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Holiday Shopping: It's Madness, I tell ya! I often wonder why people get into their cars and drive to the busy, overcrowded malls in big cities to do their holiday shopping when they could experience a real old fashioned Christmas and shop for some unique, meaningful gifts right here in their own gold country towns! Part of the fun of shopping is planning a day looking for those one-of-a-kind gifts. There are some great boutiques and shops in Jackson, Sutter Creek, Ione, Amador City, and Plymouth, not to mention all those wonderful shops in adjoining cities... that have something perfect! Enjoy your holiday shopping!

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE - Sat, Nov 21 from 4-8PM. Amador County Wine Cellar and the Kitchen Store, downtown Jackson. This event will be a combined Relocation, 2nd Anniversary and Holiday Open House! This is going to be a fun time - so mark your calendars and be there!

4TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS ART SHOW & SALE - Sat, Dec 5 from 10AM to 3PM at 75 Academy Drive in Sutter Creek (corner of Bowers and Academy). All artwork created by artists with developmental disabilities. The Arc's 38th annual Christmas Raffle will be held in conjunction with the Art Show. Come and join us! This is your chance to buy a one of a kind gift that will be enjoyed by the people on your shopping list forever. This event will inspire you and change the way you view people with disabilities! For more information call 267-5978 extension 21.

MOTHERLODE CRUISERS 1ST ANNUAL AMADOR COUNTY TOY DRIVE - Sat, Nov 21 at 11AM at Mel & Faye's Diner, Jackson. Meet at Mel and Faye's Diner, caravan to Les Schwab to drop off toys. Everyone encouraged to attend - hotrods and daily commuters - bring your family and show your support. All toys will stay in the community. For more info, call Michael Politi at 209-267-1012.

10th ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF CAROLS - Fri, Nov 20 at 7PM; Sat, Nov 21 at 3PM (Silent Auction at 2PM), Church of the Nazarene, 14050 Ridge Rd. Sutter Creek. Featuring John Rutter's Requiem. Soprano soloist, Kelsey Long. Silent auction at Saturday's concert only. Since 1999, the Interfaith Community of Choirs has presented holiday programs to benefit the Amador County Interfaith Food Bank. A good will offering will be collected at the concerts to benefit the programs and services of the Interfaith Food Bank.

Have An Amador County Christmas!

ANNUAL PARADE OF LIGHTS - December 12 - 630pm! Open to any lighted vehicle from bicycles and wagons to trucks, pick-ups, cars. If you're interested in entering in the parade this year, you can get the entry forms from the Sutter Creek's Visitor's Center, online on Sutter Creek's website (www.suttercreek.org), at the *Gold Country Times* website (www.goldcountrytimes.com) or from Toni Linde at taklinde@volcano.net. 256-1750.

Christmas Delights in Jackson will be held Nov 27 and 28. Welcome Santa as he starts the official Christmas season. Enjoy hot apple cider and carolers while strolling through local businesses.

Las Posadas on Saturday, Dec 5 at 7 p.m. Luminaries will glow along Spanish Street in Sutter Creek. All are welcome

to gather in front of Immaculate Conception Church, pick up a candle and program and join.

The Arc of Amador and Calaveras presents the Arc's 2009 Christmas Art Show, ArCreations on Saturday, Dec. 5 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Academy Drive in Sutter Creek. For more information, call 267-5978, extension 21.

Support the Kennedy Mine Amphitheatre!

Be a part of local history and help support the arts in the Motherlode by joining the "Paving a Pathway to the Stars" fundraiser. We have come a long way since our inaugural production of *Much Ado About Nothing* in 2004: new terraces, accessible walkways, and the soon-to-be-completed permanent bathrooms. Become a supporting player in our efforts: purchase an engraved brick, which will then be placed in one of the theatre's walkways. This could be a special gift to a friend or family member - what a wonderful way to remember a loved one! The bricks are \$100 each, and may be engraved with a maximum of two lines, no more than 15 characters per line. To purchase a brick, or for more information, contact Susan McCandless, Artistic Director.

TELLABRATION! STORYTELLING EVENT - Sat, Nov 21 from 11AM-2PM, Amador County Main Library, 530 Sutter St., Jackson. Amador County Library hosts "Tellabration!" a worldwide storytelling event. This event is sponsored by Mother Lode Reading Council. Listen to folklore, stories and tales of old. For more information, contact the library, 209-223-6400.

SPEAKEAZY JAZZ ORCHESTRA - Sun, Nov 22 at 2PM at the Jackson Elks Lodge. This 13-member dance orchestra features music of the 1920's and 30's and has been featured at the Dante Jazz Club in Sacramento, Ironstone Vineyards in Murphys, and Preston Castle's Wine Tour. \$8 at the door helps benefit the Central California Youth Symphony and the Purple Pig Fund. Complimentary coffee, no-host bar and desserts available. For more info, contact Stephen Chambers at pschambers@volcano.net.

SIERRA RIDGE WINERY: KEN & DAHLYNN McKOWEN - Sun, Nov 29. Sierra Ridge is pleased and honored to have Ken & Dahlynn Mc Kowen at the winery. The Mc Kowen's have created a new book entitled *The Wine-Oh! Guide to California's Sierra Foothills*. Copies of this guide will be available for purchase. There will be complimentary wine tasting and appetizers. <http://www.sutterridgewine.com>.

AMADOR FLYFISHERS HOLIDAY DINNER & SILENT AUCTION - Sun, Dec 6 at 6PM at Thomi's Restaurant, Mother Lode Plaza, 627 S. State Hwy 49, Jackson. Raffle, door prize, awards and recognition, good times and great food! Menu: Chicken, Tri-Tip, salad, vegetables, mashed potatoes and pasta. Dinner is served buffet-style. There will be a no-host bar selling beer & wine. Cost: \$25.00 per person includes tax & tip; this includes a ticket in the Door Prize Drawing. Doors will open at 5:00 PM and dinner is served at 6:00 PM. They prefer that we do not bring our own wine. They have reasonable prices for wine if anyone wants to buy a bottle. There will be a corkage fee if anyone brings their own wine. For more info go to: www.amadorflyfishers.org

Children's Holiday Festival: Dec 11, 5:30 to 8 p.m., Sutter Creek Auditorium; call 257-1092 for information.

Christmas Campout: Dec 12, 13, 5 p.m. to 10 a.m. at the Sutter Creek Community Center, ages 6 to 12, \$35; call Kim at 223-6349 to sign up.

Blue Moon New Year's Eve Bash: Plymouth fairgrounds, 6 p.m., \$35, fireworks, live music and shuttle to nearby hotels, tickets at highsierratickets.com. Info at 223-6349.

ARTS will start offering rides up to Kirkwood in the middle of December. For just \$10, hop on the bus for a round-trip lift to ski or snowboard. Call 223-BUSS for more information.

SUTTER CREEK THEATER

www.suttercreektheater.com

Nov 14 -John Nemeth, Rhythm & Blues

Nov 20-Dec 13: *A Christmas Carol*

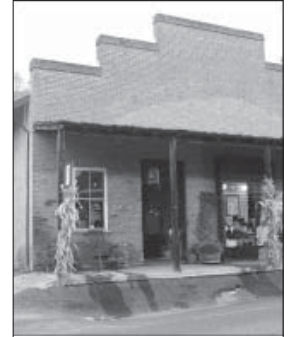
Dec 19 - Sourdough Slim

Renaissance Ridge Alpaca Store

Alpaca Yarn, Rovings, Raw Fiber and Alpaca Apparel, Artisan Jewelry and Unique Gifts and Eco-Friendly Clothing...so much to see, wonderful gifts for everyone.

Thurs - Sun 11am to 4pm, 14180 Old Highway 49, Amador City, CA 209-267-1821.

Nestled in quiet Amador City, this store has countless possibilities for gifts, handmade cards, candles, fabulous jewelry and much more. Lunch at Buffalo Chips across the way or at Andrae's Bakery with its delectable treats. Destination for a wonderful shopping day!



Santa Paws

December 5, 10-4PM, The Feed Barn, Martell. Photos with Santa; Photo and picture card - \$5.00 each.

Sutter Creek Ice Cream Emporium

51 Main Street, Sutter Creek, (209) 267-0543. E-mail: sodajerk@volcano.net. Enjoy ragtime piano played by owner Stevens Price! Monday Night Casual Dinners, 5:30-8:30PM. A different Chef's Choice homestyle dinner entree every week! Entree, drink, bread and dessert for under \$10. Stop by after your holiday shopping! No reservations required, but call ahead for the weekly entree. Kids may order off of main menu.

HOLIDAY SHOPPING TO BENEFIT AMADOR LIFELINE - Tues, Dec 1 from 11AM-6PM at ATCAA-Amador Lifeline, 935 So. Hwy 49, Jackson (Next to Dunlap Family Furniture). Featuring Berta's Beautiful Beads and Bright Star Belts & Accessories. Come see our sparkles and glimmer for the holidays. Beautiful Swarovski Crystals and more! Refreshments served. Contact Amador Lifeline with any questions: 209-223-1485, x 232.

DARCEL HUNTER sings at the Sutter Creek Palace, Main Street, on Saturday, Nov 21, 2009.

AMADOR CHORALIERS

Take a break from shopping, trimming the tree, and all the hustle and bustle of the season and share what "Christmas Is..." with the Amador Choraliars! This season there are 2 Matinees. The Saturday concert, usually at 7:30pm, is now at 3:00pm. Concert Dates are: Thursday, December 10, 7:30 p.m. at the Cornerstone Church, Ione (corner of Church and Market); Saturday, December 12, 3:00 p.m., and again Sunday, December 13, 3:00 p.m. - both at the Sutter Creek Auditorium.

Doors open 30 minutes before concert times. Come for the concert at 3:00 and stay for the 3rd Annual Light Parade, Main Street, Sutter Creek, at 6:30pm. Last year it was a fabulous event, with an amazing array of lighted vehicles, animals, floats, and yes, even people lit up for the occasion!

Enjoy dinner or hot coffee and tea between these wonderful events at the many eateries in Sutter Creek.

Happy Holidays, Amador County!

LMNO SPOTLIGHT: Musical Events!

www.lmnogoldcountry.ning.com

Carol Harper, LMNO Gold Country Over the Edge!

Performing Tues, Dec 22 at The Alchemy Market and Cafe ~ Adam Gottstein/Guitar, Dave Holob/Violin, Joe Bellamy/Bass. This time teaming up with Brice Station Vintners for their winemaker's dinner by Chef Jason Wright. Call 728.0700. Order new CD *To The Edge & Back*; makes a terrific holiday gift. More at www.overtheedgemusic.com.

Open Mic Events:

Old-time Celtic Jam, 1st & 3rd Sundays, 1-4pm at Backroads Coffeehouse, 74 Main St, Sutter Creek. Traditional acoustic, instruments welcome. More info: 209-296-7706 or email jam@OldSolesMusic.com

Friday Night Blues Jam, Friday nights from 8-11PM Drytown Club, 15950 State Highway 49, Drytown, CA. 209-245-6722. www.drytownclub.com.

Enjoy free jazz in Jackson, 35 Main St., every other Wed from noon to 3 p.m. The "Geezers" welcome music lovers, and musicians. Next jam will be Nov 18.



Crystal Image with John Covert - Live music at the Red School House in Pine Grove. Nov 20 at 8 pm. "Sin Nombre" hosts a jam session every Wednesday evening at 8:30 pm. The school house is located at 20153 Highway 88 next to Sierra House restaurant. 209-296-4894. www.crystalimagemusic.com

Two Locations for the Hospice Annual Tree of Lights!

This year there will be trees in both Amador County and Calaveras County to honor our loved ones. Celebrate the life of someone you love with a light. For each \$10.00 donation, Hospice will place a light on the Tree and list the name of the person you wish to remember on a Memorial Board at the site. Please join us for the Tree Lightings: Our Tree of Lights in Calaveras County will take place on Sat, Dec 5, at 5:00 pm at the Calaveras Senior Center, 956 Mountain ranch rd, San Andreas. Festivities will include music, a candle lighting celebration, lighting of the tree and refreshments.

Our Tree of Lights in Amador County will take place on Sun, Dec 6, at 5:00 pm at the Hospice Thrift Store at 10776 Argonaut Lane, Jackson. Festivities will include music, a candle lighting celebration, lighting of the tree and refreshments. For info or to pick up a form, Hospice of Amador & Calaveras Thrift Store at 10776 Argonaut Lane in Jackson, the Hospice of Amador & Calaveras office at 1500 So. Hwy 49, Suite 105, or call 209-223-5500.