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2018: A Summer of Anticipation

Once again the Lake Berryessa community is holding its breath in a spirit of cautious optimism. Nine companies have responded to Napa County's Request for Information and Interest. These companies are now eligible to respond to the RFP due to be released in May.

The RFP will be preceded by the Managing Partner Agreement between Napa County and Reclamation to be completed in April. Summer 2018 should see concessionaire selection and contract negotiations proceeding.

Whatever the RFP outcomes, we are still in a "what you see is what you get" pattern. There will continue to be two full service resorts open: Markley Cove Resort and Pleasure Cove Marina. Three recreation areas will be open for camping and launching: Steele Canyon RecArea, Spanish Flat RecArea, and Putah Canyon RecArea. Monticello Shores RecArea and Berryessa Point RecArea remain closed. (See map on page 5.)

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Summer Elections Affect Lake Berryessa

Farmer Cio Perez pulled papers and paid his candidate's fee for the 3rd District supervisor race, which would pit him against incumbent Supervisor Diane Dillon, who represents the northern half of the Lake Berryessa region. Dillon has been a supervisor since 2003. She is running for a fifth term.

Napa County supervisors placed the Oak Woodland Initiative on June ballot, naming the initiative Measure C. "I fully support, as I did with every other citizen-driven initiative, putting it on the ballot," Supervisor Diane Dillon said.

Ray Pridmore: 1944—2018

Raymond "Ray" Pridmore, 73, passed away Friday, February 16, 2018, unexpectedly at his home in Lake Berryessa.

New Interim Lake Berryessa Park Manager

Jerome L. Jackson

Interim Period: February 18th through April 8th.

Mr. Jackson is a graduate of Whittier Law School in Costa Mesa, CA, in 2008. He has law degree with an emphasis on Natural Resources Law. His regular position title is Recreation Program Manager, Policy and Administration, Denver Office.

There have been some regular changes over time at Reclamation's Lake Berryessa Field Office. In the twenty years I've been dealing with the BOR, the Park Manager position has been a revolving door.

When the Lake Berryessa News filed a Freedom of Information Act letter requesting the names of the Lake Berryessa Park Managers since Reclamation took over management of the Lake from Napa County in 1975, their response was, "The request asked for records of the names and tenure dates for Lake Berryessa Park Managers since 1975. No such records exist."

A search of the available public records shows the following people served as Park Managers (dates approximate). If you have any additional information please send it to the Lake Berryessa News at pkilkus@gmail.com.

B.E. Martin (1978)

Mel Rossi

Bob Simmons

Eric Natti (1997)

Cecil Lesley (1998)

Pete Lucero (2003)

Janet Rogers (2006)

Lynn Pilgrim-Little (2011)

Jeff Laird (2012)

Margaret Bailey (2015)

"American politics is the only part of our lives where changing your mind based on new information is a bad thing."

Marco Rubio

March 10 - Free Community Dinner

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March 11 - Daylight Saving Time Begins

On March 11 at 2 A.M. (after the Senior Center Dinner at our Community Hall) most of you will be "springing forward" as daylight saving time kicks in, giving us another hour of sunlight. "Spring forward and fall back" is an easy way to remember how to set the clock when daylight saving times begins and ends. You set your clock forward one hour at 2 a.m. on March 11. You'll set it back one hour at 2 A.M. on November 4.

Historically, there were no uniform rules for DST from 1945 to 1966. This caused widespread confusion, especially in transport and broadcasting. The Uniform Time Act of 1966 aligned the switch dates across the USA for the first time. Following the 1973 oil embargo, the US Congress extended the DST period to 10 months in 1974 and 8 months in 1975, in an effort to save energy. After the energy crisis was over in 1976, the DST schedule in the US was revised several times.

In the United States, daylight saving time began on March 21, 1918. U.S. government officials reasoned that fuel could be saved by reducing the need for lighting in the home. Many people call it daylight savings time. The official name is daylight saving time. No 's' on 'saving.' A standardized system of beginning and ending daylight saving time came in 1966 when the Uniform Time Act became law. While it was a federal act, states were granted the power to decide if they wanted to remain on standard time year-round.

Arizona (except for the Navajo, who do observe daylight saving time on tribal lands), Hawaii, American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico and the United States Virgin Islands do not observe daylight saving time.

2 **Please Join The Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce To Support The Revitalization Of Lake Berryessa**

Dear Chamber Members and Potential Chamber Members,
2018 is here. Thanks for your support during the last year. Significant progress has been made towards having Napa County take over management of the lake recreation areas. The Chamber has had a major influence in making this happen. And we are continuing to work with the County and their consultants. Hopefully 2018 will see continued progress and a final resolution.

You don't need to be a business owner or non-profit. We welcome Community Supporter members. Please return your 2018 dues of \$25 as soon as possible. Send your check for \$25 made payable to the Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce to:

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The Chamber's tourist information program includes our partnership with Visit Napa Valley including our own Lake Berryessa page on the excellent Visit Napa Valley website: www.visitnapavalley.com. Our own page is at: www.visitnapavalley.com/lake_berryessa.htm.

The Napa Valley Guidebook is distributed nationwide and can be viewed online by potential visitors at: https://issuu.com/visitnapavalley/docs/nvg_2016xx

The Chamber will also continually promote Lake Berryessa and its businesses in the Lake Berryessa News and on the Chamber web page on the Lake Berryessa News web site: www.lakeberryessanews.com/chamber-of-commerce.

Thanks for your support,
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As with any volunteer organization, the more active people who join, the more active things there'll be to do. Community Supporter members of any age are welcome.

Membership dues are just \$25 a year. The Center is a self-supporting, non-profit organization. They have regular monthly dinners and events such as Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners, the annual Crab Feed, summer BBQs, bingo, and various fundraisers - and in 2018 they'll be installing a pool table and adding a horseshoe tournament.

The Lake Berryessa Senior Center Community Hall is an amazing facility located at 4380 Spanish Flat Loop Rd and is available at a very reasonable rent for special occasions. Call for details: 966-0206. In the past the Center has hosted weddings, receptions, memorials, and many community functions such as blood drives, flu shots, Bureau of Reclamation presentations and community meetings.

When you join you will be put on the Center's email list to receive regular announcements of activities and services.

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Napa County Leaders Share “Lessons Learned from the October Fires and HOW TO PREPARE”

The Angwin Fire Safe Council hosted a meeting for residents with a line-up of presenters that had recent experience to share. Napa County Fire Chief Barry Biermann, Napa County Sheriff John Robertson, Napa County Office of Emergency Services Coordinator Kevin Twohey, and Napa County Supervisor Diane Dillon each spoke briefly about their experience during the Atlas Fire. This was followed by a presentation by Angwin Volunteer Fire Chief JR Rogers, discussing the “Ready? Set? Go!” wildfire preparedness principals, as they relate to the residents of the Angwin and Deer Park neighborhoods.

Angwin Fire Chief Rogers made it clear that creating defensible space and hardening your home with fire resistant building material are two steps that are must do’s for all Napa County residents that live in the forest. This especially is needed in the Angwin area, which hasn’t had a fire since the 1940’s.

Napa County Fire Chief Biermann advised residents that “I would do whatever I can do to make my home a stand-alone-property”, meaning one that has so much defensible space, and is properly hardened, so a fire would move past the home without any fire personnel on scene. CAL Fire successfully accomplishes their mission of containing 90% of fires at 10 acres or less, cases in which firefighters and fire engines are able to get to the scene to help, but the Atlas Fire was “so far out of the box...with winds in excess of 70 MPH, that the “priority was to save lives”.

Chief Biermann also noted that he “truly believes the Fire Safe Council work saved lives”. By clearing brush from along Atlas Peak Road it made it safer to access in and out. As the chief drove up Atlas Peak Road into the fire, he felt it was a “really reassuring thing...I knew I could get out.”

Sheriff Robertson said his take-away after the wildfire was that “We do very well in a disaster. When I say we, I mean you all.” While phone service was down and things happened very fast in the first hours of the disaster, he noted that neighbors helping neighbors clearly saved lives. “First responders are not always going to be able to get to you. It’s time to get to know each other”.

Napa County OES Coordinator Twohey added that his office has been “very busy with four disasters in 40 months, and they have learned from each one”. During Lake County’s Valley Fire, Napa County opened a shelter for evacuees at the Napa County Fairgrounds in Calistoga, which took in 1,000 people and their small pets. When the October fires started, they were immediately able to set up the same shelter and offer a place for evacuees and their pets. Additionally, they had plans in place to evacuate large animals, which helped them to “successfully rescue and evacuate over 700 horses.”

Twohey reiterated “Everybody should be prepared to be on their own for 72 hours. Have a disaster kit ready. The government can’t always be there, residents have to be self-sufficient, help your neighbors, know your evacuation routes, and have a contact person and place if you get separated from your family”.

(Photos on previous page.)

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We need to continue to plant drought tolerant native plants that will save water over the years to come and restore habitat lost in the fires for our native bees, butterflies, and other beneficial insects and small mammals.

Over 1,000 hard-to-find native plants, more than 125 species, for shade or sun will be available for sale at Napa’s Skyline Park and ready for planting in your garden, be it large or small, and even in pots on your deck. Experts will be on hand to answer your questions and to help with plant selection. The rich diversity of California’s native ground covers, grasses, shrubs, and vines will satisfy every gardener’s needs.

The Wildflower Show will display over 200 freshly gathered Napa County wildflower specimens. This is sure to be an interesting year, with pioneer plants emerging after the fire in addition to later blooming wildflowers we haven't seen in prior years' shows.

Skyline Park is located at 2201 Imola Ave, Napa. For more information, go to www.napavalleycnp.org. Admission to Park is free during the sale and show.

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**Baby Names That Have Tanked In Popularity
(and the likely reasons Americans rejected them).**

Baby name trends tend to evolve gradually over time. But there are some names that experience precipitous drops in popularity or just completely fall off the map. Often, big news events can cause a name to rise in popularity. But, as these examples show, associations with controversy and disaster can also cause a name’s popularity to tank.

Katrina

Katrina is one of the most well-known examples of a baby name that plummeted in popularity following a major news event. After Hurricane Katrina struck the Gulf Coast in late August 2005, the name achieved a certain level of infamy. According to the Social Security Administration, 1,327 baby girls in the U.S. were named Katrina in 2005, and it was the 246th most popular name for girls. In 2006, only 853 Katrinas were born, and the name dropped down to 379th most popular. The last year it appeared on the top 1000 names list was 2012, when it ranked at 941st. In 2016, only 190 baby girls were named Katrina.

Caitlyn

When the Social Security Administration released its baby name data for 2016, one notable finding concerned the name Caitlyn. The year after Caitlyn Jenner came out as transgender, the four names that decreased in popularity the most were variations on the same name: Caitlin, Caitlyn, Katelynn and Kaitlynn. The name Caitlyn’s ranking fell from 598th to 1,060th. Caitlin dropped from 609th place to 1,151st, Katelynn fell from 652nd to 1,054th.

Isis

The name of Egyptian goddess Isis first appeared in Social Security Administration data in 1960, when five baby girls were given that name. A superhero show from the mid-1970s called “Isis” gave the name a bump in popularity. Isis again rose in popularity throughout the 1990s and early 2000s, peaking in 2005, when it was ranked the 522nd most popular name for girls in the U.S. with 561 babies named Isis born that year. But as the terrorist group known as the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) gained notoriety, the name’s popularity took a dive. In 2014, it had dropped from number 575 to number 704 in the rankings. By 2015, it had completely fallen off the top 1000 list. Only 53 baby girls were named Isis in 2016.

Adolf

For obvious reasons, you aren’t likely to meet anyone named Adolf these days. The name Adolf appears in the Social Security Administration’s earliest public data from the year 1880. In 1880, six baby boys were named Adolf. It peaked at 673 babies in 1917 before dwindling in subsequent decades.) From 1984 to 1989, Adolf did not appear in the data. Somewhat surprisingly, however, the name didn’t truly fall off the list for good until after 1990, when five newborn boys were named Adolf. A white supremacist family did make headlines in the new millennium after naming their son Adolf Hitler Campbell.

Ellen

The name Ellen didn’t completely tank per se, but it saw a sharper decline in popularity after comedian and actress Ellen DeGeneres (and her sitcom character with the same first name) came out as lesbian. Between 1991 and 1996, the name Ellen dipped from the 209th most popular name for baby girls to the 245th most popular name. After DeGeneres came out and the famous “Puppy Episode” of “Ellen” aired in April 1997, the name saw a larger decline. In 1997, it dropped to number 346 and then down to 426 in 1998. The name Ellen bottomed out at number 742 in 2012, but in recent years, it’s gotten a little more love — perhaps in part thanks to DeGeneres’ return to prominence and beloved daytime talk show.



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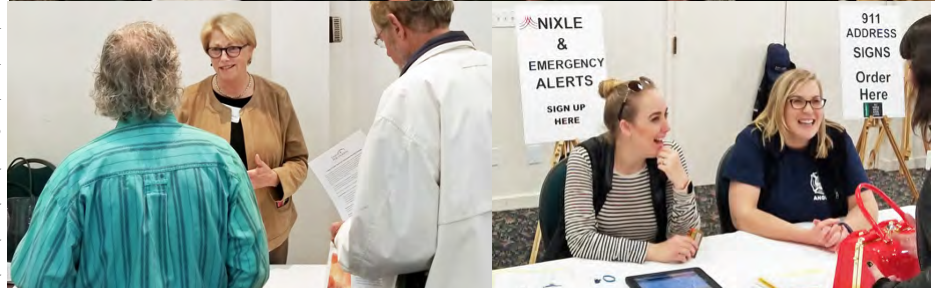


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Napa County Grape Crop Valued At \$736 million

The value of the 2017 Napa County grape harvest was \$736 million, an increase of \$53 million or 7.6 percent increase over 2016. Strong demand for Napa Valley grapes—cabernet in particular- helped the value of Napa County’s grape harvest to rise 7.6 percent in 2017, from \$683 million in 2016 to \$736 million. The average price per ton for Napa County grapes rose 11 percent to \$5,204 per ton, the highest in the state.

At the same time, in part due to a streak of hot weather in September, the total number of tons of all grapes harvested in Napa County dipped.

California Department of Agriculture officials released a preliminary 2017 grape crop report which noted that Napa County is very healthy and profitable and enjoys good demand. The agricultural region is well positioned in the premium wine market. It’s a trend that growers are planting more cabernet. Some of the other varieties are suffering from that.

Experts said that they did not think the October fires impacted the numbers because most of the crop had been picked. The challenges to the industry are regulatory pressures, land values, and labor costs that continue to rise dramatically.

Cabernet sauvignon grapes continue to hold the top spot in Napa Valley, with a 4.2 percent increase from last year’s cab crush.

The average price paid for valley chardonnay in 2017 was up slightly, while tonnage dropped. Tonnage also dropped for sauvignon blanc. Local merlot production was also down.

Sonoma and Marin counties grape harvests received the second highest return of \$2,803 per ton, up 8.2 percent from 2016. Statewide, the 2017 crush was up less than half of a percent from the 2016 crush of 4,217,154 tons.



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March 2018 Horoscopes

Aquarius (1/20-2/18): You’ve often said you’d like a word with whoever is responsible for all the bs, leaving you conflicted when you’re promoted to manager of all the bs.

Pisces (2/19-3/20): Your inability to be spontaneous is well known, which will leave people struggling to put a name to what happens when you combust without warning next Wednesday.

Aries (3/21-4/19): Your old solution isn’t going to work on your new problem. Try drinking twice as much of it.

Taurus (4/20 – 5/20): It’s a terrible time to travel, start a new romance, or take initiative in business matters, which is odd, zodiac-wise, as it’s usually the other way around.

Gemini (5/21 – 6/21): You’ll be pleasantly surprised by how many of your life’s problems can be temporarily solved by just not paying attention.

Cancer (6/22-7/22): Do not doubt for one second that love is real. However, your cutesy, saccharine idea of love is about as far from reality as it is possible to imagine.

Leo (7/23-8/22): It may be true that sometimes you feel like a motherless child a long way from home, but for accuracy’s sake, you should just be feeling like a self-pitying jerk.

Virgo (8/23-9/22: You’ll never be able to express your love for others, so take what comfort you can in your ability to express a need for more stuffed potato skins.

Libra (9/23-10/22): Buck up: You still have a lot of life ahead of you, even if the good part was over years ago.

Scorpio (10/23-11/21): You will fall into a pattern of self-destructive behavior this week when you discover how much fun that sort of thing is.

Sagittarius (11/22-12/21): The powers-that-be will get back to you on that pesky legal matter with the news that they’re sorry, but you can’t be officially recognized as the first blind person to drive across North America if you put out your eyes just before crossing the finish line.

Capricorn (12/22-1/19): Some say the world will end in ice, some fire. However, the end of your personal world will be most notable for banal remarks on the humidity.



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Teacher Says, "Parents are the problem."

The teachers are not the problem! Parents are the problem! They are not teaching their children manners, respect or even a general knowledge of how to get along with others. The children come to school in shoes that cost more than the teacher's entire outfit, but have no pencil or paper. Who provides them? The teachers often provide them out of their own pockets

When you look at schools that are “failing”, look at the parents and students. Do parents come to parent nights? Do they talk with the teachers regularly? Do they make sure their children are prepared by having the necessary supplies? Do they make sure their children do their homework?

Do they have working telephone numbers? Do the students take notes in class? Do they do their homework? Do the students listen in class or are they the sources of class disruptions?

When you look at these factors, you will see that it is not schools that are failing but the parents. Teachers cannot do their jobs and the parents' job. Until parents step up and do their job, nothing is going to get better!

Crab Feed (February 24, 2018)

The annual crab feed was a success and great fun (as usual)! Thanks to the Lake Berryessa community who came by to pledge their support and to the great volunteers who helped make it happen. Go to the link below to check out the photo album and see yourself and friends in the crazy crab hats.

Crab Feed 2018 Photo Album

www.lakeberryessanews.com/berryessa-senior-center/crab-feed-2018-photo-album.html



The lake has remained essentially at 431 feet - 9 feet below Glory Hole - since January 25. With .12 inches of rain recorded at Monticello Dam on February 26, the rainfall total is now at 7.59 inches. More to come by this weekend and beyond.

What a difference a year makes! Last year at this time the lake was at 440.36 feet - .36 feet above Glory Hole - and slowly dropping from its high of 443.59 feet on 2/21/17. Rainfall was at 47.1 inches.

If the lake level is above 430 feet, most people consider the lake "full" (only 2.2% low), providing thousands of surface acres to play on and miles and miles of beaches to relax on.

Election Division Hosts Voters Choice Act Workshops

The Napa County Election Division in cooperation with its community partners is hosting six Voter's Choice Act workshops throughout Napa County. Eligible citizens and registered voters will learn about new voting opportunities coming to Napa County for the June 5, 2018 Primary Election.

Changes include all voters receiving a vote by mail ballot; official ballot drop boxes located in population centers and multi-day vote centers in each municipality and Angwin. "The Voter's Choice Act will make it easier for voters to exercise their precious right to vote," said John Tuteur, Napa County Registrar of Voters. "We are offering more ways and more days for voters to cast their ballot."

Workshops will be on the following dates and times:

Monday March 5, 2018 5:30 p.m. - Napa County Library, 580 Coombs St, Napa

Wednesday March 7, 2018 5:30 p.m. - American Canyon Library, 300 Crawford Way, American Canyon

Wednesday March 21, 2018 6:00 p.m. Yountville Community Center 6516 Washington St, Yountville

Tuesday March 27, 2018 5:30 p.m. Calistoga Community Center 1307 Washington St, Calistoga

Thursday March 29, 2018 5:30 p.m. Saint Helena Library 1492 Library Lane Saint Helena

Thursday April 5, 2018 5:30 p.m. Angwin Firehouse 275 College Ave, Angwin

