

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oaksong Society gears up for outdoor season

By Barry Hazle

The weather is finally warming up and Gray Pine Farm in Oak Run is ready to stage its first Oaksong Society outdoor concert of the season on Saturday, July 3. This is going to be a great Bluegrass concert with "The Infamous Stringdusters," whose new release "Things That Fly" is one of the top three Bluegrass albums in the nation. It promises to be a fun time -- a true Americana Independence Celebration. Prior to the Stringdusters taking the stage, the Sixth District of the California Old Time Fiddlers' Association will take the stage for rip-roaring fiddlin' fun. This is the second time the fiddlers' association has joined with Oaksong to present local musicians on stage this year.

As always, the Gray Pine Grill and Smokehouse will be fired up for the show. On the menu for July 3 are smoked pork ribs, grilled

chicken, green salad, beans, garlic bread, corn on the cob, watermelon, mixed fruit salad, iced tea, and punch. Guests are welcome to bring their own picnic dinner and refreshments. Kids 16 and under are always free to the concerts but not the meal. We have discounted dinner tickets for kids 5-11 at \$7 per meal; the older students 12-16 are the same as the adult price, \$14 per meal. Gates open at 5:00 p.m., dinner is at 6:00 and the concert starts at 7:30. Tickets are \$23 for concert only and \$37 with dinner. Don't forget to bring a lawn chair, light jacket and a flashlight. Dinner tickets are usually not available at the gate so get them by noon on July 2. Tickets to all of our summer concerts are available at Bernie's Guitar, 3086 Bechelli Lane, Redding 530-223-2040 and the Oak Run Country Store, 530-472-1029 or on-line at www.oaksongs.org.

Other Gray Pine Farm concerts for 2010

July 17--Jeffrey Broussard & The Creole Cowboys--Concert only \$25 with dinner \$40 ~ Pulled Smoked Pork, Shrimp, Sausages, Grilled Chicken, Red Beans & Rice, Chicken Gumbo, Corn on the Cob, Watermelon, Cabbage Slaw, Rolls, Iced Tea & Punch.

Aug. 7-- Laurie Lewis & The Right Hands and John Reischman & The Jaybirds--Concert only \$23 with dinner \$37 ~ Tri-Tip, Grilled Chicken, Beans, Green Salad, Grilled Veggies, Mixed Fruit Salad, Iced Tea & Punch.

Aug. 21--Alasdair Fraser & Natalie Haas--Concert only \$23 with dinner \$37 ~ Sausage Stuffed Smoked Pork Loin with Raspberry Chipotle Sauce, Baked Potato, Spinach Salad, Apricot Glazed Chicken Breast, Grilled Veggies, Garlic Bread, Iced Tea & Punch.

Sept. 18--Luau with Bill Tapia & Friends and Weldon Kekauoha Trio--Concert Only \$25 with dinner \$40 ~ Kalua Pork, Teriyaki Chicken, Sweet & Sour Meatballs, Fish in Foil, Rice, Green Salad, Fresh Fruit, Haupia (coconut milk pudding), Iced Tea & Punch.

12th Annual "Taste of the Ridge" set for July 10 in Shingletown

Don't miss this popular event which will be held on from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 10, 2010 in Shingletown. Cool off in the beautiful meadow at Upcountry Nursery and enjoy the 12th annual "Taste of the Ridge" Wine and Beer Tasting Celebration.

The event includes wine poured by the owners of local wineries. Additionally, there will be beer offerings, catered food, works from local artists, a silent auction...and terrific live music by the Verona Group!

Tickets (\$25 per person) can be purchased at the Scott's Valley Bank/Shingletown branch, Ridge Rider News office or at the Shingletown Library. Tickets will also be available at the door.

Presented by the Shingletown Library and Shingletown Community Center/Activities Council, all proceeds will benefit the Center and Library expansion. This event is designed for adults 21 and older.

As a service to our community, the East Valley Times will print announcements (e.g. wedding, obituary, anniversary) for free for those who reside or once resided in our circulation area. Mail to: EVT—P.O. Box 100, Palo Cedro, 96073, e-mail: Sharyn@eastvalleytimes.com or fax: 547-2038.

Trout Fishing letter

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been stocked at Kilarc Reservoir, had this been a year where the decades-old program could continue as in the past, that there was a lawsuit that would require California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) to implement new study protocols before serving the recreational community by stocking catch-able (non-sterile) trout at Kilarc and other favorite fishing locations throughout the state.

But, I am pleased to report that after I called Steve Baumgartner at CDFG to alert him that KC LLC had retained a biologist to complete the necessary evaluation to resume stocking of Kilarc, and the report stating that the analysis supported stocking of non-sterile trout would be transmitted to CDFG the next day, Steve called me back the next day BEFORE he had received the report, to inform me that he had already obtained approval from upper management to immediately undertake his review responsibilities to be able to include Kilarc in the stocking schedule.

Our efforts ensure that the Kilarc evaluation will be complete with ample time to have fish stocked for the third annual Kilarc picnic. CDFG staff have had to prioritize which sites to evaluate for stocking according to criteria that have nothing to do with the PG&E proposal to demolish Kilarc Reservoir. First, there were many non-sterile trout that CDFG hatcheries needed to release to suitable waters very shortly after the new stocking criteria were approved -- sites with the greatest capacity to accommodate these fish, such as Shasta Lake, had to be evaluated first so that no fish were destroyed. Once enough sites were approved to accommodate the fish that had been raised with funds from prior years, CDFG focused next on clearing for stocking the sites with the greatest number of fishing visitors in past years -- and when sterile (triploid) fish unexpectedly became available from southern California hatcheries, these were used to stock some of the dozen sites that had missed their usual first stocking date, including Grace and Nora Lakes, although still with significantly fewer fish, due to the lack of availability.

If you would like to be informed immediately of the results of CDFG's evaluation for Kilarc, you may send a request for an e-mail to stock_trout@kilarc.net and/or check out the www.kilarc.net website that will be updated as soon as feasible. You may also continue to call the CDFG or check out their website for the stocking schedule.

Three outcomes are possible (although some sites stocked in the past may be deemed inappropriate for stocking of ANY fish in the future, Steve Baumgartner did not anticipate this outcome for Kilarc), because CDFG staff have already started their evaluation, taking into consideration the limited amount of effort required to complete their work after the KC LLC biologist has already completed the analysis, and in anticipation of many fishermen, women and children benefiting from the stocking, at the August 1 picnic and as expressed by signatures on the petitions that KC LLC had developed and submitted.

The three potential outcomes are: 1) CDFG will confirm the KC LLC biologist's conclusion that the non-sterile fish grown in their hatcheries over the past year can be stocked at Kilarc, and stocking with available fish will occur promptly. 2) CDFG will be more cautious and determine that sterile (triploid) fish only may be stocked at Kilarc. Stocking will occur if and when more triploid fish become available to CDFG. 3) CDFG will be cautious as in #2 above, but a non-CDFG source of fish is identified and funding is obtained to purchase the fish from the source for stocking at Kilarc. If there are indications that the evaluation is moving in the direction of this worst-case scenario, KC LLC will continue to coordinate efforts to get Kilarc stocked at a minimum one time before the August 1 picnic.

The lawsuit filed by the Pacific Rivers Council and the Center for Biological Diversity, with support of overzealous Stan-

ford law students, is the cause of the disruption to CDFG's program, including stocking of a favorite community fishing hole. By working with CDFG, we are being successful in restoring a stronger fish stocking program.

KC LLC is optimistic that by leading a similar collaborative approach, we will be able to build an enhanced multipurpose facility at Kilarc upon PG&E's hydropower license surrender.

Kelly Sackheim, Principal, KC LLC (dba KC Hydro) A collaboration of Davis Hydro & Sackheim Consulting

FERC approves Kilarc decommissioning

Dear Editor:

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued a Draft Environmental Statement (EIS) on 22 June 2010. The conclusion in the document approved the decommissioning of Kilarc/South Cow Creek power, forebays, generating equipment and waterways. The EIS (339 pages) is available on FERC's website and was sent on CD-ROM to individuals actively involved.

The will of the people (stakeholders) is being ignored just as was any participation in the original "Agreement" of 25 March 2005. Not everyone affected is aware of the impact of the decommissioning. The estimate to decommission is \$14.5M, born by the rate payers. But, it doesn't end there.

The potential effect on local hydrology is ignored. It is conceded that residents below Kilarc may require new wells and a cost of \$5,000-\$10,000 is recognized, much less than local residents have confirmed. The EIS "socio-economic" effects of the loss of Kilarc recreational benefits on the area are not mitigated. These include the impact-on-the-quality-life and property values.

This same or greater impact effects South Cow Creek area: adjudicated water rights are ignored and the ranch and farm supplies cut off. This is not recognized as a problem of decommissioning. The loss is not even considered, just accepted as a result of decommissioning.

Proposals to enhance fish spawning in the South Cow Creek system are not even given consideration; whereas anadromous fish (Salmon and Steelhead) in the Kilarc area gain essentially nothing. Salmon cannot transition Kilarc Falls, well below the Power House, and Steelhead transition can only occur during high water flows. The removal of the forebay bypass would only provide 2.6 miles of questionable stream bed for spawning prior to a conceded impassible falls (OC- 11).

Many people, not just fishermen and women are incensed about the potential loss. Some react strongly and support extreme measures. "Save Kilarc" does not support this approach. We still believe that the will of the people will prevail, that the lack of scientific data, common sense and logic will stop the decommissioning process. Scientists within the fish agencies have stated that the major causes of low quantities of anadromous fish lie elsewhere. Over a century of a stable environment in the Cow Creek watershed, while quantities of fish have vacillated widely, counters any reason for removal.

FERC will be holding a public meeting at the Holiday Inn, 14 July 2010, to receive input from concerned citizens and there are many. Your support to help prevent this loss is important. Additional information by concerned groups or organizations will be presented at this meeting.

Glenn Dye,
Save Kilarc Committee

Crafters wanted for Fun Day Aug. 14

Booth space at the Shingletown Volunteer Fire Department Fun Day, Gourd, and Craft Faire on Saturday, August 14, 2010 has been reduced to \$30.00 for a 12 x 12 space. For information and an application contact : Kay Aldrich, PO Box 178, Shingletown, CA 96088, phone 474 - 5879 or via email at GJKALD60@localnet.com

Lynn Guinn

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REAL discoverer of America had sailed, (Bet you didn't know about this historical item!) the Stand-in --for-the-stand-in glasses, which were now perched on top of my head, fell into the water.

Do you think I need a "Keeper?" You know, someone who will follow me around and say, "Don't set that down!" and "Don't put those there!" and "Turn left! No! Your other left!"

The answer to that question is "Yes." The husband usually takes this role, but since he wasn't in Ireland yet, the job fell to my sister, Barbie.

I have one more Pre-story to tell and then I shall tell the events of this latest great adventure.

Once upon a time, there was a young girl who lived in the lush green land of County Cork, Ireland. Her name was Mary, and at fifteen she considered herself a completely grown-up woman. She was spunky, a bit sassy, and quite pretty to look at. She caught the eye of many handsome young men, but wasn't much interested in any of them.

Her family, (so the story goes), was of the aristocratic sort and her parents wanted a marriage for Mary with a gentleman from a like family.

Mary considered all the boys from these families to be, well, boys.

One afternoon while strolling along the water's edge, she caught the eye of an unbelievably handsome man. He was working on the dock and she noticed his well-formed shoulders and chest. She was smitten by this handsome rogue. She found herself walking by the same wharf the next day and the next one after that.

He told her his name was Andrew. She could tell when they talked that he was quite a bit older than she, and perhaps that is one of the reasons why she fell in love with him.

Andrew. She loved the sound of his name.

It was not long before word got to her father. He became irate over his daughter's infatuation with this shanty boat riff raff, and forbade her to go near the wharf again. Of course, love always finds a way, and they found occasions to be together when no one was around.

Naturally, her father found out that she was seeing him and he took her to a convent and locked her away.

She, being the spunky thing that she was, would not be deterred. One moonless night, Mary climbed over the wall to be with her Andrew. They climbed aboard a ship and sailed for America.

As they sailed across the ocean, her belly grew. In 1858, they landed in America at the mouth of the Mississippi and got on a riverboat. In a short while, they came to a Mississippi town called Yazoo. The boat came to a stop while Mary gave birth to Patrick.

Patrick was my grandmother's grandfather. This story explains a few things, doesn't it!

Barb and I were going to find that convent.

But first we were to cruise down the Shannon River with the girlfriends. That episode coming up next...

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