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Coarsegold Historical Society's Museum

The Coarsegold Historical Society had its beginnings over 35 years ago. Eight members of the then Coarsegold Women's Club met in the home of Marjorie Jackson to organize CHS in January of 1980. A year later



Portion of Coarsegold Supply display inside museum.

in January of 1981, CHS was incorporated. The society launched a massive undertaking of recording history as described by early-day residents themselves. Over a period of ten years, tape-recorded interviews of some 102 individuals were conducted and a 400-pluspage volume *As We Were Told* was published in 1990. Volume II was published in 2009 with all new material.

In 1991 proceeds from Volume I were used to purchase the site of the historic stage stop. On the property just 3 miles south of downtown Coarsegold, were an old barn and an adobe building used as a freight wagon stage stop. The adobe building is one of only two known "packed adobe" structures surviving in usable condition in the San Joaquin Valley and its foothill area. Continued restoration and preservation of the stage stop has been a major project facing the Volunteer group. The exterior and interior of the adobe and wooden sections have been repaired and preserved with all new displays.

The barn was repaired and has been in use as the main part of the museum and office. The exhibits reflect 19th and 20th century life in the foothill communities.

The third structure in the complex is the

Picayune School, used for Chukchansi Indian children from 1913 to 1956. The school was moved from its original site on Road 417 to the museum site in 1994. The building is used as a classroom display and meeting room for the historical society and anyone who wishes to use the room for meetings and events.

The fourth structure is the Blacksmith shop, built, fully stocked with the necessary tools and used by members who are blacksmiths.

Music in the Meadow is CHS's once-ayear fundraising event. Live music, good food, snacks, displays, tours, silent auctions and visiting museums from the area all are to be had at the museum site on Hwy 41.

The museum is totally run by volunteers. There is no admission charge, although donations are appreciated. For more information, including hours of operation, contact CHS, 31899 Hwy 41, Mail—PO Box 117, Coarsegold, CA 93614, 559-642-4448. Or contact Kay Good at CHSCoarse@gmail.com.



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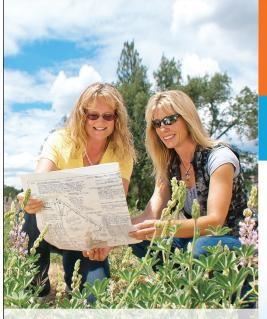
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Out and About

Stroll through the shops on both sides of the highway, including the Coarsegold Historic Village and Gold Creek Shopping Center.

Visit the Coarsegold Historic Museum, run by the Coarsegold Historical Society (call ahead to check seasonal hours).

Skeet shoot at the Sun Mountain Gun Club. Try your luck at Chukchansi Gold Resort & Casino.

Golf in Yosemite Lakes Park.

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Hungry?

Have breakfast at the Wild Fig Kitchen with outdoor seating under the old fig tree. They serve great hamburgers too.

Settle back and enjoy the Historic Village as you sip your coffee from Zanders.

Have lunch in Coarsegold at Subway, Goldmine Pizza, or in Yosemite Lakes Park at Fairway Cafe and Yosemite Grill.

Visit the historic Coarsegold Market, the

oldest business in town, to get the best fried chicken for your picnic.

Dinner at the Blue Heron in Yosemite Lakes Park or Alphonso's Hideaway in Coarsegold for Mexican food and karaoke.

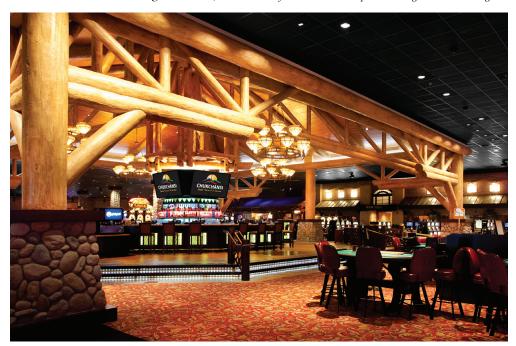






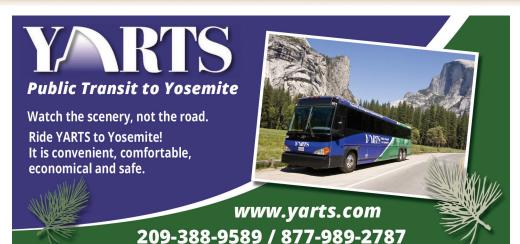


Cozy nook between shops in Coarsegold Historic Village.



Inside the Chukchansi Gold Resort & Casino.



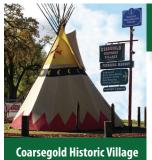




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MAY

37TH ANNUAL BASS LAKE FISHING DERBY (559) 642-3676 • Bass Lake basslakechamber.com

65TH ANNUAL COARSEGOLD RODEO (559) 683-1952 • Coarsegold thecoarsegoldrodeo.com

Yosemite Half Marathon (559) 683-4636 • Bass Lake yosemitehalfmarathon.com

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Planning the Perfect Weekend Get-Away?

No matter which direction you come from, the Coarsegold area provides multiple options for transportation, sleeping, eating, having fun, or simply relaxing!

Flying in from Fresno? Hop on the YARTS bus or rent a car and spend the night at Chukchansi Gold Resort and Casino (see pages v-22-23).

Heading north on CA 41, Yosemite Lakes Park offers fine dining at the Blue Heron plus more casual fare at the Yosemite Grill and Fairway Café. The perfect break between rounds of golf! (See pages v-12-13 and v-2.)

THE BLUE HERON

Hand-carved sign at The Blue Heron Restaurant.

Come on back to CA 41 to the Historic Coarsegold Village which offers shops rich in hand-crafted, one-of-a-kind gifts, clothing, and more. Pan for gold or, relax with a cup of coffee at Zander's coffee shop or pick up a bite to eat at the Wild Fig Kitchen that offers beautiful patio dining (see page m-28). (In need of medical or pharmacy care? The Coarsegold Clinic and Pharmacy are within walking distance of each other in the village.) (See pages m-3 and v-7.)

In the mood for some Mexican food? Alfonso's Hideaway is a just up the street and offers a full tequila bar and menu (see page v-14). Need snacks or other supplies? Stock up at the Coarsegold Market across the street from the Historic Village (see page v-20).

Time to head north again and plan a night's stay at the beautiful and historic Sierra Sky Ranch (see pages v-3 and v-21). This rustic, converted mountain ranch-house is the perfect family getaway just 10 miles from Yosemite's southern entrance, 4 miles to Bass Lake, and 15 minutes to Chukchansi Casino.

And speaking of Bass Lake...ready for some water fun? Try out the boat rentals, cabins, and food at Miller's Landing (see pages m-16 and v-25).

If your ultimate destination is Yosemite National Park, check out the Narrow Gauge Inn (see page v-3), only 4 miles from the south entrance!

Are you sure you want to stay for just a weekend?!

By Judy Ball

Coarsegold Historic Village

Treasures Abound

In the heart of Coarsegold sits the Coarsegold Historic Village, a unique collection of shops featuring area artists. Open year-round, these shops are always fun to visit for special one-of-a-kind gifts and personal treasures. Many of the artists produce their arts and crafts on site.

Shaded foot paths and grassy areas make the Village a pleasant way to spend a quiet afternoon

with friends and family where an outdoor lunch can be enjoyed at the restaurant or just refresh yourself with one of the wide varieties of drinks.

Other interests you may enjoy include discovering the local history of the Native Americans, and the Yosemite Valley. If you're a history buff, the Village presents some interesting facts on historic point posters located around the shops.

In the nearly 20 shops, you can find antiques, jewelry, unique collectibles, clothing, yard art, bath and beauty products, fresh



Shops in Coarsegold Historic Village.

flowers and much more.

Perhaps you are just out looking for a bargain? The Village is also the perfect place to find just that. Mountain Area and out-of-area peddlers and craftsmen frequently display their wares in the Village parking lot on weekends.

Special events at the Village include major peddler's fairs on Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends, the Classic Car show in June, the Tarantula Awareness Festival in October and a Christmas Faire in December.

Details: (559) 683-3900.



Entrance to Coarsegold Historic Village on Highway 41.



Tarantula Festival

Celebrating Our Eight-legged Residents

While some people tend to run away from tarantulas, the town of Coarsegold celebrates them, and some people even embrace them. The annual Coarsegold Tarantula Festival, the last Saturday in October, will offer numerous events honoring this eight-legged denizen of the region.



Tarantula sculpture and sign above the water wheel.

they now gently move them from places they're not wanted, instead of resorting to a shoe or bug spray."

The festival has

helped to increase

tarantulas as well.

spared the life of a

tarantula because of the festival," she said.

"People are reporting

the life span of area

according to Boland.

"I've had hundreds of people who say they

Numerous events take place as part of the festival, from a cheesecake contest, to a hairiest-leg contest, with men's and women's categories.

The highlight, however, is the tarantula races, which feature the fastest tarantulas in eastern Madera County. Other competitions and events during the festival include a pizza-eating contest, a trick-or-treat parade for children, poetry contest, and a "scream off" where judges decide who has the most blood-curdling scream.

"It's all a lot of fun for the whole family," said Boland.

Details: Diane Boland, (559) 683-3900.

Each fall the amorous arachnids make their way out of the burrows in search of a mate. This annual celebration honors the creepy-crawlies.

"When we first moved here, I accidentally ran over a tarantula and was severely admonished by a neighbor;' said Diane Boland, the founder of the event, now running strong in its 13th year.

That incident inspired her to learn more about this misunderstood creature. The more she learned, the more she wanted to celebrate it.

"I wanted to make people aware of how interesting they are, how they really are good for the environment and unique to the area and are really a lot of fun," Boland said.



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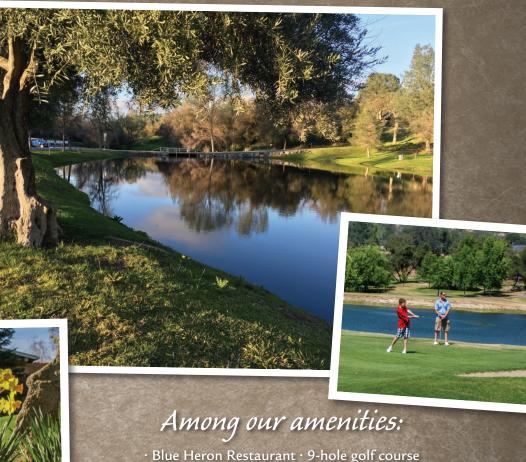


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Coarsegold

Remembering the Past

What follows are excerpts from interviews with some of the local folks that have been in the area many years. These recollections give us a picture of the Coarsegold that used to be.

"Buck" Akers recalls:

I first came to Coarsegold in about 1935 just to visit. It was very similar to what it is with the Coarsegold Market and the service station next door. [The Coarsegold Market has been in business continually since about 1850 in different locations and different buildings.] The well had been taken out of the middle of the road. [A well was put over a seep in the road in 1873 or so, but it was removed when the road was paved as Highway 41 in the 1930s.] The swimming pool [at the Coarsegold Inn on the northwest corner of of Hwy 41 and the Raymond Road] was emptied in about 1958. The pool was at the bottom of the steps.

Bread, and other uses. As a sidebar, when our shop and houses were built, there was no electricity down Highway 41 that far. I did homework by a white gas lamp. Still have that lamp in our living room—too dangerous to use, I suppose—but in 1946 no one thought anything about using white gas, candles, and kerosene lamps.

Memories of Charles Randy and Nancy Chandler:

Immediately after I came up here I got involved in the Coarsegold Rodeo. The rodeo grounds were up behind the Golden Nugget Cafe [now Alfonsos Mexican Restaurant] in the canvon known as McAllister Road. They had 19 acres there for a rodeo grounds; it was all built by local people volunteering their help: Murray Ward was rodeo announcer here for years, Bud Shannon, Johnny Jones, the Conway

Some notes from Evelyn Rudicel Armstrong:

Right after World War II, my dad, Uncle John, and Grandpa built the H and R Garage on Highway 41 about a mile and a half south of Coarsegold. The H and R was a Mobil Gas Station for years, then Rainbow



View of Coarsegold showing well in center of the dirt road, late 1800s.



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brothers, Al and Dean Conway and their father, Al Conway, Richard Muller, Pogie Muiller, and another brother. I wasn't too involved right off the first year or two because my job was to mow the rodeo grounds and get it ready for the spectators' section.

Rusty Newby's Coarsegold, 1929:

Coarse Gold was such a unique and pretty place in those days. As I first came into it from the south, the little white schoolhouse on the left always caught my eye. Then the beautiful hotel a little farther along with its shady lawn and huge golf course that went up the sloping valley almost to the old Texas Flat Mine was something else. The big store that sat across the road next to Coarse Gold Creek with its porch clear across the front and a big dance hall above was the meeting place for the whole county in those days. Next to the store on the north was Doc Krohn's Standard Oil service station and garage, and in the back was an old barn where Doc had all of his machine tools and other things. Across the road, on the west, was Doc Krohn's house and on the side of it, Doc's wife's library. Just up the road a little ways was the gold Burgette Store with the house and barn next to it. The centerpiece of the town was the well and hand pump that sat in the center of the wide street, there to water stock, and most everyone stopped there to either water their horses or fill the radiator of their car. It was customary to pump the big handle of the pump and fill the trough if you used the water, and all the kids enjoyed that. You could also go into the store and get an ice cream cone from the soda fountain with the big granite slab counter.



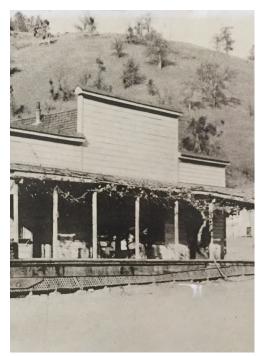
Coarsegold late 1800s, site of current Historic Village.



Coarsegold Timeline

A Look Back

- ★ **1841** First English-speaking settlers arrive.
- ★ **1850** Mr. Roan built the Trading Post in the area of present Oak Creek to serve the gold miners in the area.
- ★ 1851 Charles Michaelitske buys the Trading Post and moves it to the site of the former hardware store in Gold Gulch (now Coarsegold). Michaelitske changes his name to Michaels.
- **1851** Charles Michaels builds a saloon and The Annex for a miners' residence.
- ★ 1851 Four Texans find a large gold nugget in Coarsegold Creek near the Highway 41 bridge. Gold Gulch becomes known as Texas Flats for a time.
- **1852** The first election is held.
- **1865** Gold sells for \$6.50 per ounce.



Old Coarsegold Store, early 1900s.

- **1870s** The area has 23 large mines and many smaller ones.
- ★ **1873** A well is established over a seep in the middle of the road. It remains there until the road is paved as Highway 41 in the 1930s.
- ★ 1874 Michaels and John Krohn become partners. They build a two-story Lodge House to the south of The Annex.
- ★ **1875-1884** First school in Coarsegold behind the present veterinary office.
- ★ 1877 Texas Flat Mine claim northwest of present Coarsegold named after the four Texans who made their strike in 1851.
- ★ **1877** Gold Gulch changed to Coarse Gold by post office.
- ★ 1880 Mining beginning to wane. 1884: The Annex is converted to the St. Charles Inn which operates until 1928. The night of the St. Charles Inn opening, Charles Michaels dies, John Krohn takes over all properties.
- ★ **1884** The first rock wall is built along the front of the Inn.
- ★ 1880s Krohn house built along Coarsegold Creek, east side of the road.
- ★ 1884-1956 Second grammar school built on NW corner of present Road 415 and Highway 41. About 1904: Two-story building built of lumber from the failed Narbo Mine. Stood at site of present Coarsegold Market. Upstairs is a meeting hall; downstairs is a blacksmith shop and livery stable.
- ★ 1924 The Trading Post burns. The Trading Post General Store is moved to the downstairs of the two-story building across the street. The blacksmith shop and livery stable are moved.

- Pre-1926 Mr. Mudge builds more rock wall in front of the St. Charles.
- ★ **1926** Krohn builds a gas station on the east side next to the two-story.
- ★ **1928** The St. Charles Inn burns down. The saloon (between the buildings) is saved.
- ★ Pre-1930 Krohn house moved across the road from east to west side. House was turned around, and the back porch is now the front.
- ★ 1930-1958 The Coarsegold Inn is built and has a pool, golf course, TV (later), guest cabins and theater. The Inn is upscale and boasts many famous visitors and entertainers.
- ★ **1939** The Gold Nugget built as a gas station, cafe and bar (location of present Mexican restaurant).
- **1956** Grammar school near Road 415 burns (arson).
- ★ **1959-60** The third Coarsegold Inn (coffee shop and bar only) is built.
- ★ **1964** The two-story building burns. Rebuilt as a one-story building with front porch. Over the years the store has been enlarged.

- ★ 1984 Well top rescued by the Bolands, restored, and placed close to its original setting.
- ★ 1988 Yellow house moved to Coarsegold (SW corner of Road 415 and Highway 41).
- **1989** The Coarsegold Inn and Coffee Shop burns to the ground.
- ★ **1990** Fourteen shops were moved to the historic village from Oakhurst.



Original well pump from the center of Highway 41.



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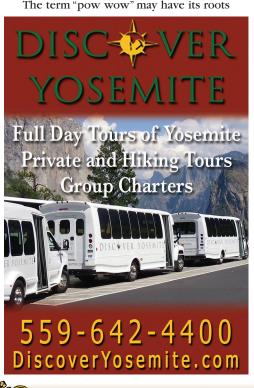
The term "pow wow" may have its roots

from the Algonquin language as a way to refer to a council meeting. A pow wow is a cultural celebration, a truly special family event growing out of the economic, social, and cultural experiences of many Native American tribes. In addition to being a celebration of Native American culture, pow wows have spiritual and religious significance.

Pow wows provide opportunities for people

to come together; to sing, dance, make friends, renew old friendships, and enjoy arts and crafts and delicious food like Indian Tacos.

The most important reason for the pow wow is to celebrate and honor Native American heritage.





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The Coarsegold Stampede Rodeo

As the Harvest moon was rising over the Coarsegold Rodeo Grounds a cowboy on a bucking bronco entered the arena. The rodeo clowns took their positions, the announcer's voice was filled with excitement, and the crowd went wild. It was truly a magical night in Coarsegold. The first annual Coarsegold Stampede Pro Rodeo!

With attendance far beyond its organizers' expectations, Madera County's first-ever professional rodeo came to Coarsegold and delighted crowds with spills and thrills.

The Coarsegold Stampede, sanctioned by the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association, was held Sept. 17-18, 2016, at the Coarsegold Rodeo Grounds. This event was praised by attendees as a monumental success. Tanner Tweed, son of Coarsegold Rodeo Grounds owner Kevin Tweed, was shocked when an estimated 2,500 to 3,500 people attended the event. Considering he had only three months to prepare for the event, the outcome was



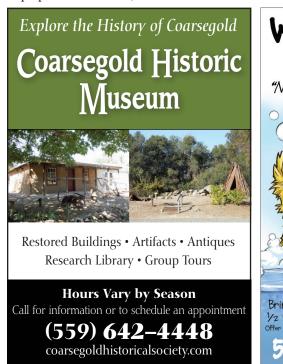
Entry to Coarsegold Rodeo Grounds.

overwhelming.

Tanner laughed as he said, "We're going to look for bigger sponsors and many more activities here. We didn't have time to reach out to everyone so now we'll have time to do so."

Tweed thanked all attendees, the volunteer committee of around 20 community members who met every week to plan the event, as well as numerous volunteers including students from Minarets and Yosemite High Schools who Tweed said were key to making the rodeo a hit.

Proceeds from the rodeo benefited Infant of Prague Adoption Services, the agency that helped Tanner, as well as his brother and sister, be adopted by the Tweed family.





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Chukchansi at sunset.

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Each October, Chukchansi honors its heritage with a Pow Wow, a cultural celebration that commemorates the past and looks to the future. This year, more than 500 attendees participated in the native California Miwok Dance, Hand Drum Contest, Drum Contest and Hand Game Tournament. More than 100 native dancers from all over the state performed, including traditional Aztec Dancers in a show-stopping performance.

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Haunting the Sierra Sky Ranch

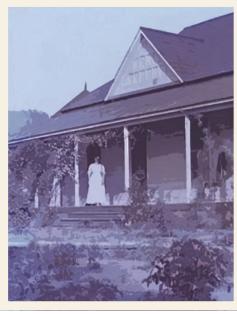
Founded during in the 1870's, Sierra Sky Ranch was the area's largest cattle ranch. But over the years the property was sold off due to debt. Interestingly, numerous reports of ghosts have been reported and several paranormal investigator groups have spent investigation time there.

Among the reported ghosts is Mr. Elee, a ranch hand who haunts the area around the tree where he died at the back of the property. While serving as a tuberculosis hospital during the 1930s, Sarah, a nurse, and two of her young patients have all been reported as being present in the house.

Other reports are of a soldier in uniform and a young man who prefers the honeymoon suite. Psychics have sensed his presence crouching in the corner.

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By Judy Ball



Historic photo of Sierra Sky Ranch.



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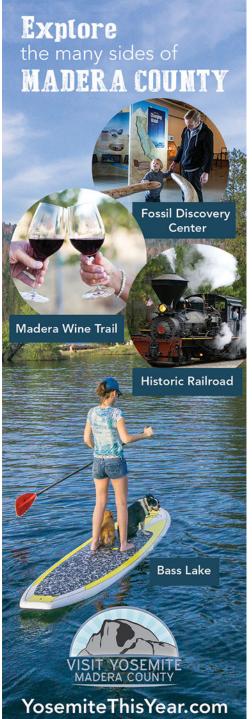
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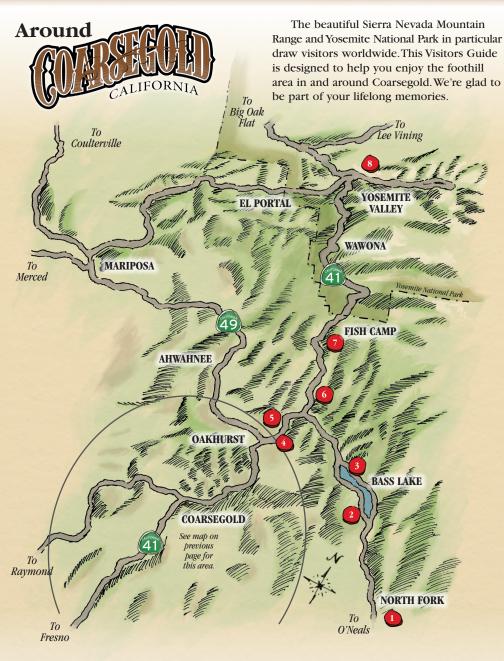
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