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Diners at Tofanelli's Cafe in Grass Valley are surrounded by works of art which will be auctioned Sunday as a benefit for the Sierra Foothills AIDS Foundation.

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Art, music highlight AIDS benefit

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An auction of about 70 pieces of fine art and music by pianist Paul Perry of Music in the Mountains highlight the Sierra Foothills AIDS Foundation's third annual "All Dressed Up With Somewhere To Go" fund-raiser Sunday at Tofanelli's Cafe in Grass Valley.

The event starts at 6 p.m. and includes hors d'oeuvres donated by local restaurants, bakeries, caterers and delicatessens, and a wine bar featuring vintages donated by area wineries. Admission is \$20. Proceeds benefit the Sierra Foothills AIDS Foundation's efforts to help Nevada County residents living with HIV and AIDS and their families and partners.

The fund-raiser will enable Sierra Foothills AIDS Foundation to keep up with increasing demands for its services, said Jeff Cowan, executive director of the non-profit organization.

"Right now, we're seeing an increase in caseload.

We're serving 130 people locally. Along with that increase, we've seen an increase in the number of treatments and the cost of treatments. We want to make sure everyone has treatment available to them," Cowan said.

Fine art and photography from Nevada, Placer and Sacramento county artists will be auctioned. The art includes paintings by Vibeke Woodbury, Tom Clark, Teddi Kell and students at Oak Tree School; photographs by Georganna Dean; garden sculpture by Metamorphosis; a Hopi belt buckle by Benny Armijo; origami by Daniel Brooks and two framed architectural prints by Frank Lloyd Wright.

"The artists really came out for us this year," Cowan said. He added that the minimum bids are greatly below retail prices for the art, giving bargain hunters and collectors a chance to obtain originals at a reduced price.

The art is on display this week in the restaurant's atrium. Bids may be made in a book prior to Sunday's reception-fund-raiser. Tofanelli's is at 302 W. Main St. For more information, call 477-5551. □

Bands join for concert

The Nevada County Concert Band and the Sparks Community Band from Nevada will perform a joint concert at Sunday in Nevada City's Pioneer Park. The 6 p.m. concert in the bandshell is free.

The bands will perform a program of pops music including Sousa marches, light classical music, jazz and favorites from the musical theater.

The Nevada County Concert band, the oldest performing group in Nevada County, will be under the baton of guest conductor Mike McAllister. The 35-member Sparks Community Band is under the direction of Gerald Willis. The group is sponsored by the city of Sparks and performs at many city functions.

Audience members should bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating. Picnicking is welcome, and refreshments will be sold by PJ's Meats and Lazy Dog Confections.

For details, call Mary at 272-4965.

—The Union staff

Forest City Homecoming set

A parade, historical tours and a bluegrass music concert are among the festivities Saturday during the eighth annual Forest City Homecoming. Forest City is a historic mining community in Sierra County between Goodyear's Bar and Alleghany.

The public event starts at noon with a ceremony officially designating the town as a historic district in the National Register of Historic Places. The traditional parade follows on Main Street. The museum and historic dance hall will be open for tours. The Mountain Laurel Bluegrass Band performs at 5 p.m.

Visitors may bring a picnic lunch or eat a barbecue dinner prepared by

the Forest City Historical Association. Camping is available in U.S. Forest Service land adjacent to the townsite. Call 287-3413 or 287-3207 for more information.

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