



# Nevada City Newsletter

## Nevada City among "The Great Towns" (Article as printed on the Chamber's website)

March 2009

Nevada City has been selected as one of 100 communities in the nation to be featured in a new guidebook, *The Great Towns of America*.

Written by David and Joan Vokac and published by the San Diego-based West Press, the 624-page illustrated book is now being shipped to book stores nationwide. It retails for \$23.95.

Subtitled "A New Guide to the 100 Best Getaways for a Vacation or a Lifetime," the book includes detailed descriptions of cultural and recreational attractions.

The book is a fully-revised second edition of a popular volume first issued in 1998. Nevada City also was included in the first edition.

To be selected, Nevada City was rated against all cities and towns with populations of 80,000 or less,

said co-author David Vokac. The 100 selected communities emerged from 221 semifinalists, based on qualities including scenic grandeur and memorable leisure-time activities.

Vokac said a dozen towns in the original guidebook have been replaced by "communities that have more thoroughly enhanced their appeal to travelers and basic livability factors.

"Nevada City has retained its elite status among the top 100," he said. "As a result, Nevada City will continue receiving the national attention gained from inclusion in the book."

"This is a beautiful book and we are thrilled to be included," said Cathy Whittlesey, executive manager of the Nevada City Chamber of Commerce. "To be



Picture provided by David McKay

listed along with Aspen and Telluride, Carmel and Mendocino, is very special for Nevada City. "This kind of publicity will bring dividends to Nevada City for years and years to come," Whittlesey said.

In addition, Nevada City is pictured prominently on the home page of the Great Towns website. See [www.greattowns.com](http://www.greattowns.com).

The book is expected to be available soon in local bookstores.

**Mission Statement**  
The City of Nevada City is dedicated to preserving and enhancing its small town character and historical architecture while providing quality public service for our current and future residents, businesses and visitors.

Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass. Life is about learning to dance in the rain.

## NEVADA CITY CLEAN TEAM – MAY 16TH

On Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> all residents, service clubs, youth groups—everyone—are invited to help rid the City of winter debris and other litter. Our parks, school

yards, business district, grounds around various buildings, recognized as needing cleanup by nearly everyone in town, will be areas of concentration. More

information at City Hall 265-2496 The action begins at 8:00 a.m. More information will be available in the May Newsletter.



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## Local students attended and inspired by Presidential Inauguration

### Taylor DeGraw; an 8th grader at Seven Hills Middle School

On January 20, 2009, I experienced history. I experienced President Barack Obama's inauguration. It was an amazing experience! Smiles were among the faces of people Black, White, Asian, Hispanic, and all of those in between. Even though I was over a mile away from the Capitol, it still felt like I was right next to him. He climbed onto the stage. I couldn't see anything but an ocean of clapping people. I held my breath waiting to see what was going to happen next. With each breath, hot, white steam flew out from my mouth, and the wind blew on my face. He finally began to speak. People all around me started to cry tears of joy, happy at what

our nation has become. When his speech was finished, a moment of silence swirled America. Then cheering, louder than you could ever imagine, people cried, laughed, and smiled at this new face, the face of our nation.

You may be asking yourself, how did I get to go to this historic event? Well, in 6<sup>th</sup> grade I got nominated by my teacher to go to the Junior National Leadership conference also in Washington, D.C. It was also a lot of fun. Then, last year I got a letter announcing I was invited to the inauguration of our 44<sup>th</sup> president! Now, how could I pass up an invitation like this? I was really excited.

At this program I also did many fun things. We saw inspiring speakers such as: Colin Powell, Al Gore, Erik Weihenmayer, Buzz Aldrin and Dee Dee Myers! We got to go to fun places such as the Newseum, and on a Potomac River ride, and best of all we learned about our Nation. In school, we are now studying the Constitution which reminds me of my great trip!

I am also so surprised and grateful for how the community has helped me out! They have posted newspaper articles, and let me speak at meetings! It has all been so pleasurable! It makes me happy to live in Nevada City. Thank you!

### Miles Baker ; 6<sup>th</sup> generation Nevada City Resident & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade at Seven Hills Middle School

This January I was fortunate enough to be apart of one of the most historic moments in modern history, the inauguration of our first African-American president, Barack Obama. President Obama is an exemplary orator who showed the true extent of his prowess on January 20, 2009.

Throughout his speech he talked about service to our country. For example he said, "Starting today, we must pick ourselves up, dust ourselves off, and begin again the work of remaking America." This is the message that really inspired me. Although we all might not believe in the Presidents agenda, I

think we all need to help out through these troubled times. We all understand that we are in a crisis situation for the economy. More and more people are going to need our help. By volunteering at local service groups we can all make a difference. I hope that everybody privileged enough to have a roof over their head and food on their plate will take the time to make a positive effect in the well being of our nation.

For this reason I have been motivated to get more involved in my own community. Since I have returned from the inauguration, I have won student-body president, worked with

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President Obama

Vice Mayor Reinette Senum, and challenged people young and old to help our world. For more information on how you can get involved, please contact your local non-profits, or go to [www.USAservice.org](http://www.USAservice.org). Good Luck!

## Leadership for Learning

The Nevada County Superintendent of Schools Office has just completed a six part leadership training series held in the Nevada City, City Hall council chambers.

This training was organized by Stanton Miller, Associate Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction for the Superintendent of Schools Office. The lead facilitator for the sessions was Linda Quinn, who has more than 25 years experience as a school administrator. Linda is currently the director of the McCourtney Road Education Center and the principal of

the Ghidotti Early College High School.

The target audience for this professional development series was K-12 principals, assistant principals, district-level administrators, and teacher leaders across Nevada County. There were over 35 participants in attendance at the trainings.

The sessions focused on 6 particular themes:  
- Creating Democratic Classrooms & Schools  
- Leading for Change & Continuous Improvement

- Implementing Professional Learning Communities
- Supporting Learning through Coaching & Mentoring
- Examining Student Work to Drive Instruction
- Designing Effective Professional Development.

These sessions were designed to build upon one another and help participants build a comprehensive set of leadership skills and tools.



## Registration for Summer Programs begins in April

The Nevada City Parks & Recreation Dept. offers:

- Swimming lessons & programs
- Summer Day Camp (ages 4-10) - Youth Program (ages 10-13)

Brochures will be distributed to County Schools and will also be available on the city's website: [www.nevadacityca.gov](http://www.nevadacityca.gov)

All program registrations are taken on a first come, first served basis.

### Priority registration for Nevada City residents is:

Date: April 29  
Time: 6-8pm  
Location: Nevada City Pool

### Open registration is:

Dates: May 6, 13, and 20  
Time: 6-8pm  
Location: Nevada City Pool

For more information:  
265-2496 x129  
[www.nevadacityca.gov](http://www.nevadacityca.gov)

## Lifeline Screening available in Nevada City

Over 5 million people have participated in Life Line Screening's ultrasound tests for stroke caused by carotid artery disease, abdominal aortic aneurysms and other vascular diseases. Cardiovascular disease is the #1 killer in the United States for both men and women - and a leading cause of permanent disability.

### Consider these statistics:

- 4 out of 5 stroke victims had no apparent warning signs

### - 80% of strokes can be prevented

You may think that your physician would order these screenings if they were necessary. However, insurance companies typically will not pay for screenings unless a person has suffered symptoms. Unfortunately, **for so many people, the first sign of a stroke is a stroke.** That is why having a Life Line Screening is so important to keep you and your loved ones healthy and independent.

A complete wellness package is \$149.

### Where:

Nevada City Veteran's Building

### When:

Thursday, April 23, 2009

**Call 800-324-1851 for an appointment (pre-registration is required)**

## Grass Valley Group Celebrates 50th Anniversary



Continuing its illustrious history, **Grass Valley™** is celebrating its 50th anniversary. During the past 50 years the company has been awarded a combined 24 Technical & Engineering Emmy® Awards and three Citations by the Academy of Television Arts & Sciences and the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences, five of the awards are for technologies developed here in Nevada City. Founded on April 7, 1959 by Dr. Donald Hare as Grass Valley Group, Inc., the company's first product was a solid state amplifier for the motion picture industry. In 1964, Grass Valley entered the video industry with a video distribution amplifier, shown in a hotel room at the National Asso-

ciation of Broadcasters convention in Chicago. Since its founding, **Grass Valley™** has played a major role in the growth of the worldwide television industry and is the home to over a dozen companies making the area one of the world's hot beds of innovation for the broadcast and professional television industry. The company's equipment and technologies were used to bring the first televised elections to the US, helped usher in the widespread use of color television, used in the first televised coverage of NASA's Apollo launches, and during the first color broadcast of the Olympic Games in the winter of 1968. After merging with Thomson in

2001, the company strengthened its' worldwide market share and broadened its' product portfolio to include cameras, and transmission equipment making the supplier with the broadest product range in the industry. The company estimates that over 85% of the world's television signals are touched by a piece of **Grass Valley™** equipment somewhere along the distribution chain. Next month on its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, **Grass Valley™** will unveil a number of powerful, new products for use in live production, the category that made the Grass Valley name synonymous with creativity and innovation, and the longest surviving brand in the broadcast television market.

**CONTRIBUTIONS STILL NEEDED TO  
COMPLETE THE RESTROOM  
FUNDING AT ROBINSON PLAZA**

**Memorials**

The Nevada City memorial program is a practical way to pay a lasting tribute in memory or honor of a person you designate. The City will complete a plaque, with your name or the name of the person you are honoring; if the amount is \$100 or greater; securing it to the facility in Robinson Plaza recognizing your contribution. The result is a living memorial that will endure for years.

**Acknowledgement Cards**

An acknowledgement card is sent to whomever the contributor chooses, listing the name(s) of contributors along with the name of the person being remembered.

**Donors to date of funds, time & materials are:**

Nevada City Chamber of Commerce, Nevada Lodge 13, F&AM, Nevada City Lions Club. 49er Breakfast Rotary Club, City of Nevada City, Nevada City Downtown Association, Nevada City Rotary Club, SPD Markets (attn. Dave Painter), Conley Weaver, George and Christine Foster, Dee and Gene Albaugh, Tintle Inc., Nevada City Engineer, Inc., Robinson Enterprises Haines Heating and Air Conditioning, Sean Thompson Drywall, Shoemaker Electric, Joe Marinelli of JM Plumbing

**Contributions are income tax deductible.  
Contact City Hall for more information.**

***Did you know?...***

*Rogers Picture Framing Furniture Restoration  
can re-cane chairs.*

*Maiden Lane sells Gourmet Malt Balls and candies.*

*Sandy D's sells custom, high fashion aprons.*

*At LaLoo you can help save a pet by buying a toy.*

*Nevada City T-shirt Company sells t-shirts with a photo of the Yuba River bridge during the 1998 winter storm.*

***HUMOR ME***

My wife was hinting about what she wanted for our upcoming anniversary. She said, 'I want something shiny that goes from 0 to 150 in about 3 seconds.'

I bought her a scale.

And then the fight started...

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My wife sat down on the couch next to me as I was flipping channels.

She asked, 'What's on TV?'

I said, 'Dust.'

And then the fight started ...



**WHOLE TOWN YARD SALE MAY 2nd**

Old Collectibles, Tonka Toys, Jewelry, Pictures, Oil Paintings, Bird Items, Snow Cones, Antiques, Entertainment Center, Desks, Glassware, Pottery, Books, and all Kinds of Stuff.

Saturday, May 2nd is the date set for the citywide Yard & Garage Sale. This is an opportunity to sell items that are no longer useful or needed by you or your family. All participants should have their wares out in their yard, on the porch or in the garage ready for the sale by 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 2nd. Or you may rent a space near downtown at the Nevada City Veteran's Building

parking lot for a small fee of \$15.

A location map will be created to aid people getting to your Sale Site. You will have to call City Hall on or before Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> to be on the map. No charge to be on the map. City Hall 265-2496.



**Forest Charter School Hosts  
Scholastic Chess Tournament  
to fundraise for  
Foothill Theatre Company**

**Who:**  
Steve Ross, Forest Charter School

**What:**  
Scholastic (Teen) Chess Fundraiser

**When:**  
Saturday, April 4, 10 a.m.

**Where:**  
Forest Charter School  
224 Church Street, Nevada City  
530-265-4823

Registration begins at 8:45 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. \$15 entry fee due by Friday, March 27, or pay a \$5 late fee.