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Printed very clearly on the shampoo label is this warning,

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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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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!

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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.

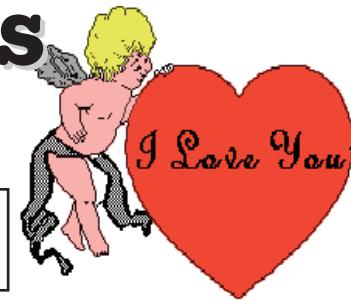


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Are Lake Berryessa Hikers Getting Dumber? Who Pays for Society's Emergencies?

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.

Too many people seem to get their primary taste of "reality" from television so that when they go out into the real reality of raw nature they both fail to prepare and have no idea how to cope.

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

these stories led many people to complain that the cost of the rescues should be charged to the rescued hikers.

Policies vary across the country on penalizing people who ignore weather warnings, don't carry flashlights on long hikes, fail to leave itineraries, ski out of bounds or are otherwise unprepared or act irresponsibly. Policies also vary among public agencies routinely involved in search and rescue missions. Most states have some type of mechanism in place to seek recovery of funds for missions where negligence or lack of care is shown.

For instance, in California, agencies can seek up to \$10,000 in a civil lawsuit for costs associated with search and rescue. However, in such a case the search and rescue agency must prove "gross negligence," which is hard to do and has not been tested in court.

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.

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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.

No rational explanation can be found for why this lifelong fitness fanatic failed to take sufficient water with him on his hike. An estimated twelve quarts of water would have been required to survive the exertion of plodding through muddy salt.

Badwater routinely attracts extremists enticed by the lure of running a 150-mile course from Badwater to Mount Whitney, from the lowest point in North America to the highest point in the contiguous U.S.

It was his third attempt to complete the trek. The most compelling theory is that he wanted to set the record for being the first man to make an unassisted round-trip hike across Badwater. He purposely kept rangers ignorant of his intentions because he knew they would try to watch over him.

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."

**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-

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.

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.

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

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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

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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).

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.

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 @ 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 30, May 20 and June 30. All tournaments will be out of Markley Cove. Contact Duke Kanaya for information at 530-795-2659 or dukekalani@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!

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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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Snowmaking vs. Moneymaking: They're the Same Thing in the Sierras in 2012

By Peter Kilkus

Although the recent snowstorms have been welcomed by desperate Sierra ski resorts, it's not clear if those resorts will recover from their financial losses this year. There has been no appreciable snow from November, 2011 until January 20, 2012. Then only a small, wet storm dropped less than 3 feet. The only saving grace previously had been that the weather was consistently cold enough to allow massive artificial snowmaking operations to proceed twenty-four hours a day.

The man-made snow was quite good. I skied at Northstar several times on the few runs that were open. The snow was fine, but skiing the same run ten times in a row did get a bit boring. I just returned from Tahoe where the ongoing, and frantic, snowmaking had allowed more terrain to be opened for skiers. But now the conditions are warm and slushy with the snow melting fast. No new storms are on the horizon, and snow-making conditions are poor.

Although the crowds remained light, the artificial snow had allowed the resorts that had invested in the equipment to at least cover some of their operating costs. The economy of the whole Tahoe area has been severely hurt. And the families who came all the way from Australia, Europe, and other international locations had to deal with their disappointment.

In a typical snow machine, water is first mixed with a nucleating material. It is then pressurized and forced through an atomizing nozzle which causes a loud noise. Fan-based systems are quieter. Skiing under a snowmaking machine is like being in a light snow shower with a jet plane passing right overhead. Fan-based systems are quieter. But I like that sound better than the scrape of an out-of-control snowboarder sliding downhill behind me.

The nucleating products are non-toxic and biodegradable. One of the best nucleating agents is a biodegradable protein, which causes water molecules to form crystals at a higher temperature than normal. It is obtained from a

nontoxic strain of a bacterium called *Pseudomonas syringae*. This nucleating agent was discovered in 1975 by Steve Lindow, a graduate student at the University of Wisconsin while investigating a method to protect plants from frost damage. On average, this material can increase the amount of snow produced by a machine by 50%. It also helps produce lighter, drier flakes.

One of the first machines was patented in the early 1900s. While it was functional, this machine was crude



and unreliable. Steady improvements in design led to the development of a compressed air snow-making machine in the 1950s. During the 1970s, a variety of new innovations were introduced to the machines that improved the quality and method of producing artificial snow.

One improvement was the addition of a rotating base and fan. The fan would blow the newly created snow farther away from the machine than compressed air alone and the rotating base allowed the direction of the snow to be changed.

This made it possible to cover a much larger area with a single machine. Another improvement was the introduction of a ducted-fan machine. These machines were portable, making it possible to use them all over the ski run. They were superior to compressed air machines because they were significantly quieter and were less expensive to run.

Computer controls were added, as were sensors that could automatically detect snow requirements. Higher powered fans were also added. Various other innovations led to machines that could produce better snow and more of it.

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The Bathtub Test

During a visit to his doctor, a man asked, "How do you determine whether or not an older person should be put in an old-age home?"

"Well," he said, "we fill up a bathtub, then we offer a teaspoon, a teacup and a bucket to the person to empty the bathtub."

"Oh, I understand," he said. "A normal person would use the bucket because it is bigger than the spoon or the teacup."

"No" he said. "A normal person would pull the plug. Do you want a bed near the window?"

Wood Burning at Lake Berryessa and in Rural Napa County – Spare Us the "Spare the Air Day"

By Peter Kilkus

I have an Australian friend for whom English is a second language. He often notices language oddities that normal people don't see. For example, since most of us in the rural Napa areas burn as much wood as we can during the winter to avoid high electric bills, but wood-burning is supposedly prohibited on "Spare the Air Days", he decided to read the regulation.

He found that the regulation has three exemptions, each of which applies to Napa County residents. It seems from the actual legal language that a "Spare the Air Day" ban on wood-burning stoves and fireplaces does not apply to most of us in the Lake Berryessa area or much of rural Napa County.

The primary exemption is Section 6-3-110, Natural Gas Service Unavailability, which applies even though propane may be available as a source of heat. The second applicable exemption is 6-3-111, Electrical Power Service Unavailability. Many residents of the Lake Berryessa area get their electricity from diesel generators or solar cell panels. This is not "as determined by electrical utility service"...

So why has everyone been misinformed that you can only burn wood on a "curtailment" day if wood is your only source of heat? You can also burn wood if you have no natural gas service or no electric utility service! The actual sections of the regulation are reproduced below.

6-3-110 Limited Exemption, Natural Gas Service Unavailability: The requirement of Section 6-3-301 shall not apply to any person who operates a wood-burning device in an area where natural gas service is not available (which includes temporary service outages), as determined by gas utility service to an area or household. A person may qualify for this exemption even though propane fuel is available for space heating purposes, or

6-3-111 Limited Exemption, Electrical Power Service Unavailability: The requirements of Section 6-3-301 shall not apply to any person in an area where electrical power service is not available (which includes temporary service outages), as determined by electrical utility service to an area or household, or

6-3-112 Limited Exemption, Only Source of Space Heat: The requirement of Section 6-3-301 shall not apply to any person whose only source of heat for residential space heating is a wood-burning device. A person claiming this exemption cannot have use of another form of functioning space heating.

The Infamous Stebbins-Cold Canyon Trail Hike: Rescue Central!

During January of 2012, this 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. To help our hiking visitors avoid getting lost, here are the directions from the Yolo Hiker web site: www.yolohiker.org/

Hike #1, Homestead hike: The primary attraction of this area is the University of California's natural reserve. The hike into the reserve is straight up the canyon, and ends at the old homestead. You start after the silver gate, and follow the trail going straight. This will take you around the bend, and you will see a large field of boulders. There was a huge landslide in the winter of 1994 or 1995. Look for Coyote brush, redbud, and yerba santa on the slide area. After you pass through the slide area, you will see the reserve entrance sign and a sign-in box. Be sure to sign in before you take the hike.

The hike will take you up the canyon, paralleling the creek the entire way. At several points there will be places to go to the creek, so be sure to take the opportunity. The water is cool most of the year, so I like to hike this in sandals so I can get my feet wet! When you reach the old homestead, be sure to follow the trail back to the old cold storage house. If you look in the creek next to the storage house, you may see salamanders. Be sure to look in the Spring/early summer for the little guys. Distance: 1 mile to the old homestead (one way), and a total elevation gain of 520 feet.

Hike #2, Blue Ridge loop trail: At the end of winter, 2002, UC Davis completed this loop trail. You start out by doing Hike 1, going up the canyon to the homestead. Then take the spur trail from the homestead, up to Blue Ridge. Continue north along Blue Ridge, until you get to the end of the ridge. The trail will then head back down to the canyon to the trailhead. You can, of course, do this trail in reverse, and head up the west side to begin with. It is much steeper uphill, however.

At the north end of blue ridge, as you head back down the canyon, make sure to go out to the rock outcropping to the north. This rock outcropping gives you a great bird's eye view of the Dam, lake, and Creek. When the Spillway is overflowing at the Dam, it looks like there is a great hole in the lake! Go near the end of Winter to see this. Distance: 4- mile loop, with a total elevation gain of 1500 feet. Moderate difficulty.

Hike #3, Pleasants Ridge hike: This hike goes up the east side of the canyon, up a steep slope through blue oak woodland and grassland. It offers great views of Cold Canyon as you hike up, and terminates at a rock outcropping on the ridge. The ridge is spectacular, and is a real knife-edge. Great views of the Putah Creek wildlife area and the valley can be seen from here. Distance: 0.5 mile to the top of the ridge, with an elevation gain of 1040 feet. Yes, this is steep!

A larger version of map at right is available on the Yolo Hiker web site: www.yolohiker.org/. Other Lake Berryessa hiking trails are featured on the Berryessa Trails and Conservation web site at: <http://berryessatrails.org/>

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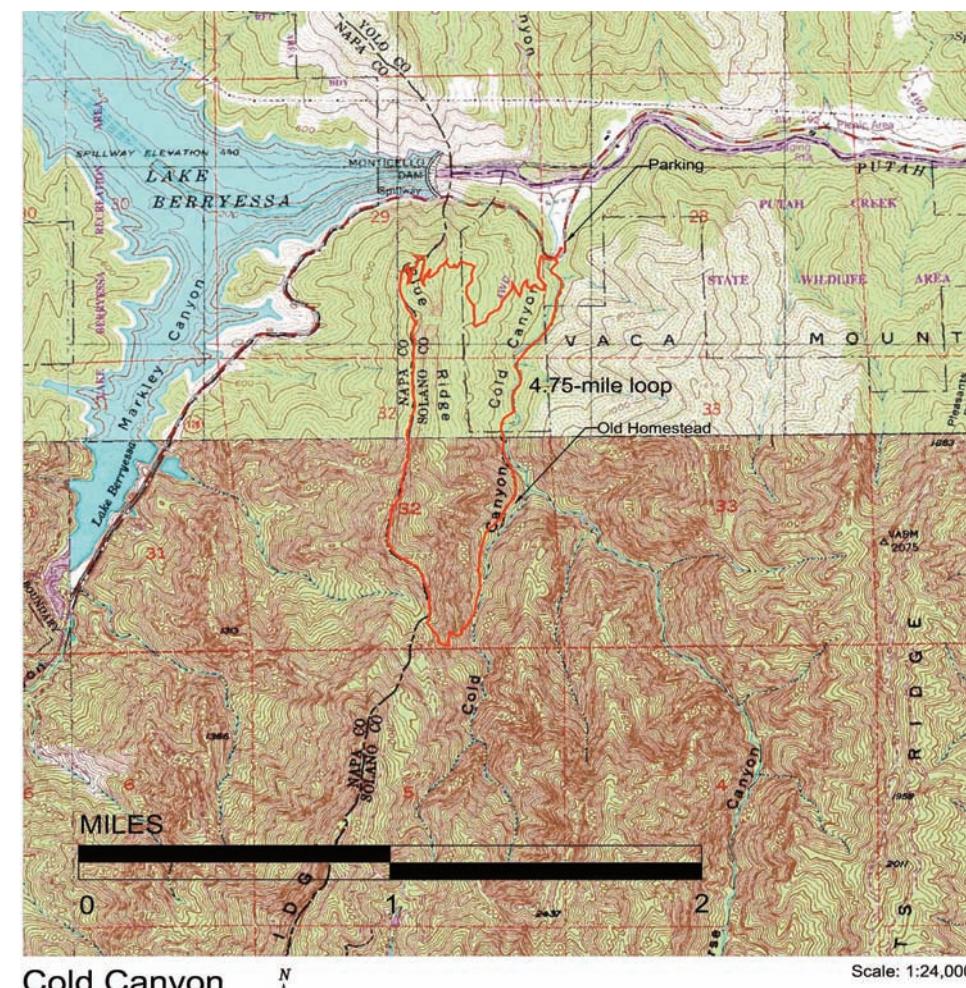
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Short Wisdom

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

After (M)onday and (T)uesday even the week says WTF !!

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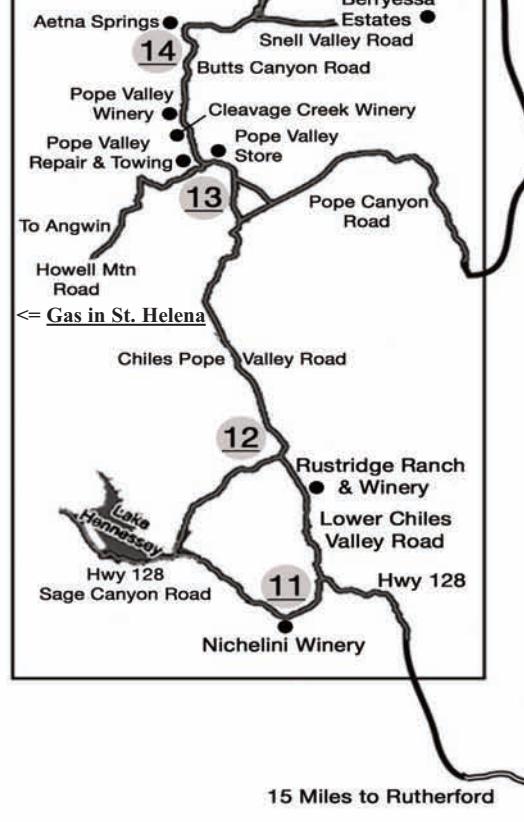
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A Tale of Two Crab Feeds: What's at the Heart and Soul of a Community?

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 its 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.



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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!

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.

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