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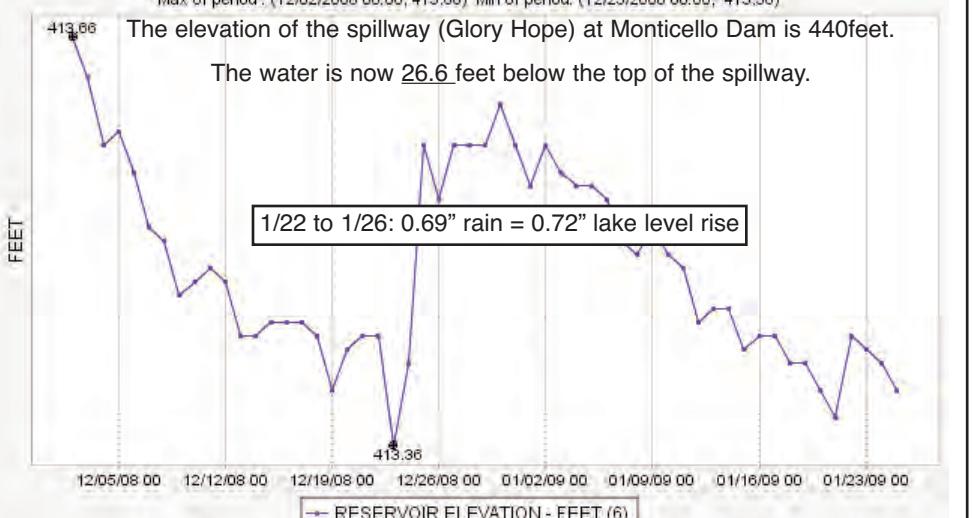
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The elevation of the spillway (Glory Hope) at Monticello Dam is 440feet.

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### 2009 Lake Berryessa Calendar

- Feb. 8: Senior Center Horseshoes, Noon, Hamburger & Buns furnished...Bring your own beverage
- Feb. 10: Formal presentation and information regarding the possible privatization process of the Berryessa Highlands and Berryessa Estates water/sewer districts, Board of Supervisors Room, 1195 Third Street, Napa, Room 305.
- Feb. 14: Trout & Salmon Derby, Spanish Flat Country Store
- Feb. 15: Amgen Tour of California, Lance Armstrong & other top cyclists ride along Lake Berryessa
- Feb. 15: Berryessa Corners Grand Opening Party for Berryessa Highlands residents, Noon.
- Feb. 16: Senior Center Board Meeting 10:30 AM,
- Feb. 16: Senior Center Bingo, 1 PM (Every Monday)
- Feb. 20: Senior Center Cards & Movie 7:30 PM (Every Fri.)
- Feb. 21: Senior Center 25th Anniversary Pot Luck, 6 PM
- Mar. 21: Lions Club St. Patrick's Day Dinner at Turtle Rock
- Apr. 4: Capell Valley School Auction at R Ranch
- May 2: Napa Vintage ½ Ironman, Lake Berryessa
- May 3: Napa Valley Sprint Triathlon, Lake Berryessa
- Oct. 3: The Napa Tri, Girl, Tri (all women's triathlon), Lake Berryessa
- To have your event listed, contact Peter Kilkus at [PKilkus@LakeBerryessa.net](mailto:PKilkus@LakeBerryessa.net) or call 415-307-6906. Berryessa Senior Center, 4380 Spanish Flat Loop Road, 966-0206

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## Berryessa Senior Center Celebrates 25th Anniversary

**February 21, 2009 - Pot Luck Party at 6 P.M.!**



Betty Pedersen - 1/31/09



Senior Center Founded in 1984

Communities evolve because people who care make things happen. Betty Pedersen is one of those special people. When she and her close friend, Ruth Spiteri, took walks they would talk about what their Lake Berryessa community needed. In 1983 they realized that a Senior Center would be an important resource for many local residents, especially since everything around the lake closes down in winter, so they decided to start one.

They laid the groundwork in 1983, originally meeting with a talented group of people at Moskowite Corners to create the bylaws and structure. The membership age was set at 55 since they wanted members who were young enough to have energy and who realized that the Center would be an investment in their own future.

They decided to incorporate as an independent, rather than County-run, Center to avoid becoming involved in bureaucracy. A \$293,000 State development grant helped build the Center in

1988, but all other financing was done through fund-raisers. The Senior Center opened in 1984 as has been a cornerstone of the community since then.

### BERRYESSA SENIOR CITIZENS - THE BEGINNING

(Scanned from original dot-matrix printer copy)

SEPTEMBER, 1983: SEVENTY PEOPLE GATHERED AT MOSKOWITE CORNERS TO DISCUSS PLANS TO FORM SENIOR CITIZENS GROUP IN THE BERRYESSA AREA.

A GREAT DEAL OF ENTHUSIASM EXPRESSED OVER THE PROSPECT OF A SENIOR CENTER IN THIS ISOLATED LOCATION OF NAPA COUNTY.

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THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION AND BY LAWS FOR THE BERRYESSA SENIOR CITIZENS WERE DRAWN UP IN OCTOBER, 1983.

NOVEMBER, 1983: A GENERAL MEETING WAS HELD TO INFORM PEOPLE OF

THE PROGRESS OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE. BY UNANIMOUS VOTE THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION AND BY LAWS WERE ADOPTED. APPROVAL OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE TO SERVE AS THE INTERIM BOARD OF DIRECTORS WAS VOTED BY THE MEMBERSHIP. VOLUNTARY DONATIONS OF \$10 DUES WERE SUGGESTED AND APPROVED.

JANUARY 3, 1984: THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION AND BY LAWS OF THE BERRYESSA SENIOR CITIZENS, INCORPORATION WERE FILED WITH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND OUR CHARTER WAS ISSUED.

FEBRUARY 14, 1984: THE BERRYESSA SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER HELD OPEN HOUSE. IT WAS A GRAND CELEBRATION. PRESIDENT BOB PEARSON GAVE A SHORT SPEECH TELLING OF THE PAST ACCOMPLISHMENTS & FUTURE GOALS. SINCERE GRATITUDE WAS EXPRESSED

TO ALL THOSE PEOPLE WHO HAD GENEROUSLY GIVEN OF THEIR TIME, TALENTS AND EFFORT TO ASSURE THE BEGINNING OF THE BERRYESSA SENIOR CITIZENS.

**Center is Available for Public Events**



Crab Feed - 1/31/09

## From the Editor

I want to thank contributors to this issue: Supervisor Diane Dillon, "Sudoku Gary" Howes, Amber Payne, Napalachian cartoonist Bill Scholer, and CeCe Short. If you wish to contribute articles or photos, please do so. Letters to the editor are also always welcome.

## Lake Luciana Golf Course: Pope Valley

I attended a packed Napa County planning commission meeting last week to speak in support of the Lake Luciana Golf Course project.

The \$42 million project is an excellent example of environmentally-friendly design and would create open space, about 160 full-time jobs, plus sourcing 60 percent of its materials locally. The golf course would generate about \$1.5 million in property tax revenue, two-thirds of which would benefit the school district in Pope Valley.

The owners of the Luciana project also own the renovated Aetna Springs Golf Course and wish to be good Pope Valley community members, proposing additional support to the Pope Valley Volunteer Fire Department. The majority of the speakers at the meeting supported the project. I believe from my conversations with folks around the lake, so do the majority of people in Pope Valley and the Lake Berryessa region.

The proposal has, as can be expected in Pope Valley, been met with "The Attack of the Drawbridge People", those who moved in and want the drawbridge lifted to prevent others from coming. They seem to prefer to live in a deteriorating museum of what Pope Valley was, their own little Napalachia, rather than participate in rebuilding it as an environmentally and economically-sustainable community. But some of the local people trapped behind that drawbridge want out, into a real and viable Pope Valley.

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## To the Editor

### Capell Valley School Ice Cream Social

The Capell Valley PTA would like to thank Mike Schildnecht of the new Berryessa Corners for his generous monetary donation as well as the ice cream cups for the Capell Valley Ice Cream social.

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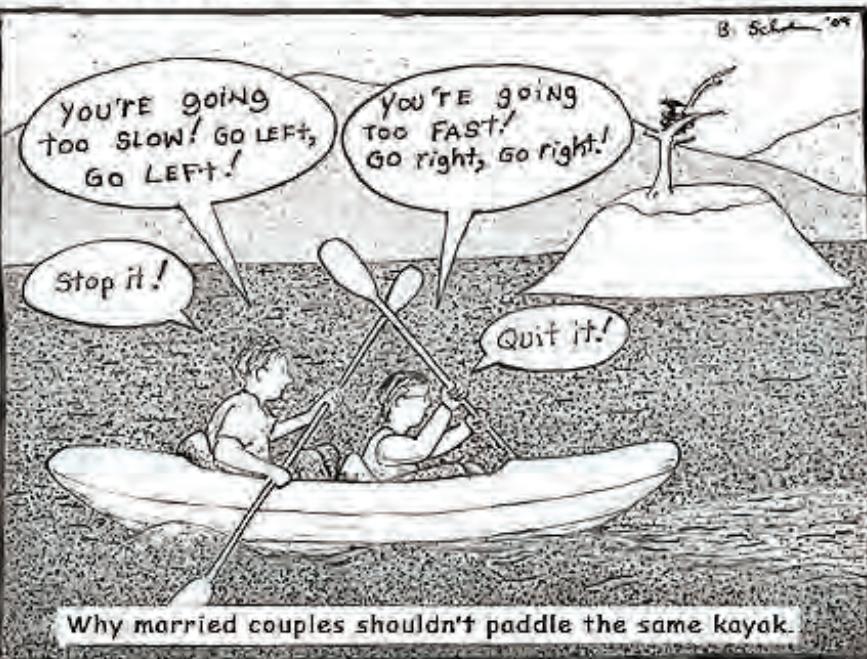
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## NAPALACHIA

by Bill Scholer



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## Victorian Valentine's Day Tea

Keeping in the tradition of the Goodman Library and its original use, the Napa County Historical Society is hosting Valentine's Day Tea Time at the Goodman on Saturday, February 14, 2009 from 12-1 p.m. at the Goodman Library, 1219 First Street. The Goodman Library opened in 1902 as a library, Tea and Rest Room and Billiards Room.

On February 14th guests, welcomed by their costumed Victorian maid, will experience a Victorian tea celebrating the holiday of love. Guests will enjoy an assortment of teas, tea sandwiches and desserts while learning about the history of tea and Napa. Traditional cucumber and cream cheese and delectable petit fours are part of the menu. "Tea Time at the Goodman is a fun yet educational program the Society offers by appointment for groups, but for Valentine's Day we are hosting a Tea Room circa 1920 special holiday tea. It's a great way for families or lovers to celebrate Valentine's Day," noted Executive Director Kristie Sheppard.

The Valentine's Day Tea Time at the Goodman is \$20 for Society members, \$25 for non-members. The Society is also running a special \$10 rate for kids and Society volunteers. Even more fun is when guests dress up. Victorian attire is encouraged, not required. RSVP to Kristie at 707-224-1739 or director@napahistory.org by February 10th.



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**2009 Amgen Tour of California Comes to Lake Berryessa and Pope Valley Sunday Feb. 15, 2009**

The nine-day stage race will feature 17 of the world's top professional teams, including world-renowned riders Lance Armstrong, two-time defending champion Levi Leipheimer, three-time World Champion Oscar Freire and 2008 Olympic gold medal winner and world champion Fabian Cancellara, racing more than 750-miles from the state's capitol, Sacramento, to San Diego County.

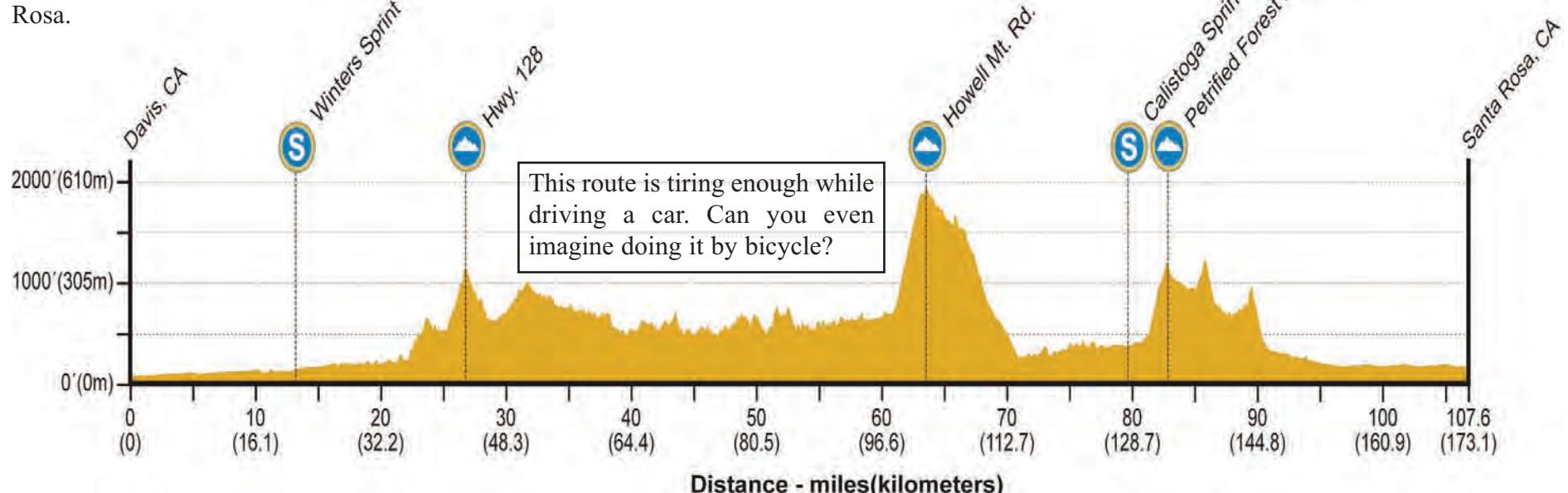
"The level of competition and talent for the fourth annual Amgen Tour of California rivals the top races in the world and demonstrates the importance of the United States to professional cycling."

The largest cycling event in the country, the Amgen Tour of California is a Tour de France-style cycling road race that challenges the world's top pro cycling teams along a demanding course.

"I will be competing in the Amgen Tour of California," confirmed Lance Armstrong. "The level of competition, the challenge of the course and the highly professional atmosphere makes it the ideal situation for me to continue my training. I have also chosen the Amgen Tour of California because of the race's record of supporting Cancer awareness and research thru their Amgen Breakaway from Cancer initiatives and their commitment to partner with our Lance Armstrong Foundation. I look forward to racing once again in the United States in what we consider the best race outside of Europe."

Stage 1, originating in Davis at noon on Feb. 15 and finishing in Santa Rosa, will take riders into the Napa Valley. The route follows Putah Creek Road to Highway 128 to Berryessa Corners. The cyclists are then on their way past Turtle Rock Bar and Restaurant to Knoxville Road. They pass the Spanish Flat Village Center (Cucina Italiana, Spanish Flat Country Store & Deli, the Handmade Store & more, Spanish Flat Cantina, CeCe Short Realty) on their way to Pope Canyon Road and Pope Valley.

In downtown Pope Valley they pass the Pope Valley Market and on up Howell Mountain Road to Angwin and then down to Silverado Trail as they make their way into Calistoga. They go on Petrified Forest Road to Calistoga Road as they head to Santa Rosa.



On Sunday Feb. 15, 2009, communities along the Amgen Tour of California route will have the chance to see, firsthand, a lineup of some of the most elite, recognizable teams and athletes in the world. The race leaves Davis at Noon. Local spectators can expect racers to be passing by the following local landmarks as early as these estimated times: Monticello Dam - 12:53 PM; Berryessa Corners - 1:17 PM; Turtle Rock - 1:27 PM; Spanish Flat Village Center - 1:40 PM; Pope Canyon Bridge - 1:55 PM; downtown Pope Valley - 2:17 PM. Connecting roads will be closed approximately a half-hour before the race leaders reach any intersections, so get there early.

Lake Berryessa businesses will be hosting spectators: Berryessa Corners - 12 Noon - free barbecue for Berryessa Highlands residents only; Turtle Rock - have a "World Famous Eggroll"; Spanish Flat Village Center - have Mexican food at Spanish Flat Cantina, a deli delight from the Spanish Flat Country Store, or a panini from Cucina Italiana.



**Letters to the Editor**

Berryessa Churches Help Needy Families

Your two local churches, Community Church of Lake Berryessa and Valley Christian Church, are pleased to announce an opportunity to help the community at large.

The churches have received a monetary donation through their volunteer efforts and would like to return the donation to the community. The churches are attempting to identify five families who have been financially affected by the current economic problems we all are facing.

The churches would like to provide a \$100 grocery gift card to those families in need who have suffered job loss or other economic problems affecting their ability to provide for their basic food needs. The churches will be accepting written nominations from people knowing of a family having this need. They may be mailed to the Community Church at 6008 Steel Canyon road Napa, Calif. 94558

If you know of a family having this need please write a short note explaining the situation and include your contact information. The churches will evaluate all requests and identify the five recipients. Those chosen to receive a gift card will be contacted and the gift card provided in private out of respect for the families.

Thank you for allowing the churches to serve in the community.

Pastors Randall B. Roach and Robert C. Lee

Pleasure Cove Clean-up Success

This year, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day saw the expression of a renewed spirit of respon-

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bility and service to our community. Thanks to the pre-inauguration initiative of our new President, folks from all over Napa and elsewhere joined together to make contributions in a variety of ways.

In Napa's Lake District, volunteers joined Berryessa Trails and Conservation (BT&C) together with Bureau of Reclamation staff, the Solano County Water Agency, and Pleasure Cove Marina to collect trash and debris from the shoreline in the Wragg Canyon area of Lake Berryessa.

Seventy-five people showed up on a crisp, sunny morning last Monday, from Napa County as well as the surrounding areas of Yolo, Solano, and Lake Counties. Loaded onto boats provided by Pleasure Cove, the volunteers were dropped off at various points along the shoreline, to be picked up later along with trash they had collected.

An impressive pile of garbage and junk grew at the boat launch ramp at Pleasure Cove for deposit into nearby dumpsters. Some volunteers hiked back along the scenic Outback road; others were brought back by boat.

The morning's toil yielded rewards in the form of a barbecue lunch generously provided by Solano County Water Agency and expertly prepared by Pleasure Cove Marina supervisor Terry Sparkman and his wife Kay. The volunteers enjoyed a leisurely lunch and the sort of inspired interaction that accompanies common purpose.

As the organizers of this small part of our National Day of Service, BT&C wishes to thank all the volunteers who showed up and made this effort a success. Inaugurating Stewards of the Lake District, the volunteer group of Berryessa Trails and Conservation, this event was a valuable first effort in restoring and maintaining the integrity of the natural areas surrounding Lake Berryessa. We anticipate providing many other opportunities for volunteers to enjoy the beauty of the Lake District and contribute to their own

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Wendy Wallin, Berryessa Trails & Conservation

(Editor's Note: The Lake Berryessa News and the Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce object to calling the Lake Berryessa region "Napa's Lake District". We are Lake Berryessa and the Lake Berryessa Region!)

How to Control Your Aluminum Foil

I had to go into the kitchen and check this out for myself when I heard about it. Whoever looks at the end of your aluminum foil box? You know when you try to pull some foil out and the roll comes out of the box. Then you have to put the roll back in the box and start over. The darn roll always comes out at the wrong time.

Well, I would like to share this with you. Yesterday I went to throw out an empty Reynolds foil box and for some reason I turned it and looked at the end of the box. And written on the end it said, "Press here to lock end".

Right there on the end of the box is a tab to lock the roll in place. See photo below. How long has this little locking tab been there?

I then looked at a generic brand of aluminum foil and it had one, too. But my box of Saran wrap didn't have one! I can't count the number of times the Saran wrap roll has jumped out when I was trying to cover something up.

Bob Massey, Berryessa Highlands



**Napa County News**  
By Supervisor Diane Dillon

Do you have a Septic Tank?

The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) has proposed regulations that will establish new statewide minimum requirements for the siting, permitting, construction, operation, maintenance and performance monitoring of all new and existing onsite wastewater disposal systems (OTWS) including septic tank systems with leach fields.

Implementation of the regulations as currently proposed would likely have impacts on all residents with existing septic tanks, on owners of unimproved residential parcels, and on future land development. The proposed regulations hold individual homeowners and businesses with OTWS to be directly responsible to the Water Board for compliance with all new regulatory requirements. If an individual fails to comply, the Regional and State Water Boards have authority to take various enforcement actions against the property owner, including the issuance of monetary fines.

The SWRCB is holding eleven workshops throughout the State in order to receive public comments on the proposed regulations and on the adequacy of the associated draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR). I attended the workshop in Santa Rosa on January 27, 2009 to testify as to the County's opposition to and concerns with the proposed regulations. Unfortunately, due to the overwhelming attendance, the meeting was canceled 10 minutes after it started. I did have an opportunity, however, to speak to Tam Doduc, the chair of the SWRCB, and she promised that the current deadline of February 9th for making comments would be continued, and the proposed regulations would be changed.

The Santa Rosa workshop has been rescheduled for February 9, 2009. Two sessions are scheduled from 1 pm to 5 pm and 7 pm to 11 pm. The workshop will take place at the Wells Fargo Center for the Arts, in the Ruth Finley Person Theatre, 50 Mark West Springs Road. I urge you attend if possible. This is your opportunity to directly participate in this important rule-making process. If you cannot attend this workshop, please consider sending a written comment to the State Water Resources Control Board. Comments are due by February 23rd at noon. All written comments will be considered by the State Water Resources Control Board prior to

their adoption of the regulations and certification of the Final EIR sometime early next year.

For more information, a copy of the proposed regulations and the DEIR (along with other related documents) please visit: [www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/program/septic\\_tanks](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/program/septic_tanks)

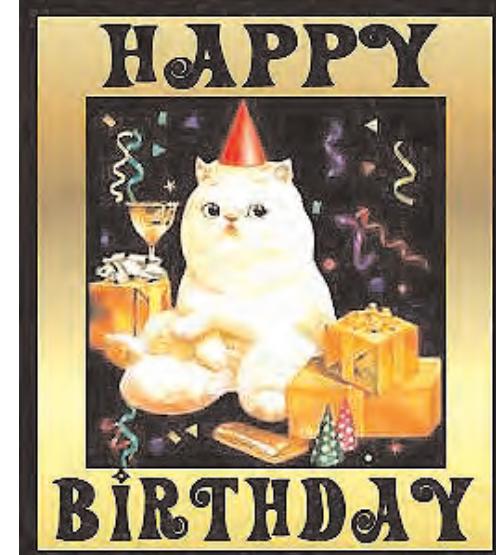
Napa Berryessa and Lake Berryessa Resort Improvement Districts

Community meetings were held on January 21st and January 22nd to inform residents of the possibility of privatizing water and wastewater services for the Napa Berryessa Resort Improvement District (NBRID - Berryessa Highlands) and the Lake Berryessa Resort Improvement District (LBRID - Berryessa Pines). If on February 3, 2009 the District Directors directed staff to pursue exploratory discussions with California Water Service Company, a formal presentation and information regarding the privatization process will be held on February 10th at the Board of Supervisors Room, 1195 Third Street, Napa, Room 305. You are welcome to attend.

I am not committed to privatization as a solution for the water and sewer upgrade problems currently facing these districts, however, I am open to exploring whether this may be an improvement for LBRID and NBRID rate payers.

Free Online Tutoring For Students

With funding from the Friends of Napa Library and the federal government, the Napa County library now offers a program called Live Homework Help. From 1 p.m. to 10 p.m., students attending kindergarten through intro-college can log onto the library's website at [www.co.napa.ca.us/library](http://www.co.napa.ca.us/library) and receive real-time tutoring in a wide range of academic subjects. The program is run by a New York company that screens tutors for academic ability and personal background to make sure the experience is safe for children. I think this is a fabulous program and I encourage you to use it.



**Creature Double Feature**

You were always that oblivious one in the monster movie, who needed to be warned of the giant lizard peering through the open window behind you even as everyone froze to watch it.

I never understood this - your inability to spot the most obvious signs of trouble. Though debris shook from the walls and screams echoed through the burning city, you never admitted a thing to yourself.

Even the proud reptile was stunned by your indifference. What if all its wanton trampling had been for your sole benefit?

It could have ended so much sooner had you ever opened your eyes. Instead,

you turned away from that open window, and left the frightened crowd to scuttle for cover among the flattened buildings,

insisting we end the feature with no room for heroics or a sequel of any kind.

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**Short Acres Fishing Report**

Currently, very cold & clear bright blue-sky mornings here at beautiful Lake Berryessa....Lake in the early morning is like glass, mid-morning a bit of wind kicks up to give us the right amount of ripples....

Boat & bank fisherman are picking up trout around the Pope Creek Bridge shore-line area drifting live minnows on a 6-8 ft leader with a bobber...

As the day progresses & the sun intensifies you'll spot trout breaking water & kicking up their heels!!

Lots of fish are being marked on the fish finder in the 6-14 ft. depth, then again in 24-36 ft....

Faithful trollers are out also hugging the shorelines trying to pickup some action using Silver Excels, Wedding Rings with a threaded crawler or Silver Cripple Lures.... Whatever your method of choice, you have to work for them & be patient.....

CeCe Short, CeCe Short Realty, Spanish Flat Village Center

**Blonde Fishing Turnabout**

A blonde guy gets up really early in the morning to go ice fishing. He goes out onto the ice with his tent, his pick and his fishing rod, and starts to pick at the ice.

Then he hears a big booming voice: "THERE ARE NO FISH UNDER THE ICE."

The guy looks around and then starts to pick at the ice again. Then he hears the voice again: "THERE ARE NO FISH UNDER THE ICE."

Now the guy is getting a little edgy. He looks up toward the sky and thinks to himself, "God, is that you?"

There is no answer, so he starts picking again. The voice bellowed again: "THERE ARE NO FISH UNDER THE ICE."

Then the guy yells, "God, is that you?"

The voice answered, "NO. IT'S THE MANAGER OF THE ICE RINK."



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**4318 Knoxville Road in the Spanish Flat Village Center**

(Editor's Note: Below is a Guest Editorial from a friend who has long worked to protect boater freedom. I included it here because it reminds me of the process used by the Bureau of Reclamation and its exclusionist allies to bring about the present devastation at Lake Berryessa. During that process there was an abortive attempt to ban personal watercraft from the lake. Remember that Recalamation has already banned gasoline-powered boats from the Big Island Lagoon, causing boating families to lose their traditional quiet (5 mph) place to go to relax and swim away from the busy main body of the lake. This was one of the most unpopular, among many, acts perpetrated by Reclamation at the lake. And that ban has not increased the number of kayakers using the lagoon. Their numbers are still approximately ZERO. It's always a difficult to deal with people who find the truth too confining.)

#### High Seas Public Access Theft

By John Donaldson, Dean of the PWC Nation

(As featured in Ride Magazine, the official magazine of the American Watercraft Association ([www.awahq.com](http://www.awahq.com)). The AWA brings together personal watercraft enthusiasts, dealers and manufacturers to protect your right to ride.)

In 2003 the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) embarked on a process to adjust rules and regulations for the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary (MB NMS). I attended each of the meetings of the motorized personal watercraft (MPWC) group.

During a break in the very first meeting that was attended by a number of tow surfers, and other associates, it was plain the mood was definitely down-beat. Tow surfing via the use of PWC was the focus of malicious, inaccurate and demeaning comments made by vocal anti-PWC members of the work group. These anti's were allowed to vent and rant without pause by the NOAA staff who were supposed to be facilitating the meeting.

After five years of meetings, workshops, public hearings, public testimony; thousands of pages of paper in reports, compilations, memos, exhibits—many of which crowd my office; and enough man-hours and money to make any of us wealthy, NOAA formalized it's anti-PWC railroading process by the issuance of a new and unique definition of PWC as any vessel less than 20 feet in length overall and propelled by a water jet pump or drive. MB NMS has effectively banned taxpaying PWC owners and other boats from the largest area of open public water accessible to most citizens on the west coast. This may in fact be the largest boating restriction in the world in terms of area.

How did this happen? The essence of this systematic lockout resides primarily with NOAA's insistence on not using a single piece of data, nor a single scientific analysis conducted at MB NMS, or anywhere else on the California Coast to support a prohibition on personal watercraft use on public waters. Even more alarming, NOAA bureaucrats have created, apparently out of thin air, the most bizarre definition of a personal watercraft found anywhere on the planet. By this unprecedented definition change, they have excluded any vessel fitting their fantasy description from over 5,500 square miles of open North Pacific Ocean—an area approximately the size of Connecticut and Rhode Island combined. But the true threat is that NOAA's Sanctuary branch has long harbored a desire to turn the entire U.S. coastline into one mega-sanctuary. The very act of re-defining what a particular boat is, without any input from the Coast Guard, the boating industry, the State of California, or anyone else for that matter, sets a shocking precedent for the rest of us.

Be that as it may, NOAA staffers and their radical no-access allies have had quite a bit to say about this taxpayer recreational boating exclusion. One senior staffer quoted in the LA Times said, "These areas are essentially underwater Yosemites." Embellishing the scope and grandeur of ones bureaucratic fiefdom is a well-used crutch in the public arena. Indeed, this "made for quote" statement left me pondering exactly what an "underwater Yosemite" looks like, and just exactly how an environmentally friendly PWC drafting

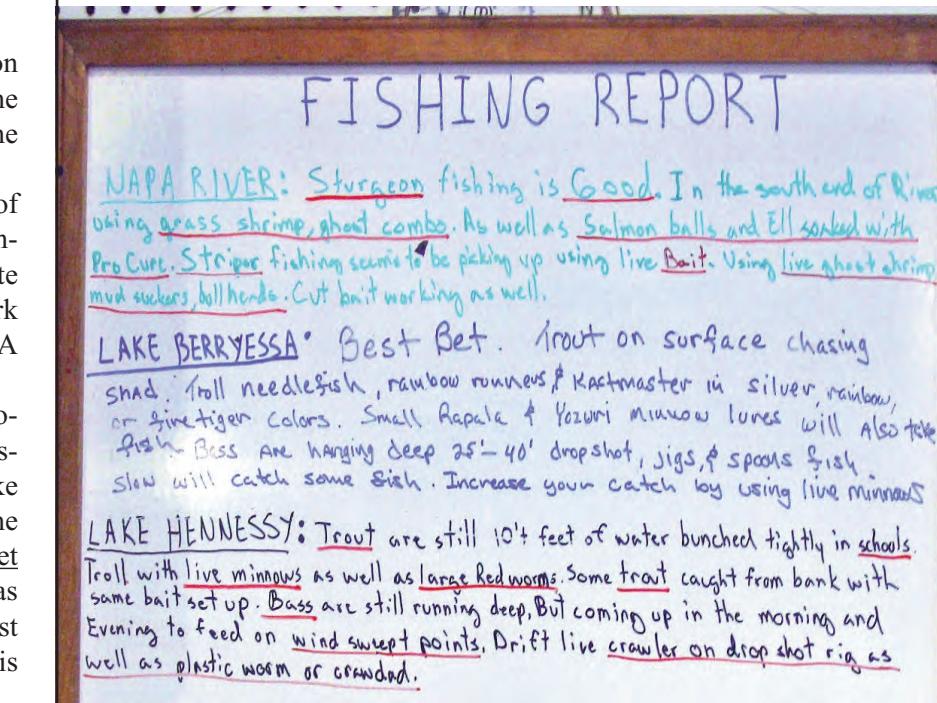
#### **Sweeney's Sports White Board Fishing Report**

Below is a photo of Sweeney's Sports famous white board fishing report. Bob Arwine said that anglers come in all the time specifically to read the board. Bob is also a Master Fly Tyer and is giving ongoing Basic Fly Tying classes at Sweeney's. Call 707 255-5544 for details. If you can't read the info below, here's what it says for Lake Berryessa as of 1/30/09:

"Best bet - trout on surface chasing shad. Troll needlefish, rainbow runners & kastmaster in silver, rainbow, or fine tiger colors. Small Rapala & Yosuri minnow lures will also take fish. Bass are hanging deep at 25'- 40', drop-shot, jigs, & spoons. Fishing slow will catch some fish. Increase your catch by using live minnows."

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Spanish Flat Country Store has live minnows for sale, as does Sweeney's. Spanish Flat Country Store & Deli's next monthly Trout and Salmon Derby, also sponsored by the Berryessa Senior Center, is on Saturday, Feb. 14. See ad on Page 9 facing.



about 8 inches of water in the static position would affect such an imposing geographical feature.

If you thought this statement was on the edge, a so-called environmental group was quoted in the same article saying, "We feel this is a decent balance between use and marine protection." Well, if your goal is to eliminate the general public from enjoying public waters and lands owned by the said public, then you'd be pretty happy with this sort of "balance" seeing how the balance keeps those pesky tax payers out of their waters. These two statements are as clear as it gets when dealing with no-access fanatics, and should serve as a wakeup call for the PWC Nation.

NOAA was empowered to define and establish marine sanctuaries by the Marine Sanctuaries Act about 30 years ago. NOWHERE in the Act is there any reference to a national park like system, or for the types of regulations and processes that exist in National Parks. Regrettably, current NOAA management completely ignores what Congress didn't say when they passed the Act. The result is un-elected NOAA bureaucrats setting policy for your public resources without any authority, oversight, or consideration of all parties concerned.

As for the so-called environmental groups - we all need to understand that their idea of a "decent balance" is banning your access to public waterways. The Dean says, "don't ever be fooled into thinking otherwise."



#### **Friends Pay Respects to Bill Kaye**

Dozens of friends remembered Bill Kaye at a memorial luncheon on Jan. 24 at the Berryessa Senior Center. Stories were told, laughter echoed, and tears flowed. Although he had no immediate family, Bill's family are all those who knew him these many decades at Lake Berryessa. As everyone agreed, he was probably the nicest, most helpful person around these parts. You could always count on him.

He was a founding member of the Berryessa Lions more than 25 years ago and worked tirelessly for the community, especially the Lions Club Pope Valley School Bike Rodeo which he loved so much. He truly will be missed.



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### Emails from the Lake Berryessa News

A man was in his front yard mowing grass when his attractive blonde female neighbor came out of the house and went straight to the mailbox. She opened it then slammed it shut and stormed back in the house.

A little later she came out of her house again went to the mail box and again, opened it, slammed it shut again. Angrily, back into the house she went.

As the man was getting ready to edge the lawn, here she came out again, marched to the mail box, opened it and then slammed it closed harder than ever. Puzzled by her actions the man asked her,

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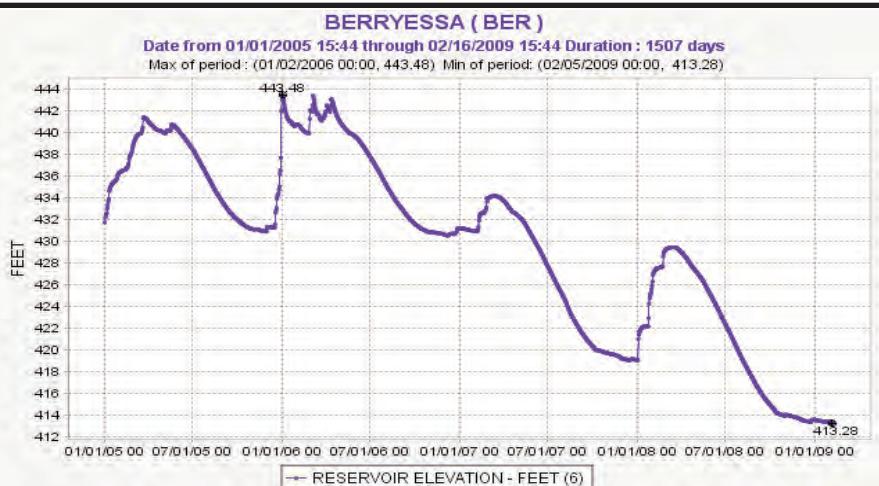
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As of 2/16/09, the water is now 26.22 Feet below the top of the spillway.

Lake Berryessa has had 10.2 Inches of rainfall since July 1, 2008

Date	Elevation	Evaporation	High	Low	Precipitation
2/2/09	413.31	0.08	75	33	0.00
2/3/09	413.30	0.01	66	32	0.00
2/4/09	413.29	0.06	67	33	0.00
2/5/09	413.28	0.00	65	33	0.10
2/6/09	413.34	0.01	61	46	0.25
2/7/09	413.33	0.01	53	36	0.21
2/8/09	413.32	0.09	67	35	0.09
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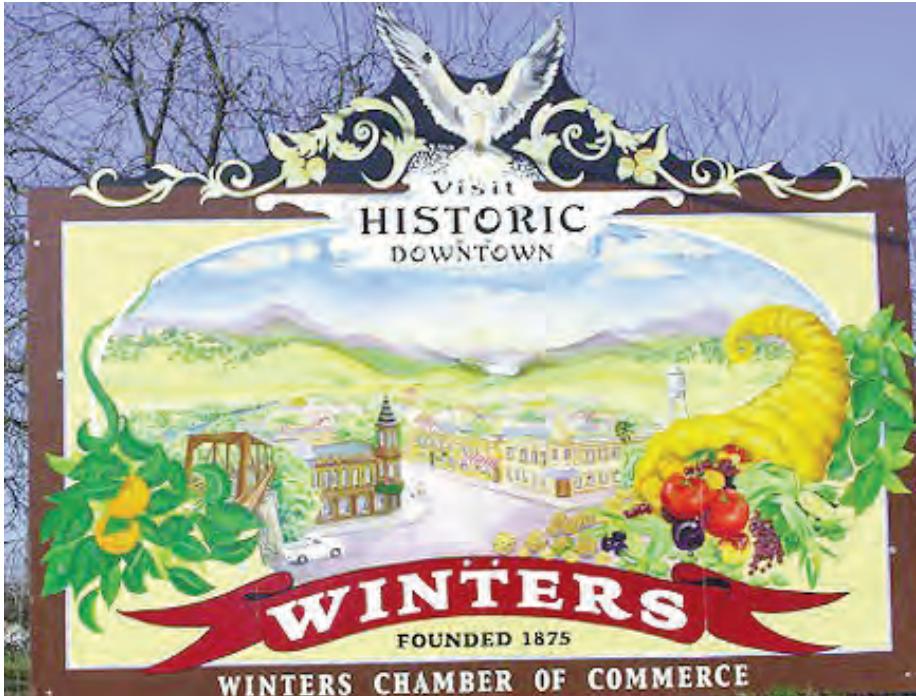
## Winters, CA: The Eastern Gateway to Lake Berryessa

The City of Winters knows outdoor recreation! Whether it's hiking, biking, camping, kayaking, RVing, boating, or dirt biking, someone in Winters is doing it. And that's why Winters seems so much in tune with the spirit of Lake Berryessa. Many residents of the Lake Berryessa Region say that when the Town of Lake Berryessa is finally incorporated, its first official act will be to declare Winters its Sister City.

The Winters City Council, as well as many local businesses and residents, stood up to the Bureau of Reclamation in 2004 when Reclamation was developing its plans for Lake Berryessa, declaring in City Council Resolution No. 2004-34, Section 5: "The lack of a phased approach by canceling all existing contracts within a two year period could create a catastrophic situation in the event that plans are not available for a transition of control and Lake management for users."

And in Section 11 "It appears that under the current plans, these concessionaires would receive no compensation for facilities or improvements, which seems unjust."

These words, among other prescient statements in the resolution, have turned out to be sadly prophetic, since now five of the seven resorts have been closed indefinitely, with their owners being told to demolish everything because Reclamation declared that there is no value to the restaurants, recreation activities, and world-class cultural offerings within short driving distances.



But the good news for Winters is that their previous stance may be one of the reasons that Markley Cove Resort, a primary destination for Winters and other Yolo County recreationists, is still open and will remain so as it negotiates a new contract with the Bureau of Reclamation.

Pleasure Cove Marina, the next resort down the road from Markley Cove, has also signed a new contract with Reclamation. So boat launching, boat slips, cabins and camping are still only minutes from downtown Winters.

Winters is a historic small farming town that hearkens back to a simpler time. Despite its small size Winters is home to unique shops, restaurants, and galleries while at the same time offering its residents a host of amenities, recreation activities, and world-class cultural offerings within short driving distances.

Putah Creek by Governor Juan Basista de Alvarado to William Wolfskill, a southern California resident and naturalized Mexican citizen. In 1875 George B. and Andrew M. Stevenson, owners of the Vaca Valley Railroad Company, extended their line to the north bank of Putah Creek. The Stevensons sought financial assistance from Theodore Winters and others to build a railroad bridge across Putah Creek. They also laid out a forty acre town site which was named for Theodore Winters, from whom the land was purchased.

A three span, 368 foot long riveted steel frame railroad trestle bridge spans Putah Creek, at the south end of town. The bridge was originally constructed in 1906 to service the gold rush era. It was abandoned by the railroad in the mid 1960's, and was later donated to the City of Winters. The City restored the old railroad bridge and reopened it on its 100 year anniversary in 2006. The bridge is located near the community center and is part of the Putah Creek Nature Trail that runs along Putah Creek.

Winters is also home to a budding artist community and has become a favorite destination for bicycle enthusiasts. The city, with its "small town" flavor, is host to many annual events such as Youth Day, The Earthquake Festival, free summer concerts, and St. Patrick and 4th of July day parades.

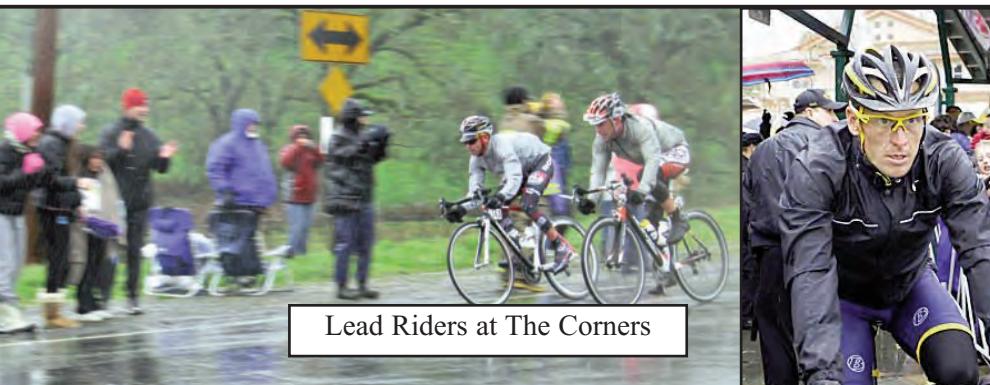
The settlement of the Winters area began in 1842 with the granting of 17,750 acres of land along

Keep up with news and events with the Winters Express at: [www.wintersexpress.com](http://www.wintersexpress.com).

Stage 1 of the fourth Amgen Tour of California took place in nasty cold and rainy weather conditions. But the Lake Berryessa crowds loved it anyway. The lead riders were about 15 minutes later than the predicted arrival time at the Corners. Then the peloton was about 15 minutes behind that. But as you can see from the photos below, the Berryessa Corners was hopping despite the rain. The Spanish Flat Village Center folks also waved the flag as the riders sped by. Thanks to Karla Holland-Scholer for the photos at Berryessa Corners and to CeCe Short for the Spanish Flat Village shots.



Crowd waits at the Corners



Lead Riders at The Corners



Lance Armstrong in black turns The Corners



Marcia, Donna, and the Spanish Flat Village People



Riders blur past Spanish Flat Village

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1 tsp paprika  
1 tsp salt

Cut each breast half into 3 long strips about 1-1/2 inches wide and add to the bowl. I usually use frozen boneless chicken breasts cut in half and/or frozen chicken tenders. Although they cost more they're more convenient to use. I also use chopped garlic from a jar.

Pour coconut milk into a separate bowl and press garlic cloves into milk. Stir curry, coriander, paprika and salt into coconut milk and pour over chicken. Let chicken marinate in the refrigerator for at least 2 hours.

While chicken is marinating, prepare cucumber salad and peanut sauce (recipes below). If using bamboo skewers to barbecue the chicken, soak them in water so they won't burn. Prepare grill or preheat broiler. Thread each chicken piece onto a bamboo or metal skewer. Grill or broil chicken for 5 minutes on each side until lightly browned and cooked through. You can also cook them without the skewers and just serve them on a plate.

#### Peanut Sauce

1 cup coconut milk  
1 TBL red curry paste  
1 TBL satay or chili paste

2 TBL creamy peanut butter

2 TBL sugar

1 TBL tamarind juice or lime juice

1/2 tsp salt

In a saute pan, bring milk to a boil. Reduce heat to medium and whisk in curry and satay pastes. Stir in peanut butter, sugar, tamarind juice and salt; simmer for 10 minutes until slightly thickened. Remove from heat and let sauce cool at room temperature until chicken is ready to serve.

I usually make a large batch of the spice combination – excluding the coconut milk and peanut butter. I freeze it and then use 3-4 tablespoons of the spice mixture per can of coconut milk. The spices are quite hot so experiment to your taste. Add as much chunky peanut butter as you like and stir it all in a heated saucepan. This makes it easy to throw a dinner party without a lot of work. Serve the satay with basmati or jasmine rice and lots of extra sauce on the side.

#### Cucumber Salad

2-3 cucumbers, peeled and thinly sliced  
2-3 thin slices red onion, cut in half  
2 TBL chopped red bell pepper  
1/4 C sugar  
1/2 tsp salt  
1 TBL distilled vinegar  
1/4 C hot water

Combine cucumber, onion and red pepper in non-aluminum bowl. Place sugar and salt into a small bowl and stir in vinegar and hot water. Toss cucumber mixture with sugar mixture and allow cucumbers to marinate until chicken is ready to serve.

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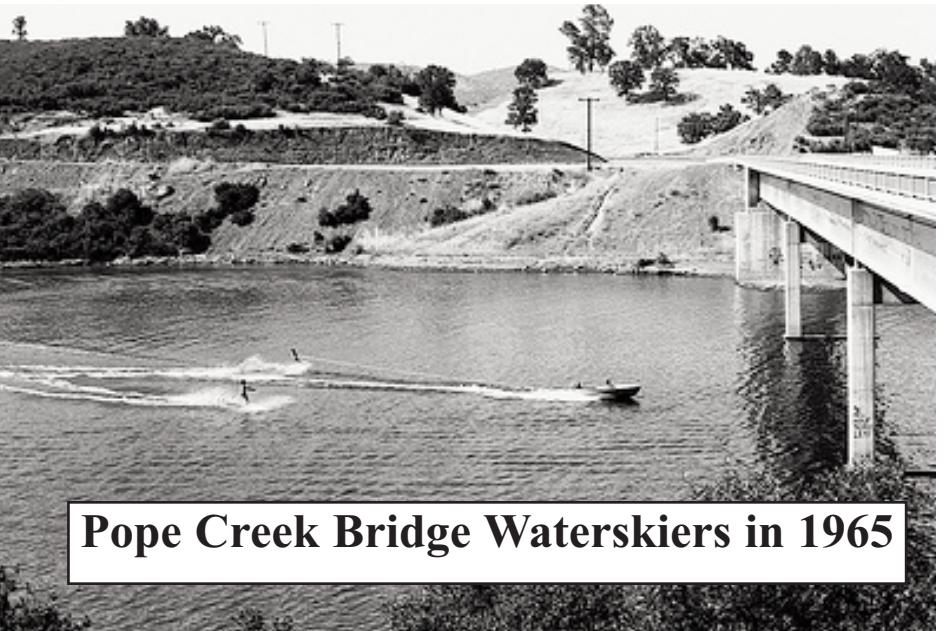
Wouldn't you love to see how the trip went (but from a safe distance)? Recon' he ended doing some off-roading somewhere. . .Check the hills in the background.



She's hitched up and ready to roll!! Amazin' how the extra weight smoothes out the ride. Needed to air up the rear tires a bit ('bout 160 psi). Add some heavy-duty chain for extra support on the tailgate, (note the 'Heavy-Duty 'S' hooks to attach the chain) Also pay-up for some BIG 5/16-inch sheet metal screws to attach the frame to the tailgate.



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### To the Editor

To the Editor,

I don't have an opinion about the proposal for the Golf course in Pope Valley. I just want to explain why we call this area Napalachia. Not that it matters, since people will see and hear what they want to, but for the record.

My husband and I coined the phrase Napalachia to describe the area where we live in Napa County. I was born in West Virginia, and the word Appalachia for me brings to mind images of majestic mountains, apple trees, old-time music and craftsmanship in pottery, glass blowing and woodworking.

I also think of a simpler way of life in which people were more connected to the land in a personal and intimate way. Everyone had a garden and everyone lived off the land in some fashion. For me poverty and deterioration are not words that come to mind, and if anyone has visited Appalachia recently those words would not come to mind for you either.

There are many ways to be impoverished that have nothing to do with how much money you have in your pocket. Living in areas without natural beauty or a unique sense of place can be more impoverishing. Many gated wealthy communities with all their groomed landscaping can be so lacking in real wealth that the "Stepford Wives" come to mind. My husband and I love this area so when we think of Napa County as having similarities to Appalachia, "We should all be so lucky!"

Take Care,  
Karla Holland-Scholer

(Editors Note: Although I used the word in discussing the controversial Lake Luciana Golf Course project, it was not meant in a derogatory sense. Rather I meant that Pope Valley should not be kept as a time-capsule of the past, but allowed to evolve into a more vibrant future - as has happened in Appalachia itself.)

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Dear Editor,

I would like to comment on Wendy Wallin's wonderful thank you to the volunteers who showed up to help pick up trash ("Coming together to clean up the lake").

Did anyone ask who picked up the trash the previous 50 years? I will tell you who: It was the trailer and mobile home owners who took pride in Lake Berryessa because they had an investment there. Now all of a sudden the "Lake District" and Berryessa Trails and Conservation gets credit as being the lake caretakers.

Well, let's wait until all the resorts have opened to the general public and day users. You then will have to contract with waste management on a full-time basis to clean up after the public has used the lake. Over the years I have picked up more garbage around the lake and watched day users and camping people just throw beer cans on the ground. Their attitude is, I paid to use these facilities and let someone else pick up my trash.

I, and many other mobile home owners, took pride in the cleanliness of Lake Berryessa and received or expected no credit for being the caretakers. Let us not be bragging about what they have done now, but give credit to the many trailer and mobile home people who took pride in Lake Berryessa for more than 50 years.

Don Lombardi Sr.  
Lake Berryessa

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To the Editor,

### **Capell Valley School News**

#### Kindergarten Registration

Registration started on Feb. 2nd and will continue until Feb. 27th!

To Register your child:

1. He/She must be 5 by Dec. 2nd 2009
2. You must have their LEGAL Birth Certificate
3. Current Immunization Records
4. 2 Service Bills, in your name for proof of residence (PG&E, garbage, cable, NOT cell phone, water, rental agreement or mortgage statement)

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5. All forms must be filled out in the office: the school district does not permit anyone to take them home.
6. All incoming Kindergartners must register at their assigned neighborhood school.

### Capell Happenings!

Mr. Soper's (3rd, 4th & 5th) class were invited by Park Ranger Mike to help transplant native grasses in front of Park Headquarters on Lake Berryessa. Our students were able to learn about the differences between annual and perennial grasses and how Native American's utilized native plants.

They were also able to find out what trees are doing this time of year. Ranger Mike gave a tour of the visitor center to finish the day.

In class, all the grades are researching and deciding what type of project they are going to do with the garden. the project will involve hands-on science, art, math (measurement and mapping) and community service along with learning about cooperation and responsibility.

Ms. Scruggs (K, 1st & 2nd) class celebrated the 100th day of school!

In the next few weeks we will begin planning gardens for their individual garden project. Each student will have the opportunity to plan and plant their own garden (5x5). They will be responsible for the upkeep of their garden plot.

#### Kid's Corner

Alyssa Wheeler is in 5th grade and on Feb. 9th she found out that she was accepted into River Middle School for next year. To get into River Alyssa had to do a 300 word essay, a collage, and a questionnaire.

Alyssa says that her teacher Mr. Soper was very helpful as well as everyone else

at Capell. River is a project based school that lets students have the freedom to learn on their own. Alyssa's friends and Capell Alumni Courtney Scholezer and Sara Burr also attend River.

Amber Payne  
Berryessa Highlands

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Dear Editor,

"Ocho" and Mandy are back from Texas and we would like to celebrate your support.

Spanish Flat Cantina will be arranging a no-host lunch buffet for \$12.00 per person on Sunday February 22nd, 2:00pm to 5:00pm.

Come share in photos, and tales of our road trip to the Fort Worth Stock Show. Ocho will be on site to share in the celebration and show off his Gypsy Horse Reserve Grand Champion status.

Please, RSVP by Thursday February 19th. Visit [www.Gypsystation.com](http://www.Gypsystation.com) for menu, price, directions.

Mandy Mondiel, Pope Valley  
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## Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce News

The Chamber met on Monday, January 26, at the Chamber office in CeCe Short's real estate office at the Spanish Flat Village Center. Major agenda items were the Economic Impact Report describing the devastating effects on our local businesses of the closing of the five West Shore resorts by the Bureau of Reclamation. Combined with the general economic downturn, the situation is quite serious. The report will be sent to Congressman Mike Thompson to seek his assistance.

Recruiting new and returning members continues. All local businesses are encouraged to join, as well as community members who want to help improve the Lake Berryessa Region. In 2007 the Chamber produced and distributed 10,000 Tourist Brochures and distributed 10,000 more in 2008. We are also planning a Tourist Information Program and Road Sign Project to make Lake Berryessa and its businesses more easily accessible to visitors.

In addition, we have worked with the Napa County Conference and Visitors Bureau (now the Napa Valley Destination Council - see below) to promote the Lake Berryessa Region as a major recreational asset to Napa Valley tourists. The result is our own web page on the new Napa Valley Destination Council website: [www.legendarynapavalley.com](http://www.legendarynapavalley.com). Lake Berryessa is also featured in the "Napa Valley Guidebook," which is distributed nationwide.

The Chamber has become influential within the Napa County tourism and political sectors. Your support as a member will help to expand that influence for the good of our community, especially during this time of change at Lake Berryessa.

This year the Chamber will not be publishing a Directory as it has in the past. Instead a Special Chamber of Commerce Issue of the Lake Berryessa News will be published to include the Chamber Directory as well as chock full of information and

maps of value to lake visitors. This special issue will be of use for the rest of 2009.

The Chamber Tourist Brochure and the Lake Berryessa News have been distributed for the last two years at the Napa Visitor Center. Thus we were as concerned as anyone when the Tourist Center was abruptly closed by the Napa Valley Destination Council a few months ago. Although the Visitor Center was quickly reopened by the Napa Downtown Association, there was concern that more needed to service the 130,000 or more tourists who came to the Visitor Center annually.

Admitting it made a mistake, the NVDC now intends to spiff up the center, located in Napa Town Center, so it presents a better image of the Napa Valley. The final step to having the Destination Council resume center management occurred recently when the Napa County Board of Supervisors approved giving the council \$675,000 in hotel tax revenue to market the Napa Valley.

That allocation, covering two-and-a-half years of council operation, comes with the Destination Council's commitment to resume guest information services in downtown Napa, said David Turgeon, the council's newly promoted chief operating officer.

Vintner Jack Cakebread, president of the Destination Council, described his organization's agenda for the next two years. Although it does not specifically reference Lake Berryessa and seems to focus mostly on the wine industry, the Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce will remain a strong and vocal member of the NVDC.

The parcel, located adjacent to Berryessa Estates, would be used for

hiking trails with the potential in the future for this to connect to a 10-mile trail heading south to Pope Canyon Road.

In addition, Cal Fire is interested in using approximately one acre of the land for a volunteer fire station.

The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 10, 2009 from 7 pm to 9 pm at the Pope Valley Farm Center.

Per Mr. Cakebread: "We wish to communicate clearly that the Napa Valley Destination Council continues to be a membership-based organization. Rather than paying dues, however, Members will be able to invest in valuable marketing programs designed to directly benefit their businesses. We are now able to

begin implementation of a two-year strategic Destination Marketing Plan that will promote all of Napa County and focus on these key program elements:

1. Protect and enhance The Napa Valley's position as the premier wine tourism destination in North America through the implementation of "The Napa Valley – Legendary" destination marketing strategy.
2. Aggressively market "off peak" seasonal and Sunday through Thursday travel.

3. Effectively communicate the attributes of the region in the areas of lodging, wine tasting/sales, fine dining, arts and culture, spa, health and wellness lifestyle pursuits, and apparel & specialty retail to potential and returning guests.

4. Support the delivery of "Legendary Guest Experiences" through Guest Services, Training and Education."

### Napa County News By Supervisor Diane Dillon

#### COMMUNITY MEETING

The Parks & Open Space District is holding a community meeting regarding the potential transfer of 500 acres of Bureau of Land Management (BLM) surplus land to the Parks District.

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For more information please contact Elizabeth at the Parks & Open Space District at 707-257-6154.

For details on this and other Park & Open Space District projects, go to: <http://napaoutdoors.org/>

### Starship Dreams

They froze us instantaneously for our journey to the stars. They stacked us tier on tier in the darkness of the hold. While generations passed on the world we left behind we would age a single day and know a senseless night, and then we would awaken with our youth still at hand.

They said we could not dream, but oh they were so wrong.

We dreamed a million dreams in a thousand years of sleep. We lived without existing in the landscapes of our minds, while the silent parsecs passed and our starship traveled on to find some world to conquer where new life could abound.

At last our coffins cracked and our wintry eyelids thawed. Our bodies slowly warmed yet our brains still held a chill. Our mirrors reflected youth, unblemished and pristine, but mirrors can surely lie: we were wrinkled deep within. Far more than supple limbs, youth dwells within the mind.

Now that we've awakened to confront a waiting world, we balk at the adventure, we have spent the urge to try. We have dreamed so many lies that our appetite for life had lost its cutting edge and been ground down by time. Dreams are less than real yet their sum can fill the years.

Beneath a distant saffron sun that will offer little heat, we let the steam from our cups rise against our downy cheeks. If we plan to survive there are tasks we should define. Instead we sit and barter tales of lives we never lived, of worlds we never conquered and things we never did.

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### **2009 Lake Berryessa Calendar**

Feb. 20: Pope Valley Parent Group Bingo Fundraiser, Pope Valley Farm Center, 7 PM. \$20 for 17 rounds with cash prizes and popcorn, sodas, and coffee for sale .

Feb. 21: Senior Center 25th Anniversary Pot Luck, 6 PM

Feb. 21: Redwood Empire Bass Club Tournament, Capell Cove Boat Launch

Feb. 22: Delta Bass Anglers Tournament, Markley Cove Resort

Feb. 22: Lunch Buffet at Spanish Flat Cantina for Mandy Mondiel and her Reserve Grand Champion Gypsy Horse, Ocho, who will be there too. 2-5 PM. (See Pg. 3 for details.)

Feb. 26: Berryessa Highlands Community Meeting, 6:30 PM, Capell Valley

Volunteer Fire Station, NBRID water & sewer issues

Feb. 27: Winters Volunteer Fire Department Annual Fish Fry, 5:30 PM

Feb. 28: Open That Bottle Night, Special Public Event at Cucina Italiana. All Day. (See Details on this page.)

Mar. 3: NBRID water & sewer issues, Board of Supervisors meeting

Mar. 10: Park & Open Space District Meeting, 7-9 PM, Pope Valley Farm Center (See Pg. 4 for details.)

Mar. 14: Trout Derby, Spanish Flat Country Store and Deli

Mar. 21: Lions Club St. Patrick's Day Dinner at Turtle Rock

Apr. 2: School Program, Oak Shores Day Use Area- Coyote Beach

Apr. 4: Capell Valley School Auction at R Ranch

Apr. 9: Trout Derby, Spanish Flat Country Store and Deli

Apr. 17-19: NCACCD Bass Tournament, Pleasure Cove Marina

Apr. 23-24: School Program, Oak Shores Day Use Area- Coyote Beach

Apr. 25: Earth Day

May 2: Napa Vintage 1/2 Ironman, Lake Berryessa

May 3: Napa Valley Sprint Triathlon, Lake Berryessa

May 9: Trout Derby, Spanish Flat Country Store and Deli

May 30: A NCSC Sidecar Event will be held at Acorn Beach in Oak Shores Day Use Area. The two shade shelters and parking lot are reserved for this group.

Jun. 13: Trout Derby, Spanish Flat Country Store and Deli

Jun. 15: Quilt Festival, Downtown Winters, 530 795-2580

Oct. 3: The Napa Tri, Girl, Tri (all women's triathlon), Lake Berryessa

Oct. 17: Redwood Empire Bass Club Tournament, Capell Cove Boat Launch

Nov. 21: Delta Bass Anglers Tournament, Markley Cove Resort

See the Bureau of Reclamation's new Monthly Event Calendar at <http://berryessa.mpxtranet.info/webcal/month.php>

To have your event listed, contact Peter Kilkus at [PKilkus@LakeBerryessa.net](mailto:PKilkus@LakeBerryessa.net) or call 415 307-6906. Berryessa Senior Center, 4380 Spanish Flat Loop Road, 966-0206

### **Open That Bottle Night at Cucina Italiana is February 28th!**

We are celebrating at Cucina Italiana at Spanish Flat Village our first annual OTBN on Saturday, February 28th for the entire day and into the night! No entry fees. No corkage fees. No pretense! Just bring your wines and your stories, and of course your friends! We are honoring the BEST story with a special bottle of wine and a gift certificate for dinner!

Chef Stefano will be cooking some fabulously fresh Italian food as always and he has added some creative specials to our regular menu to accompany your wines as well. Visit our link at <http://www.lakeberryessanews.com/cucinaitaliana.html> for more information, menus & maps.

#### What is It?

Every year since 2000, on a special Saturday night in February, friends, couples and groups around the world get together to enjoy particular bottles of wine, champagne and spirits. The bottle that you enjoy, traditionally, is one that you have been saving for some special event that, so far, has never quite happened.

Open That Bottle Night (OTBN) is the event you have been waiting for...the time when you are entitled to uncork that cherished bottle and enjoy the contents.

It doesn't matter if the wine is expensive or low cost, white or red, or even if it is good- what matters are the memories and the stories.

The originators of Open That Bottle Night realized that we all have such bottles, but we never find just the right occasion to open them up and enjoy the contents. OTBN gives us the needed push to retrieve that bottle from its hiding place, pop the cork and do with the wine what it was meant for.

The bottle is special because of who gave it to us, or why they gave it to us, or why we bought it, or even if we made it ourselves.

Dorothy "Dottie" J. Gaither and John Brecher are the founders of Open That Bottle Night and write about it in the January 25, 2008, issue of the Wall St. Journal. A couple of key elements are:

Share Your Thoughts. Everyone should say a few words about the significance of their bottle.

Give it Time. Gaither and Brecher report that they often hear of bottles of wine that becomes more delicious as the evening progresses.

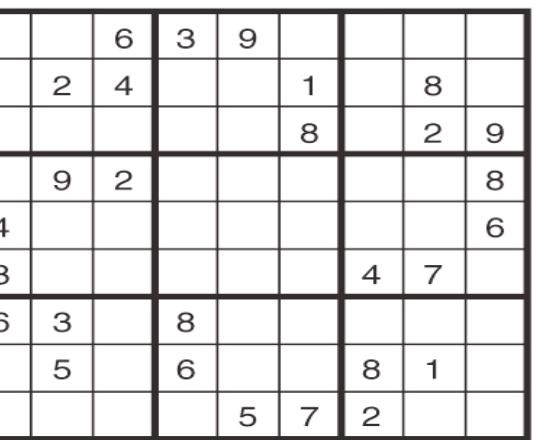
Enjoy the Wine as It Is. At its heart OTBN is about memories, not about wine

Sharyn Simmons

### **The Lake Berryessa News SUDOKU CHALLENGE**

Fill in the missing spaces so that each row, column and 3x3 block have all the numbers from 1 to 9.

Difficulty Level: Difficult



Puzzle No. 3—Look for the solution on another page in this issue.

### **Things You Can Learn From Boys**

- 1.) A king size waterbed holds enough water to fill a 2,000 sq. ft. house 4 inches deep.
- 2.) If you spray hair spray on dust bunnies and run over them with roller blades, they can ignite.
- 3.) A 3-year old boy's voice is louder than 200 adults in a crowded restaurant.
- 4.) If you hook a dog leash over a ceiling fan, the motor is not strong enough to rotate 42 pound boy wearing Batman underwear and a Superman cape. It is strong enough, however, if tied to a paint can, to spread paint on all four walls of a 20x20 ft. room.
- 5.) You should not throw baseballs up when the ceiling fan is on. When using a ceiling fan as a bat, you have to throw the ball up a few times before you get a hit. A ceiling fan can hit a baseball a long way.
- 6.) The glass in windows (even double-pane) doesn't stop a baseball hit by a ceiling fan.
- 7.) When you hear the toilet flush and the words "uh oh", it's already too late
- 8.) Brake fluid mixed with Clorox makes smoke, and lots of it.
- 9.) A six-year old boy can start a fire with a flint rock even though a 36-year old man says they can only do it in the movies.
- 10.) Certain Legos will pass through the digestive tract of a 4-year old boy.
- 11.) Play dough and microwave should not be used in the same sentence.
- 12.) Super glue is forever.
- 13.) No matter how much Jell-O you put in a swimming pool you still can't walk on water.
- 14.) Pool filters do not like Jell-O.
- 15.) VCR's do not eject "PB&J" sandwiches even though TV commercials show they do.

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Lions Club President, Terri Mosley, with Pope Valley School Teacher, Susan Eakle, and School Principal, Florence Eaton

- 16.) Garbage bags do not make good parachutes.
  - 17.) Marbles in gas tanks make lots of noise when driving.
  - 18.) You probably DO NOT want to know what that odor is.
  - 19.) Always look in the oven before you turn it on; plastic toys do not like ovens.
  - 20.) The spin cycle on the washing machine does not make earthworms dizzy.
  - 22.) It will, however, make cats dizzy.
  - 23.) Cats throw up twice their body weight when dizzy.
  - 24.) 80% of Men who read this will try mixing the Clorox and brake fluid.
- Those who pass this on to almost all of their friends, with or without boys do it because:
- a) For those with no children - this is totally hysterical!
  - b) For those who already have children past this age, this is hilarious.
  - c) For those who have children this age, this is not funny.
  - d) For those who have children nearing this age, this is a warning.
  - e) For those who have not yet had children, this is birth control.

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