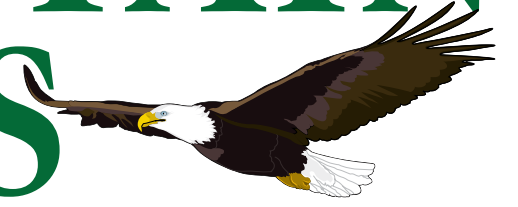




PINE MOUNTAIN LAKE NEWS



THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER OF PINE MOUNTAIN LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS

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Welcome to

Spring

in PML



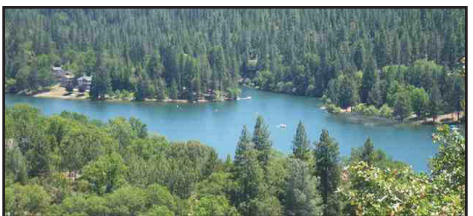
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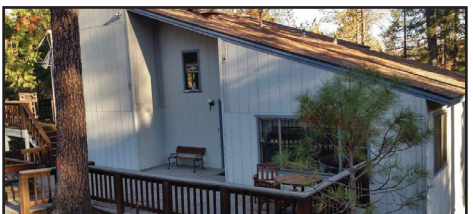
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SAVINGS BEGINS
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SET CLOCKS FORWARD!**

**COMMUNITY SHRED
APRIL 2 • 8AM-NOON
ADMIN PARKING LOT
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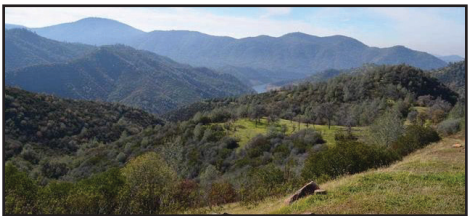
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LAKE LODGE
SEE PAGE 9 & 15 FOR INFO,
POSITIONS AND HOURS**



12891 BOITANO RD SUBSTANTIAL LAKE VIEW from the top of this lot. Access via Quail Ridge Easement, off Nob Hill Circle. Sewered 1/4 acre. Owner financing available. Call for details. \$62,000 #20121394



11995 VALENTA WY-8/255 SPLIT-LEVEL HOME on large lot w/horse-shoe court. Spacious floor plan. 4bd, 2-1/2ba. Close proximity to Yosemite and numerous historic Gold Rush Towns. Enjoy all Pine Mountain Lake amenities. \$169,900 #20151986



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19162 DYER CT-5/271 A RARE OPPORTUNITY to own at Oak Tree Condominiums! Upstairs unit includes all furniture. Vaulted ceilings, light & airy. Great getaway, with vacation rental potential or a nice full-time residence. View the golf course from a large back deck. Near Country Club, Pro-Shop, Pool & Tennis. Minutes from town. This is a real gem! \$112,500 #20150015



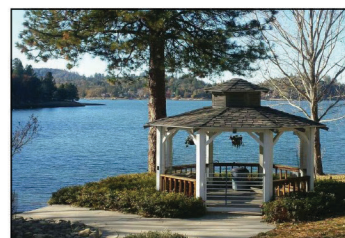
19490 FERRETTI RD-6/241 CLEAN & COMFORTABLE. Open living room, dining & kitchen. 3bd, 2ba, 1400sf, single-level home. Central H/A plus wood-burning stove. 2-car garage. Screened porch and back deck great for entertaining. About 5 minutes to most Pine Mountain Lake amenities. Enjoy being part of this lovely, gated community. \$179,000 #20151780

Rooms With A View!

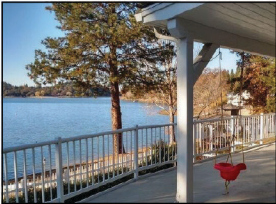


20918 Big Foot Court ~ Unit 4 Lot 76
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This Premier Lot was chosen by Pine Mountain Lake Developers for their Sales Office.



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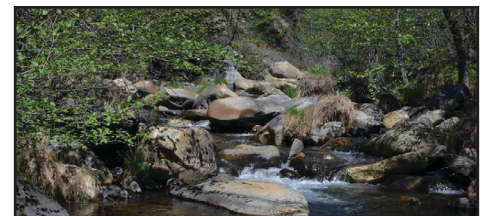


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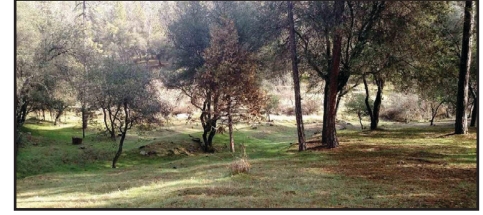
TUOLUMNE MINES PROPERTY 60+ ACRES with 4 patented Gold Rush Claims. Abt 1/3 mile of frontage on the North Fork Tuolumne River. Duckwall Creek intersects this property. Several old miner's trails from one claim to the other. No trespassing! Agent must be present. \$140,000 #20150634



12528 FLINT CT-5/222 IT'S CALLING YOUR NAME! Double merged lot for 3/4 acre. 4bd, 2ba, 1474sf, 2-car garage plus carport. New roof, gutters and downspouts. Deck wired for hot tub. Only about 25 miles to Yosemite Park. Enjoy all the amenities of Pine Mtn Lake: golf, country club, tennis, pool, equestrian center and three sandy beaches. \$159,900 #20160030











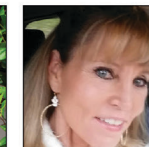
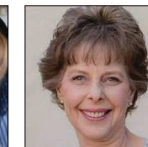


20808 CREST PINE-3/481 LOOKS LIKE NEW! Spacious, single-level home, with granite counters, pellet stove, central H/A, jetted tub in master bath. Covered patio, surrounded by lovely oak trees. Near Fisherman's Cove, tennis, Lake Lodge, beach and Equestrian Center. \$268,999 #20130184



13121 WELLS FARGO-7/49 LEVEL, EASY-BUILD LOT. Pine Mtn Lake is a scenic Sierra destination, with close proximity to Yosemite Park and numerous historic Gold Rush Towns, making day trips a breeze. Enjoy a multitude of amenities: Golf Course, Lake & Marina, Campground, Shooting & Archery ranges and Equestrian Center, to name a few. \$49,950 #20160101



12925 WELLS FARGO-2/448 HARD TO FIND gently-sloping lot with mature trees. Backs to greenbelt. Already passed for standard septic (2004). Power & water available. Nice location, near the Pine Mountain Lake Golf Course. \$11,000 #20151743

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President's Corner

Dana Chavarria - PMLA Board President

Thank you to all who attended the February Board of Director's meeting. We appreciate your interest in the governance of PMLA. There was a lot of discussion about the Association CC &R's at the meeting. Please visit our website to access all of our Association documents including the CC &R's, Bylaws and Resolutions. The Governance tab at pinemountainlake.com is where to find all of these documents, lists of Board and Committee members, meeting dates and much more.

We had many interesting presentations at the meeting, as well as discussion on a wide variety of issues that affect our members.

We heard from Ariel Galos from the Groveland Trail Heads (Grovelandtrailheads.org). I encourage you to visit their website to find out how to volunteer and to review project information, maps and progress updates. In 2014, PML entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the group for the purpose of building multi-use singletrack trails in Unit 16. Ariel let the Board know that Phase 1 of the improvements is almost complete. This group along with many volunteers from our community are working closely with our staff and the Board to improve our trails. This is priceless member participation and the Board values their contribution and dedication to making sure that the Board is well informed and consulted during the process. These trails will be used by our members now and into the future. Thank you to Ariel and her team.

Ken Spencer, our Controller, provided a presentation on the results of the 2015 financial results. We succeeded in meeting our 2015 budget, and exceeded our plan, so that we had additional funds to carry over to 2016 thereby maintaining our association dues per member for the 2016 fiscal year. Thank you to our staff and management

for another successful year.

The Board approved various contracts including those for development of our expanded Pickleball center and improvement to our first tee and golf cart staging area. Our staff members, Ivonne Deckard and Mike Cook have been working on these projects and we are now ready to proceed with the improvements to these amenities. I look forward to some exciting ribbon cutting ceremonies in the upcoming months! The Board also approved reserve spending requests for assets needed for the golf course, Marina Café and the restaurant.

Joe Powell, in his management report, updated the Board regarding the tree mortality issue. Our Association staff is investigating opportunities and will continue to assist members with their questions and concerns about removing dead trees on their property.

The Board discussed the issue of single room and guest house rentals in Pine Mountain Lake. We heard many member comments and Joe Powell provided an update regarding the steps that have been taken over the last couple of months by the Board and staff to research the allowance of this type of activity in accordance with the PML CC &R's. The Board will be gaging community opinion on a possible amendment by surveying the membership in the upcoming months. If the Board feels that there is sufficient membership interest in amending, we will include a ballot item asking the members to vote on the change to the CC &R's. As we've found in the past, it is very difficult to garner the required number of votes due to the high percentage of vote requirement as well as high voter apathy. It is imperative that our members who wish to see these changes be made, be active in getting the community to vote to support their cause.



Dana Chavarria, PMLA President

Two Board member positions will be up for election this year. We'll be providing information about this opportunity in the coming months.

(Next Board of Director's Meeting: March 19th)

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On the Cover



Spring officially begins on March 20, and with the rain that we have experienced we should see a beautiful wildflower and wildlife season.

Happy St. Patrick's Day and a very happy Easter to everyone from Pine Mountain Lake!

Photo by David Wilkinson

General Manager's Message

Joe Powell – CCAM-LS, CMCA, AMS, General Manager

PML Cell Tower Project Update

The permit application was submitted to the County and went before the Planning Commission on Wednesday, January 20th. The Commission gave unanimous approval and our business partner Anthem Telecom began the process of plan and design submittals to the Planning Department. A PML member filed an appeal within the 30 day timeframe and the appeal will be heard by the Tuolumne County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, March 15th at 1:30 pm.

Our Controller, Ken Spencer and I plan to attend the hearing with Anthem on the 15th, and we do not anticipate that the Board of Supervisors will stop the project based on this one appeal.

Tuolumne County Tree Mortality Plan

Even with the recent rain storms and improvement in the Sierra snowpack, we continue to experience a increase in tree mortality in our community due to the effects of the drought.

The County created a draft tree removal plan and presented it to the State to have access to Federal and State funding. The original plan included relief for County citizens on private property. Unfortunately, the State rejected the plan and the County is prepared another draft for resubmittal. The plan that was approved by the State does not include relief for most private property owners in PML.

We then received a notice from the County regarding a USDA program that included funding for dead tree removals. Unfortunately, the information did not state that there were very strict parameters to be eligible, and most of our affected members do not qualify.

Not one to give up, we spoke with our County representatives and they are working on other options that may fit within other funding mechanisms. Hopefully, we will see something useful soon. We will continue to let folks know when information becomes available. In the

meantime, we are working with local fire safety agencies and utilizing the SRA grant to remove dead trees and reduce fuel along the Highway 120 corridor and a large portion of the lower perimeter of PML. We are also conducting timbering operations within Association green belts to reduce the hazard.

Airbnb & other Single-Room Rentals in PML

Last year during the enforcement of a CC&R matter, the Association became involved in a dispute with two members who were advertising rentals on the Airbnb website. The issue at hand was the rental of single rooms and guest houses in violation of Article VIII, Section 1 (a), specifically a deviation from single-family residential use.

The members questioned the Association's interpretation of the CC&R's and to ensure that due diligence was performed, the Board of Directors submitted the matter to Association Counsel for review and a recommendation.

Association Counsel concurred with how PML is interpreting and applying these sections of the CC&R's. The opinion received from Counsel led to additional questions by the Board and a teleconference was scheduled and held. The Board discussed the matter at length with legal Counsel to ensure that they had a clear understanding.

The Board wanted to research the pros and cons of allowing this type of rental activity in PML, first by understanding what process was needed in the event the Association membership wanted to allow this activity, and then determining if there was enough member interest in considering a change to allow it.

Association Counsel made it clear that any change would require an amendment to the Declaration (CC&R's). The Board could not simply make the decision by adopting a policy or rule. Amending the CC&R's requires not less than 51 percent of the voting power of the

membership to vote in the affirmative. There are currently 3,425 voting lots, which means that 1,747 affirmative votes are required.

We know that members have a wide variety of opinions regarding rentals and that this is an emotionally-charged issue. To ensure that the membership is interested in a change, and before devoting Association resources to prepare an amendment draft and ballot, the Board considered the possibility of polling the membership through the use of an online survey. At their February meeting, the Board directed staff to take the appropriate actions necessary to conduct such a survey.

Complaints Regarding Rentals

The hot topic these days is rentals and some members have voiced complaints of alleged CC&R violations. Some members have chosen to take to social media websites rather than using official Association contacts to address their concerns and there is a lot of misinformation out there.

If you are a member who has a complaint, question or concern regarding a rental property, please contact our staff at the Administration Office at (209) 962-8600, Community Standards at (209) 962-1240 or the Main Gate at (209) 962-8615 after office hours. Our staff is here to assist you and can provide you with factual information to help you resolve the issue.

Happy Easter and St. Patricks Day!

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

at (209) 962-8600. We greatly appreciate your contributions but please note that the PML News fills up very quickly – often by the 7th or 8th of the month (long before the 10th deadline). To ensure that your submission is reviewed for publication please submit in full and as early as possible. Please remember that the PML News is limited in capacity and your submissions are reviewed on a first-come-first-served, space-available basis.

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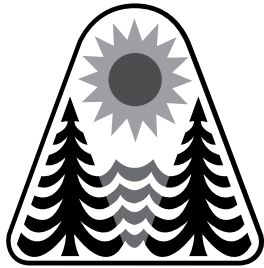
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- Mon 9/5/16 Labor Day
- Fri 11/11/16 Veterans Day
(National Observance)
- Thur 11/24/16 Thanksgiving
- Fri 11/25/16 Day After Thanksgiving
- Fri 12/23/16 Christmas Eve
- Mon 12/26/16 Christmas Day
- Fri 12/30/16 New Years Eve
- Mon 1/2/17 New Years Day

UPCOMING SCHEDULE OF PMLA BOARD MEETINGS

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

MARCH 19, 2016

APRIL 16, 2016

MAY 21, 2016

JUNE 18, 2016

JULY 16, 2016

AUGUST 20, 2016 ANNUAL MEETING / ELECTION

SEPTEMBER 10, 2016
 2ND SATURDAY

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PINE MOUNTAIN LAKE ASSOCIATION
SUMMARY STATEMENT OF OPERATING FUND REVENUES AND EXPENSES
For The One Month Ended January 31, 2016

OPERATION OF AMENITIES	Revenues					Expenses			Budget (NET COST) INCOME	Variance Bud - Act	
	Members' Assessments Net of Discount	User Fees	Sales, Net of Cost of Sales	Miscellaneous Income	Total Revenues	Total Expenses	(Cost)/Income Before Depreciation	Depreciation Expense			(NET COST) INCOME
Golf Course	\$ -0-	\$ 56,903	\$ 895	\$ 301	\$ 58,099	\$ 105,905	\$ (47,806)		\$ (47,806)	\$ (26,427)	(21,379)
Restaurant & Bar	-0-	481	55,811		56,292	105,005	(48,713)		(48,713)	(48,849)	136
Marina	-0-	11,474			11,474	10,808	666		\$ 666	(10,838)	11,504
Snack Shack	-0-		920		920	2,272	(1,352)		\$ (1,352)	(2,245)	893
Stables	-0-	3,315		50	3,365	18,299	(14,934)		\$ (14,934)	(12,427)	(2,507)
Recreation	-0-	6,077			6,077	3,264	2,813		\$ 2,813	958	1,855
Roads & Facilities Maintenance	-0-	1,106			1,106	127,664	(126,558)		\$ (126,558)	(156,994)	30,436
PROPERTY OWNER SERVICES											
Safety	-0-	16,010		111	16,121	79,280	(63,159)		(63,159)	(76,132)	12,973
Administration	-0-	10,855		(320)	10,535	124,164	(113,629)		(113,629)	(113,471)	(158)
ASSESSMENTS											
Assessments	361,599			1,643	363,242	4,705	358,537	65,683	292,854	286,599	6,255
Totals	\$ 361,599	\$ 106,221	\$ 57,626	\$ 1,785	\$ 527,231	\$ 581,366	\$ (54,135)	\$ 65,683	\$ (119,818)	\$ (159,826)	40,008

Notes to the Financial Statements

1. Total Revenues minus Total Expenses equals Net Income before depreciation. The annual budget for income before depreciation is (\$256,000).

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CAPITAL EXPENDITURES 1 Month Ended Jan. 31, 2016

	TOTAL RESERVE FUNDS	NEW CAPITAL ADDITIONS FUND	TOTAL CONTRIBUTION TO CAPITAL
2015 Beginning Fund Balances	2,215,582	\$ 49,250	2,264,832
Interest Income	175		175
Bank Fees/Discounts Taken	3		3
Assessments Earned	155,600 ⁽¹⁾	13,750 ⁽²⁾	169,350
Other Income/Expense			
PURCHASES BY AMENITY			
Golf Course			-
Country Club			-
Bar			-
Marina	(7,639)	(85)	(7,724)
Snack Shack		(4,337)	(4,337)
Swim Center	(6,402)		(6,402)
Stables			-
Recreation			-
Roads & Facilities Maintenance	(1,467)	(5,568)	(7,035)
PROPERTY OWNER SERVICES			
Safety			-
Administration			-
Non-Capital Reserve Expenses	(4,068)		(4,068)
Total transfer to Operating Fund for property and equipment additions and reserve expenses	(19,576)	(9,990)	(29,566)
Adjusted Fund Balances	\$ 2,351,784	\$ 53,010	\$ 2,404,794

Notes to the Financial Statements

(1) The Budgeted Reserve Fund assessment for 2016 is \$1,867,195

(2) The Budgeted New Capital Additions Fund assessment for 2016 is \$164,994

PMLA Money Matters

Ken Spencer - Association Controller

Weather can have a significant impact on many aspects of our lives. From what we wear to what we eat to what we do with our days, the conditions outside influence many aspects of our day to day existence. It can impact our health and general well-being. In the case of PML it also has the potential to affect our financial health as well.

This is especially evident this year as we experience a significant El Niño event. Increases in rain and snowfall levels are already bringing noticeable changes to many aspects of life here in the mountains. Some of these changes are easily visible (lake level, golf course conditions, early appearance of plant and weed growth, increased run-off and drainage issues) while others are more subtle (reduced play at the golf course, fewer trail rides at the stables).

So what does all this have to do with the financial side of things at PML? As with most things in life there are positive impacts and not-so-positive impacts. Some of these impacts are short term in nature while others may take time before they are felt.

Let's take the most obvious and clearly visible situation - the lake. As we all know Pine Mountain Lake is full! This is clearly different from what we have experienced in the last few years. A full lake enhances the prospect of a strong summer season at the Marina. More boats on the

lake, more customers at the Marina Store and Lakeside Café. This should translate into a good revenue year for that amenity. The challenges that go along with this include finding quality employees to meet this increased demand and making sure that all aspects of the amenity are in good shape prior to the beginning of the season.

Increased rain and snow definitely impacts the operational maintenance requirements of the Association. Increased rain and the resulting run-off significantly increases maintenance requirements from drainage issues to roof failures to road damage to tree and brush issues. We always attempt to budget for these costs however the intensity and depth of these requirements can change dramatically with each new storm.

What about the other amenities that can be impacted by this weather pattern. The golf course is a perfect example of a short time "problem" that could lead to a long term favorable impact. On those days when we have measurable rain and snow the number of players on the course obviously decreases dramatically. This impacts that operation's financial performance by decreasing revenue both from golf play but also the ancillary reduction in product sales in the pro shop. The flip side of that is the positive impact the increased rain will have on the conditions of the course as we enter the busier spring and

summer season. In addition having a full lake will provide greater flexibility when it comes to irrigation in the warmer summer months.

How can we measure the true short and long term financial impact of these types of conditions? As one would expect the answer is not a simple one. The early year impacts can be fairly obvious with decreased revenue at the Stables and Golf Course. The long term impacts have the potential to be positive with improved conditions on the golf course and a full lake drawing more property owners out to enjoy all that the Marina has to offer.

Overall increased rain and snow is a good thing for many reasons, primarily the fact that our years long drought has created a significant water shortage. However it can definitely impact PML's financial health in multiple ways as well. Only time will tell what the overall impact will be but I am hopeful the increased rainfall this year will mean good things for the Association's finances in 2016.

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

PML Safety Report

	January	YTD
Guest Passes Issued	978	978
Vendor Passes Issued	173	173
Temp. Resident Passes Issued	151	151
Vehicles Admitted	10,907	10,907
Vehicles Refused Entry	128	128
Phone Calls Received	4,248	4,248
Residential Alarm	5	5
Animal - Loose	22	22
Animal - Impounded	5	5
Animal - Dead/Injured	23	23
Animal - Disturbance	7	7
Public Assist	8	8
Welfare Check	2	2
Transport	1	1
Traffic Hazard	3	3
Traffic Control	3	3
Excessive Speed/Reckless Driving	0	0
Gate - Tamper	1	1
Gate - Follow Through	9	9
Gate - Malfunction	7	7
Gate - Struck by Vehicle	4	4
Control Burn Reported	49	49
Fire Safety - Smoke Complaint	2	2
Residential Disturbance	3	3
Amenity Burglary	0	0
Residential Burglary	1	1
Grand Theft	1	1
Petty Theft	0	0
Trespassing	0	0
Vandalism	2	2
Property Damage - PML	2	2
Property Damage - Resident	1	1
PML Regs Violations Resident	7	7
PML Regs Violations Guest	0	0
Vehicle - Citation Issued	0	0
Vehicle - Accident PML	4	4
Patrolling Unit	657	657
Amenity Security Check	2,395	2,395
Residence Security Check	310	310
Monitoring Tennis Courts	0	0
Weapon Violation	1	1
Fixed Post	0	0
Courtesy Notice Issued	8	8
All Other Fees Collected	\$8,577.15	\$8,577.15

Alan Macdonald Retires



On January 22, 2016, a retirement "Par-Tee" was held at The Grill for Golf Course Superintendent, Alan Macdonald. Alan spent 33 years with PML, the last 25 consecutively. We felt it appropriate to honor Alan with the old, refurbished tee signs from the golf course signed by all of his co-workers and the Board of Directors.

Alan touched a lot of lives with his friendly, humble personality and over one hundred PML members, friends, community members, co-workers and family were on hand to give him a proper send off.

Congratulations Alan...Thank you for your many years of service and enjoy this next chapter in your life.

Community Document Shredding Day

Pine Mountain Lake Association has partnered with Shred-It USA to hold a community document shredding day.

SATURDAY, APRIL 2, 2016

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8 AM - NOON

(or when truck is full, whichever comes first)

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The event is open to all, PMLA members and non-members alike. All documents should be in "Bankers Boxes" (12" x 10" x 15"). If you do not have the correct size boxes, bring your documents in bags, bins, miscellaneous boxes etc. and they will be "measured" into a Bankers Box for pricing. Paperclips, staples, brads and thin wire spiral bindings are OK. Binders with metal rings and large binder clips cannot be accepted. You may pay with cash, check or credit card. Member charge will not be available for this event.

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PML Lost & Found Items

The following items have been turned in to the Department of Safety. If you are missing or find any of these items please come to the PML Main Gate to claim/report it.

1/7/16	Lost	Orange 2 Seater Kayak	1/29/16	Found	1 Pitch Fork
1/8/16	Lost	Red Scarf–Left At Two Guys Pizza	2/4/16	Lost	Black Cloth Wallet
1/14/16	Found	Bicycle (Green And Gray)	2/9/16	Lost	Navy Blue Kayak & Blue Surf Board
1/23/16	Found	Black Ipad Case, Gray Ipad	2/10/16	Lost	6ft Yellow Kayak
1/24/16	Stolen	Electric Golf Cart: Kolnex Caddy	2/14/16	Found	Small Statue Of A Girl And A Cat

From the Fringe

Mike Cook – Head Golf Professional

Here we are in March already and the beginning or Daylight Savings Time is just around the corner. Sunday March 13 will be the last 11:00 am shotgun of the season, (don't forget to set your clocks ahead 1 hour before you go to bed on Saturday night). We will be going to starting times beginning on Monday March 14. The first tee time will be at 9:00 am. Property owners can make tee time reservations 14 days in advance in by calling the golf shop 962-8620.

As spring approaches, we will be featuring our traditional annual golf events and here are a few additional events we are planning, for spring and early summer; Couples Twilights, Men's and Ladies Putting Championships and a Men's Match Play Championship. Be looking for more information in April concerning these events.

UPCOMING EVENTS

9 HOLE LADIES CLUB

Weekly Play Day; Thursdays

Rules Clinic Thursday March 3 (after golf)

9 HOLE MEN'S CLUB

Weekly Play Day; Wednesdays

18 HOLE LADIES CLUB

Weekly Play Day; Thursdays

18 HOLE MEN'S CLUB

Icebreaker, 2 Man Better Ball; Saturday
March 12

Wednesday Sweeps, 4 Man Scramble;
March 23

RULES QUIZ

On a very rainy day in a Stroke Play Competition, Mike hit his second shot 20 feet below the hole on the 18th green. As he looked over his putt he noticed an area of casual water on his line of putt. Under the Rules of Golf he is allowed to move his ball to a point where his line of putt is not effected by the casual water. The nearest point of relief where he would have to place his ball would give him a severely downhill putt with a great deal of break. He decided to play the ball from the original position below the hole and use his towel to brush away the casual water from his line of putt. Is he allowed to do this under the Rules of Golf?

A) Yes. It is the same as if he were to brush away a loose impediment from his line of putt with his towel, cap or hand as long as he did not press anything down. Rule 16-1a.

B) No. Such action would be in breach of Rule 16-1a (Touching Line of Putt).

THANKS AND APPRECIATION

Letters and notes of appreciation may be submitted to the PML News for publication. Letters must meet the same requirements as Letters to the Editor, but do not require Editorial Review Committee approval as long as they contain only thank yous or note of appreciation for someone or some organization.

JOB WELL DONE PMLA & THE GRILL

My wife and I wanted to congratulate both PMLA and The Grill. We attended for the first time a Wine Tasting Dinner at the Grill on Jan. 21st, and the food & service was fantastic - we will definitely be back for similar events in the future!

On Friday, Jan. 22nd, I attended the Retirement Party for Alan at the Grill, and I was so impressed with the food and drink, the testimonials to Alan, and the overall organization of the event. All of us who love golf at PML will miss Alan, but what a classy way to say goodbye to a

classy guy. Well done, PMLA!

Chuck Obeso-Bradley

Hollister, CA

HUGE THANKS!

Thank you to everyone who organized and attended my retirement party at The Grill on January 22nd, 2016. I appreciate the kindness and generosity that was expressed by everyone for giving me such a special and wonderful send-off. I will forever treasure the memories.

Alan Macdonald

Golf Course Superintendent – Retired

Building Our Community

Terri Thomas – ECC Coordinator

Recently, the ECC has noticed an increase in questions regarding Exterior Lighting. With the advances in solar powered LED lights, there are practically unlimited choices these days for updating outdoor lighting and many people have been asking what they can and cannot do.

The ECC Rules and Guidelines have this to say about outdoor lighting:

EXTERIOR LIGHTING

All exterior lights must be shielded or hooded, and must be located and constructed so as not to create a nuisance or hazard. The lighting footprint must project downward and should not project beyond the property boundaries. Any fixture that fails to meet the above specifications must be replaced prior to a final ECC inspection. No vapor lights will be allowed. At any time, the ECC may evaluate unduly bright lights that create a nuisance to adjacent property owners or on which a complaint has been received.

Sometimes, one property owner who is concerned about safety around their home at night does not realize that their light is encroaching on their neighbor's property and possibly causing a nuisance.

This is something that can be tactfully addressed and can foster a feeling of community and mutual respect among neighbors. Following are a few suggestions on how to approach the situation with your neighbor from the International Dark-Sky Association. www.darksky.org

- When approaching your neighbor do so in a non-threatening manner and keep in mind that you want to make friends not enemies.

- Don't argue. Be tactful and understanding about their right to light their property.

- Don't dismiss their need to feel safe.

- Suggest alternatives to their current fixture. Ask them to move the light, shield it or add a motion sensor.

- Don't let bad lighting create a feud in your area.

- Remember that home is a place where everyone wants to feel relaxed and safe.

- Accept your neighbors' need to feel secure and politely ask them to accept your need to enjoy the nighttime environment in your yard.

By following these suggestions most exterior lighting issues can be handled between property owners without intervention from the ECC. However, if your problem cannot be resolved, a complaint can be filed, in writing, and the ECC will inspect the situation and determine what action needs to be taken.

But if property owners keep in mind that with thoughtful placement of lighting which only illuminates their own property and by following the guidelines above, most issues can be avoided in the first place.

BOARD ACTION(S) VOTING RECORDS

January 16, 2016 Board Meeting - Agenda Items	Board Members*					COMMENTS	
SHOULD THE BOARD...	DC	WA	MG	BS	SG		COSTS
approve the agenda?	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Swap the order of Items 12 & 13 – AIF	
approve the consent agenda?	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	AIF	
approve increasing the number of members of the Budget & Finance Committee to (7)?	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	AIF – Charter to be amended	
appoint new Budget & Finance Committee members (3) per committee recommendation?	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	AIF – Simmons, Johnson, and Doty	
approve the formation of a charter for a PMLA Safety Committee?	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	AIF – Proposed Charter to be considered in February	
approve the formation of a charter for a VIPER (Volunteers in Place for Emergency Response)?	o	o	o	o	o	Would be in conjunction with new Safety Committee. Proposed charter to be considered in Feb.	
develop policy for treating e-cigarettes the same as regular cigarettes?	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	AIF - Draft proposal will be brought to March meeting.	
set date for 2016 Board Candidates Forum?	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	AIF – June 25, 2016	
reappoint committee members for 2016?	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	AIF	
approve member home business permits (2)?	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	AIF – Both approved	
consider tabling until Feb/March, adding verbiage to Reso. 74.39-Speed Enforcement?	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	AIF - Tabled until Feb/Mar meeting-more research needed.	
approve publishing amendment to Reso 04.03-Editorial Policy?	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	AIF – RE: Thank you letter policy	
approve donation to Pine Cone Performers?	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	AIF - Gold \$150 level	\$150
approve Lake Lodge Fee Waiver Request from Groveland Rotary?	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	AIF - B.E.S.T. Day - February 9, 2016	\$210
Total APPROVED Golf Donations this meeting (Retail Value)							\$0
Total APPROVED Other Donations this meeting (Retail Value)							\$360
Total APPROVED expenditures this meeting							\$150
/=Absent A = Abstained AIF = All In Favor o = No Vote							
* DC=Dana Chavarria WA=Wayne Augsburger MG=Mike Gustafson BS=Brian Sweeney SG=Steve Grierfer							
MINORITY VOTES HIGHLIGHTED							

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NOTARY SERVICE

Ashley Jackson, PMLA Notary Public

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Prices Listed are Per Signature Rate

PML Property Owners \$ 8.00

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Tee to Green

Rob Abbott – Golf Course Superintendent

When I became the Assistant Superintendent under Alan Macdonald 14 years ago, I quickly discovered that there were a lot of maintenance tasks affiliated with the golf course that went largely unseen. Over the years as our relationships developed, we became a great team, and dealt with many challenges, overcoming them all. As Alan has now retired and moved on, I would like to thank the Board of Directors and the General Manager for giving me the opportunity to take the helm as the new Golf Course Superintendent. I would also like to thank Alan for his years of mentoring, leadership and friendship. We all wish him the best.

Many of you already know me and know that I have been with the Association since 1989 starting out in the Golf Shop and quickly transferring into maintenance. You may not know I have been married to my wife Shelley for a long time. She is a Tuolumne County Sheriff Department employee. We have a wonderful daughter who attends Tenaya Elementary School and is an avid 4-H member. My mother is a retired Pine Mountain Lake employee from the Department Of Safety. My Grandmother has lived in PML for nearly thirty five years. I also have several aunts and uncles who live and have lived in our small town over the years. So it is safe to say we are well rooted in this community and will be around for quite some time.

So moving forward, as I write this, we have had nearly 25 inches of rain on the course, and it shows. There are springs running all over the course that we haven't seen in years and I am sure we will see more in the coming months. I would like to take this time to caution everybody about their

driving habits on the golf course during these wet conditions. With the course being as wet as it has been and the frequency of the storms, it is taking several days for the course to dry out enough to let carts off of paths and on to the fairways. Even with several days of drain time, we will still have multiple holes that are not drivable until we receive longer periods of dry weather. We will evaluate the course on a daily basis for cart traffic and will do our best to accommodate members and guests. With all of that said, we will always have that rogue golfer out driving around on closed holes. We restrict holes for member safety and to keep carts from damaging the turf.

Golf Maintenance staff are working on many projects through the winter months such as landscaping improvements, tree trimming, cultivation through aerification and topdressing of hard spots. We are also performing preventive maintenance on our equipment that will be in constant use during the growing season. We will also be using winter fungicide applications on the greens. Advance purchase of all accessories we will need to be successful during the 2016 season are being ordered early to take advantage of discounts. There are many more tasks that go unseen during the winter months and throughout the year that we do on a daily basis to keep the course safe and playable for all.

Remember to mark your calendars for our greens aerification closure dates on April 11, 12 and September 26, 27.

I look forward to the challenges and opportunities ahead here at Pine Mountain Lake, for me and my staff. Thanks for all the support and I look forward to seeing you on the course.

Springing into March

Ivonne Deckard, Assistant to the General Manager

Can't believe that Spring is almost here. With that said, we are busy getting our amenities ready to open for the summer season.

Two projects happening in PML;



Lake Lodge ADA Ramp

The Lake Lodge ADA Ramp Project is completed. This ramp was constructed due to member requests and will better serve our community. If you have ever been to our Lake Lodge you know that that old ramp had deteriorated to the point that it required replacement.



Volunteers working on trails in Unit 16

The Groveland Trail Heads are working hard on some great biking, hiking, walking and running trails in Unit 16, up behind the PML Campgrounds. Please visit their website at www.grovelandtrailheads.org and volunteer to help. Looking forward to seeing one more great outdoor activity for our community.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Friday, April 8, 2016**, we have a bus trip to the Giants Game. Please join us for a fun day at the Ballpark.
- We have our Annual Job Fair coming up **Saturday, April 2, 2016**, at the Lake Lodge. We have many seasonal jobs that need to be filled.
- Marina Store opens **Saturday, April 30, 2016**.
- Lakeside Café opens **Saturday, May 14, 2016**.
- Swim Center opens **Saturday, May 14, 2016**.

We need employees for all of these amenities. Please visit our website for more information on all our upcoming events at www.pinemountainlake.com.

A GREAT PLACE TO WORK!

- Also get ready for our **Flea Market** which is **Saturday, May 14, 2016**. Get your spring cleaning done and bring it out to the Equestrian Center.
- Memorial Day BBQ at the Equestrian Center, **Sunday, May 29, 2016**.
- Friday Night Dinners start on **May 27, 2016**. Friday night dinners are every other Friday.
- Movie Nights are every Friday. And Saturday on holiday weekends. Movies this year will start on Memorial Day Weekend, Friday and Saturday, **May 27th and 28th**.
- 3rd Annual 5K Trail Run. **Friday, July 1, 2016**. This event is held at the Equestrian Center.
- This year our Fireworks display will be on **Saturday, July 2, 2016**.
- And so much more!! We update our website weekly.

Again please visit our website for all information. I am looking forward to a very busy and fun season.

Used Equipment Sale

- 2001 Lastec Articulating Mower
- 1996 TurfCat Flail Mower
- 1998 Smithco Sweeper
- 1990 Rake O Vac Sweeper
- 2006 John Deere Mower

The above items are non-functioning and will NOT move under their own power. They are being sold "as is" for scrap or parts.

Equipment may be viewed at:

Pine Mountain Lake Maintenance Yard
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Have your bids in by Friday, March 18th 2016.

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Monday, May 16, 2016

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Spring Into The Grill

Jay Reis – Grill Manager



Spring is just around the corner. That means we will be changing our clocks forward on Sunday March 13. We have a couple events at the Grill in March. St. Patrick's

Day is Thursday the 17th so we will be serving corned beef and cabbage. And Easter Sunday Brunch is on the 27th so make your reservations early.

E & J Gallo winery will be hosting our wine tasting dinner on Thursday March 24. E & J Gallo Winery is the world's largest family-owned winery and the largest exporter of California wine. The menu includes Coq au Vin. Coq au Vin is a French chicken stew made with wine. Some companies evolve like wine and become better over time, which is certainly true for E. & J. Gallo Winery. They have an ever-expanding portfolio of wines including Louis Martini and William Hill that we current serve on our wine list. You might be surprised to learn about some of the exciting wine brands offered by E. & J. Gallo Winery. Their portfolio includes options for every taste,

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If you have any questions on this program please feel free to give us a call (962-8600) and we will be happy to explain the details and the advantages.

Please read the Terms & Conditions for the email opt-in program on the website, www.pinemountainlake.com under the Resources/Forms > Opt-In Email Program.

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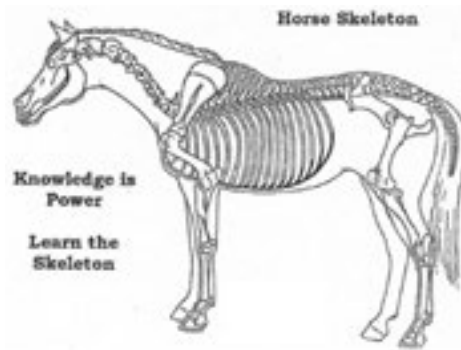
Hooves and Happenings

Jeanna Santalucia – Equestrian Center Manager

I can't believe it's already spring, and summer is just around the corner. Didn't we just finish Day Camps last week?? Many folks think that winter is a slow time at PML, but the fact is in many ways it's busier than the summer. We have to organize, budget-ize, advertise, publicize and socialize our activities for the rest of the year. This takes up HUGE amounts of time and energy, along with our regular job duties, trying to plan for the Reserve projects, etc.

Out here at the stables, our bi-annual dental/vaccination clinic will take place most of the day on Saturday, March 19th with Dental Practitioner, Jerry Pocan and veterinarian Dr. Wes Whitman. You may recall my article and photos from last November describing equine dental work, so if you would like to see what and how this happens, it's quite interesting even for the non-horseperson. The dental practitioner has many before and after photos of various teeth complications and a skull to view. Did you know that many horses get T.M.J. just like humans? It can cause a normally nice quiet horse to develop bucking due to his jaw, then spine, being out of place!

You can also see in this drawing that horses have two sets of teeth; lower, for biting grass, then the upper for chewing, leaving a natural opening for the bit if used. Additionally, many horse owners use chiropractic and acupuncture



after dental work, to aid in the healing of the horse's spine after dentistry has loosened the jaw and removed hooks and waves.

We will also be teaching and painting the horse skeleton and how it and the teeth relate to riding in our Progressive Day Camp from July 18th to the 22nd! Regular Day Camps run Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, from June 13 through August 12th.

Also mark your calendars to attend Back Country Adventure Day on June 18th and Movie, Wine and Appetizer Night, on August 27th.

Weather permitting, we are continuing Trail Rides provided by Fraser Saddle Horses on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays! Reservations recommended, but walk-ins welcome!

Call: 209-962-8667; email: stables@pinemountainlake.com YEEEE HAAAWWW!!!

Building a Better Fuel Break

Tom Moffitt – Maintenance Manager

The rains have come, the snows have deepened, streams flow with water once again, and the lake is full. The winter weather has been a welcomed friend this year, curtailing some drought concerns, helping the greenery go green, and amplifying many new concerns. The wet months are the days of accomplishing heavy work in the forests and greenbelts. Before the grasses grow tall and green, while the soils are moist, safe access into these areas will allow heavy equipment and hand crews the ability to work many areas for the removing of brush and trees. The evidence of several years of drought and pests can be seen in our forests. Stands of dead trees populate out hillsides, the stark contrast of these golden pines against the forest greenery.

After years of planning and canvassing, work on a 300 foot wide fuel break system on the south side of PMLA and the Highway 120 corridor is beginning. This first stage will be the mastication and fuels reduction work on the Pine Mountain Lake Association boundary from Second Garrote Creek to Whites Gulch. This is the middle section of the project with thick stands of manzanita and buckbrush, peppered with oaks, pines and cedars. Access roads into the 32 acre area are available, and the

properties have few structures. Reducing the brush and trees will provide a series of 300 foot wide shaded fuel breaks. These valuable fuel breaks will impede the progress of wildfires, allowing fire-fighting air attack and ground crews the ability to stall, contain and suppress the growth and movement of a wildfire in this corridor.

Community meetings have been held to inform and register individual property owners along this corridor as part of the SRA Highway 120 Grant for fuel reductions project. A majority of the 83 properties in this project area have signed agreements to allow the grant work to progress. Besides the fuel breaks and fuel reductions work in the area, plans are in progress to reduce the fuels along the neighborhood roads. Reducing these fuels and opening the safe access on these roads will aid in locating fire-fighting equipment and crews into this area in the event of another wildfire. Additional work will be planned on improving the emergency access roads.

If you have any questions or would like some additional information? Please feel free to contact the project manager at the PMLA Maintenance Department, Tom Moffitt at 962-8611. Emails are always welcomed tmoffitt@pinemountainlake.com.

Safety Channel

Natalie Trujillo – Director of Safety

For many of those that live "off the hill" or travel out of the area for much of the year, an alarm system can prove to be a prudent investment in peace of mind. The Association has partnered with Signal Service, Inc. out of Vallecito, California, Pine

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On the Lake: Overflowing with Joy

Mike Horvath – Limnologist/Lake Manager

Well, unless you haven't been around for a while, you must have noticed that our Lake is finally full again. That's the first time it has been full since April of 2013! However, as a write, we are in a bit of an El Niño lull. The Lake is still spilling, but there is only a trickle of water flowing in. In a good year, it should keep spilling into April or May. On February 5, the flow coming in via Big Creek actually fell below average. That's a pretty good indication that the drought is far from over and the ground is still soaking up water. And for anyone who thinks that the snowmelt will take care of us... well not really.

The snowmelt will definitely send a lot of water into Hetch Hetchy and Don Pedro, but not so much for Pine Mountain Lake. Our watershed is pretty small and confined to lower elevations. Sure, we get some snow here and a little more up around Smith Peak, but nothing like the accumulations above 6,000 feet where much of Hetch Hetchy and Don Pedro's water comes from. As a matter of fact, Hetch Hetchy is already anticipating that they will have enough water to release some pretty big flows down the Tuolumne River below O'Shaughnessy Dam. That's an

area that is still being affected by the Rim Fire and there is a substantial build up of sediment and muck in many of the pools and backwaters. A good flush will certainly help. When they do those releases, I would highly recommend a hike along the Preston Falls Trail. It's a great, fairly level trail that parallels the river for 5 miles and takes you to a couple of nice waterfalls. And the wildflowers can be pretty awesome too. Just be extremely careful if you go, especially with children and pets. And, be sure you know what poison oak looks like. If you need more information about the trail, contact the Groveland Ranger District.

And to end, here a few numbers to compare our Lake with Hetch Hetchy and Don Pedro. The area of land that drains into our Lake is 25 square miles. When full it holds about 8,000 acre feet and we are 100% full. Hetch Hetchy drains 455 square miles, holds about 365,000 acre feet and is about 75% full. Don Pedro drains 1,534 square miles, holds 2,030,000 acre feet, and is less than 45% full. So, don't put your rain dancing shoes away just yet. Even though you can now launch a boat on Don Pedro at Moccasin Point, we still need a big; **SPLASH!!!**

New Feature for the PML News Beginning in April 2016

Would you like your **non-PML community** group/club/organization contact information published in the PML News?

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with the name of your group/club/organization and contact information to Debra Durai at Debra@pinemountainlake.com for consideration.



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

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

WORK RELATED CONDUCT

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

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

GOT YOUR PIN?

Since PML is a private gated community, we want to offer our property owners a secure way to call in guests. When you become a member of PML you are assigned a Personal Identification Number (PIN) to utilize either when calling in a guest pass or using the Gate Access Internet program. This PIN identifies you to staff without you having to be present. This is a confidential number and should **not be shared**. When you call the Main Gate to authorize a guest or vendor access into PML, you will be asked for your PIN. The staff will look up the number in the computer and use it to confirm your identity before entering the guest information. You must have this number to utilize the Gate Access Internet program as well. If you do not know your PIN or have any questions, please contact the Administration Office at:



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PML Organized Groups & Clubs

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Computer Users Group Frank Perry	962-0728
Exercise Barbara Elliott	962-6457
Friends of the Lake Mike Gustafson	962-6336
Garden Club Sharon Hunt	962-7707
Guardians of PML Gus Allegri	962-6915
Ladies Club Maddie Sousa	962-5708
Ladies Golf Club Iris Moffit	962-5050
Men's Golf Club Dick Faux	962-4617
Men's 9-Hole Golf Club Malcolm Brown	962-5930
Monday Bridge Club Joe Sousa	962-5708
Needle Crafts Lee Isbell	962-5727
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Pine Needlers Quilt Guild Beverly Oakley	962-6799
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Sunday Couples Golf Alma Frawley	962-5578
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Friends of the Lake Make Summer Plans

Virginia Gustafson

The Friends of the Lake Club announces its 2016 summer schedule and you're invited!

Friends of the Lake is a PML social club open to everyone who is committed to enjoying our beautiful lake and ensuring safe and equitable usage. In addition, we work with the PML Association to promote improvements such as lake dredging, lighted buoys, shade umbrellas, the new Marina building, and Wednesday night slow-boating.

Among our activities this year will be a poker run by boat, "music at the marina," the lake swim and kayak races, the "are you smarter than a fifth grader" contest, bingo and burgers at the marina, and a guest speaker focusing on current water issues. Most events are preceded by a potluck supper. Our events are generally on the second Sunday of each month, from May through September.



The Sierra Mountain Band entertains Friends of the Lake, July 2015.



Larry Santa Maria and Larry Woodruff call lucky numbers for Bingo on the Beach, September 2015.

Friends of the Lake also organizes the annual Independence Day Boat Parade and airplane landing – the highlight of the PML summer season. This year's parade theme is American History.

To join Friends of the Lake and receive

information on each upcoming event, please send your contact information and a check for \$20 per family to Friends of the Lake, PO Box 591, Groveland, CA 95321. Be sure to include your email address, as all club communication is by email.

PML Lady Niners

Sharon Kenyon

Ace Of Aces for January was Pat VanGerpen with Net 37. Congratulations Pat!

January 7 PML Lady Niners "Kick-off Breakfast" at Wanda Patterson's home.

This "Happy New Year" celebration breakfast was enjoyed by a fine group of friends.

A variety of quiches, bacon, fruit salads, OJ and champagne were on the menu. Plus a bowl full of Meyer lemons provided by Linelle. Yummy lemon bars are calling to me.

Thank-you to Stacie, Wanda, and all who provided the taste treats!

New members, Alice Stoll, Kathy Mondlock & Linda Vahey were welcomed.

This year "Putts Day" will be a mystery draw each month, so putts must be recorded on the score card each week.

Kathy Egan has initiated seminars on the Rules of Golf, starting in January with "How to proceed from a sand trap when your ball is in water". Mike Cook will assist with seminars the first Thursday of each month.

January 14 No play day due to weather, but 5 players came out to just have fun in the cold.

January 21 "Tombstone" with 15 players.

In this game, each player is allotted course par + her handicap, with the objective to complete the game within that max. Players missed that goal, so the players with the fewest strokes above the max were winners.

1st Place: Patty Nelson Max=54 Score=56 +2
2nd Place Tie: Anne Toner Max=51 Score=55 +4

Linda Craig Max=53 Score=57 +4

Shirley Haliwell Max=53 Score=57 +4

3rd Place Tie: Carrie Carter Max=49 Score=55 +6
Pat VanGerpen Max=53 Score=59 +6

Pars: #14 Nancy Brewster, Shirley Haliwell, and Judy Michealis; #15 Patty Nelson; #17 Carrie Carter

Low Net: Patty Nelson Net 38

January 28 "Putts Day" & "Blind Holes" (2,6,8 drawn after the game) with 21 players.

Our weather prognosticator told us it would be the "nicest day of the week", but she reported being cold & miserable...so sorry! First place isn't bad for all that complaining.

1st Place: Pat VanGerpen Gross-blind holes=36 Net 27

2nd Place: Carrie Carter Gross-blind holes=35 Net 28

3rd Place Tie: Anne Toner Gross-blind holes=38 Net 30

Nancy Whitefield Gross-blind holes=42 Net 30

Bonnie Ayala Gross-blind holes=41 Net 30

4th Place Tie: Marilyn Bolar Gross-blind holes=40 Net 31

Stacie Brown Gross-blind holes=39 Net 31

Linelle Marshall Gross-blind holes=40 Net 31

Pars: #7 Carrie Carter

Chip-Ins: #1 Marilyn Hathaway; #2 June Moore; #4 Wanda Patterson

Low Net: Carrie Carter Net 38

Putts Day Results:

1st Place: June Moore 15 Putts

2nd Place Tie: Carrie Carter & Anne Toner 16 Putts

PML Men's Golf Club

Chuck Obeso-Bradley – Secretary

IceBreaker Tournament Postponed

Due to the wet weather in January, the IceBreaker 2-Man Best Ball Tournament was postponed until Saturday, March 12th. The deadline to get your entries in is Monday, March 7th.

Optional Gross Pot for Some Men's Club Tournaments

We'd like to try something new this year for those MGC tournaments where each participant plays their own golf ball throughout the round, like the 2-Man or 4-Man Best Ball events. As players check-in before the tourney, they can pay \$5.00 into an optional "Gross Pot," which would be paid out in Pro Shop credit for the Low Gross round(s) of the tourney.

Participating players in the optional Gross Pot would have to hole-out and count all of their strokes for each hole, even if their score is not used by the team. If we have 1-9 participants in the Gross Pot, we would pay just one place. Once we get 10 or more Gross Pot participants, we would pay 2 places.

Golf Quote of the Month:

"It took me seventeen years to get 3000 hits. It took one afternoon on a golf course." – Hank Aaron

Pickleball

Shelby McNamara

Thank you to Tioga High School and Karen Seals for allowing us to set up Pickleball in the Gymnasium on rainy weekends. We had a packed house!

With the warm weather in February, the Pickleball courts came alive! We are now playing 5 days a week. We have some exciting plans for 2016.

APRIL POTLUCK/MIXER, Saturday, April 16th – 5:00 – 7:00pm

These Potluck/Mixers are open to any home owner who'd like to drop by and learn more about Pickleball in a casual setting. Bring an appetizer to share and your own drink. We have extra Pickleball Paddles.



Pickleball players Karen Seals, Penny Christensen, Jay Warshauer and Patti Warshauer in the Tioga High Gym.

MAY SPRING TOURNAMENT, Saturday, May 14th – 9:00 am – 12:00 pm followed by a Barbecue at the Pickleball Courts.

Registration for the tournament will open in March. There will be three divisions: Men's, Women's and Mixed.

JULY POTLUCK/MIXER, Saturday, July 9th – 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

OCTOBER FALL TOURNAMENT, Saturday, October 22nd – 9:00 am – 12:00 pm followed by a Barbecue at the Pickleball Courts.

Registration will open in August. There will be three divisions: Men's, Women's and Mixed.

Follow us on Facebook – <http://www.facebook.com/Pickleball@PineMountainLake>

Join us on Meetup – Pine Mountain Lake – Pickleball Meetup

Current Scheduled PB Games are Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. If the day is warm, play begins at 9:00 am.

PML Ladies Golf Club Events

Sara Hancock

We can certainly make a joyful noise and be thankful for all the rain we have had. Our lake is overflowing and trying to help Don Pedro rise a little. It does make for some adjustments in our golf game but I think we will survive. We did get in 3 play days this month.

January 14th Two Best Balls

1st Place...128 points...Jodie Awai, Marcee Cress, Susan Dwyer and Marilyn Scott

January 21st Red, White and Blue

1st Place...141 points...Sara Hancock, Helena McMillan, Priscilla Park and Paula Vautier
2nd Place...143 points...Jodie Awai, Ann Hankin, Linda Johnson and blind draw
3rd Place...144 points...Thelma Faux, Patty Peebles, Sue Perry and Marj Rich

Birdies: Jodie Awai #3 and Priscilla Park #14

January 28th U Pick 'em

1st Place...62 points...Jodie Awai, Lisa Brown-Jiminez, Sandy DeRodeff and Alma Frawley
2nd Place...65 points...Ann Hankin, Linda Johnson, Jeanne Pacco and Sally Wyre
3rd Place...66 points...Kay Bettencourt, Susan Dwyer, Marilyn Scott and Mona Tompkins
Birdies: Linda Johnson #11

Our next General Meeting will be Thursday, March 10th prior to golf at 9:30. We will receive our invitations for our Pine Tree Invitational. I am sure Marjorie Rich, Priscilla Park and their committee have been working hard planning another great Invitational. Tee times start March 14th. Hard to believe Spring is right around the corner.

Garden Club Clippings

Joyce Smith

"Rain, Rain don't go away won't you stay another day?" (I thought of this myself.)

We have been having wonderful rains, but we are now predicted to have some warmer temperatures and a week of sunshine. We like both, but we want more rain for now. Don Pedro is looking better, and we are thankful for that, but it will take a whole lot more to really help our drought situation. Garden Club is making some changes in our June Garden Tour & Luncheon. As of now we are planning to have the Luncheon, but we are rethinking something else (pertaining to gardens) instead of the tour. Due to our loss of trees and established shrubbery during these dry years, plus cost of water, we are trying to be more environmentally sensitive. We will let you know what is coming as soon as we can. In the meantime keep the 2nd Monday in June free for our Luncheon and tablesetting event.

Looking to March...At 1:00 on Monday March 14th we will have our meeting at the Lake Lodge. Our speaker will be Dusty Vaughn, with the U. S. Forest Service, Stanislaus Forest, Groveland Ranger Station. He will have a lot to tell us with all the news about the Rim Fire Rehabilitation, tree loss in our area, and replanting. Looking ahead to April...we are going to Ironstone Vineyards and Winery. Save the 2nd Monday, more on this in your 'Newsy Newsletter'. Our Newsletters are full of information. Our Program Chair and Vice President, Marlene Johanson has some great plans for us.

Have you paid your dues????? Time is running out or maybe too late already to have your name in the roster for 2016. But not to worry, you can still join.

Bye for now. See you around!

Pine Needlers

Sandy Smith

The Ides of March are upon us, wonder if March will come in like a lion or a lamb? It is still cool enough to enjoy a quilt project, maybe even finish a UFO. Enjoy the change of season whatever you do.

For the next few months I will be sharing with you **100 Things Every Quilter Should Do Before She Dies**. I think you will find it interesting. You can check them off and you will be surprised how much you have accomplished.

1. Visit a quilt shop
2. Make a nine patch
3. Make a log cabin
4. Label a quilt
5. Figure yardage for a quilt

6. Learn about warp and weft
7. Use a rotary cutter
8. Use templates

If you don't recognize some of the terminology then maybe you should consider coming to a Guild meeting where this language is spoken.

Pine Needlers Quilt Guild meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of each month. This month it is the 15th. The meetings begin at 6 and we are usually finished by 8. We meet under the library.

I found that the website allpeople.com has so much to offer, even tutorials, and a search area so you can find something specific. Check it out it is worth your time.

PML Men's 9 Hole Golf Club

Steve Engstrom

January turned out to be pretty rainy and that caused some of us to show up and play a little less than at the same time in past years. As I write this, it looks like we're headed into a dry spell of about 10 days, but you never know! Maybe this warm weather will let the grass grow a little longer so that we're not hitting off short grass and picking up a share of the mud that's out there. One of the great things about this time of year is teeing off on 10 or 11 and getting a great view of the snow pack. I hope this view lasts well into Springtime.

The answer to last month's teaser, which was "Sam Snead holds the record for most career wins on the PGA Tour. How many tournaments did Snead win?" is that Sam had 84 career wins to his credit. This month's teaser is "What course was the site of Arnold Palmer's only U.S. Open victory?"

Our winners for January were:

- 1/6 Rained Out**
1/13 Rained Out
1/20 Low Net
First: Walt Bales, Second: Jerry Patrick
1/27 Even Holes
First: Lonnie Parmalee
Second: Larry Fuller
Tie Third: Fred Mecum and Steve Engstrom

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

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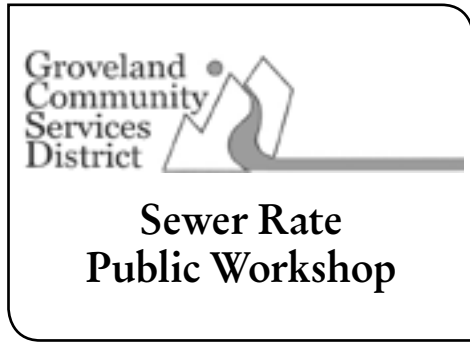
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**Rotary Family Wellness
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March 22**



**Wine Tasting
and Dinner Buffet
March 24**



**Easter Sunday Brunch
at The Grill
March 27**

<h1>THU 10</h1>	<h1>FRI 11</h1>	<h1>TUE 22</h1>	<h1>THU 24</h1>
<p>GROVELAND COMMUNITY HALL</p>	<p>GROVELAND COMMUNITY HALL</p>	<p>TENAYA ELEMENTARY GYM</p>	<p>THE GRILL AT PINE MOUNTAIN LAKE</p>
<p>CASA MEETING ON GETTING HELP Infant Child Enrichment Services, Area 12 Agency on Aging, Catholic Charities and Tuolumne County Behavioral Health team present a program overview for families in need of community services. For more info on CASA please contact Barbara Broad, Director and Admin at 962-7730 or email Chair Miriam Martin at miriam@pinemtnlake.com</p>	<p>GCSD SEWER RATE PUBLIC WORKSHOP From 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. GCSD highly encourages public attendance, especially from those who will be affected by the new sewer rate structure. The GCSD Board of Directors is looking for input from the community regarding how the new sewer rate study should be conducted and structured.</p>	<p>ROTARY FAMILY WELLNESS FAIRE Groveland Rotary presents the Annual Family Wellness Faire from 8am – Noon. Free health screenings, exhibitors, prevention information. Sonora Regional is also offering blood chemistry panels for \$25. Includes Cholesterol, kidney function, thyroid, liver function, and lipid panels. Fast after midnight and drink water prior to blood test.</p>	<p>WINE TASTING & DINNER BUFFET Brought to you by Gallo Family Vineyards. Come out and enjoy wonderful wines and a menu of Coq Au Vin. Seatings begin at 5PM. Cost is \$25 per person plus tax. All wines featured will be offered at a discounted price for this night only. 209-962-8638.</p>
<h1>26 & 27</h1>	<h1>SUN 27</h1>	<h1>THU 31</h1>	<h1>THU 31</h1>
<p>LODI BOWMEN ARCHERY CLUB</p>	<p>THE GRILL AT PINE MOUNTAIN LAKE</p>	<p>TUD BOARDROOM, SONORA</p>	<p>SIERRA REP THEATRE</p>
<p>CARTOON CLASSIC BOW TOURNAMENT Lodi Bowmen Archery Club presents a marked yardage of both 3D and paper targets archery tournament. Dry camping available on the range or at nearby facilities. Go to www.lodibowmen.com or contact the shoot chairpersons Jennifer Vietor 209-239-3327 & Barbara Borrás 209-835-2606 for more info.</p>	<p>EASTER SUNDAY BRUNCH Carving station with all your favorites, entrees, salads, and desserts. \$35 for Adults, \$29 for 65 or better, \$15 for kids 6-12, FREE for kids 5 & Under. Seating times: 9AM, 11AM, and 1PM. This popular event at The Grill will surely sell out, so make sure to make your reservations soon by calling 209-962-8638.</p>	<p>SIERRA CLUB PROGRAM The Sierra Club, Tuolumne Group, present <i>Climbing Around the World, A Life of Wandering with Dave Harden</i>. Longtime Tuolumne County resident presents a slide show of his climbs and travels around the globe. Presentation begins at 7PM at 18885 Nugget Blvd, Sonora. Refreshments will be served. The public is always welcome.</p>	<p>LOST HIGHWAY BENEFIT PERFORMANCE Proceeds from Sierra Repertory Theatre's preview performance of <i>Hank Williams, Lost Highway</i> will go to benefit The Little House, Village on the Hill, and WHEELS. This musical biography is a humorous, heartfelt tribute. To purchase tickets call the Little House at 209-962-7303 or online at www.littlehouse.org.</p>

19TH HOLE LOUNGE ENTERTAINMENT

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Museum Happenings

Carrie Carter

The wood-frame Transitional Craftsman style house sitting just east of Yosemite Bank in downtown Groveland was built in 1917 by the able carpenter brothers Charlie and Edwin Harper. Above the front porch is a dormer, unseen in other Groveland homes of this period, with aluminum siding and decorative shutters added to the outside over the years.

On the north of the main house sits a separate summer kitchen structure. It was used to prepare meals, bake, and to heat water for bathing and laundry, keeping the heat from these activities out of the main house during the hot summer months.

West of the ranch house sits the impressive Boitano Barn built in 1907 by Victor Boitano. If that name sounds familiar it's because Victor and his brother Frank built the Ferretti barn in 1886 which was renovated in the 1970s to become PML's Lake Lodge. The Old Deer Flat Road (now the property driveway) ran north from Highway 120 between the barn and ranch house until its current realignment farther west.

In the 1850s the first De Ferrari brother arrived in our area from Cornia, Italy, near Genoa. He was a placer and quartz miner named Stefano De Ferrari. Brother Paolo Agostino De Ferrari came next after older brother Stefano paid his passage. Then Carlo came, and finally youngest brother Luigi (Louis) arrived from Italy. The three younger brothers mined together on the South Fork of the Tuolumne River and they called their workings "The Italian Diggins".

In 1876 Agostino De Ferrari married Maria Bacigalupi Laveroni, a widow who ran a Deer Flat hotel boarding miners. Her first husband Giacomo Laveroni had died of pneumonia at the young age of 38 leaving her with six young children to raise. After marrying Agostino she was blessed with five more children and the couple continued to

run the hotel in Deer Flat until moving to Groveland in 1884.

In 1884, Agostino De Ferrari bought the land where the ranch house (in the photo) now sits from the widow of Augustus Du Prat for \$401 in gold coin. He purchased thirteen additional acres from Thomas Reid for \$75. According to Tuolumne County Historian Carlo De Ferrari, his great uncle Agostino came to be known by the nickname 'Boss' because of his control over the finances as well as all other aspects of the family, and as you'll see, the De Ferrari family had an affinity toward nicknames.

Before the turn of the century 'Boss' sent his four sons Joseph, Henry Michael, and Frederick and Agostino 'Gus' to live with relatives in San Diego to be educated. The only daughter, Rose had died at age four. While in San Diego, Gus died of tuberculosis at the age of 20 and was returned home to be buried at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Cemetery.

Tragedy struck in 1886 when a cave-in at their mine in the Hardin Flat area trapped brother Luigi and killed him. 'Boss' broke both of his legs while trying to save his brother and he eventually healed. Luigi's death left his four children in Italy fatherless. His daughter, Charlotte, came to Groveland in 1901 in her late teens and eventually opened and operated the successful restaurant and Hotel Charlotte.

With the strained family dynamics coming to a head in 1905, the De Ferrari property, livestock, and assets were bitterly divided. 'Boss' De Ferrari took the Groveland land and moved his family there while giving brother Carlo the family's Deer Flat property formerly known as the Pete Mason Ranch.

Boss's son Henry Michael came home after studying Business and married Rose Cassaretto in 1898 and had two daughters, Mildred and Adeline. He opened and

operated The Pioneer Saloon in Groveland from about 1903 to 1915. In 1899, Henry Michael had Charlie and Edwin Harper build a Queen Anne house with paired front gables for his new bride. Their beautiful home was moved 30 feet east in the 1980s to be part

of the Mountain Leisure Center on Main Street. In 1918 the family moved to Oakland where Henry Michael continued a successful career in business.

De Ferrari sons Joseph and Fred had this attractive ranch house pictured in the photograph built for their parents, 'Boss' and Maria in 1917. Maria died in 1923 and 'Boss' in 1931 at the age of 91 and the bachelor sons stayed on at the ranch. Fred, nicknamed 'Spider' managed the family dairy out of the Boitano Barn for many years in addition to owning the Liguria Quartz Mine. He died in 1961 at the age of 77 and was interred along with his mother and many De Ferrari relatives at the Divide (Oak Grove) Cemetery. His father was interred at Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

After acquiring his Teaching Credential while studying in San Diego, Boss's son Joseph, nicknamed 'Judge' served as



Groveland's Justice of the Peace from 1904 until his death in 1940 at the age of 66. The upstairs of the pictured family home housed his study and personal law library. This historic property remained in the De Ferrari family until sold in 2007.

The Tuolumne County Historical Society awarded their Heritage Home Award to the De Ferrari Ranch House in 2004 for being well-maintained through the years and for its historical association with a long-time family.

This month marks the official start of Spring and what should be a glorious display of wildflowers, thanks to our abundant rains. We invite you into the Museum to see Kathy Brown's beautiful photo display of wildflowers found in this area. While here browse through our bookstore to find the perfect guide to help you identify flora and fauna on your next hike or scenic drive.

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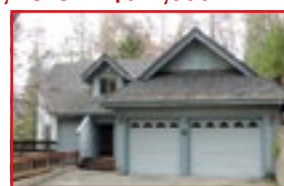


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LOCATION – LOCATION!!

13129 Clements Rd. 12-99
\$299,000
 MLS#20151990

3Bd/3Ba, 2 levels, Approx 1920 sf, Approx 0.76 acres, Bonus Room, Breakfast Bar, Solid Surface



Counter Tops, Brfst Area, Master Suite with Fire Place, Walk-in Closet, Private Deck, Jetted Tub, Walk-in Shower, Closeted Toilet, Vanity, Inside Laundry, Deck, RV Parking, and Dog Run. Walking distance to PML Equestrian Center & Airport!

PARK LIKE SETTING!

19307 Ferretti Road 12-60
\$159,900
 MLS#2015177

3Bd/2Ba, 2 Car oversized finished garage w/shop, cabinets & shelves, measures 20'x30'. Great



rm w/fireplace, breakfast bar, island, all appliances, cathedral ceiling, inside laundry. Central propane heat, septic, room for a large RV or boat parking. Vacant lots on both sides.

LIVING AT IT'S BEST!!

20290 Little Valley Rd. 13-211
\$229,000
 MLS#20151858

2Bd/2Ba, enclosed carport w/ garage door - 2 car tandem style, single level home,



great rm, dining rm, quartz kitchen counter tops, central air, central propane heat, crown molding, window coverings, propane fireplace, 12x14 fully finished rm can be used as a studio or shop, RV parking w/30 amp service. Newer 50 year roof, whole house fan, whole house filterer & recirculating hot water system. Co-Listed with Lynn Bonander

PRIMO LAKE FRONT!

19795 Pleasant View 1-273
\$639,000
 MLS#20150937

Expansive view of Pine Mountain Lake. 0.63 acre lot. Very slight downslope to house and dock. 4Bd/2Ba home needs some updating. Ample room for expansion. Great potential!



LOTS for SALE!!

13/26 – \$3,500 Great Location
 2/355 – \$10,000 Very Buildable
 5E/17 – \$49,900 Golf Course Lot
 5B/2 – \$100,000 Best Views

11/13 – \$225,000 Lot w/Hangar
 9/3 – \$250,000 3+acres Lake front
 \$80,000 Deer Flat Acreage



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Beautiful Home
12642
Cresthaven
4-555
\$374,000
\$364,000

Ideal Location! Only 0.3 mile to Lake & Beach area. Custom Built with Great Curb Appeal, Approx 2584 SqFt. 3 Bed/2 Bath, Spacious Dining Rm, Inside Laundry Rm. Lower Level offers a large Bonus Rm for extra sleeping area or Game Rm. Large Kitchen w/Granite Counter Tops & lots of Cabinets. Propane Fireplace. Upper & Lower Decking for outside enjoyment, plenty of parking. MLS#20150505



Lake Front - 3 Merged Lots!

Incredible Setting on almost 2 Acres! 5 Bed/3 1/2 Bath, 2,200sf, 2 Levels. Remodeled Kitchen, Breakfast Bar & all new Stainless Steel Appliances. 4 new Patio Windows. Illuminated Carport provides boat parking. 10'x6' Lighted shed w/ power outlets, workbench. Private Dock & possible to navigate a boat to within 35' of House. Ext. painted 2012. Lots of Parking. Unit 4/58,59,60 20238 Pine Mountain Dr. \$619,000 MLS#20151410



Private & Secluded-Beautiful Setting!

2 Merged Lots, 0.54 Acre, surrounded by larger parcels that add to the sense of seclusion. Great Rm w/9' Ceilings, Beautifully Designed Kitchen, Master Bdrm, Lg Walk-in Closet, Dual Sinks, Step in Shower + soaking Tub. 3 Bed/2 Bath, 2 Car Attached Finished/Insulated Garage, Great Rm, Central Air/Central Propane Heat, Propane Fireplace, Covered Porch & Deck. Refrig, Washer/Dryer, Patio Furniture, 13' Umbrella, and BBQ included! Owner Financing w/20% Down 20660 Ferretti 3-15 \$235,000 MLS#20151547



Spectacular Sierra & Lake Views!

3 Bed/3 Bath, 2 Car Garage w/11 1/2' x10' Storage Rm, Approx 3051 sf, 0.57 Acre. Living Rm w/2 Bay Windows, 2 Family Rms Upper & Lower Level, Bonus Rm, Custom Sewing/Hobby Rm with Custom Cabinets, Work Counters & Pull Out Drawers, Lots of New Millard Windows thru out, Kitchen, Breakfast Area, Huge Master Suite, Inside Laundry, 4 Fireplaces, Central Air, Wrap around Trek Decking, Concrete Patio, Custom Curtains & Drapes, Custom Corner Bookshelves, Shelving for CDs, Books or Nic Nacs. Special Features You will Enjoy. Vacant Lots on both sides are Available by this Seller. It's a MUST SEE!!

12088 Hillhurst 8-148 \$439,000 MLS# 20151847



Looking for Privacy?

Check out this Delightful 3 Bd/2 Bath Split Level Home. Approx 1500sf, Large Master Bdrm w/Walk-in Closet. Nestled amongst Beautiful Trimmed Oak Trees. Lots of Rm on this 0.648 Acre Parcel. Most Furniture & Appliances included in Sale. Plenty of parking Nice Neighborhood and Quiet Street. 20590 Nob Hill Cir 3-90 \$250,000 MLS# 20151873



Comfortable Living

3 Bed/2 Bath, 2 Levels, Approx 1800 sf, on Approx 0.40 acre. Central Air/Heat, Heat Pump, Free Standing Air Tight Fire Place, Great Room, Brfst Bar, Island, Pantry, Solid Surface Countertops, Double Pane Windows & Coverings, 600 sf Family Room on Lower Level. Nice Seasonal Creek. 12947 Jackson Mill 7-137 \$185,000 MLS#20151709



Great Taxiway Lot

Includes a Large Pad for Hanger. Unfinished Shell for a 2 Level Home with Oversized Garage underneath. Approx. 0.69 Acre. County shows the Upper Level as 2 Bedrm & Bath, Main Level Living Rm, Kitchen, Dining & Bath. Bedrms not defined as this home was never finished. Fire Retardant Roof was installed in 1996 w/permit. You can Make it Your Own Design! \$184,900 12-26 20954 Woodside Way MLS#20151473



GREAT VACATION HOME!

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19631 Cottonwood St - 6-38 \$129,000 MLS# 20140610

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- 2.3 Acre \$59,900 Whites Gulch
- 1-1 - \$22,900 Double Lot Build
- 1-106 \$39,000 Wonderful Level Lot
- 4-128 - \$110,000 Lake Front-Beautiful
- 4-154 - \$24,900 Season Creek
- 4-343B - \$10,000 Seasonal Creek,
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- 5-5 - \$ 7,000 Also a Great Build
- 5-161 \$45,000 Beautiful Corner lot
- 5-213 \$19,000 Great Location
- 5D-7 - \$89,900 Golf Course Lot
- 6-231 - \$12,500 Nice Distant View
- 6/183 - \$29,000 1/2 Acre+ Easy Build
- 8/71 - \$15,000 Beautiful Lot
- 8/147 - \$39,900 Green Belt lot w/Lake View
- 12/87 - \$125,000 Level Lot Cul-de-Sac 1.47 Acre

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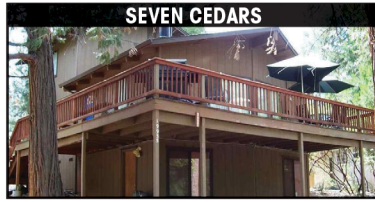
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• Open floor plan • lot 1/2 mi to
• 400 sf bonus Marina
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Dave Lint
Realtor
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12015 Hillhurst Circle
\$239,000 Call Ron or Dave
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• 3 bd/2 ba/2-car
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CHECK OUT THE VIEWS!
18527 N. Dome Court
\$179,900 Call Ron or Dave
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• Covered Deck
• Jetted Tub



GORGEOUS ACREAGE
13336 Mule Ct
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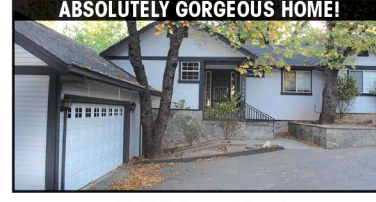
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19900 Deer Brush Court
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Patty Beggs
Realtor
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COZY & CUTE CHALET
19810 Ferretti Road
\$159,900 Call Mike or Patty
• 4 bed / 2 baths • New roof
• Beautiful park-like • Backs up to
settings • green belt
• Knotty pine ceilings • Large decks



ABSOLUTELY GORGEOUS HOME!
19287 Ferretti Road
\$235,000 Call Elaine
• 3 Bd/2Ba • Bright &
• Cathedral ceilings • functional kitchen
• Open room concept • Courtyard patio
• Step-down lvg rm • Covered deck



CHARMING HOME
12286 Sunnyside Way
\$249,000 Call Elaine
• Tri level 2bd/2ba • Wall of windows
• Bonus Room • in Living Room
• Family Room • Solid surface
w/wet bar • decking
• Open beam ceiling • 2 car gar. w/loft



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IMMACULATE FAMILY HOME
12054 Alcan Court
\$259,000 Call Zane
• Large Lot • Deck Surrounds
• Over 2,000 sq. ft. • Home
• 2 car garage • Sunset Views



Zane McDow
Realtor
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PREMIER SETTING
20240 Little Valley Road
\$399,900 Call Linda
• 4 bd/3 ba/2-car • Approx. 1600 sf
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• Bonus room • relax
• Approx. 1 acre



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• Bonus room • available
• Large lot

News About Assembly Bill No. 139 – Revocable Transfer on Death Deeds

Dan Cochetas, Esq.

If you are a single person interested in setting up an estate plan and you want to pass your personal residence to your children upon death without the need for a costly and time-consuming probate proceeding, but you do not want to spend a lot of money you now have another option.

In 2005, the California Law Revision Commission (“CLRC”) was authorized to study the effect of existing California nonprobate transfer provisions and to study other states that allow revocable transfer on death deeds (revocable Transfer on Death deeds, or beneficiary deeds) as a way to convey real property at death.

In October 2006, the CLRC issued its findings and recommendations regarding the use of revocable TOD deeds in California. After looking at existing nonprobate transfer devices in California, the CLRC concluded that the revocable TOD offered the following advantages: 1) it would be cheaper and quicker than existing nonprobate transfer devices; 2) it would be fully revocable by the transferor; 3) it would protect the property from the beneficiary’s creditor claims during transferor’s life; 4) it would prevent potential gift tax liability; and 5) it would not impact the transferor’s Medi-Cal eligibility.

The CLRC also raised concerns about the use of revocable TOD deeds, namely that it would facilitate fraud and abuse against the elderly and unsophisticated consumers, or cause the elderly to avoid seeking legal advice, leading to adverse estate planning consequences.

After weighing the pros and cons, the CLRC concluded that the revocable TOD would be beneficial in California. On September 21, 2015—nearly ten years after the CLRC published its initial study and after three failed attempts at passing similar legislation— Assembly Bill No. 139 was signed into law, authorizing the

use of revocable TOD deeds in California.

While the passage of Assembly Bill No. 139 has been lauded by supporters as providing seniors with a simple, no-cost method to transfer property to their heirs, it has not completely eliminated the concerns raised in the 2006 CLRC initial study. Undoubtedly, this legislation will provide individuals with a simple, cost-effective way to pass property to their beneficiaries without the need for probate proceedings. Despite this, there are traps for the unwary. Because they are relatively straightforward to create, individuals may decide to create a revocable TOD deed on their own without the advice of counsel. This may create problems if the individual has a large and complex estate, or if a revocable TOD deed is not properly executed, recorded, or revoked according to the strict requirements of the statute.

Further, this law does not eliminate the potential that revocable TOD deeds could be used by unscrupulous individuals to defraud unsophisticated consumers or the elderly. In order to minimize these concerns, the legislature implemented a five-year sunset provision to help minimize risks of abuse or misuse associated with revocable TOD deeds, but noted it would not prevent such risks during the five years that revocable TOD deeds would be valid in California. Only time will tell whether revocable TOD deeds live up to their promise as a simple and affordable nonprobate transfer device, or if they prove to be costlier and time-consuming in the long run as a result of litigation generated by the abuse or misuse of this new nonprobate transfer device.

This article is not intended to give legal advice and you are encouraged to contact an attorney to provide you with detailed provisions of setting up a revocable TOD deed or any other estate planning information that you may require.

FOGL News – eBooks

Harriet Codeglia

The concept for eBooks or electronic books has actually been around for many years. The popularity of eBooks really expanded in the past 6 or 7 years with the availability and decreasing prices of e-readers and smart phones. Many people prefer reading on their electronic devices, while some stick to the familiar physical book. And some of us like each in different circumstances.

By January 2011, eBook sales at Amazon had outpaced its paperback sales, and by the end of the first quarter of 2012, eBook sales in the United States surpassed all hardcover book sales for the first time, topping over \$3 Billion in revenue nationwide. And as of the end of 2013, the Association of American Publishers announced that eBooks now accounted for about 20% of all U.S. book sales.

The Tuolumne County Library started offering eBooks to library card holders for free check-out several years ago. County-wide,

the library checks out about 550 eBooks per month. You can access the eBooks through the county library website <http://www.tuolumnecounty.ca.gov/library> and download books to your computer or your mobile device from home. Once checked out, the eBook will remain on your device for two weeks. And then it is gone! Tuolumne County Library checked out 5,062 in fiscal year 2013/14 and 6,422 in fiscal year 2014/15!

Friends of the Groveland Library (FOGL) uses proceeds from its membership dues and Book Nook book sales plus other fundraising activities to help the county purchase eBooks as well as physical books. Come into the Groveland library to check out books without batteries, video DVD’s and books on CD. Support literacy and the love of reading by becoming a member of the Friends of the Groveland library. And shop the Book Nook each Saturday from 10 until 2.

First Wednesday Bird Walk

Jeanne Ridgley

The first Wednesday of the month Bird Walk at the Groveland Community Services property at 18966 Ferretti Road, Groveland will be led by Jeanne Ridgley on Mar 2 and April 6. The property encompasses an area of more than 200 acres of oak, pine and willow habitat with three water storage ponds.

On the Feb Bird Walk 17 species were seen.

Wood Ducks have returned to the large pond and were swimming in front of the three Wood Duck nest boxes.

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

Southern Valley Seniors

Rich Robenseifner

TOM CARMAN SVS PLAYER OF THE YEAR

The Southern Valley Seniors golf group of Pine Mountain Lake has created an annual player of the year award in honor of Tom Carman, a long-time participant and past Co-Captain and Captain of the organization.

A small group had lunch with Shirley Carman to establish the official start of the new award. The criteria for winning the award will be distributed to SVS members in their membership information and will also be available in the SVS area of the posting room in the PML clubhouse.

The Southern Valley Seniors golf organization begins the season at Oakdale Golf & Country Club on April 15, 2016. The season extends through the second week of October with 11 events scheduled. All members of the PML men’s golf club age 50 years and older are eligible to participate. Membership forms are available in the posting area in the PML clubhouse and on the Pine Mountain Lake men’s golf club web site. Join us for great days of golf and camaraderie.



Shirley Carman with the Tom Carman SVS Player of the Year Award plaque.

DAN COCHETAS
ATTORNEY AT LAW

Contact me with any questions you might have regarding Revocable TOD Deeds or any other estate planning matters. Phone: 209-768-3817
Email: dan.cochetas@gmail.com

Time to get your “Gears and Groove” on for the Groveland Mini-Triathlon!

Pauline Turski

The first mini-triathlon held in Groveland in 2015 hadn't even concluded and participants were asking for the date to participate again in 2016. Groveland will once again host the “Gears & Grooves” Mini-triathlon set for June 11. Groveland, a historical gold rush town and the scenic gateway to Yosemite, sits at a 3K elevation in the Sierra's, is 25 miles outside the west gate to Yosemite, and is approximately 150 miles east of San Francisco. The proximity of the triathlon will allow participants to easily arrive in Groveland Friday night, participate in the all-day triathlon Saturday, and still have time to remain in Groveland to shop, dine, and explore or head onto Yosemite. There's nothing better than going back to work on a Monday all relaxed with the scent of fresh mountain air lingering on your mind.

Gears & Grooves founder, Steve Griefer, is anticipating increased participants based on last year's success and positive feedback. Last year participants included people between 19 years and 78, all competitive and determined to complete their course. According to Steve, “we fully expect that all who participated last year will not only return, but bring their friends this year. Some admitted that they had never done anything like this and are planning to train in preparation for this year's event.” Thanks to participant input, this year's event has some improved course changes over last year.

Registration starts at 6:30 AM at Mary Laveroni Park on Highway 120 in Groveland. Coffee will be provided by local barista, FireFall Coffee Roasting Company. All course events start at 8:30 AM. Thanks to El Nino, the steady

snow and rain over the winter has already filled Pine Mountain Lake in Groveland, the location for the 1 mile swim. The challenging course also includes a 5.12 mile run in Pine Mountain Lake and a 22 mile bike ride out to the beautiful scenic Rim of the World overlook on Highway 120. To conclude the day, the Iron Door Saloon, the oldest continually running saloon in California will host a concert and BBQ in the early evening after the triathlon concludes at Mary Laveroni Park in Groveland.

Sponsors include Adventure Sports Journal, Groveland Trailheads, and Groveland Area Partnership (GAP). Staff from Adventure Sports Journal has expressed their excitement to work with Gears & Grooves again and will have presence at the triathlon as well as participate in some joint marketing activities including a print ad and social media updates. Learn more about Adventure Sports Journal at <http://adventuresportsjournal.com/>.

Dwight Follien, Groveland Trail Heads Chair, was more than happy to participate as a sponsor for the 2nd year saying “this triathlon fits in perfectly with our mission statement while promoting local commerce.” Groveland Trail Heads, founded in January 2013, is a non-profit chapter of the International Mountain Bicycling Association with a mission to help the local economy and community by creating a mountain bike destination while enhancing, and preserving mountain bike access and outdoor recreation throughout Tuolumne County and parts of surrounding counties' public and private lands. Groveland Trail Heads has partnered with the

Groveland Ranger District (Stanislaus National Forest) among other agencies, organizations and groups on building a World Class mountain bike specific trail system. Groveland Trail Heads is also in collaboration with Pine Mountain Lake Association to provide trails for hiking, running, and bicycling. To learn more about the Groveland Trail Heads, visit: <http://grovelandtrailheads.org/>.

GAP has been instrumental in engaging the community to make Groveland a destination while working with county and federal agencies to support projects that enhance the community such as improved sidewalks, increased parking, and a full time community health center for Groveland. GAP was instrumental in getting federal dollars from the National Disaster Resilience Competition (NDRC). These funds were awarded as a result of the devastating RIM

fire in 2013 and will be used to rebuild and increase resilience to future disasters. GAP was a strong sponsor last year and is working behind the scenes again this year to work with the community and businesses to support this venue. Learn more about GAP at <http://www.visitgrovelandca.com/>.

Gears & Grooves has many more volunteers and supporters to thank for making this event possible. If there is interest to sponsor, volunteer or participate, visit <http://www.grovelandgearsandgrooves.com/>. For information on Groveland or lodging options visit <http://www.groveland.org/>. Participants can register for all three activities or sign up for each individually. There is a discount for a team of 3 people so bring your family and friends along! Cost is \$50 per person or \$130 for a team of 3 people. We can't wait to see you on June 11th!

STCHS – Save the Date!

Harriet Codeglia

We are back on the lake! STCHS (Southern Tuolumne County Historical Society) will once again host its annual fundraising WINE TASTING CRUISE on Pine Mountain Lake! This year's event will be held Saturday June 4. More details will follow.

As in previous years, water taxis will transport guests between beautiful lakefront homes where wines from local wineries will be available for sampling. Also, delicious appetizers will be furnished by leading area restaurants and caterers for your enjoyment. Cruisers will arrive

back at the Lake Lodge around 6:30 where a Coffee & Cookie Reception will be waiting.

Each year this event sells out and we're looking forward to another fabulous day on the lake.

Tickets are \$50 per person, payable in advance. Over 21 years of age only!

Please contact us at winetastingcruise@gmail.com or call Harriet Codeglia (209-962-6270) or Kathy Seaton (209-962-7717).

Volunteers will be needed as always, so don't be shy!

Groveland Goes to the Theater

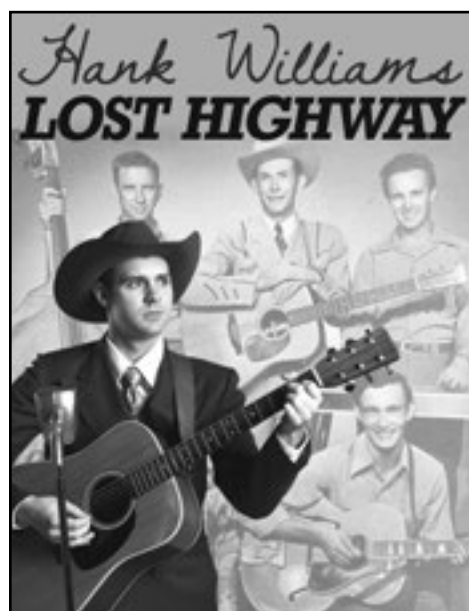
Karen Hopkins

Groveland goes to the theater to support The Little House, Village on the Hill and WHEELS. Join your friends and neighbors at Sierra Repertory Theatre's preview performance of “Hank Williams, Lost Highway,” Thursday, March 31, at the Fallon House Theatre in Columbia. Curtains go up at 7:00 p.m. with sweet treats starting at 5:30 p.m. and during intermission. Tickets are \$30 and seating is unassigned.

The show is a musical biography featuring such songs as “Hey, Good Lookin'” and “Your Cheatin' Heart.” It is a humorous and heartfelt tribute that reveals an intimate portrait of the passionate and troubled man behind the music.

Ticket proceeds go to Southside Senior Services, a 501c3 non-profit organization that supports The Little House, Village on the Hill and WHEELS for the benefit of residents of Southern Tuolumne County.

To purchase tickets, call The Little House at



(209) 962-7303 or online at www.thelittlehouse.org

Wi-Fi In Downtown Groveland

Joe De Nunzio

Conifer Communications, a Tuolumne County based wireless internet service provider is now offering Wi-Fi in downtown Groveland. Service is being provided from multiple points throughout the town. Coverage runs from the Groveland Pizza Factory to the Charlotte Hotel on Highway 120. Locals and travelers alike can now have Wi-Fi coverage with the first 15 minutes of use free of charge and day or week passes available for purchase after that.

With the company's offices based in Groveland, Conifer Communications has provided the installation at no cost to the town or its residents. They will continue to provide (no cost) maintenance for the system. Their service has been up and running and tested since the first of the year.

Conifer Communications is very proud of their hometown and wants to support it in the best way possible. The Wi-Fi will allow visitors traveling to Yosemite to be able to

share with the world their great experiences in Groveland. With this new downtown Wi-Fi service, hopefully they will mention Groveland and help promote our town.

Travelers will be notified of the service through signs around town with information written in multiple languages including Spanish, French, Japanese, Cantonese, and of course, English.

Since 2008, Conifer Communications has offered High Speed Internet with unlimited data to business and residents of Tuolumne, Calaveras, Merced, & Mariposa Counties. The company started in Groveland and has grown into a strong company serving high speed internet, security cameras, technology support, & VOIP phones to neighbors and companies large and small.

For more information on this new Wi-Fi service and all of the other Conifer products, you can contact them at (866) 378-8393, or on the web at www.conifercommunications.com.

Changes at the Dog Park

Frank Hicks

Something new has happened at the Dog Park – there is a lock on the gate! Dog owners need to get their 2016 permits at GCSD (\$25 for 2 dogs) to get the combination for the padlock. Why? Because dogs who use the park need to cover GCSD's administrative costs. Cleanup of those plastic bags and weedeating is done by volunteers from the Groveland Dog Park Committee.

But dogs weren't getting their owners to purchase those permits, and the honor system wasn't working on access to the park. Permits need to raise enough to cover those GCSD costs!

The Groveland Dog Park has been a

popular place for dogs and their owners for several years. It is part of GCSD and is next to the baseball field off Ferretti behind the Groveland EV Free Church. It was built with donations to the Groveland Dog Park Committee, sponsored by GAINs, and is part of GCSD. Dog owners purchase permits to cover the GCSD costs. The Dog Park Committee keeps the park clean and does the weedeating.

But, money from the permits is needed to keep the park open. That's what covers the costs to GCSD. Spread the word! If you can help with the cleanup chores or want to be sure the park stays open, contact Frank Hicks at 1836 or Rick Silverbrand at 6354.

Sierra Club Program

John Kinnear – Tuolumne Group

CLIMBING AROUND THE WORLD A Life of Wandering With Dave Harden

Come join us on Thursday, March 31 for an evening of vicarious adventure as local climber David Harden presents a new slide show of his climbs and travels around the globe. He will share stories and pictures from his many journeys, vertical and otherwise, wandering about our lovely planet. From Australia to Alaska, New York to New Zealand, Harden will take us with him as he explores scenic mountainous regions around the world. The Dolomites, Kilimanjaro, and Cochamo are just a few of the place names with which you will become familiar as you watch his program which could be subtitled, "How I Wasted My Life Walking Uphill."

Longtime Tuolumne County resident David Harden started wandering in the mountains as a teen in the 1960s. He began rock climbing soon after that and it has remained a lifelong passion. He has climbed throughout the western U.S. and around the world but the California High Sierra remains his favorite place. Harden retired from the fire service in 2005 after a thirty-two year career with CDF (now CAL FIRE) and lives in Sonora with his wife, Pamela Blair.

The meeting will be held on Thursday, March 31st, 7:00 P.M. at the T.U.D. boardroom at 18885 Nugget Blvd., Sonora, just off of Tuolumne Road. Refreshments will be served and the public is always welcome.

Northside Pet Connection News

Tom Grave – Vice President

February is spay and neuter month. Even though you will not be reading this article until March, it is a good reminder of the importance of having our dogs and cats "fixed". Of course, for us at NPC every month is spay and neuter month, and we continue to offer as many vouchers as are requested by citizens who live in our service area, which includes these 5 communities: Coulterville, Groveland, Big Oak Flat, Lake Don Pedro, and Greeley Hill. Although we have publicized the spay/neuter phone number before, here it is again: 732-6194. Simply leave the contact information called for on the recording, and our voucher coordinator

will be in touch with you.

You may be aware that we have attempted to find someone who might be interested in being NPC Secretary, a position which also involves being on our Board of Directors. We are happy to report that Kristen Elgen, of Lake Don Pedro, has tentatively agreed to be secretary. She and her husband have a longstanding association with NPC, and we are glad to see them again! We plan to confirm Kristen's appointment at our March meeting.

Don't forget our contribution jars located at various businesses in the area. Your spare change makes a difference!

GCSD Sewer Rate Workshop

Groveland Community Services District

There will be a GCSD Sewer Rate Public Workshop on Friday, March 11th from 6:00p.m. to 8:00p.m. at the Groveland Community Hall. GCSD highly encourages public attendance, especially from those who will be affected

by the new sewer rate structure. The GCSD Board of Directors is looking for input from the community regarding how the new sewer rate study should be conducted and structured.

Pine Cone Singers Say "Come to the Music"

Bob Swan

The Pine Cone Singers invite you to "Come To The Music" at our Spring Concerts, scheduled for May 12-15 at the Groveland Evangelical Free Church. We're excited to welcome back as Musical Director Dennis Brown, who previously filled that position for us from 2005 to 2013. Dennis is well known in the foothills as a dynamic singer, actor, pianist, and director. We're delighted to be working with him once again.

We're also very happy to welcome on board three brand-new members – Monica Herendeen, JW Smith, and Dan Tupper – as well as Gail Perlee, who returns to us after a two-year absence. Additionally, we welcome back several members who were not able to participate last season. After being a little short-handed during the fall, it looks like we should be back to our usual strength of about forty singers.

For this season's concerts, we have a mixture of styles ranging from baroque to anthem to flat-out jazzy. Almost all of the pieces are new to us, so we are enjoying the challenge of mastering new material. As usual, we expect there will be a selection of solos from our talented members. I'll have more details in future reports.

Pine Cone Singers has been Groveland's community chorus for more than thirty-six years. Although it's too late to join for this concert, we are always on the lookout for new singers. We take people of all skill and experience levels (it's a COMMUNITY chorus). If you'd like more information, please contact President Sally Salinas at 962-0505.

In any case, please note the dates of the Spring Concerts, May 12-13 at 7:30 PM, and May 14-15 at 2:00 PM. Come to the Music!

CASA Meeting on Getting Help

Miriam Martin

What resources do we have to help us prevent substance abuse and suicide? The Groveland Coalition Against Substance Abuse (CASA), a local community organization under the umbrella of GAINs, is hosting their quarterly meeting for members and interested community residents. CASA, dedicated to preventing substance abuse and suicide, serves southern Tuolumne County and Northern Mariposa County youth and families. Each quarterly meeting CASA invites informative presenters who reinforce their goals.

The March 10th featured presenters will be Infant Child Enrichment Services (ICES), Area 12 Agency on Aging, Catholic Charities and Tuolumne County Behavioral Health team. They will be giving a program

overview for families in need of community services. Raising children is demanding for all families and many have additional challenges. Being a grandparent and primary caregiver, socio economic factors, behavioral difficulties, or even being a veteran and seeking assistance are just a glimpse of the issues going on in families today.

How do we help our children steer clear of drugs and alcohol and help families to stay together and grow in a positive way? There are community resources available. Join us for an evening of information and resources on March 10, starting at 6pm, at the Groveland Community Hall.

For more information on CASA please contact Barbara Broad, Director and Admin at 962-7730 or email Chair Miriam Martin at miriam@pinemtnlake.com.

From Your Tuolumne County District Supervisor

John Gray – Tuolumne County 4th District Supervisor

I had hoped to be writing about the National Disaster Resilience Competition this month but as the deadline for article submittals approached we still have not been told where the approved projects are going to be built. Without this information available I have decided to address another important subject, Economic Development.

For the past six years I have served on the Tuolumne County Economic Development Authority (TCEDA) Board and as Board Chairman for the last two years. During this time I have spent countless hours in research and attending meetings to get a better understanding of economic development.

Merely eight years ago Tuolumne County entered one of the worst economic downturns it has seen in history. Looking back, it may have been one of the most challenging times to be elected to public office. We took a few lumps, but in the big scheme of things we have managed to survive well.

Some of those economic challenges are in the expectations of residents who desire to see changes come about in the area of commerce.

If you read the "letters to the editor section" in the local newspaper you often find letters requesting businesses with such recognizable names as Trader Joes, Target or In & Out Burger to come to the area.

Letters also appear that criticize big box stores or other types of business that could hurt mom and pop enterprises. When any new business is opened other businesses could be threatened.

It is sometimes difficult to differentiate between what is wanted in relationship to what is needed and the underlying profile that sets the basis for economic development can be overlooked. The simple fact is that unless we have adequate growth in jobs and population, the County will not be able to cover the escalating costs of providing services.

Those recognizable business names mentioned earlier research and project for new store openings in communities whose population can support their potential for success.

We will not attract those businesses unless we can grow.

Economic development affects many aspects of our wish list, from maintaining roads to providing the best in public safety and services. No matter how efficient we are in spending existing tax dollars we cannot get better unless we can improve and develop economically.

Larry Cope, director of the Tuolumne County Economic Development Authority (TCEDA) reminds us that every city and county in the United States is scrambling to improve their own situation. In a competitive environment fundamental actions must be taken to support existing businesses and to attract new ones.

So how does Larry go about his job? He goes fishing! The test is in knowing what you're fishing for and to have the right bait. He is not going to direct all of his efforts toward population based business entities.

Fishing? So, what do we want to attract? Light manufacturing that provides jobs; retail businesses that fit our population base and education providers that will educate and train for our workforce.

Bait? What is most highly promoted is the beauty of our area, the proximity to an abundance of outdoor recreation and the historical nature of our communities.

This philosophy supports the TCEDA motto "Work Where You Play"!

The following are just two examples of what businesses may consider when exploring growth into rural areas. With food and retail such as Trader Joes, Target, Best Buy, In & Out Burger and others, it is a population base with enough buyers to make a profit. With industry it can be the need for sufficient and available experienced workforce to manufacture materials that result in a finished component or product.

So what does Larry and the TCEDA do? The following are a few examples:

- 1. OUTREACH** - we talk about and try and sell Tuolumne County to let them know what a great place it is to work and go out your back door to play.
- 2. WAVE THE FLAG** - by attending industry conferences and trade shows and developing relationships with business people outside the community.

3. PLAYING THE LONG GAME. It takes time for businesses to develop and make long-range plans. We continue to follow up with those that have expressed a possibility to move their business.

4. DEVELOP A SOLID WORK PLAN that defines the direction and vision for economic development. Please visit the TCEDA website at: www.tceda.net. You will find information about the Authority and Tuolumne County and the reasons we feel our County is such a great place to live, work and grow your business.

Let me close this month's article by recognizing the loss of two very important individuals that have contributed so much to our community over the years.

KAY GLAVES, the Purple Lady, worked tirelessly promoting community events, the Lyons Club and any fund-raiser known to man. From dressing up at each holiday and wrapping the downtown in candy striped foil at Christmas, to selling tickets for every possible event-she was a force to be reckoned with. No one could say "no" to Kay.

PEGGY MOSELY, owner of the Groveland Hotel, has been a very visible force in the promotion of our community around the world. Serving in many different positions on the various committees & boards that support tourism, hospitality and the lodging industry, Peggy was one of the first to navigate international waters through the internet to bring visitors to our area.

Both Kay and Peggy gave their best efforts in making Groveland a great place to live and work and both will be sorely missed.

As always I welcome your calls, emails and letters. If you need assistance please remember that office hours in Groveland are presently held at the Groveland Youth Center from 9 am to 11 am on the 2nd Monday of the month until we have moved into our new location in the Mountain Leisure Center across from the post office. Lake Don Pedro is "by appointment". If you need to meet with me in person, please do not hesitate to contact me by calling 533-5521 or by email me at: jgray@co.tuolumne.ca.us



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Chipotle-Tomatillo Salsa

Recipe provided by Tom Knoth and Paula Martell

Recently we received a gift of homemade tamales from Annette Martinez, and wow... were they good! Around the same time I tripped across this impressive salsa recipe which incorporates roasted tomatillos with one of our favorite ingredients, chipotle! I thought it would compliment Annette's tamales, and it sure did. We also started using it on eggs and on our homemade chicken sausage. Of course, tortilla chips are a perfect vehicle to enjoy this salsa as well. Here's the recipe:



INGREDIENTS

- 1 pound tomatillos (about 10 medium), husked, rinsed, and halved laterally
- 1 small onion, sliced into 1/4"-thick rounds
- 12 cloves garlic, unpeeled
- 3-4 canned chipotles in adobo, minced
- 2 Tbsp adobo sauce
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro
- Kosher salt, to taste
- 1-2 Tbsp Honey (optional)

DIRECTIONS

Position an oven rack 6" from broiler; preheat broiler. Line a baking sheet with foil. Arrange tomatillos (cut side down), onion, and garlic cloves on prepared sheet. Broil, turning occasionally, until soft and

slightly charred, 7-12 minutes (remove vegetables from oven as necessary if they brown too quickly). Transfer to a bowl and set aside; cool to room temperature. Peel garlic; transfer to a processor. Add tomatillos, onion, and any juices from foil, along with the chipotles and adobo. Purée until mixture is as smooth as you like. Season to taste with salt and/or honey, if desired. Honey will add a little sweetness if desired. Also, if the salsa turns out spicier than you like, the honey will tame it down. Pulse the mixture couple of more times. Transfer salsa to a bowl and stir in cilantro. Serve or refrigerate until ready for service.

Note for the Spiceheads: If you like it hot, use more chipotle and adobo sauce than recommended in this recipe; WE DO!

Makes about 2 Cups

Tenaya Elementary Receives Gift

Virginia Gustafson

Tenaya Elementary school recently received a gift of \$2,000 from Friends of the Groveland Library. The monies will be used to purchase "Accelerated Reader" books for students in grades K-8.

Ms. Wynette Hilton, principal of Tenaya, says the teachers are super excited to have these books available to help students in their reading skills. She explained that the books are leveled by interest and reading level. Students take an online comprehension test after completing each book to advance their reading

level. Studies have shown that children may be able to advance two years in reading ability in just one school year.

Friends of the Groveland Library earned this money and the additional funds used



Friends of the Groveland Library president Harriet Codeglia hands a check to Tenaya principal Wynette Hilton.

to keep our library open through their weekly book sales, Saturdays from 10am-2pm, downstairs at the library. Please stop by and buy a gently used book to support literacy projects in our community.

Brainy Groveland Encourages Third Grade Readers

Virginia Gustafson

The Brainy Groveland reading program encourages students to love reading by helping them choose "just right" books, and then discussing the books with interested, supportive adult volunteers.

Every Friday, a group of Brainy Groveland volunteers, visits the third graders. One week we help them select books appropriate to their abilities and interests, and the following week we sit with the kids and they tell us about the books they have read.

Third grade is an important time for the students to develop good reading habits which will carry throughout school, college, and their working lives. The students enjoy the supportive interest from adults and the volunteers are charmed by the cute kids and their honest opinions on the books they have read.


If you'd like to join the program as a volunteer, please contact Virginia Gustafson at 962-6336. Each volunteer typically visits the class once a month. Training is provided.



Volunteer Barbara Klahn discusses a book with Bettike Loh. Photo by Virginia Gustafson



Wanda Patterson listens to Samanta Hersom read. Photo by Virginia Gustafson



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Breaking Bad Habits

Etty Garber PhD. – Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist

“Your net worth to the world is usually determined by what remains after your bad habits are subtracted from your good ones.”
Benjamin Franklin

We are well into the new year and for those of you who have made new year resolutions, they have probably been broken by now. It can be very hard to change long standing, problematic habits.

A habit is an acquired behavior or thought pattern that has been repeated so many times that it has become automatic. Some habits are helpful and positive, like brushing your teeth and getting to your appointments on time. However, there are bad habits than can be destructive to lives, such as spending more money than you have or to your health, like smoking or overeating. Bad habits interrupt your life and prevent you from reaching your goals and may jeopardize your physical and mental health.

Bad habits can be broken and often replaced with positive behaviors. Research shows that, on average, it may take 66 days to engage in an alternative behavior or thought pattern consistently to become a new habit. This may seem overwhelming but if you use the following strategies it is possible:

- 1. Acknowledge** that you have a negative behavior that needs to change or be eliminated from your life.
- 2. Create a plan** – choose a substitute for your bad habit for when you face the stress or boredom that prompts your bad habit.

3. Change the environment, cut out the triggers for the habit, and avoid the things that cause them.

4. Share your goals with your family and friends for accountability and allow them to motivate you.

5. Reward yourself frequently. Rewards are important because it reminds you to stay on track and of your success.

Studies have shown that constant self-vigilance is necessary to break a bad habit. That means watching for slip-ups and reminding yourself why you want to break the habit in the first place. If you do experience a slip-up, don't give up, it is normal to have relapses, but the key is to get back to the plan ASAP. Stay aware of how you are thinking and feeling and you will develop the persistence and motivation you need to stop the negative behavior and use the positive behavior in its place.

Visualize yourself succeeding with your goal. Whatever the bad habit is that you are trying to break, see yourself smiling and enjoying your success.

Breaking bad habits takes time and effort and perseverance. Many people who end up breaking their bad habits try and fail multiple times before they make it work. You might not have success as quickly as you would like, but if you stick with it you may be surprised that the bad habit is gone and a more positive one has taken its place. Stay determined and believe in yourself.

Healthy Habits

FROM PINE MOUNTAIN THERAPY

Julie Tanaka, PT

SCIATICA

Sciatica has become a catch all diagnosis for back and hip area pain. Sciatica in reality is the pain generated from the largest nerve in the body and has a very specific grouping of symptoms.

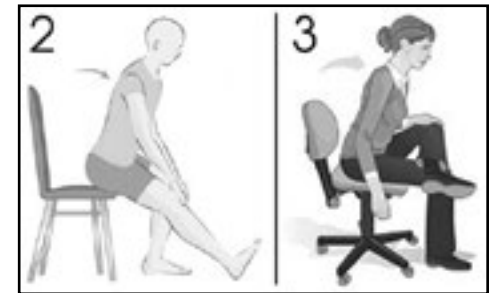
The sciatic nerve is made up of nerve roots that exit the lower part of the spine and join together to form the thick sciatic nerve that then runs under the piriformis muscle (a triangular shaped muscle in the buttocks) down the back of the thigh and then splits in two and continues down to the foot. Pain generated by the sciatic nerve may be felt in the buttocks, thigh and down into the foot. Nerve pain is generally described as tingling, burning, electrical or numbness. Sciatica is caused by a number of things putting pressure on the nerve and irritating it. This can include a disc at the spinal level, swelling within the sheath that surrounds the nerve or tightness in the muscles, such as the piriformis, as the nerve passes through. When pressure is put on a nerve the message of pain is transmitted down the nerve like an electrical wire. Prolonged pressure on the nerve can result in muscle weakness, especially at the ankle and foot. One of the tests for sciatica is to have the patient lie on their back and lift the leg, keeping the knee straight, then flex the foot. This stretches the length of the nerve and if it is irritated the classic sciatica path pain is recreated.

Treatment of sciatica consists mainly of relieving the pressure on the nerve. An assessment helps us understand where along it's path the nerve is getting irritated. Medications can help decrease the pressure from inflammation, as can the application of heat and ice. Injections may be indicated at the spinal level where the nerve originates or into the muscle putting pressure on the nerve. These injections may vary from steroids to Botox depending on the desired effect. Acupuncture, chiropractic and massage can also be very helpful in relieving the pain generated by the sciatic nerve.

In physical therapy we treat sciatic with stretching and strengthening to balance the structures aggravating the sciatic nerve. Core strengthening will help support the low back and decrease the stress on the nerves as they exit the spine. Stretching helps to lengthen the muscles of the buttocks and back of the leg that the nerve has to pass through.

Here are a few hints to calm an irritated sciatic nerve:


1. Start with 20 min of cold to the low back /buttock area. Later switch back and forth from ice to heat. Limit each to 20 minutes
2. Stretch the hamstring muscle. Sit on the edge of a chair and stretch your affected leg



out straight with your heel resting on the floor. Keep your back straight and gently lean forward. You won't have to lean very far to feel the stretch down the back of your leg. Try to keep the stretch for 30 seconds and repeat 3 times.

3. Stretch your hip muscles: sitting, cross the ankle of the affected leg onto the opposite knee. (“cross your legs like a man”) and lean forward. Hold for 30 seconds and repeat x 3.

These stretches are just a start. See your doctor if symptoms continue and we are here at PMT when you need us.




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Mountain Lutheran Church News

Pastor Ginger DuMars

As you read this, many Christians around the world & here at home are in the middle of their 40 day Lenten journey to the cross & crucifixion of Jesus Christ. The word "Lent" comes from a Latin word which means "renewal" – like the renewal of nature in Spring. So, this Season of Lent is often associated with the Season of Spring and the idea of new life. Lent also involves reflection on our relationship with God and what God has done for us through Jesus Christ. To help us with this reflection and our desire to grow and to be renewed spiritually and to grow closer with God, we are giving extra focus and attention to PRAYER during Lent. Various ways of praying along with different types of prayer and prayer experiences continue to be our focus this Lent at Mountain Lutheran Church. We have been blessed by members leading us in prayer during our Wed. Eve. Musical Prayer Services. **Our final 2 Wed. Eve. Prayer Services for Lent, 2016, are on Feb. 24 & March 2 at 7:00 p.m. – with informal Soup Suppers offered at 6:00.** Everyone is welcome!

Palm Sunday begins the last few days of Jesus' Journey to His Cross at Calvary. 10:00 a.m. Worship on March 20 at Mountain Lutheran begins with a celebration of Jesus' joyous entry into Jerusalem. We'll wave palm branches as we jubilantly sing "All Glory, Laud and Honor"! The celebration quickly turns to

the painful realization that we'll soon stand "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" at His crucifixion when we honor Good Friday. However, the death of Jesus is not the end of His story or the end of His life.

On Early Easter Morning - Sunday, March 27 at 7:00 a.m. - the community is invited to gather at Mountain Lutheran Church to celebrate Jesus' Resurrection and God's promise for us to live with Jesus for Eternity! Joyful music & praise, prayers & Scripture readings will highlight this Early Easter Morning Community Worship Service as we celebrate that Jesus is alive! He is living – even today! **Easter is the most important day of the whole year** for Christians! The days & festivals of the year orbit & revolve around Easter for Christians – just as planets orbit the sun in our solar system. The 6 days of our week orbit around Sundays in commemoration of the Resurrection of Jesus – especially on Easter Sunday Morning!

Festive Lutheran Liturgical Worship begins at 10:00 a.m. Mountain Lutheran will host Refreshments & Fellowship after both the 7:00 & 10:00 Easter Morning Services. Come & Celebrate as Followers of Jesus & as Members of God's Family. **The extended Groveland Christian Community welcomes everyone to Easter Celebrations!** Everyone is always welcome at Mountain Lutheran Church, 13000 Down to Earth Ct., just off Ferretti Road.

Spring is Almost Here!



Great Horned Owl photographed at the Merced National Wildlife Refuge. Photo by David Wilkinson.

Spring is almost here. If you are looking for a day trip to enjoy the beauty of Spring you know about trips into the Stanislaus National Forest, right here in Groveland, and you know about Yosemite, but did you know that there are wildlife refuges and wilderness areas within an easy drive of Groveland? That's right. The

Merced National Wildlife Refuge is just over an hour and a half drive from Groveland and is home to thousands of birds, rabbits, and many other animals. The refuge features an auto tour route and three nature trails for the public to view and photograph wildlife. Get more info at <http://www.fws.gov/refuge/merced/>

Groveland Kiwanis

Sandy Smith

Kiwanis provides new ways to get to know people in our community. Connect with others and get involved in projects that can change lives. Kiwanis is all about making friends and making an impact in our community. Spring is coming, new growth is everywhere. Soon there will be lots of outdoor activities. Come on down to the Pizza Factory on any Tuesday afternoon at 4:30 and join us at the

Kiwanis meeting. We have lots of fun and exciting things planned for Groveland.

Look for the American Flags which we proudly hang most federal holidays, the Salsa Bar, Relay for Life, Children's Shopping Spree, Halloween (free books), Christmas Craft Faire/Pictures with Santa, and many more activities, during the year. These are just some of the things we do.

2016 Family Wellness Faire

Rudy Manzo

The Groveland Rotary Club is pleased to announce the continuation of the Annual Family Wellness Faire. This year's event is being held on March 22nd from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Tenaya Elementary School Gymnasium.

The exhibitors, who have committed to attend this year's event in Groveland, will have the most up-to date health and safety information. You will have the opportunity to visit all of the booths and speak with the exhibitors and get answers to questions which you might have. Allow yourself ample time to partake in the free screenings, such as vision, blood pressure and diabetes. Prevention is the key to wellness.

Sonora Regional Medical Center will be offering a low cost (\$25.00) blood chemistry

panel that includes Cholesterol (total LDL, HDL and Triglycerides), kidney function, thyroid, liver function and lipid panel. We

highly recommend that you take advantage of this offer. For those of you planning on having a blood draw: You must start fasting at midnight prior to the Faire and drink several cups of water prior to the draw. This helps the flow of blood.

Knowing the importance of good health, the Rotary Club

of Groveland felt that it was important to continue the Wellness Fair and has taken over the event from the local Soroptimist Club. Many of the former Soroptimist are helping out with the Faire and their involvement is greatly appreciated.

Make this the first day of a healthier life!



Helping Hands Happenings

Joyce Smith

Volunteers came in on Sunday, Feb. 14 for a workday. This is a day we are not open. We change the store to reflect the next season or holiday coming up. In this instance we were getting out Easter inventory. (Easter is early this year March 27th.) We have quite a lot of stuff to put out. Baskets and bunnies take up a lot of space, but if you need baskets or bunnies, for best selection don't wait too long. Actually, this work time gives us a chance to do some Spring Cleaning. When you are shopping, if you are looking for a specific item and can't find where you thought it might be, ask at the register. Sometimes, we have to move things around.

A reminder for our Barn shoppers: we

need to have our daily sales sheet to the Store no later than 3:05. We are sorry for the times it seems like we are rushing you out the door, and actually we are, but we try to be nice about it. Just try to do your shopping before the last minute.

Our Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon was very nice and we enjoy our times when we can get together with our work partners. We thank the Board for this event. We are looking forward to working with our new President, Mike Breaux and his wife Muffy. They work at the Barn on the first Wednesday and Friday of each month. Stop in and say hello.

See you at the Store or Barn!

Two Tuolumne County High Schools Awarded Career Readiness Grant

Karen Seals

Middle school Parents, In 10 years will your teenagers be thriving in careers that match their passions and abilities? Or will they still be relying on you for support while they struggle to define what they want to do with their lives?

Two Tuolumne County high schools have been awarded a four year grant to teach the Get Focused.. Stay Focused career readiness program on their campuses beginning in the fall of 2016. This curriculum was developed by George Washington University in an effort to address the high college dropout rate and the phenomenon of jumping career majors in the college system. Both issues are indicators that students are not prepared and ready to settle down to their studies when they enter college.

Today over 500 high schools nationwide participate in the program, including 240 California high school campuses. It is an initiative to provide students with information, educational tools and resources to develop college and career readiness. Whether students are bound for vocation schools or college, the four year GFSF program for incoming freshmen will prepare students with the skill set to project into the future the consequences of the choices

and actions they make today. They will develop analytical skills, productive work habits and attitudes, and begin preparation for their own on-line 10 year plan that will take them through their high school years, vocational school or college and beyond. The goals of the program include

In Tuolumne County the GFSF curriculum will be offered at Tioga High School and Don Pedro High School campuses. Tioga Principal Ryan Dutton, states "The GFSF program reminds me of the European school system, where students are guided through educational programs and career assistance to define their careers in the early stages of school, rather than waiting until they are close to high school graduation".

All parents in the BOFG school district with students that will be entering 9th grade in fall of 2016 are invited to attend an informative overview of the Tioga High School programs to be held at Tenaya Elementary School in Groveland on March 2 at 1:30 PM. Contact Get Focused Stay Focused teacher Karen Seals, at the Groveland, Big Oak Flat Unified School District at 209-962-4763 for more information.

Tenaya Students Compete in Spelling Bee

Rhonda Crow



Tenaya Elementary would like to congratulate Seth Peters-Pearlman for winning first place at the Dr. June McOmber Jr. High School Spelling Bee on February 17th. Five of Tenaya's students participated. Three of

our students finished in the top ten with Seth taking first place. A Tenaya student hasn't won the Spelling Bee since the 2003-2004 school year when Daniel Blumberg won. We couldn't be prouder of you Seth!

New Interact Club at Tioga High

Karen Seals

Tioga High School is pleased to announce that The Groveland Rotary Club is sponsoring Interact Club on Tioga Campus. An Interact Club's role is to create positive change in the School, Community and internationally. Every Interact club carries out two service projects a year: one that helps your school or community and one that promotes international understanding.

Tioga High Schools interact members will be helping at the Groveland Health fair on

March 22nd at Teneya Elementary school gym and we will participating in the Walk for water campaign to raise money to build wells in villages in Africa .

These Service projects are an effective way for young people to take action at home and abroad, connect with other young leaders, and learn about philanthropy as they serve others.

The Interact President Is Jack Pomeroy, Vice president Audrey Simmons, Secretary Jenn Harvey , Treasure Emily Kennedy.

Yearbook Sponsors Needed

Dawnelle Dutton - Yearbook Teacher

Any clubs or individuals interested in sponsoring a kid to have a yearbook? We often have up to 20 kids that want yearbooks but cannot afford to purchase one of their own.

Yearbook costs are \$45.00. It's a tax deduction as a write off. Please call Tioga at 962-4763 or come on in and sponsor a kid to receive a yearbook!

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Tioga High School Health & Nutrition

Dawnelle Dutton – Tioga High Aerobics Teacher

Tioga High School would like to say thank you to the Tuolumne County Public Health program and employee Petra Henderson for putting together an awesome program for our high school students regarding health and nutrition. Recently, we had a lesson from Petra in our Aerobics Class. She gave us a demo on Yoga and talked about the benefits of exercise and yoga particularly. We got some t-shirts and yoga books to promote the healthiness in our community. She will also be giving presentations to our Life Skills and Weight Training/Conditioning class about exercise and healthy eating habits. Petra will also be offering a booth type set up on campus during break or lunch time hours for kids to learn about and try healthy snacks and alternatives



to what they are currently consuming on their own. We are so lucky to have this opportunity! Thank you for coming to our little school on the hill!

Tenaya Elementary Photo Contest

Bonnie Belisle – STCHS Photo Contest Coordinator



Thanks to all who were there to support our young photographers at the Awards Ceremony held on Feb. 4th at Tenaya Elementary School

The 2015 contest ended January 18, 2016 when ballots were counted. The 16 student participants anxiously awaited the results with an audience of their teachers, 5th – 8th classes, families and members from our community at the ceremony. We had an amazing turnout of voters this year – even more votes than last year! Thanks to our Museum Docents for encouraging all visitors to vote! And, thanks to our community for your support! The photos were fabulous and we heard from many that it was a very difficult decision in casting the votes. What made these photos special is that they reflected each photographers individuality in what they were feeling when they captured their photo!

This contest would not have been possible if it were not for our sponsors, STCHS (Southern Tuolumne County Historical Society) and the Groveland Rotary Club who donated funds for expenses and prize money. A special thanks to our local merchants contributing prizes for our award recipients: The Anker Family of the Priest Station Café and Earl Wright of the Pizza Factory. And, also a big thanks to Robb Hirsch for his generous donation of four of his amazing photographs from his gallery at Mountain Sage.

Thanks to Mar-Val for the tote bags for the students to carry home their photos. Thanks also to Warren Belisle who instructed the students with inspirational tips for capturing scenes through the eye of the camera. Also, thanks goes to Bruce Carter, Museum Exhibit Coordinator, who created the Photo Display in the Museum.

CONTEST RESULTS: All 16 students received a Certificate of Participation as well as a photo key chain with a mini version of their photograph and certificate inserted within a plastic case.

- 1st Place: Tanner Cox** 5th Grade – \$35 – *“The Untraveled Path”*
- 2nd Place: Jacob Wilson** 5th Grade – \$25 – *“The Sea of Clouds”*
- 3rd Place: Amelia Hendersen** 6th Grade – \$15 – *“The Climb”*

Honorable Mentions:

- Aiden McVicker** 5th Grade – \$10 – *“Where Does the Water End?”*
- Dustin Arista** 6th Grade *“A Walk in the Forest”*
- Harley Lennen** 5th Grade *“Eerie”*
- Carrie Madewell** 8th Grade *“The Red Bridge”*
- Erinn Morehouse** 7th Grade *“Water of Darkness”*
- Haley Pollock** 7th Grade *“I’m a Mystery...”*
- Kira Radanovich** 8th Grade *“Exploding Geyser”*
- Jillian Radanovich** 8th Grade *“King of the Kingdom”*
- Melanie Radanovich** 8th Grade *“The City Scape”*
- Alexis Richter** 7th Grade *“Dinner Time Yet”*
- Conner St. Clair** 5th Grade *“Lunch Time?”*
- Daniel Timmins** 7th Grade *“Burning Tree”*
- Anna Wilson** 8th Grade *“The Golden Gate Bridge”*

We want to thank all 16 students for a job well done and for sharing their photos with our community in the Museum Exhibit – you are all “winners” in our book! Our Museum visitors have thoroughly enjoyed your photos. Please stop by the Museum to take another look at the award winning photos on display. Students: We are already looking forward to this Fall’s Photo Contest!

Tioga to take part in Rim Fire Recovery

Ryan Dutton, Principal – Tioga High

On March 18th Tioga High School students and staff will get to participate in this great event. Our kids will travel to the Rim Fire burn area to participate and take an active role in helping better bring our local forests back to life! The kids will all get to plant trees, learn about forest preservation, and spend a day outside giving back! This event is open to anyone interested and you can schedule your days to head up the hill and help plant trees as well!

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Tioga Teens Hike Yosemite

Barbara Broad

Tioga High School and the Groveland Youth Center students have been enjoying outings 'off the hill' sponsored by Groveland Coalition Against Substance Abuse (CASA). They have enjoyed trips to bowling, miniature golf, Great America, Boomers, Yosemite, San Francisco Bus Tour, and this spring will be visiting the Santa Cruz Boardwalk and Six Flags.

These off-the-hill outings are to provide the teens with healthy, drug-free activities and this year are funded by a grant from Sonora Area Foundation. CASA, a project of Groveland Area Involved Neighbors (GAINs), will be inviting local organizations to donate to outings for the 2016-2017 school year.

Ryan Dutton and Karen Seals at Tioga met with students and chose trips to Great America, Boomers, Yosemite ice skating, a San Francisco Bus Tour, Santa Cruz Boardwalk, Six Flags, a snow park, and a water park.. The Youth Center went to miniature golf, a Yosemite hike, and a movie and the San Francisco Bus Tour with the Tioga group. The students raised



Tioga students on their first hike in Yosemite National Park.

money for some trips.

In the words of one hiker, "The Falls were amazing and picturesque! Hiking up the steep steps while feeling the cool wet mist from the waterfall was astonishing. Everywhere I looked was similar to a scene from a painting. The green grass, the waterfall, the sounds of the roaring water crashing against the rocks, the gigantic trees, and even the little squirrels running around us, gave the whole experience a dream-like feeling. Breathing and taking in what nature has to offer, only to block out the everyday grind of life. Nature is so fascinating, it is surreal. This Youth Center trip was possible from all the support that this little community gives. I am personally excited to be a part of a community that cares so much for its youth."

Tioga Academic Decathlon Team

Ryan Dutton, Principal, Tioga High School

On Saturday, February 6th, at Sonora High School Tioga's ACADEC team competed in the county wide competition. Emily Hanchett and her team had yet another impressive performance this year bringing home a total of 12 medals! Junior Ian Campbell won a gold in science, (top scorer overall in two counties) silver in Economics, and a bronze in Essay. Senior Sarah Morcott took home a silver in Literature and social science, and a bronze in Music. Junior Michael Ridgley won gold in Social Science, silver in Economics, and a bronze in Science. Senior Jessica Davis won silver in Interview, Sophomore Halei Belvail earned a bronze in Social Science and Sophomore Summer Avery won a gold medal in Math! This was a great effort by the entire team! Thank you to the parents, Tioga teachers who helped coach, Michael Sweeley, Billy Hilton, and to the Groveland Hotel's Peggy Mosley for providing us with a house to study. What a wonderful community to be



so supportive of our students. This is another one of Tioga's great programs on the rise and we can't wait to find out next year's topic to get a head start on our studies!!! Thank you Emily Hanchett for all of your countless hours to put this class together and help our kids prepare for this year's competition, and for connecting this program with preparing our kids for future success in whatever it is they choose to take on!

New Tioga High School Website

Ryan Dutton, Principal - Tioga High School

We wanted to inform to the community of our new website that is currently being constructed by Sabre Design, a local company that also produces the PML Newspaper. A big thank you goes out to Sabre who has spent many hours giving our website a new look and preparing it to be an effective tool for our district employees, parents, students, and community. Here is a sneak peek at the design of our new site. We will keep everyone informed as to when the site goes live and what it will offer. We as a district are very excited about having a new look in regards to technology and pleased that such a talented, local company such as Sabre Design is in control of bringing us to the forefront!



Tioga Spring Sports

Ryan Dutton, Principal, Tioga High School

Spring sports have arrived! Our basketball teams are finishing up the season and in a race to make the playoffs. Some of our kids have begun practicing for spring sports already, with some basketball players working hard at two sports at the same time. Our sports offerings for the spring include: Track and Field, Baseball, Softball, and Golf. We have had a number of great programs during the spring season, which is an attest to our kids and coaches being that we can offer four sports with less than 100 kids in our entire school! Our spring teams are led by:

Track and Field - Randi Mittlestadt

Baseball - Billy Hilton

Softball - Dawnelle Dutton

Golf - Terry Ducey

We will be posting spring schedules as we receive them from the Mountain Valley League offices and we hope you can come out and cheer our TWolves on to victory! Baseball and Softball games are held at Leon Rose field, the golf team competes at Pine Mountain Lake Country Club, and since we currently do not have a track at Tioga the track team must host their home league meets in the valley. We also will have schedules available in the Tioga High School office if you would like to stop in and pick one up! Thank you for your support!!



Tioga High Alumni of the Year Awards

Dawnelle Dutton

TIOGA HIGH ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR – KEN CORSAUT

It isn't difficult to find Tioga graduates who have become successful after leaving their high school careers behind.

We have many from which to choose. But it is difficult to find those alumni who have followed their dreams, found high paying stable employment, married happily, raising loving children and living in a nice home in a safe town, kept their contact with roots in the Groveland area, and maintained an awesome outlook for the future as well as a huge appreciation for their own accomplishments and blessings bestowed

upon them thus far in life. It is this criteria that brings us to the choice of Ken Corsaut for our honored Alumnus of the Year for Tioga High School. Ken is a 1996 graduate of Tioga. He clearly realizes that there were many advantages to being at a small high school located in a tight knit community of people who helped to make him the wonderful man that he is today. Growing up without a father, Ken was lucky to have found a safe haven at the Melchor home where his best friends Luis and Raul (also graduates of Tioga) and their mother Barbara embraced him and supported him through his high school graduation. Ken joined the military in 1996 where he remained for 8 years. It is here that Ken reports that he learned the meaning of work ethic, camaraderie and brotherhood. Ken was stationed in Hawaii for three of those years and during his military stint, he had the opportunity to travel to Japan, Samoa, Australia, Fiji and the Middle East during his stint in the U.S. Army. Upon his departure from military service, Ken decided that college was not his cup of tea, and entered a trade school where he learned his current expertise as an Industrial Service Technician in the field of refrigeration systems. He works with very dangerous, volatile substances that create both a rush of adrenalin to Ken's day, as well as complete satisfaction knowing that his specialized job pays a hefty salary of 6 figures. And for those of us who spent 7 years in college and make considerably less than 6 figures, we applaud you and question "what the heck were we thinking"? Ken is a proud husband and father of 6 beautiful children. Three children, Logan 4, Ayden 7 and Connor 11 are biologically theirs, and as if three beautiful boys weren't enough, Ken and his lovely wife



Ken Corsaut, Class of 1996

adopted Vivian 2, Evangaline 3, and Jason 4 just this year. Ken's wife is his hero. She home schools two of the children, takes two to Head Start in the mornings and wrestles with the remaining two to keep them alive until Dad arrives home in the evenings. The family is dedicated to a loving Christian lifestyle and Ken claims that their days and nights are filled with crying, laughter, screaming and tons of love. Ken and his charming wife put their children first in every way possible. Although their first adoption did not pan out successfully, only 2 months after that disappointment the threesome that now makes up the half of

this wonderful family all came to join the Corsaut family and helped to strengthen an already mighty bond. This family is as solid as a rock and they hope to share the joys of adoption with others who might have the opportunity to open their homes to young people who are in dire need of loving, caring, nurturing homes. It is with great pride, privilege, joy and honor that we celebrate the wonderful successes of an awe-inspiring Tioga graduate. Not only does he make us proud to present him tonight as our Alumnus of the Year, but he shines bright among our entire brotherhood of man. What a stunning representation of success, triumph, humility, dedication, love and honor. Ken is without a doubt, a loving husband, proud father, successful employee, winning trade school graduate, faithful member of the Christian Church, honorable community member of the town of Hughson and he will always, always be a champion Timberwolf. We are proud of you.....yeah, we are proud of you!!!

TIOGA HIGH ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR – BILLY HILTON (2009)

This young man has come full circle in a short period of time since graduation (2009), attending college and then returning home to Groveland to begin a teaching career. He claims that his appreciation of Tioga stems from the personal relationships that developed as a direct result of being from a small public high school where instruction was much more experiential and where he also had the opportunity to successfully play multiple Varsity sports. This young man is known to many, he is Billy Hilton, son of Wynette Hilton, Principal of Tenaya and brother of Jonathon Hilton another well known Tioga graduate.

Billy spent his entire elementary and high school career in the Big Oak Flat Groveland School District. Billy currently splits his time between Turlock and Groveland where he is just now finishing up his teaching credential program at CSU Stanislaus. His extensive exposure to teaching stems from his waiting for his mom on the Tenaya campus while she prepared for her next day's teaching lesson. This routine went on for years and so he's been around teachers for many years, many days and many hours. But Billy also claims that a large reason why he pursued and enjoys teaching science and coaching basketball is

the result of his own passion for both and his desire to share his knowledge of science and his personal passion and competitive spirit in playing sports. Billy says that if there was one thing he could go back and change, it would be his decision to throw the javelin in college during his very last year of college eligibility. Had he started his freshman year with the CSU Track and Field Team, there is no telling where his javelin may have landed, perhaps even as far as the Olympic Games. He set a college record with absolutely no previous experience, it just came naturally. His best throw of 217 feet 8" brought him to the Nationals in Michigan. Billy is convinced that had he had more time he would have performed better not only at Nationals but his CSU Stanislaus stats may have differed tremendously had he competed all through his college career.

Billy has had the opportunity to travel a bit, doing summer internships in Tiburon (SF Bay Area), San Diego, and traveling to Mexico and Canada with family. Billy finds his current job very satisfying and fulfilling. It gives him the opportunity to not only practice what he loves, but it also gives him a treasured feeling of happiness and fulfillment. Being able to return to his roots and give back to the community that gave him so much, is something that he cherishes daily. The teachers and staff at Tioga are thrilled to have the opportunity work with an alumnus now as a colleague. It gives us great joy to see one of our very

own return to work here at Tioga and share the mentoring of young people and witness their growth both academically and socially. What could be better than witnessing one of our very own students, become a guide and advisor to local youth as they discover their personal gifts. Something I really enjoy as Tioga High School's Principal is that our kids can learn from and witness someone that has gone through our system to achieve success and happiness. The kids can hear from Mr. Hilton as well as witness the size of his heart and that the size of school he went to had no determination in where he could go in life. What a great honor it is to celebrate Billy's success and his recognition as one of the very special Alumnus for the Tioga Hall of Fame. We loved you then, we love you now, Billy Hilton, you're the man!



Billy Hilton, Class of 2009

THS Cheerleading

Summer Avery (Cheerleader)

Tioga has re-instituted a cheerleading team for the 2016 Boys and Girls Basketball season. The new coach is Samantha West, a former cheerleader and graduate at Tioga. The cheerleaders are excited to cheer on the boys and girls for this year. The cheerleaders this year are as following: Jessica Davis, Head Cheerleader*, Cecilia Ramirez, Captain*, Kailey McCoy, Randie Scott, Summer Avery, Alyssa Baker, Audrey Simmons.



Summer Avery & Audrey Simmons.

Tioga Culinary Class

Mrs. Seals – Culinary Teacher

A big thank you to the Groveland Lyons club for the donation of a food processor and purchasing a brand new industrial kitchen aid mixer for the Tioga high culinary arts class.

Sincerely,

Tioga Culinary Class
Mrs. Seals Culinary Teacher



STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Madilynn Ludwig – Tenaya Elementary



Madilynn Ludwig

Ms. Carr says Madilynn Ludwig is most deserving of the title Student of the Month. She is polite, hard-working, and approaches everything that she does with a positive attitude. She is well-liked and an amazing role model for everyone. Congratulations Madilynn! Madilynn's parents are Brandon & Heidi Ludwig of Coulterville

Culinary Class

Aileen Martinez – Culinary Student

This month the culinary class will be focusing on Italian cuisine. The students will be learning the Italian way on how to make homemade pastas and pizzas. As an extra treat Mrs. Seals has brought in the chef Sinaloa as a guide on the Italian cuisine. He has shown the students how to make pasta noodles from scratch and so much more. In February the culinary class will be traveling to Columbia College to compete in the Food Olympics. Last year's class got first place so we are sure that with Mrs. Seal's help we will place again.

Each group was assigned to make a one of four pastas, shown at right.



Sarah Morcott – Tioga High



Sarah Morcott

Tioga High School is proud to announce Sarah Morcott as our Student of the Month! Sarah is being nominated by her Principal, Ryan Dutton. Sarah has demonstrated the work ethic and attitude since she arrived at Tioga necessary for success. She is a quiet student that rarely misses school and is always on top of her studies while filling up her busy schedule! She takes pride in her academics and stays engaged by not being afraid to ask questions as well as putting extra time in away from school to keep her grades up. Sarah has overcome physical obstacles to excel in athletics here at Tioga. She has been a valued member of the Cross Country and Track teams for the Timberwolves. The past few years she has also stepped up and played a key role for the Tioga Academic Decathlon team. Recently at this year's competition she captured silver medals in Literature and Social Science, and a bronze medal in Music. We are so very proud of how far Sarah has come in her career here at Tioga. She has made her college SAT tests a priority and is in the midst of applying for scholarships for Senior Awards Night! She has applied and been accepted to a number of four-year colleges and we look forward to seeing her excel in the next step of her educational career. Sarah's parents are Ian and Katherine Morcott of Groveland.

Thank You Linelle Marshall

Cassandra Williams – Tioga High Student

Tioga High school would like to thank Linelle Marshall for singing the National Anthem at our homecoming Festivities. It was so touching and nice to have a professional singer at our very own school. We have so many talented people who live here in

Groveland. We hope we can have more part of our school events! Linelle, your presence was truly appreciated and your abilities were heard throughout the stands! GO TIMBERWOLVES! We thank you so much and hope you come back soon to sing!

Baseball/Softball Seasons

Dawnelle Dutton – Tioga High Head Varsity Coach

Softball and Baseball Season is right around the corner and we are super excited at Tioga to be starting. The athletes and coaches have been in charge of actually physically taking care of the field which is a lot of maintenance for us to have to do along with trying to learn the game, coach and work on the game of softball. It is such a positive program for 20+ students to be involved in during the spring time, we don't want it to dissolve. We are looking for some helping hands that wouldn't mind helping us spruce up the field. Many hands can be used. We have to rake the field regularly, pull rocks

out of the infield, pull weeds around all areas of the field, mow the grass, fix fencing, blow the stands off, clean bleachers, paint, clean dugouts, change the trash cans out and the list goes on. The last couple years we would spend at least one practice day working on the field. If ANYONE is interested in helping in this community please email me: dawnel24@hotmail.com and we can setup a day/time or maybe a regular scheduled time. Season runs from Feb. 16- May 10 (it's a short amount of time to help out). Maybe this is your volunteer calling?? Look forward to hearing from you.

Tioga High Needs Golf Cart

Ryan Dutton – Principal, Landscape Teacher

Here at Tioga we have implemented a solid Landscape class where we've been able to literally transform our campus. We've had so many kind donations in the past to help us to be able to do this, which we are forever grateful for. We often have kids working on one project on one end of the campus then another set of students working on another end. We haul bark, rocks, shovels, rakes, and anything you can think of back and forth across campus which ends up eating up a lot of our time to

work. We have dreamed of having a used small golf cart to be able to have for the teacher, so that they can hustle the equipment back and forth or maybe cart students from one project to another for easier access. If anyone or any group in this community has an old golf cart they don't use or would be interested in figuring out how to help us get one, we would be so grateful and it would benefit our campus beyond belief. It's a shot in the dark to ask, but you never know, so here is to hoping!

Tioga Yearbook Needs Cameras

Dawnelle Dutton – Tioga Yearbook Teacher

We have a great yearbook class going at Tioga where we work on a program developed by Jostens Yearbook company where it's all online. Our kids mostly use their own phones for photos but it's pretty poor quality when uploading them. It would be great if we had actual cameras to check out to the students for events so they could

practice their photography techniques and have good quality pictures for the yearbook. If anyone has a digital camera that is current with technologies and has great quality and would like to donate we would be happy to provide you with a tax write off receipt. Or if any club would like to purchase one or two for the school they would be put to great use!

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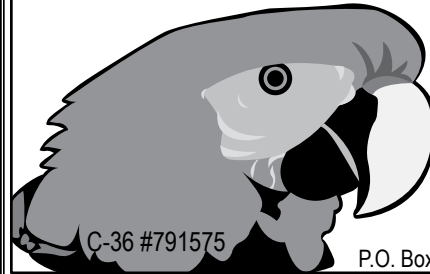
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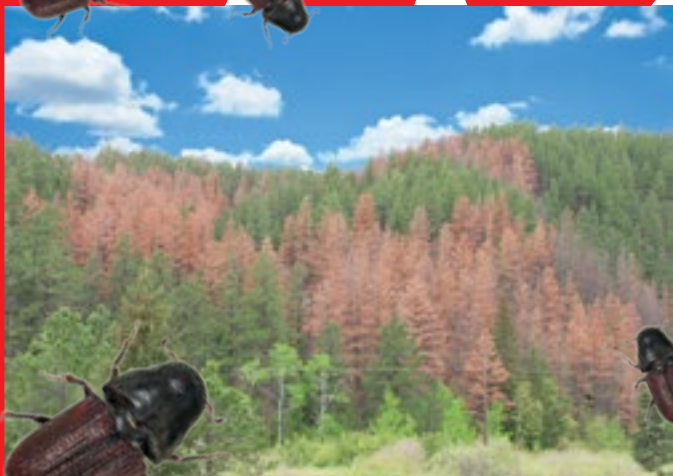
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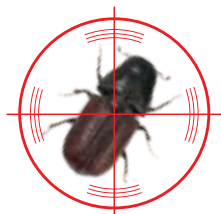
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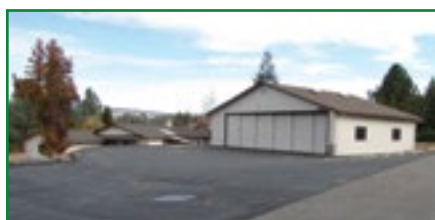


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