



Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center

Newsletter

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Clear Lake Chamber
say's goodbye to Jamie
She has been a part of our
chamber for many years.

September Meeting

Sept. 6 —5:30 pm

Adams Springs Golf & Country Club

**Guest Speakers— the South & North County
Fire Districts Report on Fires in Lake County**

Dinner choices Sirloin Steak, Salmon or Chef Salad

Reservations for dinner count is important

Call 994-3600 or email cleccontact@gmail.com

The August speaker at El Grande was
Russell Hamel, Executive Manager

Konocti Harbor Resort
Kelseyville California

Mr. Hamel stressed the value of Lake County and their ongoing efforts to continue the renovations of Konocti Harbor Resort since the soft opening some time ago. They will be offering rooms in the near future. They have been expanding renovations efforts to open the swimming pool, spa and other sections in the near future.

He announced the opening of "Andy's Tavern" in the Main Lodge. Andy's will offer the best on the lake in food, music, and sports on their big screen satellite system. There is indoor and outdoor waterfront deck seating. He invites the Lake County to come join them for cocktails and dining with amazing vistas of Clear Lake. Their hours of operation for Andy's will be Thursday – Sunday only from 11:30 am – 8:00 pm.

The Fuel Dock is open 24 hours for credit and debit cards only. Cash is not accepted. The extremely low water levels, has left the launch ramp temporarily closed and there is no overnight docking.

There is a strong need for qualified employees. The challenge and search for employees has been a hardship. He stressed the willingness to train while on the job. He encouraged those interested to view their website. They have posted employment opportunities and a link to apply.

Welcome New Members

Bill Wetmore

**Community Payment
Processing**

**Nayla's Cleaning
Service**

David Claffey



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Businesses, non-profits, government agencies, school districts, and individuals

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1 Team 1 Dream,
AA Land Development
A & B Collision
Action Sanitary Service
Adams Springs Golf
Adventist Health, Clearlake
AKWAABA
Lance & Sheryl Almon
Amerigas Propane
America's Best Value Inn/Suites
Anderson Marsh Interpretive
Animal Hospital of Lake County
Bad Ass BLT
Back Roads Distribution
Bank of the West, Clearlake
Barbecue By Biasotti
Better Homes & Gardens Realty
Best Western El Grande
Big 5 Sporting Goods, Clearlake
Big O Tires
Bob's Vacuums and Business
Bryce N. Martin, Attorney at Law
Burns Valley, LLC
C & S Waste Solutions
Cache Creek Winery
Case Excavating
Chernoh Excavating
Citizens Caring for Clearlake
City of Clearlake
David Claffey
Clear Lake Cottages & Marina
Clearlake Automotive
Clearlake Bait & Tackle
Clearlake Dental
Clearlake Electronics Supply
Clearlake Growth Fund
Clearlake Oaks Moose Lodge
Clearlake Resort
Clearlake Veterinary Clinic
Stephanie Codling
Combs Consulting Services
Community First Credit Union
Community and Partnership
Community Payment Processing
Connect America West
Crazy Quilt Farms
Crossroads Community Church
Russell Cremer
Delicias Alarvez Mexican Restaurant
Bill & Joan Edmonds
Elegant Touch
Enterprise Towing
Epidendio Construction
Farmers Ins. Gordon Paeyeneers
Fire Wise Landscaping
Foods Etc.
Kathy & Dick Freeborn

Carol and Tom Hewlett
Highlands Senior Center
Hospice Services of Lake County
Hooten Fire Break
Gayton's Family Market
Ginger Kite
Golden State Water Company
Griffin's Furniture
Grocery Outlet, Clearlake
Don and Alan Johnson
Jonas Energy Solutions
K & T Crafts
Kevin Ness Jeweler
Keytonia Publications, Joan Jacobs
Konoctees
Konocti Unified School District
Konocti Senior Support
Konocti Vista Casino
Kosich Family Insurance Services
Kour Thai Restaurant
La Chilanguita Mexican Restaurant
Lake Auto Registration
Lake County Assoc. of Realtors
Lake County Copier and Repair
Lake County News
Lake County Office of Education
Lake County EDD, Chris Taliaferro
Lake County Organics Plus
Lake Marine Construction INC.
Lakeshore Feed & Grain
Lakeshore Lioness
Lakeside Appliance
Lam Printing
Law Offices of J Chrisp
Layne Paving & Trucking, Inc.
Leidy's Shop
Lincoln-Leavitt Insurance Agency Inc.
Loving Fireplace Services
Lower Lake Action Group
Main Street Bar and Grill
Mad House Foods
Steven and Ann Malone
Masonic Lodge, Clearlake
Meadowood Nursing Facility
Mediacom Communications
Moran's Pharmacy
MPIC, Inc.
Nanette's Jams
Nayla's Expertise Cleaning Service
North Coast Builders Exchange
Nott's Mini Market
One Stop Automotive
O'Reilly's Auto Supply
Ginny Ozelton
Park Study Club
Pasquelli's Coffee House & Deli
People Services
Performance Mechanical

Pine Dell Resort
Quackenbush Mountain RR&C
R Vineyards
Dave Hughes
Rotary Club of Clearlake
Roto-Rooter
Ruzicka & Associates
RV Spaces
Debi and Ken Sally
Shelley Graphics
Shoreline Realty
Sister's Coffeehouse
Six Sigma Ranch and Winery
Linda Shields
Dirk and Karen Slooten
Sterling Mortgage
Summer Lin Finance
Tatonka Trading Company
The Ravens Mouth, LLC
The Lake County Bloom
Third Eye Visuals
Top Shot Rentals
Town & Country Realty
Tractor Supply of Clearlake
Tribal Health
Twin Pines Casino and Hotel
Underdog Food Truck
WalMart
Water's Edge Investments
West Alert
Westamerica Bank
Wine Country Web Service
Woodland Community College LCC

Up Coming Events

August 31

Ribbon Cutting
Meadowood Nursing Facility

Sept. 1—4

Lake County Fair
Lakeport

Sept 4

Fiddler's Jam Ely Stage Stop

Sept 4

Lake County Theater
Driving Ms. Daily

Sept 6

Clear Lake Chamber Dinner Meeting

Cobb Mr.

Sept. 10

Soap Box Derby
Clearlake

Oct 1

Luau at the Creek
Cache Creek Winery



Clear Lake

We either love it or hate it!

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Many of us love living in Lake County and enjoy the lake much of the year; however, when we have a bad bloom, the damage is done for both locals who use the lake and businesses that depend on the lake for survival. There have been numerous studies on this lake. Many rumors about a Clear Lake being a clear lake and those who are destroying it. All studies show this lake has always had algae and never has been truly clear more than the 6 to 8' or so on a great day. Some reported that it was clear until after our dam was built and by 1925 algae was growing regularly. That is when study after study was started. But before we continue of the balance of this story, the Clear Lake Chamber would like to mention this: "If our two cities, Native American Tribes and the county would team together for a solution and not another study but investigate the algae removal systems that other lakes have been using with success, and find a place to take the toxic material, possibly 100's of thousand of dollars would be the return of investment in a relatively short time.

Now, on with the story...

Very bad blooms have happened for centuries most recently they happened in the late 1990's again in 2009, and then when a dog reportedly died in 2013 of microcystin, a common cyanotoxin that attacks the liver, there was a push to do something about the problem. The horrible sewer like smell led many citizens to believe we had sewer

leaks into the lake, which again were false rumors. The toxin in these particular blooms is worse than the normal blue green algae die off. But why?

A study by UC Davis professors Peter J. Richerson and Tom Suchanek in 1994 laid out many theories and reported eye witness statements by lake land owners. Their report led to the development to restore wetlands, and reduce phosphorus by reducing sediments entering into the lake. As this report is very interesting it did lead our county, citizen groups and the Big Valley Tribe to work towards some long-term solutions. One is addressing the silt coming into the lake and the replanting of our native vegetation such as the Tule Plant. The progress has been slow. Even though it was reported that results would be seen rapidly our recent drought has not helped. The purchase of land in the Upper Lake area and removal of some of the levees along with the installation of a control dam and replanting of tule there has been progress.

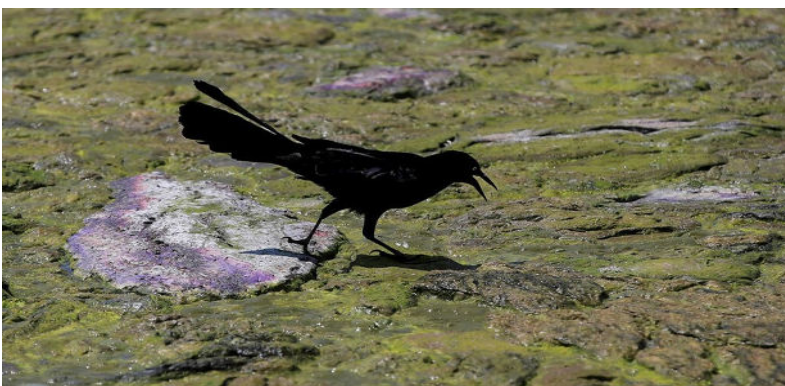
However, this past bloom and the drought have been economically devastating to many in our county. Articles such as the

one published in the Press Democrat by staff writer Mary Callahan was a well written article but sadly true to form to the destruction of business for our county. Her picture said a thousand words.

And then comes this beautiful report by [Northern California Lakes](https://www.onlyinyourstate.com/northern-california/oldest-lake-history-norcal/) August 17, 2022 by [Lysa Allman-Baldwin](https://www.onlyinyourstate.com/northern-california/oldest-lake-history-norcal/). <https://www.onlyinyourstate.com/northern-california/oldest-lake-history-norcal/> **The Oldest Lake In Northern California Is A Beautiful Piece Of Living History.**

"When it comes to naming "the oldest," or "the biggest," or "the best" of something, you can find plenty of things that fit the bill in The Golden State. When it comes to spectacular bodies of water, it is here that you'll find Clear Lake – the largest natural freshwater lake in California. Come along as we explore this historic and geological marvel that has been a part of the landscape here since almost the beginning of time."

"Historical accounts differ somewhat as to how long it has been around. Some experts contend around a half-million years, while others estimate it to be about 2.5 million years old.





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Clear Lake is hailed as the largest natural freshwater lake in California, as well as the oldest lake in North America."

Our history is wonderful as well as generational memories of our glorious past. This county rocked in the 40's through the 60's but competition with Disneyland and Great America has offered many challenges to marketing Lake County. Reports of deadly toxic algae blooms kills our resort industry along with tax revenue generated by the all mighty tourist dollar.

There was a time when miniature golf courses, bowling

alleys, swimming pools, restaurants and bars were packed on weekends and summers. Music performers drew crowds and the lake was full of boats.

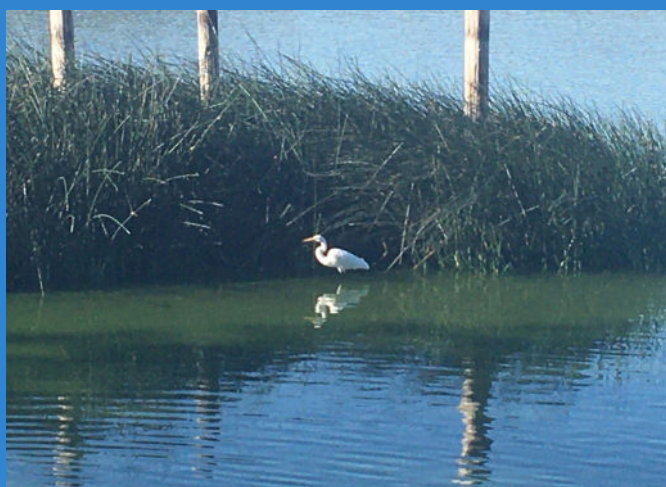
There is no conclusion to our story until we get a handle on the bad blooms in Clear Lake. Other lakes throughout the United States have purchased equipment or tried many removal processes to battle their situation. With Clear Lake being over 100 miles of shoreline, this will be a more difficult challenge but one our county must address. Is it time to look into this type of investment?



Is it Time?

Our Renewing Members

I Team I Dream
Animal Hospital of Lake County
Burns Valley Mall
Stephanie Codling
Disney Boat Rentals
Foods Etc.
Keytonia Publishing
Lakeview Market
Lincoln-Leavitt Insurance
MediaCom
Layne Paving



August Business of the Month



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