



LM CHAMBER NOTES

NEWS FROM THE LOS MOLINOS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Dec. 6 & 7 – Food for the Hungry Food Drive Drop-off at Umpqua Bank, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Los Molinos.

Dec. 7 – Corning Hometown Christmas & Lighted Parade, 5:30 p.m. Downtown Corning, Solano ST.

Dec. 7 & 8 – Christmas at the Old Mansion, Saturday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. & Sunday, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., 25076 Sycamore AVE. Los Molinos

Dec. 14 - Breakfast with Santa, Los Molinos Veterans Memorial Building, 8 a.m. – noon. Santa Visits free, breakfast is \$5

Dec. 14 - Los Molinos Chamber of Commerce Christmas Mixer, Umpqua Bank, 950 Hwy 99E, 6 – 8 p.m.

Dec. 21 - The 12th Annual Gerber Children's Christmas Fiesta "Jingle All the Way," 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., Los Hermanos Mexican Cocina, 414 San Bonito, Gerber.

Dec. 20 – The 9th Annual Los Molinos Light Fight Judging at 7 p.m. Get ready to be Jolly!

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Los Molinos will shine at Christmas 9th LM Light Fight

to kick-off Dec. 1

Pacific Data Connection won the bragging rights after winning first place in last year's Los Molinos Light Fight sponsored by the Los Molinos Chamber of Commerce. Second place went NuWay Market and third place honors to Burger Shack. Los Molinos businesses are encouraged to start decorating their business on Dec. 1. Deadline to sign-up to be judged is 7 p.m. on Dec 20. Judging will take place that evening. Winners will be announced on the LM Chamber Facebook page and local media. The contest is open to all Los Molinos business and members, to enter contact LM Chamber Vice President Bryan Fox at 530.366.2037



Pacific Data Connection won the coveted Santa Trophy taking first place during last year's Los Molinos Light Fight.



LM Blink!

Los Molinos will continue to shine this Christmas Season with the placement of bright lights for both sides of the 99E. Each year Bryan Fox, chamber Vice President organizes this effort and with his crew will be out again this year after Thanksgiving to install the lights which shines brightly and brings the spirit of the season.

Umpqua Bank to host mixer



This year's Los Molinos Chamber of Commerce Christmas Mixer will again be hosted by Umpqua Bank on Saturday, Dec. 14 from 6 to 8 p.m. This year the mixer is open to all ages and those attending are invited to bring a potluck dish to share. There will also be a collection bin for those wishing to contribute to this seasons Food for the Hungry annual canned food drive. Those also wishing to contribute a door prize are invited to do so. There may even be a special guest from the North Pole.

The Los Molinos Chamber of Commerce Presents

**The 9th Annual
LOS MOLINOS
LIGHT
FIGHT!**



**Open to all Los Molinos businesses
Judging will take place on
Friday, Dec. 20 at 7 p.m.**

**Let's Get Ready
to Make
Los Molinos Shine!!!**

**To get on Santa's Light Fight List,
call Bryan Fox at 530.366.2037 ASAP!**

**First place gets their name on the
Coveted Santa Trophy!**

Dec 7, 2024
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
The Red Barn
10098 CA-99 E
Los Molinos, CA
FREE ADMISSION

07 DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS MARKET

an opportunity for our community to shop local for the holiday season.

local makers + boutiques, hot coco bar, seasonal cocktails, cookies + treats, food trucks, permanent jewelry, children's books, local ranchers + farmers, vintage finds, custom hat bar, and more.

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Christmas at the Old Mansion



Come join in on a great Los Molinos tradition, "Christmas at the Old Mansion," at 25076 Sycamore Ave. in Los Molinos. Saturday, Dec. 7, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday Dec. 8, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Ring in the holiday cheer, stock up on stocking stuffers and delectable for Christmas. Featuring a variety of homemade goods, jewelry, bread, toys, preserves, salves, quilts, pottery, candles and much, much more.



Santa Claus will be making a stop in Los Molinos on Saturday, Dec. 14, 8 a.m. to noon at the Los Molinos Veteran's Memorial Building. There is no charge to visit Santa and each child will receive a book and candy cane. There will be art projects and fun activities as well. Breakfast will be served, tickets are \$5. A silent auction for gift baskets will be held during the event. Auction and Breakfast proceeds will help fund the Mia Peters Memorial Scholarship and LMHS Class of 2025 sober grad night.

LM Toy for Tot's drop-off spots

The Cabin Saloon and NuWay Market are among local business that have partnered with the US Marine Cops Toys for Tots annual toy drive. Those wishing to donate a new unwrapped toy can do during regular business hours at each location.



Support Food for the Hungry

Food for the Hungry will be holding their annual food drive to benefit the needy of the central Tehama County area. Donations of canned and non-perishable food items can be dropped off at the parking lot at Umpqua Bank in Los Molinos on Friday, Dec. 6, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 7 at the NuWay Market parking lot. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Items can also be brought to the Annual Los Molinos Chamber Christmas Mixer on Saturday Dec. 14, 6 to 8 p.m. at Umpqua Bank.

Corning Chamber of Commerce Presents

a Whoville Hometown Christmas

Cindy Lou Who wishes Merry Christmas to YOU!
Come join us as we celebrate the Who's of Corning with our Whoville Hometown Christmas.

Lighted Parade

Saturday December 7th
5:30pm
East Down Solano
Houghton to 3rd Streets

Contact the Corning Chamber To Participate Entry is \$25
530-824-5550
info@corningchamber.org



Hosted by Umpqua Bank
7843 HWY 99 E, Los Molinos
Saturday, Dec. 14th @ 6 to 8 p.m.

Come join us as we celebrate this festive season. Bring a potluck dish to share. There will be a collection bin for the Food for the Hungry annual canned food drive. Those also wishing to contribute a door prize are invited to do so.

Mix n' Mingle with Holiday Cheer!



LM Chamber Tribute

Kendric “Kenny” Brian Brewer 1991-2024



Kendric (Kenny) Brian Brewer was born in Red Bluff, Calif on Dec. 26, 1991 to Steve and Jana Brewer. He passed away on Fri, Oct. 4, 2024 at his home in Anaheim, California. Kenny was 32. Kenny attended school in Los Molinos and graduated from Los Molinos High School in 2010. He was a member of 4-H and FFA and showed sheep and pigs at the Tehama County Fair. After high school Kenny attended Shasta College and then graduated from California State University, Chico in 2014 with a degree in Agriculture Leadership and Fair Management.

While attending college, he worked at several retail jobs in Tehama County and in 2015 moved to southern California to work as a Barista at Disneyland. He progressed in various positions at Disneyland and at the time of his passing Kenny was a manager at Disney's Tomorrowland. It is our belief that Kenny was largely responsible for making it “the Happiest Place on Earth” during his years working there.

He was active in the community and a big part of the Los Molinos Chamber of Commerce. He was elected the “Honorary Mayor” of Los Molinos in 2010. In 2011 he was won the title of Ambassador of Tehama County with Youth Focus. He was later featured as an “up and coming” citizen in an “Enjoy” magazine story. He made appearances on “The Price is Right” TV show in 2011

and 2023. In 2012 he appeared on “Let’s Make a Deal” wearing a Pancake Costume and won a car.

Kenny was an over-achiever who succeeded due in part to hard work, but also due to his incredibly outgoing personality. His perpetually good mood was infectious and he instantly touched the heart of everyone he met. Though he lived in Orange County he never forgot his roots in Tehama County. He returned home often to attend family functions here and regularly emceed events at the Los Molinos July 4th Celebrations. Kenny was also an ordained minister who officiated at many weddings around the North state.

Kenny is survived by his father, Steve Brewer of Los Molinos, brothers Charlie Brewer of Chico and Rick Brewer of Los Molinos, Uncle John Brewer of Cottonwood, Aunts Lori Bettencourt of Live Oak, and Tamara Lord of Yuba City, three stepsisters, and way too many cousins to list here. However, this list would not be complete without mentioning his “Aunts” Connie Wagner and Sharon Poole, and cousins Jani Brewer and Marcie Graham with whom he was quite close, as well as his dear friend Anna Rose.

He was preceded in death by his mother Jana Brewer, Stepmother Kathe Furguson Brewer, Grandfather Dwight Brewer, Grandmother Hazel Brewer, Grandfather Walter Hurst, Grandmother Valerie Hurst, Aunt JoAnn Brewer Murphy and Uncle Brian Hurst. Though his time on Earth was short, Kenny will be greatly missed by his family and everyone that knew him.

A Celebration of His Life to remember and share fond memories of this remarkable young man was held on Saturday, October 19, 2024 at Mill Creek Park in Los Molinos.

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The Kendric Brewer Scholarship Fund has been established for a graduating senior at Los Molinos High School to attend a Trade School. Please contact Jani Brewer at janibrewerpa@gmail.com.



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LM Chamber recognizes Students of the Month

LOS MOLINOS – Each month the Los Molinos Chamber of Commerce honors a student from five Central Tehama County Schools.

“It is our belief that we must recognize the students who are doing the right thing, working hard, and making good decisions,” said Kendi Merlo, chamber director and chairman of the Student of the Month Program.

Each school is invited to choose one student of the month from any grade and for any reason from September to May each school year. These students, along with their families and a school representative, are invited to attend the chamber meeting at 6:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of their award month in order to be recognized.



September 2023 Students of the Month were: Audry Douglas, Los Molinos Elementary School; Ellie Andersen, Vina School; Alan Pike, Lassen View Elementary School; and Edward Phanixay, Los Molinos High School.



Students receive a certificate along with a “Student of the Month” insulated tumbler to show the world that they are making a difference at their school and in their communities. The tumblers were designed by Camby Weston of Cam’s Creative Creations and featured the student’s school name and mascot.



October 2023 Students of the Months: Bailee Galantine, Los Molinos Elementary School; Ximena Cervantes Aguilera, Vina School; Delia Rodriguez, Gerber School; Madilynn Duckworth, Lassen View Elementary School; and Ben Vue, Los Molinos High School.

LM Chamber Scholarship recipients



Ava Wilson (above) and Zoey Novo (below) both received the 2024 Los Molinos Chamber of Commerce High School Scholarship recipients. Both graduated this year from Los Molinos High School and received \$500. Pictured with the two scholarship winners is Megan Weiss, newly appointed principal of Los Molinos High School and Los Molinos Chamber director who presented the awards at the Los Molinos High School’s Award Night



November 2023 Students of the Month were: Hayden Mallory, Los Molinos Elementary School; Maely Kimball, Vina School; Antonio Garnica, Gerber School; Lily Weston, Lassen View Elementary School; and Grace Briggs, Los Molinos High School.

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Parade theme honors LM Luau Tradition



57th Annual Los Molinos 4th of July Parade



Peter's NL Hawaiian Vacation takes Grand Prize

Grand Prize: Peter's Family – Buick Roadmaster National Lampoon Hawaiian Vacation **Best Float:** Paw-lo-ha – Buster's Paw Prints **Dick Ochs Auto Award:** The Rack Squad **Lee Nellis Bicycle Award:** Surfin USA – Jace Haver and Rylan Gingenich **Tom Jones Tractor Award:** Darin Spencer – 1953 Super C Farmall.

Floats Clubs/Organization: **First Place** – Buster's Paw Prints; **Second Place** – Los Molinos High School; and **Third Place** – Isaac and Abby Provine, Kids on a Go Cart. **Commercial First Place:** Julia's Fruit Stand; **Second Place** – The Red Barn; and **Third Place** – Mikey Likes Cruzin Travel Agency, Michael and Martha Lamberts. **Family: First Place** – In the Belly of the Eagle, Steve and Khay Trammell; **Second Place:** Olaf Scootering Along, Trish Karnes; and **Third Place** – Hula Girl on a Bike, Andrew Surtees and Holle Manasco. **Automobiles Classic 1940-1969: First Place** – Joseph and George Ebbs, Model-A Ford Pick-up; **Second Place** – Evelyn Scott, 1956 Thunderbird; and **Third Place** – John Scott, 1955 Thunderbird. **Contemporary 1970-present First Place:** The Peter's Family Buick Roadmaster, National Lampoon Hawaiian Vacation. **All Tractors: First Place** – Darin Spencer, 1953 Super C Farmall; **Second Place** – Wyatt, Haley, and Bliss Spencer, 1947 Farmall-B; and **Third Place** – Roy Copper, 1950 Allis Chalmers Equestrian. **Costume/Fancy Dress: First Place** – Aloha Aina and Ohana, Marisa Duncan. **Family Group: First Place** – Amigos de Caballo de 530; and **Second Place** – Paint House Cruises, Capt. Beverly Wilson and Capt. Jack. **Horse Drawn: First Place** – Slash 6 Ranch, Camryn Schweniger and Jessie Wilson. **Bicycles Age 12 and under: First Place** – Surfin' USA, Jace Haver and Rylan Gingenich; **Second Place** – G's Decorated Quid, Gideon VanRooyan; and **Third Place** – Paw Patrol to the Rescue, Sawyer Surtees. **Age 13 and over: First Place** – Hula Girl on a Bike, Hayden Manasco.

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Landslide victory for Alexander



Newly elected Honorary Mayor Bryan Alexander and Los Molinos Chamber of Commerce Vice President Bryan Fox.

LOS MOLINOS – In a swiping victory, raising a total of \$8,167.58, Bryan Alexander was elected the 2024 Honorary Mayor of Los Molinos. He was sponsored by The Cabin Saloon. Alexander was officially sworn into this important office on Saturday, June 29 during the Annual Los Molinos Luau at the Los Molinos Veteran’s Memorial Hall. Brittanie Northup was elected the new vice mayor garnering \$1,314.71 votes. She was sponsored by NuWay Market. Northup will step in and perform any mayor duties, should Alexander find himself incapacitated or otherwise unable to perform his duties as mayor.

Dina Greterman, sponsored by Crossland’s 6, is the second vice mayor. She earned \$1,214.71 Nibe-year-old Hollie McDonald who raised \$495.99 was elected third vice mayor and last year’s honorary mayor Allen Ross, who earned \$26 is the new forth vice mayor. He was sponsored by Brewer’s Arena. In all this year’s honorary mayor’s race raised \$11,274.06. Money raised during the honorary mayor’s race supports the efforts of the Los Molinos Chamber of Commerce in putting on the 57th Annual 4th of July Parade and Playday at Mill Creek Park. A very special thank you to all the candidates and to those who supported this year’s mayor’s race.

Los Molinos Chamber thanks the following businesses for serving as official polling places for this year’s honorary mayor’s race: Crosland’s 6, The Cabin Saloon, Nu-Way Market, Fast Track, LM ACE Hardware, More for Less, Jack’s Restaurant, Umpqua Bank, The Burger Shack, and Saw Smart.

All funds raised support the annual Los Molinos Chamber of Commerce Annual 4th of July Parade and Playday in the Park.



2024 Parade Grand Marshals – Fred and Jill Botts

Fred and Jill Botts are our 2024 Parade Grand Marshalls. Fred is a graduate of Los Molinos High School and has been an active member of the community since he moved here when he was five. Jill is a relative newcomer, having only lived here for the past 50 years. Jill and Fred have worked hard to serve the Los Molinos community. Most of their service has been focused helping the children in the community. Jill has been involved in everything from Little League to serving on the board of the Los Molinos Unified School District as a board member and as president. Her pride and joy is her book giveaway program which provides books to every child in the district each year. Fred built many of the structures still in use today at LMHS but most importantly he has supported Jill in all she has done to support LMHS. Thank you both for your many years of service to the community

2024 Parade VIPS – Greg and Jennifer Jones

Greg and Jennifer Jones are 4th generation farmers from Los Molinos. Together they run the family farm. Greg served six years in the US Navy, on a submarine. Jenn, for the past ten years has been the CFO and scholarship chair of the Dairyville Community Club which puts on the Dairyville Orchard Festival each year. This event has awarded over \$347,000 in scholarships over the past 26 years. She is a former board member of the Lassen View Elementary School and is involved in youth athletics. Greg loves Star Trek and philosophy and teachers economics at California State University, Chico. Greg will be sworn in January to represent District 5 on the Tehama County Board of Supervisors. They are the parents of Kennedy 9, Ty 17 and Austin 19.

