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Arithmetickles Brings "Math+Fun" to Sutter Creek School

Math + Fun = Arithmetickles" – that's the hilarious yet educational idea behind a unique in-school assembly program that is coming to Sutter Creek K-5 school this January 2010. Arithmetickles is a one-of-a-kind, interactive touring show that takes the fear out of numbers for elementary and middle school students. During the past 14 years, Arithmetickles has performed more than 6000 performances in 26 states nationwide.

This month, local Arithmetickles shows will be hosted by Sutter Creek Elementary School; (340 Spanish Street) in Sutter Creek on Jan 26th at 8:30 AM; 9:45 AM. Arithmetickles takes math "off the page and onto the stage" by skillfully blending fast-paced theatre games, audience participation, improvisation, mime, puzzles, skits, and stand-up comedy to capture the attention of school children ages six to fourteen.

Produced by ArtsEcho (a national non-profit arts organization founded in 1987), Arithmetickles demonstrates that numbers, shapes, percentages, fractions, and logic are a vital part of our everyday lives. Using imagination and humor, the performance shows kids how to creatively explore and solve math problems in real life situations. Besides Arithmetickles' daytime assembly show, the highly-popular Arithmetickles Math Night gets parents involved by bringing them on stage to join their kids in this show's funny and inventive math learning process. Often sponsored by parent-teacher or other community organizations, these Math Nights can be combined with crafts and game booths and fundraising activities



This month, local Arithmetickles shows will be hosted by Sutter Creek Elementary School in Sutter Creek, CA. Photo courtesy to the Gold Country Times

to make the evening a genuine math fair! Beginning with 32 shows in 1996, the Arithmetickles shows are now presented more than 750 times a year around the nation, making it the country's most popular math

assembly by far and one of the all time favorite school assemblies in general. Arithmetickles has now been seen by more than 2,000,000 school children in the US and Canada, and is currently being translated into Spanish.

Arithmetickles lives up to its name. It was created by husband-and-wife-team Sandra and Ben Bendor, who are veteran theatre artists as well as parents of three children. Concerned by their

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38th Annual AAUW Home Tour "Vintage Volcano" ...with homes and historic buildings spanning three centuries

Our 2010 Home Tour will be held in Volcano, a little foothill gem, steeped in gold rush era history. This unique town has no cookie cutter shopping centers or chain establishments. Home Tour ticket holders will truly be in for a treat.

The 38th annual AAUW Home Tour, April 17, 2010, 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM, will feature four homes and several historic sites. Two of the homes, as well as the historic buildings, date back to the mid-eighteen hundreds. A 1930s era home, also on the tour, will enable some ticket holders to re-visit their youth. A lovely, energy efficient (off the grid), straw bale house tops off the home selections. Costumed members of the Volcano Theater Co. will serve as docents at the Cobblestone Theater and the Volcano Amphitheatre.

In addition, AAUW members will host a tea, with home-

made cookies, on the beautiful spacious grounds of a private creekside home. The lovely garden setting of the St. George Hotel is slated for the Art Show. Tickets are \$22 in advance - \$25 on Tour Day. Proceeds from the tour benefit scholarships for area women and girls.

Tickets go on sale March 13, 2010 at the following Amador County outlets:

Bubble Gum Books, Sutter Creek *

Pine Cone Drug, Pine Grove*
Pokerville Drug, Plymouth
Main Street Designs, Jackson
Clark's Corner, Lone

*Available on Tour Day at these outlets and at the Home Tour in Volcano from 10:30 until 1:30 in front of the Cobblestone Theater on Main Street. (This is also the will-call site)

Or mail ticket orders to:
AAUW Home Tour c/o, Nancy Schuster, Ticket Chair, 16769 Delores Ct., Pioneer CA 95666.

Carson Valley Inn Changes Ownership

MINDEN, NV - The Carson Valley Inn Casino/Hotel on Hwy 395 in Minden, Nevada has changed ownership and started a major remodeling project. The sale of the Inn from Patrick and Jeane Mulreany to Mike Pegram and his partners was announced in late May 2009 and the transaction was finalized early on Jan 4, 2010. The property will undergo extensive remodeling in stages during the first quarter of 2010 as the first phase of a \$10 million upgrade and refurbishment project begins.

New owner Mike Pegram indicated that "we are committed to providing a more modern and lively casino while still maintaining the charm, atmosphere and many of the friendly faces that were the cornerstone of the Carson Valley Inn's success and growth over the last

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First West Calaveras History Website Launched

BURSON, CA -- The history of West Calaveras now has a home on the Internet. The Society for the Preservation of West Calaveras History (SPWCH) has launched westcalaverashistory.org as the group's Website and the premier source on the Internet for historical information specifically about the area, which includes Valley Springs, Burson, Wallace and more. Among the site's current highlights are the publication of a new, authoritative history of Valley Springs and an e-commerce shopping cart where consumers may purchase books, artwork and memorabilia related to West Calaveras history via PayPal and credit card. All proceeds benefit the nonprofit SPWCH. "The site provides access to our history like no other place in the digital universe," says Phil Weaver, a member of the SPWCH's board of directors, who built the site through his Web development company <http://thesitemechanics.com>.

"Westcalaverashistory.org is straightforward, easy-to-use and stylish. Now residents, former residents and anyone else in the world interested in our history can find information and also contact the SPWCH" he said. Weaver, who has been building Web sites since 1995--including today's very popular workplace wellness site Break Pal (breakpal.com)--donated his services. The SPWCH also received a Web hosting technology grant to help make the site possible. In addition to a history archives, westcalaverashistory.org includes the SPWCH's press releases and links to other resources.

The SPWCH may be contacted regarding donations, historical contributions, and requests for information via e-mail to: history@westcalaverashistory.org. Web: westcalaverashistory.org

Sacramento Museum Day --- Twenty-five greater Sacramento area museums will be offering free admission during the Annual Sacramento Museum Day presented by the Sacramento Association of Museums and proudly supported by Umpqua Banks. Sacramento Museum Day takes place Sat, Feb 6, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free shuttle buses / Visit www.sacmuseums.org for more info.

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