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Shampoo Warning

I don't know WHY I didn't figure this out sooner!!!!

I use shampoo in the shower!

When I wash my hair, the shampoo runs down my whole body, and

Printed very clearly on the shampoo label is this warning,

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No wonder I have been gaining weight!!!

Well! I have gotten rid of that shampoo and

I am going to start showering with Dawn dish soap instead.

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Problem solved!

If I don't answer the phone

I'll be in the shower!

Old traffic ticket amnesty has started

Some Californians with outstanding traffic tickets have a one-time opportunity to pay their fines at a 50% discount. There are a few conditions, like the ticket has to be from before Jan. 1, 2009; you can't have any outstanding warrants in Napa County; and a few other things. You can check your outstanding Napa County tickets to see if you qualify at oldticket.napacourt.com. You can also get more information on the State program from the California Courts website.



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Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce Membership Application

Dear Business Owner/Community Partner,

Please consider joining the Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce.

We will see substantial future recreational improvements at Lake Berryessa with the Pensus Group adding more amenities to their resorts. Markley Cove Resort and Pleasure Cove Marina will continue to offer a full range of recreation services. The Chamber's tourist information program includes our own Lake Berryessa page on the excellent Napa Valley Destination council (NVDC) website: www.LegendaryNapaValley.com.

The Chamber will also promote Lake Berryessa and its businesses with a continually updated "Lake Berryessa - The Map" which makes Lake Berryessa and its businesses more easily accessible to visitors. Thousands of copies will be distributed regionally. Lake Berryessa is also featured in the Napa Valley Guidebook, which is distributed nationwide.

Ongoing benefits to our members and community partners include:

1. Listing on our web site: www.LakeBerryessaChamber.com, as well as the opportunity to post information about your business and local events on our Chamber Facebook page.
2. Email communications of important news and issues affecting the area.
3. Meetings and events where you can discuss the issues with fellow members.

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. Please join us today!

HERE'S HOW TO JOIN/RENEW:

1. List your contact information details and description of your business.
2. Prepare a check for \$25 payable to the Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce.
3. Mail the contact information and your check to:

Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce
Spanish Flat Village Center
Unit # 9318
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Thank you,

The Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce Board: Peter Kilkus, Bob Lee, Craig Morton, Jerry Rehmke, Marcia Ritz, Sharyn Simmons

Alternatively, download a copy of the membership application from the Chamber web site: www.LakeBerryessaChamber.com.



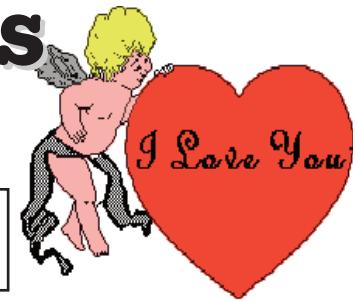
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Darwin Awards - Hiker Edition

The Darwin Awards salute the improvement of the human genome by honoring those who accidentally remove themselves from it...

Patrick lived to rue the day he planned a record-breaking 20-mile hike across the Badwater Salt Flats, the hottest place on earth, with only three quarts of water. He completed 19.5 miles of his hike before collapsing on the scorching ground.

The China Lake Rescue team located Patrick's parched body on his forty-first birthday, only a half mile from his red Toyota truck, where gallons of fresh water waited on the seat. Patrick, a healthy 165-pound outdoorsman, had been dehydrated to 90 pounds by the blistering heat.

In April 2009, New Hampshire state rescue teams spent three days searching for an Eagle Scout stranded on Mount Washington. While he was later billed \$25,000 for a helicopter and labor provided by fish and game officers, the state eventually gave up efforts to recuperate the money.

A study committee later recommended several ways to raise funds for search and rescue including increasing Fish and Game fines by \$10, establishing flat fees for the rescue of individuals who do not have proof of a valid hunting/fishing license, OHV/ATV or boat registration, and creating a "Hike Safe Card." The "Hike Safe Card" would cost \$18 and guarantee that a hiker would not be billed for rescue unless proved negligent.

National search and rescue organizations insist that just the possibility of being billed is dangerous policy. Hikers may delay calling for help while they think about the cost, and that could put them — and the mostly volunteer corps of rescuers — at greater risk. States with laws allowing them to recuperate costs rarely, if ever, enforce them, largely for that reason.

The video camera found by his body chronicles the first half of Patrick's hike before the batteries died. It ended with his haunting observation, "The only problem is that we have to hike back... This is the real world. One false move, and you're dead."

by Peter Kilkus

During January of 2012, the Stebbins-Cold Canyon Trail turned out to be the Bermuda Triangle of Lake Berryessa hikes. At least ten people, including a family of five, became lost after dark and had to be rescued by CHP helicopter crews. These trails are well-marked and this has always been one of the most popular Lake Berryessa hikes. Excellent maps and directions are available on the Yolo Hiker web site: www.yolohiker.org. (See Page 9 of this issue for the hike description.)

In the case of two pairs of lost hikers, a CHP helicopter was dispatched to search for the first couple, who were instructed to wave their cellphone upon hearing the chopper. Using night-vision goggles, the CHP crew located the couple shortly before 9 p.m. After hiking back to the waiting helicopter, which had to land a distance away on a ridge, they were flown to a landing zone near Putah Creek.

After attending to the first pair of hikers, the CHP helicopter was called out again for a second couple. The two couples, who had coincidentally run into each other while lost, decided that instead of staying together they would attempt to find separate ways out of their predicament. The first-rescued couple alerted authorities to the plight of the second couple. The second couple was located at about 11 p.m. about half-mile off the trail in thick brush.

In the latest case of a single lost hiker who was dressed only in pants and a light sweatshirt, and was without food and water, the helicopter, based at Napa County Airport, was unable to land near the hiker because of the rugged terrain. Instead the helicopter touched down only with the front end of its skids on the single-track trail in the area.

Maybe we need a Darwin Awards for Brain-Dead Hikers. Or perhaps we should require hiking licenses for certain trails. Hopefully none of these "hikers" is now trying to sell the movie rights to their self-inflicted fiasco.

Who Pays?

Although no one was injured in these unnecessary rescue adventures, what many people forget is that every incident of this type puts our law enforcement and emergency response professionals in great danger. And it costs a lot of money. The commonality of the cluelessness that connects

Landmark Preservation Ordinance: A Small Gift to Pope Valley

By Peter Kilkus

Pope Valley Store owner Brad Kirkpatrick is smiling along with the renovators of the Aetna Springs Resort. They both can finally bring two historic sites back to life. Brad's Pope Valley Store has been closed since the 1970's. Only a few people have seen the inside during special tours. The building was presented to a wider audience in a CBS Eye on the Bay episode a year ago.



When Brad took me through the building, room by room, I was amazed by the beautiful woodwork and craftsmanship displayed in its construction. It reminded me of the detailed full-sized historic displays at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington.

Standing at the crossroads of Pope Valley, the Pope Valley Store was the center of activities for the area's residents for nearly a century, and served as a stopover for people traveling to the mines in Lake County. It was built about 1875. In 1913 a second gable roofed building was attached.

The "store" housed a post office, a saloon, hotel, and sold food and hardware. The store was bought by Thomas L.G. Neil about 1912 after his house in Berryessa Valley burned. An adjacent barn served as a garage that was one of the first AAA sta-

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Three Applicants Sought for Napa County Wildlife Conservation Commission

One (1) Youth Member. Term expires Feb. 1, 2014
Two (2) Public At Large Members. Terms expire Feb. 1, 2015

The purpose of the Napa County Wildlife Conservation Commission is to advise the Board of Supervisors on policy matters related to the preservation and enhancement of wildlife and their habitats. The Commission annually submits

a recommendation to the Supervisors for allocation of State Fish and Game fine monies. The Commission and Board have apportioned funds where they will best preserve/protect wildlife resources and educate the community.

Anyone interested must submit a completed application form no later than 5:00 p.m. on Feb. 15, 2012 directly to the County Executive Office, 1195 Third Street, Suite 310, Napa, CA 94559, telephone (707) 253-4421.

tions in the state.

The six proposed "landmarks of special significance" include Aetna Springs, Napa Soda Springs, Walter Springs, the Pope Valley Store, the Rutherford Depot, and the building at 3431 N. St. Helena Highway. Rehabilitation and reuse of extant historic buildings on these properties could be authorized if specific findings are made, including a finding that the proposal is compatible with agriculture.

The Board directed staff to draft a ballot measure regarding Ordinance number two, which would allow these six properties to reuse the historic buildings for a new use included in the County's Commercial Limited (CL) and Commercial Neighborhood (CN) zoning districts.

Pope Valley's Aetna Springs Reborn

After many years of resistance, the Aetna Springs Resort renaissance is underway. This is partly due to the recently-approved Napa County Landmark Preservation Ordinance. The ordinance specifically listed six proposed "landmarks of special significance" among them Aetna Springs Resort and the Pope Valley Store.

The site, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, opened as a resort and spa in the 1870s. One of the first golf courses west of the Mississippi River was constructed there in 1891. Aetna Springs became a stylish-summer destination for San Franciscans and celebrities. Its profile developed to the point that Ronald Reagan announced his candidacy for governor there.

The Landmark Preservation Ordinance update was first presented to the Napa County Planning Commission on March 2, 2011. After some revisions staff brought two ordinances and a resolution back to the Planning Commission on September 7.

The first Ordinance was approved, which designated a list of six historic commercial buildings as "landmarks of special significance" which may be reused for their historic use if their owner obtains a use permit following site-specific environmental review.

Developer Robert Radovan plans to restore 28 buildings, relocate five more, construct a new lodge and restore related

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historical structures such as bridges. Radovan's proposal calls for hiring 120 people to work at the revamped resort, which sits on 672 acres in a rural part of Napa County, east of Angwin. On weekdays, the resort would be able to have 100 overnight guests, plus day visitors; on weekends it could have 200 overnight guests, plus day visitors.

Radovan bought Aetna Springs in 2006 and restored the golf course, which opened in 2008. Renovating and re-opening the resort is the second phase of his restoration project.

Due to a 1997 Planning Commission decision, Radovan didn't need the panel's approval to do restoration work on the property, but some restoration proposals did need Planning Commission approval, such as moving five buildings so they don't interfere with Aetna Springs Creek, and building a new lodging structure where another one stood years ago before it burned down.

Local Firefighters Honored

CAL FIRE, the Napa County Fire Department and the Board of Supervisors honored the Firefighters of the Year at a gala dinner in December. Mark Shackford (Soda Canyon Station); April George (Gordon Valley Station); Matt Sully (CAL FIRE); Jason Newton (Dry Creek/Lokoya Station); Michael Neal (Rutherford Station); Amber Lutz (Deer Park Station); Chris Thompson (Pope Valley Station); John Woolworth (Carneros Station); Greg Odell (Capell Valley Station); Christopher White (Angwin Station).

Following a public hearing on the proposal, the Planning Commission voted unanimously to approve a major modification of the site's use permit to allow Radovan's project to move forward.

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Berryessa Highlands Community Receives \$20,000 Grant for Wildfire Prevention

by Evan Kilkus

For the second year in a row the Berryessa Highlands community will be receiving grant funding for wildfire fuel reduction - this year around \$20,000. A five person volunteer group called the Berryessa Highlands Fire Safe Council will again be working with CAL FIRE Spanish Flat, Napa County Fire, and the Napa Communities Firewise Foundation to coordinate the removal of brush and debris in 16 different locations considered most hazardous.

Residents should expect to see work crews working from mid-February through the end of May, working their way from the Rimrock Rd area, over to Headlands & East Ridge, followed by more work along Steele Canyon Road and side streets. Work crews will be bringing brush to the roadside to be chipped when practical, and they will again be conducting hand pile burns when safe and more efficient.

If you have any questions about the work to be completed, contact the Highlands Fire Safe Council at Highlands@NapaFireWise.org. Stay tuned for updates in the next issue.



Event Calendar

February 11 - Saturday: Beginning Farmer Workshop, 9 a.m. to noon at Napa Valley College, Upper Campus in St. Helena. To support and educate new and experienced farmers about opportunities to enhance our area's ability to increase local food production, the Local Food Advisory Council in collaboration with the Business Entrepreneurship Center and Napa County Farm Bureau will host "FARM", Farm Access and Resource Meeting - a Beginning Farmer Workshop.

Cost for the workshop is \$30. Scholarships are available. To register online go to www.nvchi.org and click on "Training Workshops" or call 253-3210. For more info contact Charlie Monahan at cmonahan@napavalley.edu.

February 11 - Saturday: You are cordially invited to a complimentary fly-fishing and wine tasting event at Canyon Creek Resort on Putah Creek. 1 PM to 3 PM. The event will highlight fly-fishing on Putah Creek and the recent success in restoring this once fantastic fishery. Attendees may participate in a clinicon how to catch more fish on Putah Creek, casting instruction, fly fishing product and wine giveaways and wine tasting. Please RSVP and Register Now! Contact Lucy Medina at the resort (530) 795-4133 or Off the Hook Fly Fishing at (877) 228-2477.

February 18 - Saturday: Pope Valley Volunteer Fire Department Open House and Pancake Breakfast. 8 AM - 11 AM. This is a free all-you-can-eat event for residents of the PVFD service area. See the facilities and equipment. Meet the volunteer crew.

The 2012 Angler's Choice Bass Tournament schedule is Feb. 26, March 25, April 38, May 20 and June 30. All tournaments will be out of Markley Cove. Contact Duke Kanaya for information at 530-795-2659 or dukekalan@yahoo.com

February 28 - Tuesday: Community Church of Lake Berryessa. Life Line Screening will be offering five safe, painless, non-invasive preventive health screenings that are typically not a part of a routine physical. To be more proactive about your health and live longer for yourself, your family, and your community, call to register at 1-800-690-0323 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners. You can learn your risk of having stroke or vascular disease, prices range from \$129 to \$159.

Dam Level Update as of Monday, 1/30/12

The elevation of (Glory Hole) at Monticello Dam is 440 feet (msl). Lake Berryessa has had 6.78 inches of rain since July 1, 2011. The water is now 14.44 feet below the top of the spillway.

Date	Elevation	Evap	High	Low	Rain
1/9/12	424.76	0.06	68	30	0.00
1/10/12	424.75	0.04	64	29	0.00
1/11/12	424.72	0.04	65	29	0.00
1/12/12	424.69	0.04	68	29	0.00
1/13/12	424.68	0.05	68	28	0.00
1/14/12	424.66	0.05	67	28	0.00
1/15/12	424.66	0.01	67	28	0.00
1/16/12	424.63	0.05	57	26	0.00
1/17/12	424.61	0.02	54	23	0.00
1/18/12	424.61	0.04	52	22	0.00
1/19/12	424.59	0.03	56	39	0.00
1/20/12	424.71	0.01	53	40	0.01
1/21/12	424.91	0.01	57	45	2.15
1/22/12	424.94	0.09	58	36	0.03
1/23/12	425.50	0.02	49	40	1.41
1/24/12	425.52	0.05	58	37	0.14
1/25/12	425.57	0.01	58	39	0.00
1/26/12	425.58	0.02	63	46	0.00
1/27/12	425.59	0.02	67	39	0.00
1/28/12	425.57	0.13	67	31	0.00
1/29/12	425.56	0.08	64	31	0.00

February Birthdays

- 5 Stu Williams
- 6 Marcia Ritz
- 7 Glorianne Rutherford
- 12 Eugene Moreau
- 14 David Lindsey
- 17 Dudley Rutherford
- 17 Carl Humphrey
- 19 Mary Ann Taylor
- 20 Mary Ellen Moskowitz
- 27 Sharyn Simmons

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History of the Pope Valley Volunteer Fire Department

Prior to 1932 the citizens of Pope Valley relied solely upon themselves and each other to fight fires. Most of the people in Pope Valley during this time were farmers growing primarily hay, wheat and other grains. Their entire crop and hence their livelihoods were always at risk from fire. In minutes, acres of grain could be destroyed by a blaze, thus everyone then was very fire and smoke conscious -"if you saw smoke, you ran."

This meant throwing the barrel and the gunnysacks that were always kept handy into a pick-up and heading for the scene. Anyone passed en route to the fire was alerted, and almost always joined the crew.

At that time, no one had any specific fire-fighting training, but none was really necessary. The only tools available were water-soaked gunnysacks with which to beat the flames. Any man or boy nearby lent a hand to help control the fire. Often, with brush or grassland fires, this technique was amazingly effective. Structures, on the other hand, posed more of problem, and usually suffered severe damage.

If the fire front was too long to cover with the available hands, the men often used the back-burning method. A strip of land would be cleared in front of the advancing fire. The grass between the front and the cleared stretch would be soaked with kerosene and then lit. The fire, started at the cleared area, would be allowed to burn until it reached the front. This cleared the path of available fuel and the fire could advance no further. Back-firing works well and is still used today, though it has largely been replaced by helicopters, planes and other more advanced equipment.

In 1932 the Pope Valley community became the first organized volunteer fire department in Napa County and one of the first in California. Because of the small population in Pope Valley, the community would probably not have been as quick to organize if not for the help and leadership of State Forest

Ranger A.E. "Buck" Ericson.

Buck Ericson was very influential in setting up volunteer units in the outlying areas of Napa, Lake and Sonoma counties. In 1932 he was able to get Napa County to purchase a Model B. Ford truck with a 200 gallon capacity for Pope Valley. Ericson, working in conjunction with the Neil family, was responsible for organizing the unit. There was no actual building to house the fire truck at the time, so it was kept in the Pope Valley Garage, then owned and operated by the Neils. Elgie Neil was paid one dollar per day by the state for the rent of the space and for looking after and maintaining the vehicle.

Despite the acquisition of a fire truck, the fire department didn't advance much beyond the "see smoke and run" policy the citizens had adopted out of sheer necessity. People could now call in to the Neil family, which represented the establishment, and report smoke or fires, cutting

the reaction time considerably. But the main techniques used in fire fighting were still back-burning and wet gunnysacks. The property owners still were responsible for the strategic placement of barrels or tanks of water along the roadside and always grabbed a sack and lent a hand themselves, much like in the old days.

Three years later, in 1935, Buck Ericson began organizing the building of a lookout on Mt. St. Helena. Using C.C.C. (Civilian Conservation Corps) men the lookout was completed in 1937. From the ridge one could spot fires in Napa, Lake and Sonoma Counties. The headquarters on Railroad Ave. in St. Helena was then alerted. From the headquarters the appropriate unit could then be notified by tele-

phone. One year later, Roy Neil, the brother of fire chief Elgie Neil, designed and built a radio communications network for the Mt. St. Helena lookout. In 1939 the radio was installed along with a specially trained operator.

The Pope Valley Volunteer Fire Department, District Twenty, is responsible for a larger area of land than any other unit. The new lookout on the mountain brought the news of fires in remote areas to the unit much more quickly, and provided more accurate information than could be communicated just by word of mouth.

The next important step in the development of the department came in

1958. The 1932 Model B. Ford was replaced with a more modern version.

The new vehicle, too, was stored in the Pope Valley Garage. This new truck had a larger capacity (300 gallons) and was better equipped than its predecessor. The old truck however, at the time of its retirement had only approximately 7,000 miles on it after its twenty-nine years of service.

Then, in 1989, the fire department received a large donation from George Perkins. His contribution, in addition to money raised in the community, was sufficient to purchase a new rescue van. A smaller rescue vehicle was much needed because it was difficult to maneuver the large engine units on the back county roads, and in the trailer park.

In the past, when the men were out for hours at time fighting a blaze, the women would all get together and cook a large meal and take it to the front. Now instead of the home cooked meal the county provides a box of rations for each man.

The cardboard box provides a can of beans, a can of fruit cocktail, a granola bar, a box of crackers, a can of Gator Aid, and a pack of gum.

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and are signed over to the county so that they can pay for the upkeep. If the county feels that fire-fighting equipment is not being properly cared for it can be transferred elsewhere. Thus, the Pope Valley community hastened to build a firehouse once the ultimatum was issued.

The fire house began as a two room building less than 200 yards from the Pope Valley Garage, the old home of the truck. At the time Pope Valley still only had one vehicle. It wasn't until 1980 that Pope Valley acquired another truck, but not a replacement for the old one. The county bought them an engine with a capacity of 1200 gallons. This truck, however, took up the second position in the firehouse, and Pope Valley no longer had enough storage space for the other equipment.

In November of 1985 an extension was built on the back of the building. In 1987 the old vehicle was finally replaced. The new truck could hold 500 gallons, and was better equipped than its predecessor. The old truck however, at the time of its retirement had only approximately 7,000 miles on it after its twenty-nine years of service.

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NAPALACHIA by Bill Scholer



Cucina Italiana returns from Winter Break on Friday, February 3, 2012.

We resume Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 11:30 to 9:00 pm. Chef Stefano has prepared some new and exciting specials for you.

St. Valentines Day falls on a Tuesday, February 14th

Rather than miss out on all the romance, Cucina Italiana will be open that special Tuesday from 11:30 am to 9 pm and will have a Special Romantic Menu!

Open That Bottle Night is Feb. 18th, 2012

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Cucina Italiana at Spanish Flat Village will observe OTBN Saturday Feb. 18, for the entire day and into the night. There are no entry fees, corkage fees nor pretense. Just bring your wines and your stories, and of course your friends. They will honor the best story with a special bottle of wine and a gift certificate for dinner.

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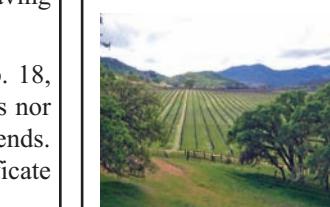
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Short Wisdom

I didn't fight my way to the top of the food chain to be a vegetarian.

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A computer once beat me at chess, but it was no match for me at kick boxing.

When in doubt, mumble.

My psychiatrist told me I was crazy and I said I want a second opinion. He said okay, you're ugly too.

I got in a fight one time with a really big guy, and he said, "I'm going to mop the floor with your face." I said, "You'll be sorry." He said, "Oh, yeah? Why?" I said, "Well, you won't be able to get into the corners very well."

With sufficient thrust, pigs fly just fine.

If at first you don't succeed, skydiving is not for you!

Whoever coined the phrase "Quiet as a mouse" has never stepped on one.

Haikus are easy. But sometimes they don't make sense. Refrigerator.

Deja Vu - When you think you're doing something you've done before, it's because God thought it was so funny, he had to rewind it for his friends.

Good health is merely the slowest possible rate at which one can die.

Who was the first to see a cow and think "I wonder what will happen if I squeeze these dangly things and drink whatever comes out?"

Why didn't Noah swat those two mosquitoes?

My Favorite Animal

Our teacher asked what my favorite animal was, and I said, "Fried chicken." She said I wasn't funny, but she couldn't have been right, because everyone else laughed.

My parents told me to always tell the truth. I did. Fried chicken is my favorite animal. I told my dad what happened, and he said my teacher was probably a member of PETA. He said they love animals very much.

I do, too. Especially chicken, pork and beef. Anyway, my teacher sent me to the principal's office. I told him what happened, and he laughed, too. Then he told me not to do it again.

The next day in class my teacher asked me what my favorite live animal was. I told her it was chicken. She asked me why, so I told her it was because you could make them into fried chicken.

She sent me back to the principal's office. He laughed, and told me not to do it again. I don't understand. My parents taught me to be honest, but my teacher doesn't like it if I am.

Today, my teacher asked us to tell her what famous person we admire most. I told her, "Colonel Sanders." Guess where I am now...

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More Local History From the Research Files of Don Winter

SF Call, 8/15/1895: Conrad Workover Had a Battle With a Lone Highwayman near St. Helena. A masked highwayman held up Conrad Workover while he was returning home from Samuel Springs Tuesday evening about dark, robbing him of \$16 and a check for \$15 on the Grangers' Bank, San Francisco, drawn by Reuben Clark. As the robber left Workover, the latter drew a pistol and ordered him to throw up his hands, intending to capture him, but the highwayman drew a pistol and fired six shots at Workover, two of them passing through his clothing, but doing no injury. Workover returned the fire, but his horse became unmanageable and ran away. The highwayman was tall and slender, about six feet high and had a sack drawn over his face.

SF Call, 8/2/1896: Mrs. Jane Neal of Honolulu is still trying to find her grandson and adopted child, Alfred Foster, a boy of 14 years. As already noted in The Call, Mrs. Neal, on the 10th of July last, took her grandson to visit his mother, who is now the wife of a man named Switzer, then staying at Samuels' Springs, in Napa County. After remaining with her daughter about a week Mrs. Neal went to visit friends in the vicinity, and on returning found that young Alfred had been "spirited away." Since then all her efforts to find him have proved of no avail, and at her request Secretary Welch has written to Sheriff McKenzie of Napa County requesting him to locate the lad as soon as possible, Since Mrs. Neal will be obliged to sail for Honolulu on the 4th.

1896: Childhood's Woes – Twists and Turns in the Lives of a Young Boy and a Little Native Daughter. There is trouble in the O'Rourke family of 7 Dawson place. On the 23rd of July, Mrs. Louise O'Rourke, a lady of seventeen summers, complained that her husband, William by name, whom she styled "only a 19- year-old kid", had left her and her baby girl, Pauline, in destitution. Secretary Welch, of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, listened to her mournful tale, and sent for the youthful husband. O'Rourke lost no time in coming to tell his side of the story, alleging that his wife is fond of low company and given to sitting in other men's laps. The case is under advisement for the present, O'Rourke's mother having promised to intervene as a peacemaker.

Woodland Daily Democrat, 7/25/1913: WARNING: All deer within a radius of twenty miles of Samuel springs had "better take heed". Their lives between July 28th and August 6th will be in peril.

SF Call, 10/1/1913: ST. HELENA THREATENED BY RUSHING FOREST FIRE. With clouds of cinders falling and a pall of smoke heavy as a fog hanging in the streets, St. Helena is endangered by a new forest and grass fire raging in Sage canyon and Kahn valley about five miles from here. Fanned by a strong wind, the fire is making rapid progress toward the city and volunteers were sent out this morning to aid the troops of the Napa ambulance company, N. O. C, and fire fighters under Sheriff Kelton. Since yesterday morning, when the Arc was discovered, six ranches have been burned. Assistant State Forester W. Rabb of Sacramento is directing the fire fighting, with Captain C. H. Boulson in command of the national guard troops. Among the ranch houses destroyed are those of A. H. March, W. Turner and H. McFarren. Aetna Springs and Samuels Springs, summer resorts in Pope valley, are in the danger zone. The fire is north of where the disastrous fire started last Monday in Capell valley and swept 25 miles southward through the eastern end of Napa county.

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The Lake Berryessa News Horoscope

Aries (March 21-April 19): You've finally risen to the top of your profession only to find the world's other 450,000 deep-fryer operators are pretty much there, too.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): You've always had a strong fight-or-flight reflex, which turns out to be completely useless when negotiating for the best price on a bedroom set.

Gemini (May 21-June 21): You'll experience a breathtaking whirlwind romance this week when it's endlessly recounted by a long-winded co-worker.

Cancer (June 22-July 22): You've avoided throwing the baby out with the bathwater. However, you're now left with the problem of how to dispose of a clean but rapidly drying baby.

Leo (July 23-August 22): You won't be thanked for helping to solve a major social problem when people decide to give all the credit to the guy who made the bumper sticker.

Virgo (August 23-September 22): As long as people don't look too long and the lights aren't too bright, no one will be able to see where they tried to fix your face from what will happen to it this coming Thursday.

Libra (September 23-October 23): There aren't many people who get as angry at a poorly made Manhattan cocktail as you do, making it very easy for investigators to figure out what happened.

Scorpio (October 24-November 21): You've honestly been trying hard to be a better person, but by Friday you'll discover you have a favorite professional wrestler.

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21): You've always wondered if you'd ever be in a situation where the wisdom contained in the lyrics of Hank Williams, Jr. songs didn't apply, and for you, the answer is "not yet."

Capricorn (December 22-January 19): You've long wished you could go back to high school knowing what you know now, but you always thought there would be magical time-travel involved when it happened.

Aquarius (January 20-February 18): It's been more than 25 years since you were raised by wolves, so stop using that as an excuse for eating pizza with a fork like some kind of jerk.

Pisces (February 19-March 20): You'll learn a painful lesson about accepting dares while drunk, but at least the residents of Niagara Falls will have something to talk about for a while.

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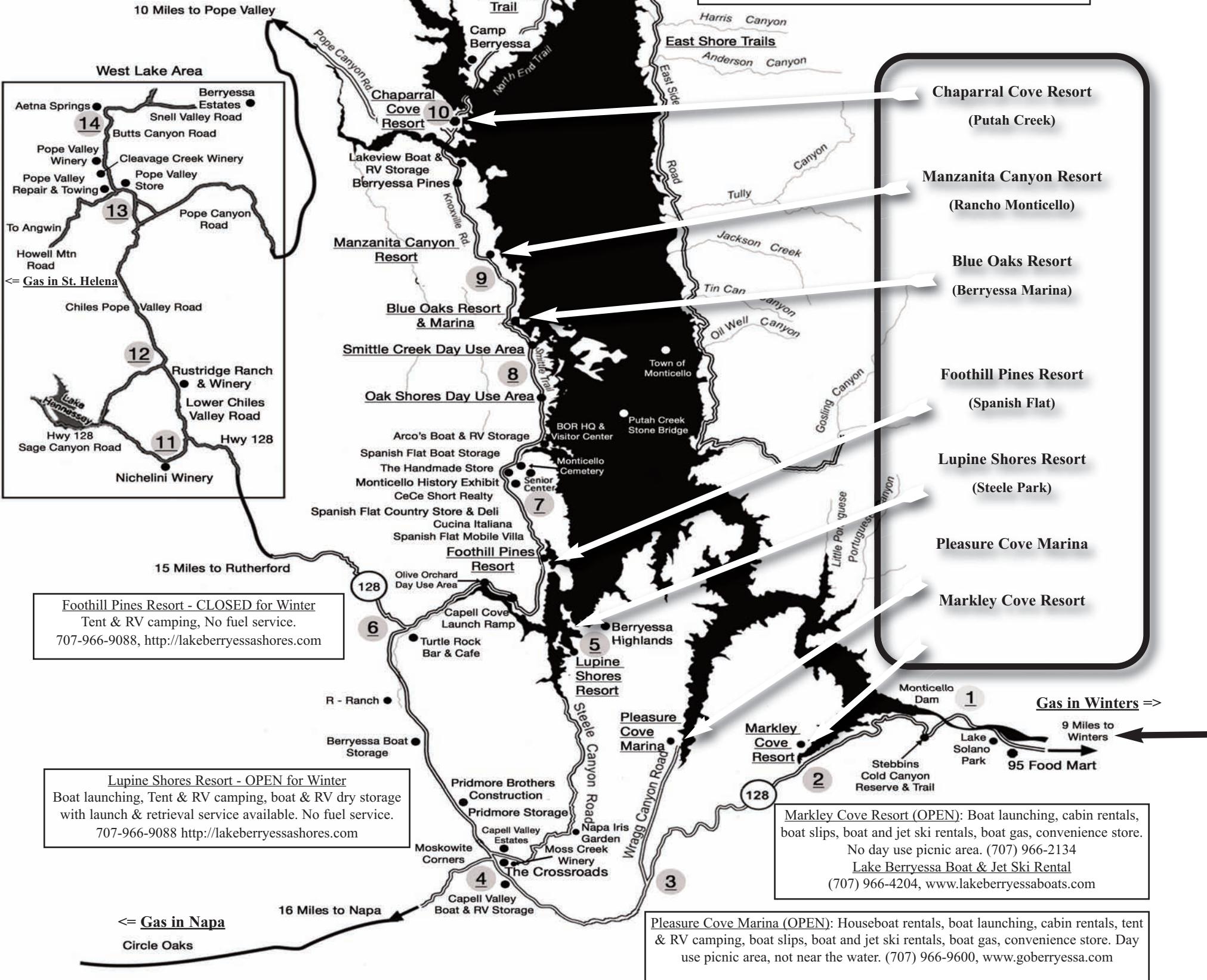
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A Tale of Two Crab Feeds: What's at the Heart and Soul of a Community?

By Peter Kilkus



The Greater Lake Berryessa Region (see map at left), in my opinion, stretches from the Berryessa Estates in the far north through Pope Valley – the northern gateway to Lake Berryessa, Chiles Valley, Capell Valley, and Moskowite Corners, along the shores of Lake Berryessa with the Berryessa Estates, Spanish Flat, and the Berryessa Highlands, out to Circle Oaks on the way to Napa.

What the residents of all these locations have in common is a rural “community-of-interest” which is not necessarily consonant with the more urbanized Napa Valley itself. A couple of years ago we actually declared “Nopalachia” an independent republic. Although this declaration was met with a big yawn from the rest of Napa County, it was only partly in jest.

But how do dispersed rural communities keep a sense of cohesive identity? Often it’s through a local school which brings everyone together around the common goal of supporting their children’s education. This is clearly the case in Pope Valley with its excellent elementary school.

The south end of Lake Berryessa lost this resource several years ago when the Napa Valley Unified School District closed the Capell Valley Elementary School.

Other sources of community identity are groups like the Berryessa Senior Center, Pope Valley Ropers and Riders, Berryessa Lions Club, 4H Clubs, Community Church of Lake Berryessa, Fire Safe Councils

(Berryessa Highlands, Berryessa Estates), Monticello Ski Club, Valley Christian Church, Pope Valley Volunteer Fire Department, Capell Valley Volunteer Fire Department – did I forget anyone?

And we all enjoy hanging out at our local stores, restaurants, and bars. Whether it’s karaoke at the Crossroads, watching boats go by (hopefully still on their trailers) at Turtle Rock, meeting at Cucina Italiana to watch Chef Stefano light up the kitchen with 5 foot flames, getting minnows and buying sandwiches at the Spanish Flat Country Store, or sitting outside the Pope Valley Market joking with friends and neighbors picking up their mail – these are all part of the network of personal connections that defines our community.

And I hope that the Lake Berryessa News does its small part in sustaining this larger network.

During the last two weekends I had the pleasure of participating in two major community events that exemplify this community spirit - Crab Feeds of all things! The first was the Berryessa Senior Center Crab Feed – the primary fundraiser for the Senior Center.

The second was the Pope Valley School Crab Feed – a major fundraiser for the Pope Valley Elementary School. Both were a lot of fun. My philosophy of parties is “Come early – Stay late”. Both of these parties ended too early for me.

Both events were well organized and supported by a team of hearty volunteers.

As I looked out at the crowd of more than a hundred people at each of the crab feeds, it struck me that that these folks (and others like them who could not attend) are at the heart and soul of our geographically-dispersed community. Thanks to them all – and the crab was great too!

See the photo album of these events at www.LakeBerryessaNews.com.



Thank You from the Berryessa Senior Center

A great big “Thank You” to all who participated in our annual Crab Feed. As you may not know, we are an individual Senior Center and receive no assistance from government agencies. We are totally dependent on our membership dues and volunteer fundraisers. The annual Crab Feed is one of our most important fundraisers and we appreciate the more than 100 community supporters who attended.

When we have a successful event like the recent Crab Feed we are very grateful. We will have more events for our community to enjoy. Our annual Wine, Cheese, and Olive Oil Tasting is coming soon with many great prizes.

Next month is our 28th Anniversary! You only have to be 50 years young to join. Membership dues are only \$20 per year. Please think about joining us. It will be fun. Box 9113, Napa CA 94558, 707-966-0206. Thanks again,

Betty Pedersen, Membership Chair

1.	Monticello Dam	1=>2	3.0 miles
2.	Markley Cove Resort	2=>3	5.3 miles
3.	Wragg Canyon Road	3=>4	3.0 miles
4.	Moskowite Corners	4=>5	5.0 miles
5.	Lupine Shores Resort	4=>6	4.7 miles
6.	Turtle Rock	6=>7	5.0 miles
7.	Spanish Flat Village Center	7=>8	2.4 miles
8.	Oak Shores/Smittle Creek/Visitor Center	8=>9	2.4 miles
9.	Blue Oaks/Manzanita Canyon Resorts	9=>10	2.8 miles
10.	Pope Canyon Road/Chaparral Cove Resort	10=>13	10.2 miles
11.	Hwy 128 @ Lower Chiles Valley Road	6=>11	3.0 miles
12.	Pope Valley Road	11=>12	3.2 miles
13.	Pope Valley	12=>13	8.5 miles
14.	Aetna Springs	13=>14	3.7 miles

Note: No auto gas available between Winters and Napa or at Lake Berryessa!