

# KINGVALE NEWS

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*(An informal email newsletter to further communication among Kingvalians)*

## **Kingvale Goes Nationwide!**

Coming soon to a television station near you! The Vasconcellos cabin will be featured in a Honda commercial in early January. It all began last fall when a television crew was going along old highway 40 looking for a site to film a television commercial and noticed the side roads leading into Kingvale. They spotted the Vasconcellos cabin as just right for filming and made all the arrangements. On the day of the shoot, there was not enough snow so they brought in "fake" snow to enhance what was left. Gary and Patti report that the commercial will air soon; we will keep you posted.

## **Gottfried and Virginia Haase report travel plans**

A Christmas letter from Gottfried and Virginia tells of ambitious hiking plans next summer. Called their "Project Europe 2012" they are preparing to walk from May to October on a 3030 km trek from Austria to Spain! As they describe it: "We will walk *The Way of St. James* -- starting in Austria in May, reaching the *Camino de Santiago de Compostela* in mid-September and ending in Finisterre (west coast of Spain) in October. It will be an immense athletic, cultural, historic, geographic, social, culinary and spiritual experience. After all, it has been a trek for pilgrims and wayfarers since the middle ages." We will miss seeing them in Kingvale over the summer, but anticipate interesting stories of their expedition.

## **Where is that snow!**

Well, predictions were half right. We did get early snow. But that disappeared and the "heavy" part of the prediction has not yet come true, much to skiers' and snowboarders' disappointment. Only a few runs are open at the ski resorts, and even artificial snow making is hard when the temperatures do not drop low enough. Keep your fingers crossed for a miracle such as in 1960 when the Winter Olympics opened at Squaw Valley in January and it *finally* began to snow hard just in time.

## **History: Snippets in time:** *(from Lois Shane's "A Kingvale History" book)*

One of the Moore's most memorable experiences: "hiking to the spring with the Outmans to find a water leak in the middle of winter." Brrrrr. Could probably drive up there this year.

## **Kingvale Recipe: Smoked Salmon Breakfast Casserole** *(Charlie's birthday breakfast party)*

Need a recipe to make ahead of time for New Year's Day breakfast? Here you go!

- 2 cups broccoli florets
- 10 green onions, chopped
- ½ pound sliced smoked salmon, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 2 c. Monterey jack cheese, shredded (about 8 oz)
- 8 ounces cream cheese, chilled, cut into ½ inch pieces
- 8 large eggs
- 2 c. milk
- 1 c. buttermilk baking mix
- ¼ t. salt; ¼ t. black pepper

Butter a 13x9-inch dish. Arrange broccoli & half of green onions evenly over the bottom of the dish. Sprinkle with smoked salmon, Monterey jack cheese, cream cheese pieces & remaining onions. \*Can be prepared a day ahead. Cover and refrigerate.

Next day: Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Mix eggs, milk, baking mix, salt & pepper until smooth. Pour batter over salmon mixture. Bake casserole until just set in center- about 30 min. Let cool 10 minutes before serving.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR, EVERYONE**