon the room buzzed with chatter and rang out with an occasional whoop or explosion of laughter. The day progressed through several versions of envisioning tasks, priority settings, decision activities - all culminating in the crafting of a vision statement. The charge was to look for common ground among the variety of participants present.

Amazingly, when the groups presented their ideas, we found we were, on the whole, saying the same things. We looked around the room in awe at each

other, smiling and nodding in recognition of our shared vision. At that moment, excitement and enthusiasm were palpable in the room.

What was this common vision we all generated? Unpredictably, technology (although certainly recognized and provided for) was not the main thrust of our visionary ideal. Rather, we all saw a change in our image: we became, not just a library, but a community center, a hub of activity for all ages in our communities. One group even suggested renaming it the "Community Engagement Center". This center would be, first of all, comfortable and inviting: couches, comfy chairs, lamps; would include a coffee and food cafe; reading, study, technology, research, literacy and group activity areas; community meeting rooms; arts and culture venues, and outdoor spaces. Outreach to the community would be key: full integration with the schools; increased mobile library units, complete with computer check-out; partnering with youth and senior centers, hospitals and businesses. Cool, huh?

Oh sure, we know the hard work is ahead, but the "who wants to help" list, posted by Connie at the end of the day, was filling up when I signed my name and floated out the door on a cloud of optimism.

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# The High Cost to Process Sewage

by Jim Goodrich, GCSD General Manager

Okay, this is another one of those articles that isn't very glamorous, except, perhaps to a few odd engineers and treatment plant operators. But, it is a subject that each of you has at best wondered about and at worst railed about because of the high cost of sewage collection, treatment and disposal.

Granted, most of us don't think twice about turning on the faucet and letting water run down the drain. I suppose this is a case of "out of sight, out of mind." That is, until you open your GCSD utility bill and see what might be considered to be high rates. But, these costs are the result of a fairly complex process that ultimately sends your sewage to an environmentally benign resting place.

Collecting, treating and disposing of wastewater is a process that is the reverse of getting the water to your tap, except that the process is far more complex. And, as a result, it is more costly. And, new regulations are driving the cost of this already expensive process even higher.

Let's review the technical process that takes wastewater from your home and delivers it ultimately to a disposal point. First, wastewater flows from your home to a collector pipeline that is usually located downhill from your home, either in the street in front of your home or along your back property line. It continues to flow until it hits a topographic low point, at which time it is pumped uphill using a sewage lift station (we have 16 lift stations in our system). We are in the process of upgrading our lift stations so that they meet state regulations. This is a \$4 million set of projects that must be paid for by our 1,485 sewer customers (do the math and you will realize what the impact is on your monthly bill).

The collection system must be maintained on a regular basis, a process that is stipulated by state and federal law. To maintain our sewage collection system requires operators who are state certified. To reach a certification grade level 3 takes several years of experience.

Next, after flowing through up to 35 miles of sewer pipeline (which also must be maintained), the sewage reaches the treatment plant located at GCSD's administrative offices. Here, the sewage goes through a biological process that is overseen by certified wastewater treatment operators. Like the collection system operators, the treatment operators must pass a series of tests and have progressively more years of experience as they

climb through the certification levels. Our system requires grade 3 certification by at least some of our operators. Grade 3 operators are not common and therefore command high salaries.

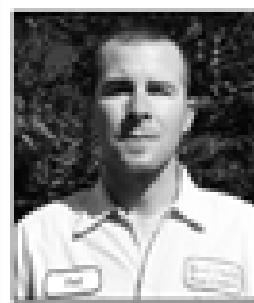
The treatment process results in reclaimed wastewater that is treated to a "secondary" level. Our secondary treated wastewater can only be disposed of in a limited number of ways. In our case, we dispose of our reclaimed water on spray fields located on District property near the Evangelical Free Church and Leon Rose Ball Field. We also dispose of our wastewater on the Pine Mountain Lake Golf Course. The golf course irrigation water is a blend of about 20 percent reclaimed wastewater and 80 percent lake water.

We are fully expecting the California Regional Water Quality Control Board to make the District upgrade our process to "tertiary" treatment, which adds a final polishing filtration and disinfection process. Tertiary treated wastewater will meet drinking water standards. However, we would dispose of this higher grade wastewater in the same way as we dispose of our current reclaimed wastewater. This upgrade could cost several million dollars, which again is the responsibility of our customers to pay without much hope of subsidy from state or federal grants.

Regulations governing the collection, treatment and disposal of wastewater have changed dramatically over the past 10 years. In the "old days," we could get by using an un-certified workforce. Today, our workforce must be certified for both sewage collection and sewage treatment. Our collection system must meet much higher construction and operating standards. For example, the system must be more fully automated to guard against accidental spills. Today, regulators have zero tolerance for sewage spills, unlike the old days when we could occasionally spill sewage during a rain storm or power outage without too many repercussions.

What does all this mean to our customers: significantly higher sewer rates. And, they will grow higher as we sell bonds to pay for the system upgrades required by state and federal regulations. Some people think we can "opt out" of complying with these regulations. The short answer is we can't. And, those same state and federal regulators don't give us any money to comply with the regulations.

I suppose the good news, if you can



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call it good, is that our rates are much lower than some sewer districts in the state, which have rates that are approaching \$150 to \$200 per month per customer. GCSD is doing everything it can to moderate our rates while meeting regulatory requirements, including upgraded systems and maintaining a

qualified (certified) workforce.

The District is conducting water and sewer rate studies now and will be holding public hearings in the near future to review our rate structures. We invite you to attend and be part of the process that establishes the rates that are appropriate for our water and sewage systems.

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## Christmas Vacation Bible School

by Carolyn Gray

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A first for this area, it will be held during Christmas break. The dates are January 2 through 5. Ages three through twelve are welcome.

The theme for this year is “Son Treas-

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After viewing the video, you'll participate in a small group discussion about what you've seen. You'll also have the opportunity to interact with others who have experienced a recent loss, learn about their experiences and have the opportunity to share your own.

You are welcome to begin attending the GriefShare group at any point during the 13-week session. Each is “self-contained”, so you do not have to attend in sequence. You will find encouragement and help whenever you begin. You will be able to continue with GriefShare through the next 13-week session and to view any of the videos you have not seen. Seminar topics include: When Your Dreams Fall Apart, Seasons of Grief, Emotions of Grief, When Your Spouse Dies, Your Family and Grief, Growing THrough Grief and more.

GriefShare will be hosted by the Groveland Evangelical Free Church beginning on Monday, January 22 at 7:00 p.m.



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## New Mountain Lutheran Community Church

by Dorothy Parker

The New Mountain Lutheran Church congregation is looking forward to a Happy and Joyous New Year. High on their hill they can now see the High Sierras wrapped in snow and that is a glorious sight knowing again that the Lord has provided us with springs of fresh water.

Our Christmas services were well attended and the communicants enjoyed the familiar hymns and carols, brilliant candlelight and lovely flowers. The Epiphany on January 6, 2007 denotes the coming of the three Wise Men, guided by a bright star to see the baby Jesus, lying in a manger in Bethlehem. This date marks the close of the Christmas season.

Epiphany will be celebrated on Sunday, January 7, 2007 at Mountain Lutheran Church. One of Groveland's celebrated vocalists, Gail Perlee, will favor us with some celebrant singing. It will be a special treat for all to hear. Her accompanist will be the talented Barbara Whittlesey.

A lovely tea and cookie exchange was given by Mary Bruederle and Judy Basey in Mary's home. It was a special get-together at the beginning of the Christmas season for the ladies of the Mountain Lutheran Church. Festive sandwiches, pastries and fruit were served on beautiful table settings. Much discussion and light-hearted chatter ensued after lunch over the cookie exchange. We all went home with a variety of cookies and much joy in our hearts.

Our new church is continuing to add to and enhance the beauty of our House of Worship. Two large colorful “stained-glass style” banners were hung on either side of the altar. They add a spiritual closeness and comfort to the altar area.

On December 16th a memorial service was held at the church for Mike Jaenecke who passed away in November. He was a former pastor of the Mountain Lutheran Church.

We are proud of our three teen-age girls who have been busy learning more about church liturgy, the service, and sacraments. They will eventually become acolytes and be able to assist the clergy in conducting the church service. The three girls in this program are Bethany Wilkinson, Hillary McAdams and Kristen McAdams.

We are all looking forward to more new members and new activities in the New Year. Remember that everyone is welcome to the new Mountain Lutheran Community Church. We are located at 13000 Down to Earth Court just off Ferretti Road, Groveland and the worship service is at 10:45 AM each Sunday.

Twelfth green under construction and the old barn is the firehouse.



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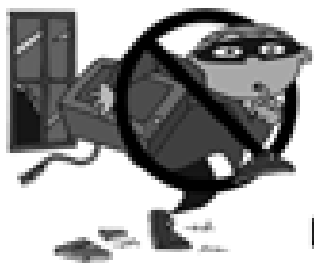
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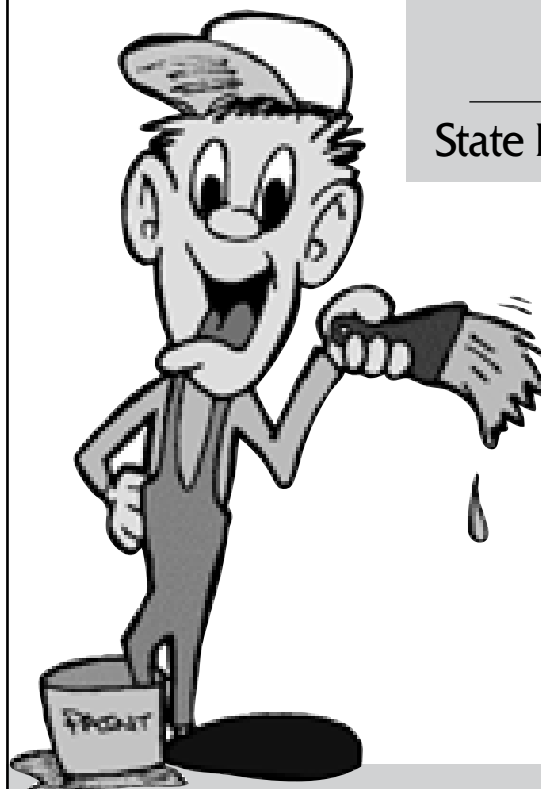
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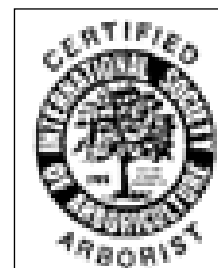
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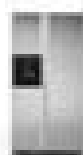
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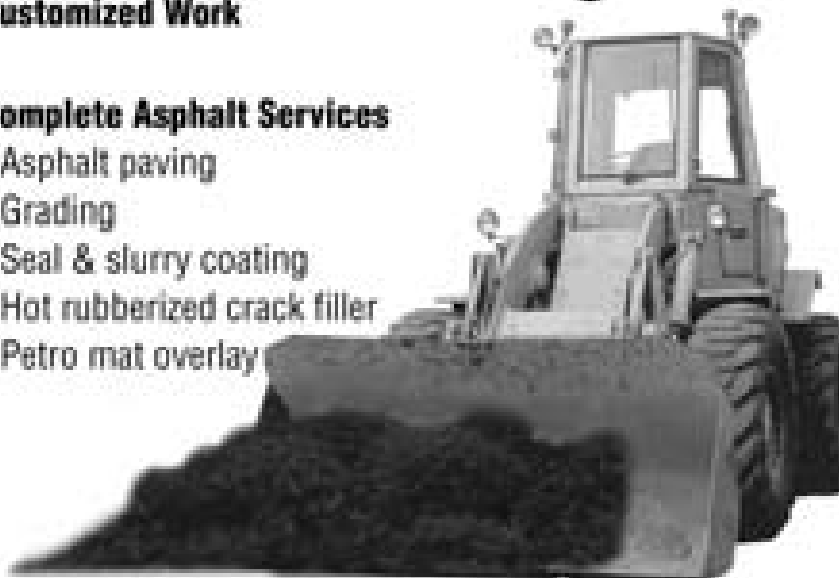
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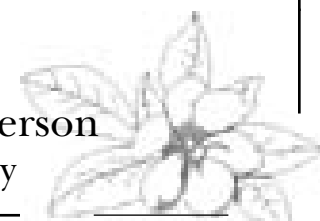
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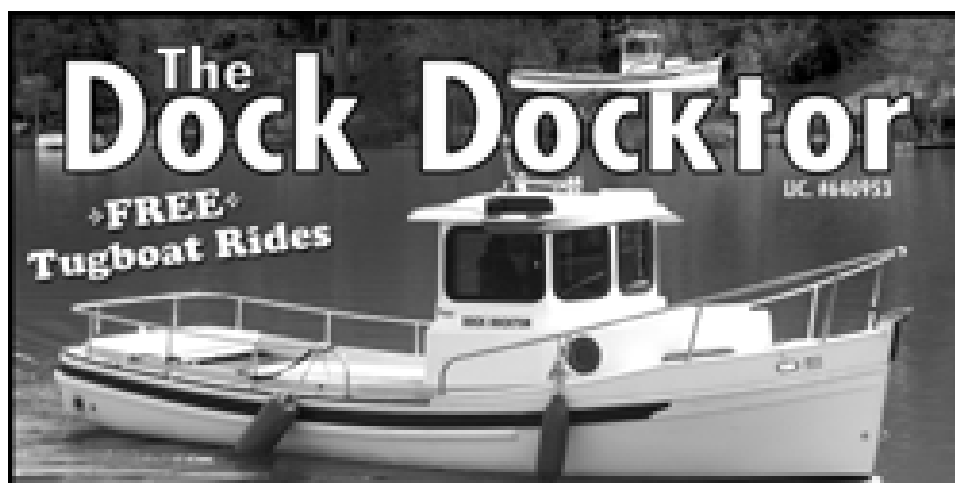
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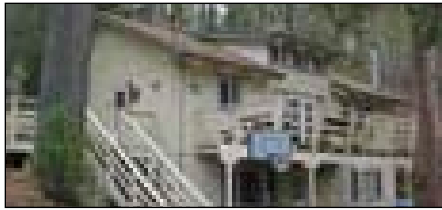
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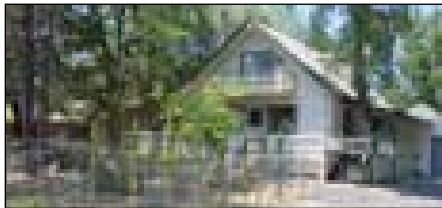


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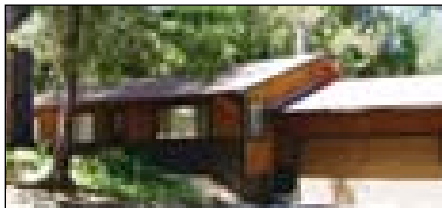
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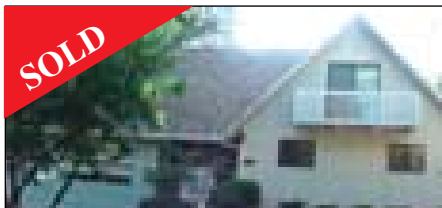
**15/39 Upper Skyridge RENOVATED HOME.** 3bd, 2-1/2 baths, bonus room and 4th sleeping area. Newer carpeting in downstairs bdrm, central H/A, updated kitchen, dual-pane windows & flooring. \$280,000.



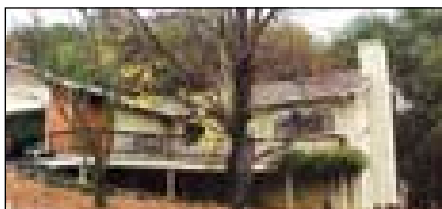
**3/410 Green Valley ADORABLE CHALET.** 3bd, 2ba, 1700sf with bonus room, beautifully remodeled kitchen, security system and landscaping. A great price! \$315,000



**1/363 Pine Mtn Dr NICE & CLEAN** 3bd, 2ba home on .60 acre. Newer carpeting & laminate flooring. Wooded setting & seasonal creek. Lake, marina and security nearby. Only minutes from town. \$319,000



**2/185 Mueller Dr RENOVATED CHALET.** 4bd, 2ba, bonus room, with private entrance, is plumbed for additional bathroom. Renovated in the mid-1990's. 2-car garage. \$318,000



**3/286 Longview PLENTY OF ROOM.** 3bd, 2ba, 2-car garage. Vaulted ceiling in great room, spacious kitchen w/pantry and built-in desk. Workshop has power & telephone. RV parking. \$389,500

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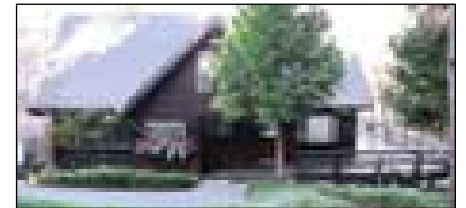
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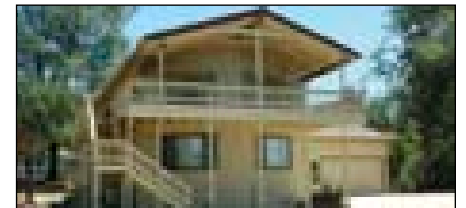
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**7/161 Jimmie Bell PRIVATE RETREAT!** Well-kept home on nearly 1/2 acre. 3bd, 2-1/2 baths, jetted tub, bonus room & family room. Decks overlook creek. Workshop w/utility sink. \$549,999



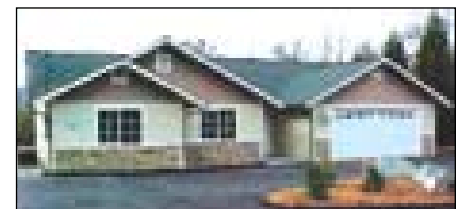
**1/381 Grizzly Circle MOUNTAIN CHALET** on almost 3/4 acre. 3bd, 3ba, lots of deck space. Seasonal creek and gardens. Near the Country Club, tennis, golf and pool. \$545,000



**12/170 Clifton Wy TASTEFULLY RENOVATED** 3bd, 2ba, home on 1.26 acres. Granite counters & splash. New stainless appliances & double-ovens, two fireplaces, high-speed internet & 2-car garage. Zoned for horses. \$540,000



**13/371 Tower Peak LOVELY VIEW** of the pines & mtn ridges. Custom home on cul-de-sac. 3bd, 2-1/2 baths, 3-car garage. Slate entry, hardwood flooring in great room, gourmet kitchen & spacious deck. \$450,000



**3/125 Nob Hill CUSTOM, ONE-LEVEL.** 3bd, 2ba, 2-car garage. Vaulted ceiling in great room, fireplace, central H/A, jetted tub in main bath, inside laundry and more! \$404,500



**12/204 Yorkshire GAMBREL-STYLE.** 2bd, 2ba, home on 1+ acres. Knotty-pine ceilings & cabinets, slate fireplace, redwood deck & covered porch. Loft & bonus room above garage. Corral, stalls, tack/storage shed & RV parking. \$390,000



**7/113 Jackson Mill POTENTIAL PLUS!** 3bd, 2ba, home on nearly 3/4 acre, backing to golf course. A good opportunity for building sweat equity. Plenty of space for extra storage. \$265,000



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