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New Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce Elects Board Members

July 25, 2005 saw the rebirth of the Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce. Members of the new Board of Directors are:

- Yevo Jeworowski - Boone's Saloon
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- Jeff Parady - Pope Valley Repair and Towing
- Gil Pridmore - Pridmore Bros. Inc.
- Sharyn Simmons - Cucina Italiana
- Linda Tschida - Squeaky Clean - Secretary/Treasure
- Bob White - Rancho Monticello Resort

The Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce unites businesses, local leaders and concerned citizens of the Lake Berryessa area with the mutual goal of achieving a better and more prosperous community. The Lake Berryessa Chamber's area of interest is broadly defined as the region east of the Napa Valley hills - the "Other Napa Valleys" - including Pope Valley, Chiles Valley, Capell Valley, and Lake Berryessa. This area includes several wineries besides the many local businesses, and, of course, the lake resorts.

One purpose of the Chamber is political: to provide a unified voice for the community when dealing with Napa County government regarding issues that affect the region. A second purpose is to assist in the economic revitalization of the area. To those ends the Chamber has joined the Napa Valley Conference and Visitors Bureau. The NVCVB is in the process of "Developing a Napa County Destination Vision".



Yevo Jeworowski Linda Tschida Bob White

The NVCVB presented a proposed program of work and requested funding of \$508,000 for Phase 1. On July 26, the Board of Supervisors provisionally agreed to an initial funding of \$250,000. The Berryessa Chamber intends to participate in the development of this program and ensure that the "Other Napa Valleys" are included in any final strategy.

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From the Editor

More Photos in the Lake Berryessa News!

In this issue we are experimenting with more photos. For photos to turn out right in a newspaper they must be made up of little dots called “half-toning”. Check any paper or magazine with a magnifying glass and you’ll see the dots - even for color pictures. We now have the software and printer to produce decent photos. We’ll see how well it worked when we get the papers back from the printing press. So snailmail or email us your fishing photos and any others of interest and we’ll try to use them.

To the Editor

I had the incredible undeserved chance to vacation with Keith Kenworthy at “the lake” - Rancho Monticello Resort, beginning so long ago that he had a bunwarmer coach - & I knew I had found heaven the first time. Time & time again Keith invited me back. One August I recall waking to the most beautiful daily sunrise - Keith had already made coffee & we sat on his deck. Keith would make a good double for St. Peter at the Pearly Gates. I truly believe that I have seen Heaven already. Though my chances are slim to none of seeing the preacher’s heaven - I will never lose the memories of the best of times anyone could ever possibly have anywhere! Here on earth - or in the hereafter.

Anyone who has been so fortunate to have spent glorious mornings, days, evenings & nights at Lake Berryessa - always in the company of good people, the sort of folk who do give you the shirt off their back if you need it, and then offer you a beer and dinner and peach cobbler for dessert - it is about the best there is - and that’s a fact.

No one who has been even close to “the lake” and has met & spent time with the good folk who frequent Lake Berryessa, could have any point of view but one of passionate love and affection for the lake, the community and the Resorts and the way of life that is wholesome, true and a respectful use of God’s gifts to man. There is no need to “fix” such a paradise. Celebrate the wonder that it exists and make honest and constructive efforts to keep it the treasure that it is.

I am forever grateful for every moment I had at Lake Berryessa. Without “the lake” - we would all be so much poorer. YES - Save & Protect Lake Berryessa - - to do otherwise would be absolute folly.

Sincerely, A forever grateful visitor & supporter of Lake Berryessa.

Tony Kramer, Santa Paula, CA

Ever since I was a baby I’ve been coming up here to Lake Berryessa. Thirteen summers and I’ve never missed one. And every year, I’m up here inner tubing and waterskiing (well, at least making an attempt). But I’ve always come up here to spend time with my family. My cousins, aunts, uncles, and my Grandparents. Especially the Grandparents.

Because, after all, they own the place up here. And every year, it seems like we are always doing the same stuff over, and over again, year after year. But it doesn’t matter. All I care about is being able to get away from everything and not have to worry about anything, and have some fun. At my age, you would think that spending time with the family would be torture. But the lake makes the time that I spend with them fun.

But my Grandparents aren’t your ordinary seniors either. They don’t even seem as old as they are, which I think is because of the lake. The lake keeps them active. They swim with us and they even water-ski sometimes. Actually, my Grandpa drives the boat and my Grandma skis but that’s only when the conditions are absolutely perfect.

But I know that they wouldn’t be as happy if they didn’t have the Lake. I wouldn’t be happy either. Because I feel like I grew up here, it’s my home away from home. And I would never change it.

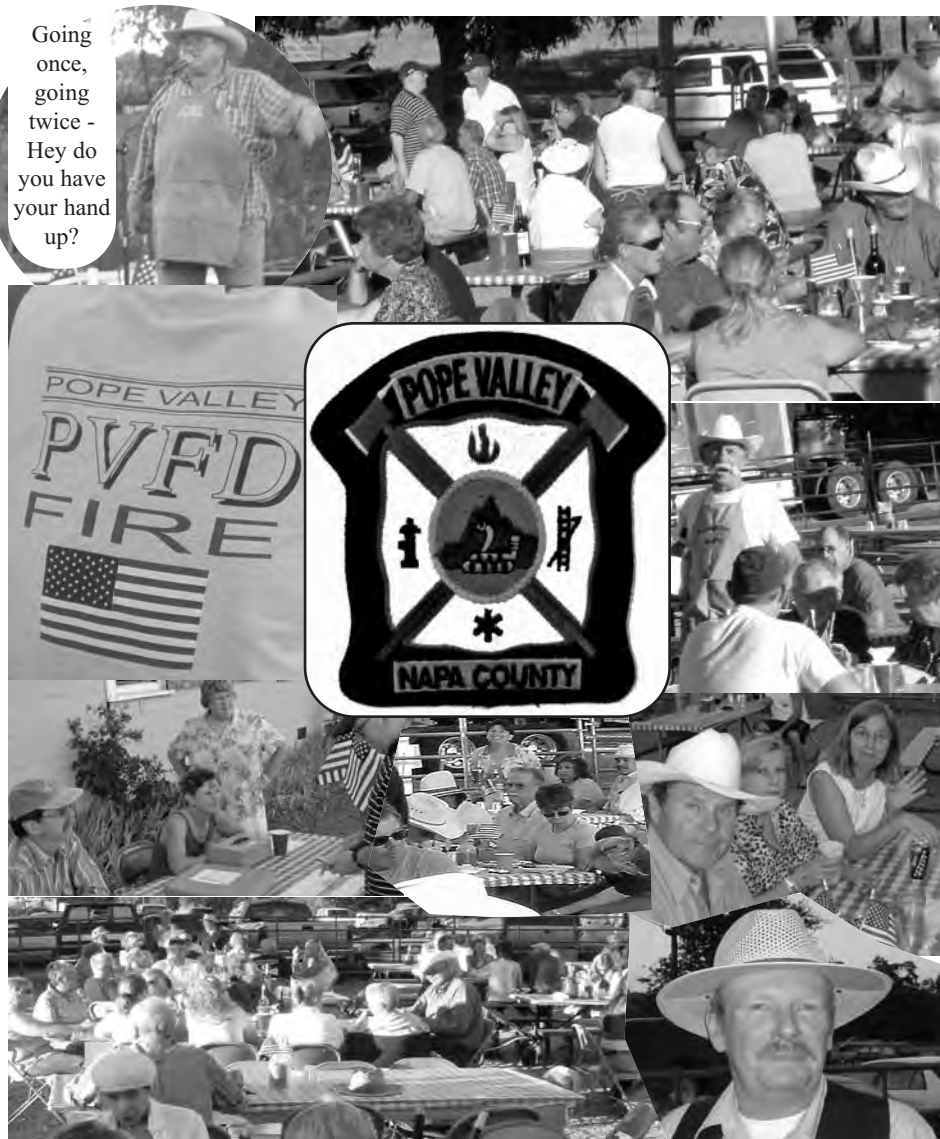
Laney A. Woodcock

(Laney’s grandparents are Jim & Pat Monaghan of Putah Creek. I can imagine Pat on water skis, but we need a photo for this paper!)

Pope Valley Fire Department Barbecue Was Hopping Despite the Heat!

The annual barbecue came off like a well-oiled machine again thanks to the many dedicated volunteers. The food was great, the margarita booth was active, and the live auction was fun to watch - and hear. The temperature became perfect just in time for dancing. And all for the good cause of remodeling the community center. Let us know how we can help.

Going once, going twice - Hey do you have your hand up?



Lake Berryess Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting

The next Board Meeting will take place on Monday, August 8, 2005 at 7 P.M. at Boone's Saloon. Board Officers will be elected. All members welcome. Potential new members are encouraged to attend.

The Lake Berryessa Lions Club is Looking for New Members

The Lion's Club is putting on the 21st Annual Poker Run next week and expects a good time will be had by all. The Lion's Club is a service organization with the goal of aiding the blind and visually-impaired, but it is also a great opportunity to have fun with friends and neighbors. To learn more call Jim Tschida at 707-966-1413; email: fluppenstoo@aol.com



Lion's Club Poker Run Committee
Bill, Dee, Diane, Linda, Jim

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Supervisor Dillon on Private Property Rights



George Bachich of the Napa Valley Land Stewards Alliance discussed property rights with Supervisor Diane Dillon a couple of weeks ago. He pointed out that many people attending the General Plan public input meetings (including those at the Berryessa Senior Center meeting) had expressed a desire for some recognition and protection of property rights in the General Plan. Bachich proposed including some language in the Steering Committee Guiding Principles and eventually in the General Plan to recognize that private property rights should be one of the factors considered when making land use decisions. Private property is an important community value that deserves inclusion.

But Supervisor Dillon said that because existing laws already protect private property rights, she did not see the need to include the issue in either the General Plan or the Steering Committee Guiding Principles. Bachich pointed out that the Stream Setback Ordinance was a major affront to private property rights, that it was passed by three Supervisors over the objection of one other Supervisor and hundreds of people at the public hearings, and that Napa's "local laws that already protect property rights" did not prevent that from happening. Only NVLSA's referendum prevented the Stream Setback Ordinance from becoming law.

Supervisor Dillon responded that she would never vote for something like the Stream Setback Ordinance, and that she only supported it during NVLSA's referendum campaign in order to "support her fellow Supervisors". Bachich concluded that if in Dillon's world

even something as morally insignificant as political solidarity trumps private property rights, then property rights are far down on her priority list. Therefore, it is even more important for Napa County to codify protection of property rights in order to protect them from such careless disregard in the future.


Bachich also suggested that property rights are at least as important as several of the other issues already included in the General Plan Guiding Principles, such as "promoting economic growth", "making recreational opportunities enhance public appreciation for the natural environment and open space", and "balancing the mobility needs of the community with the overall objective of creating a livable human and natural environment," but she did not agree. According to Dillon, these other objectives are important enough to merit a place in the guidelines, but property rights are not.



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During the first week of August, the CWP will be filing new complaints with the Napa County Environmental Services Code Enforcement, Regional Water Quality Control Board, California Department of Forestry and Sheriff Department offices alleging continued illegal operational activities being conducted without the benefit of lawfully issued permits and possession of stolen PCM mobile home owners property by the BOR and PCM.

Federal and State Money for Napa County

A major transportation appropriations bill passed Congress with major funding for Napa. \$6.4 M was slated for Highway 12 to fund environmental and design work for the proposed widening of Jamieson Canyon Road to two lanes in each direction. The state announced transportation funding for Napa County of nearly \$1M.

Proposition 42 gas tax allocation totaled \$951,954 for Napa County. \$45,000 is for a Northern Napa Valley Transportation Plan to examine existing public transportation services and determine if current resources can be used to accommodate the more inaccessible communities of the northern Napa Valley.

That could include areas such as Angwin and Lake Berryessa which might be served by small

buses or an on-demand service. Currently "Upvalley" bus service goes as far as the St. Helena Hospital and over the hill to Santa Rosa.

Philosophy Class

A professor stood before his philosophy class with some strange items. When the class began, he wordlessly picked up a very large and empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with golf balls. He then asked the students if the jar was full. They agreed it was.

The professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles rolled into the open areas between the golf balls. He then asked the students again if the jar was full. They agreed that it was.

The professor next picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else. He asked once more if the jar was full. The students responded with a unanimous "yes."

The professor then produced two cups of coffee from under the table and poured the entire contents into the jar effectively filling the empty space between the sand. The students laughed.

"Now," said the professor as the laughter subsided, "I want you to recognize that this jar represents your life. The golf balls are the important things--God, your family, your children, your health, your friends and your favorite passions--and if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full.

The pebbles are the other things that matter like your job, your house and your car. The sand is everything else - -the small stuff."

"If you put the sand into the jar first," he continued, "there is no room for the pebbles or the golf balls. The same goes for life. If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff you will never have

room for the things that are important to you.

"Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness. Play with your children. Take time to get medical checkups. Take your spouse out to dinner. Play another 18. There will always be time to clean the house and fix the disposal. Take care of the golf balls first - - things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand."

One of the students raised her hand and inquired what the coffee represented. The professor smiled.

"I'm glad you asked. It just goes to show you that no matter how full your life may seem, there's always room for a couple of cups of coffee with a friend." When things in your life seem almost too much to handle, when 24 hours in a day are not enough, remember the mayonnaise jar and the 2 cups of coffee.



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TWI will use the PWC to collect water samples, conduct species population surveys and monitor habitats without significantly impacting the environment. The partnership puts the PWCs on the front lines of environmental conservation.

"We were looking for a clean, quiet, low impact way to survey large expanses of wetland and river areas, and the Yamaha WaveRunners met and exceeded all of our requirements," said TWI. TWI is a nonprofit Kansas corporation that seeks to promote protection, enhancement and restoration of streams, wetlands, aquatic habitats and watersheds in urban and rural settings throughout the country.



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Benicia Jet Ski Races Were a Blast!

Lake Berryessa event promoter Evan Kilkus of Pacific Coast Entertainment presented the final Round of the Western States Cup in Benicia last weekend. More than 100 racers competed, "rubbing fiberglass" at more than 50 miles per hour in the surf. Great spectaoor fun. If you want to race next year, call 707-966-3010.



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Fishing with Dino

Anglers were trolling at 60 to 70 feet and getting limits on Trout & Salmon last week. Mostly in the 2 lb. range. Spanish Flat and Skiers Cove shorelines are the hot spots at the south end of the lake. Catfish are on the move. Anglers were in all weekend with cats in the 6 lb. to 10 lb. range. Baits used were hot dogs, dip bait, crawlers or liver. Get the bait to the bottom and you should land a nice cat. Bass are slow & no sign of any Crappie. The water temp is at 80 degrees 8 ft. from the surface.

Dino Righetti, Spanish Flat Resort Marina, 707-966-7708



His Eyes Were Bigger Than His Stomach!



Spanish Flat Marina Gallery

Fishing with Sid

Lake Berryessa was still extremely warm this weekend. I headed out for catfish. I went into some back coves that had deep holes and set up two rods one with hotdog and one with smelly bait. Within the hour I landed two catfish one 12.5lb and one 13.4lb. Minnows are showing all over these back coves. I would fish early morning or early evening for bass with top water lures. Trolling for trout go to 70 or 80 feet for best results.

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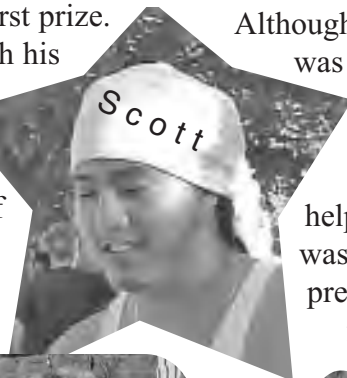
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Who Won the Lion's Club Poker Run?

Scott Feil won the \$1,000 first prize.

It was so easy he did it with his eyes closed! 2nd prize went to Mary Lemas and 3rd prize to Beverly Bugbee. The Worst Hand of the Day was won by Jenni King! See you next year.



Although the weather was hot, the water was great! Ice-cold Margaritas helped. The food was excellent. As predicted, it was fun for all.



Thanks to all the volunteers and sponsors who made this a great event!



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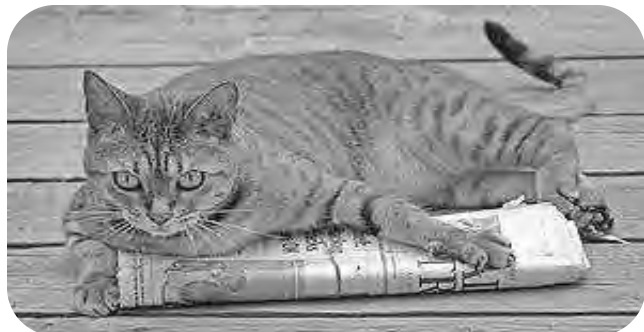
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From the Editor

Labor Day is coming. School reopens sooner than most kids want and parents will need to shift from summer rays to school daze mode. The rapid change from 100 degree to 80 degree days was also welcome. Holiday celebrations, changes in weather, thoughts about kids and families, and the controversy surrounding the concept of people, property rights, and the Fair Pay for Public Benefit initiative (see Pg. 4) combined to make me a bit philosophical this week.

Some people believe in their environmental religion so deeply that they have, in some ways, become inhuman. Radical Deep Ecology advocates would be happy to see a plague that wiped out 80% of the human race so the “natural world” could be saved. This is stated, though sugar-coated, in Point 5 of the Deep Ecology Platform:

“5) The flourishing of human life and cultures is compatible with a substantial decrease of the human population. The flourishing of nonhuman life requires such a decrease.”

I was reminded of this type of thinking by a letter in the St. Helena Star about a potential dam removal. The writer actually asked what he thought were rhetorical questions, “Are not the rights of the environment equal to human and civil rights? Is not compassion for the environment as important as compassion for our fellow human beings?”

These are profoundly important philosophical questions, but the reasoned answers are resoundingly NO! and NO!

Once you believe that a baby duck is as important as a baby human you’ve lost your rationality. Most environmentalists are not this mushy-headed, but many have a static vision of the future that prefers to exclude people rather than accommodate them. And that’s unfortunate because people will not go away.

It’s useless to think that we have to harm what we touch. We’re going to touch it as long as we exist. We can learn how to touch it lovingly through “Factor of 10” improvements in natural resource use and reasonable land use practices that create incentives to protect the environment while recognizing that people exist and can be a positive influence. Books have been written on how to do this. The romantic fantasy that humans are irremediably nasty needs to go the way of other adolescent self-indulgences such as unjustified feelings of moral superiority.

Society has not come to grips with how to limit population growth and so there will always be more and more people. You can’t solve this by forcing these more and more people into smaller and smaller “townhouses” and calling it “Smart Growth”. This just may create future ghettos. Single family homes for us and our kids are in our genes.

So please think things through for yourself and reject the “Sky is falling” or the “Bulldozers are coming” hysteria you’ll hear during the next year of political arguments. What we really need is a Coalition of Common Sense - hopefully you’ll join.

There are seven (7) general public openings on the Napa County Commission on the Status of Women. The Commission is composed of eleven (11) members. No professional experience is required for membership, but members are expected to support the elimination of discrimination and prejudice against women and to have shown themselves qualified in community leadership. The Commission works to eliminate the practice of discrimination and prejudice on the basis of sex in the areas of housing, employment education, childcare, community services and related fields.

Meetings are held the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at Health and Human Services, 2344 Old Sonoma Road, in the City of Napa. Anyone interested should contact the County Executive Office, 1195 Third Street, Room 310, Napa, 253-4421, to obtain an application. The deadline to submit the completed application is Friday, September 9, 2005 by 5:00 p.m. Applications are also available on the County website at www.co.napa.ca.us. Just go to the main web page and click on “committees” from the menu on the right.

FOUND - Tractor Tires, Oil Drum, Water Bottles...

by Cheryl Lacombe

If you have lost any of the above items they can be claimed at the Yolo Dump. On Saturday, August 13th, 25 mobile home owners, volunteers and employees from Rancho Monticello Resort and members of the Monticello Ski Club cleaned the north-shores of Lake Berryessa, School House Island and under the bridge.

Beer cans, metal barbecues, baseball caps, shoes, chairs, tires, and hundreds of plastic water bottles were among the many items cleaned from the shorelines.

Eight boats left Rancho Monticello launch ramp at 9:00 a.m. and headed north, sweeping the shoreline and islands. Along the way the volunteers



were treated to Osprey flying overhead, fish jumping, and an occasional snake that got the adrenaline pumping!

First time volunteers Rick Robson and Ken Ahl both stated, " we can't believe how much fun and rewarding it is to spend a few hours helping the environment and cleaning up the lake we use". Rancho Monticello Resort sponsors two lake clean-ups a year, in the spring and summer.



Senior Center Casino Night Attracts

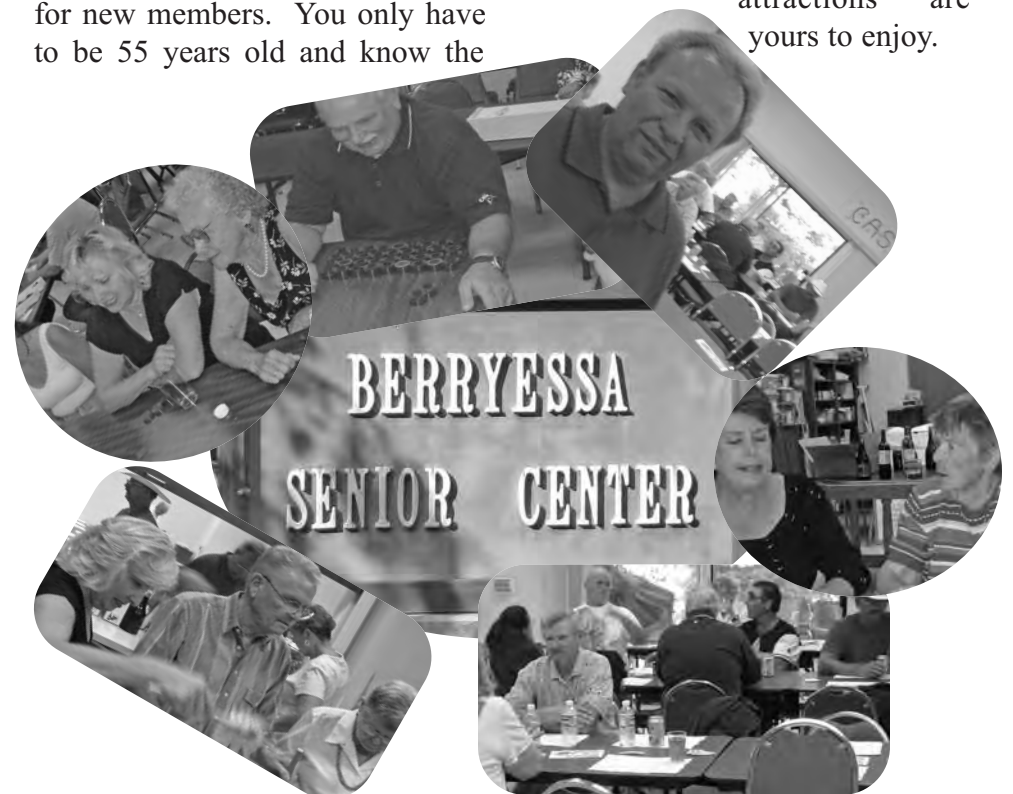
Local High Stakes Gamblers!

Poker and other games of chance lured people into the Senior Center Saturday night for food and fun and the thrill of easy money. The Senior Center is always looking for new members. You only have to be 55 years old and know the



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Supervisors Waste \$30,000 to Delay Initiatives

The Napa County Elections Department completed its verification of the signatures on the "Fair Payment" and "Read and Understand" Initiatives on June 22, 2005. 5380 persons signed 833 separate petitions for the "Fair Payment" Initiative. 5264 persons signed 650 separate petitions for the "Read and Understand" Initiative.

Registrar of Voters, John Tuteur, was criticized last week by members of the Napa Valley Land Stewards Alliance (NVLSA) for advocating against including the full text of the initiatives in the 67,000 ballot pamphlets to be mailed out prior to the election. After a flurry of protests, the decision was made to allow the full text of both measures to be printed in the pamphlet.

The two initiatives have created much controversy although on the surface they are quite simple. NVLSA, which brought the initiatives to this stage, say simplicity was their goal. They claim that opponents, many from out of county, are raising hysterical and baseless arguments against the measures simply to frighten voters.

Now about \$30,000 of taxpayers money will be squandered by the Board of Supervisors on a "study" that is not really a study at all. The Supervisors have only two options in this initiative process: either enact the ordinance or put it on the ballot. The only possible objectives of the study are to delay the election or to influence the election outcome, both of which are political objectives, and not an appropriate use of taxpayer funds.

According to NVLSA the simple truth is that the Fair Payment for Public Benefit Act will have absolutely no impact on anything or anyone until such time as the Board of Supervisors enacts a new land use restriction more restrictive than the powerful restrictions that are already in place. If they never do that, the initiative will never come into play. There is no retroactive element to it. There can be no claims against the County for existing rules.

If a new ordinance is considered, a rational reading of the initiative (available at www.landstewards.org) reveals that it merely requires that the Supervisors take into consideration the

damage their new restrictions might do, and that they treat the impacted property owners fairly. It offers several ways to do that without costing the County a dime. And it makes exceptions for state mandates, building and fire code requirements, and regulation of public nuisances, health and sanitation, hazardous waste, etc. It applies only to discretionary actions by the Board of Supervisors, so if unfair and damaging new restrictions are for some reason deemed necessary, the voters can approve them and not owe anyone a penny.

NVLSA challenges opponents to give the study consultants a list of restrictions they hope to enact. Supervisors should also compile a list of possible restrictions so the consultant could have some basis for a report. The Sierra Club, the Farm Bureau, anyone who worries about the impact of this initiative on their programs should let the consultant know what restrictions they hope to enact in the future. Otherwise what are they hiding? The point is that land use restrictions should not be snuck in to the system while no one is looking - or without evaluating their impact on real people.

Opposition to the Read and Understand Initiative also appears a bit over the top. The initiative simply states that Supervisors should read and understand anything they vote on. The initiative has no penalties for violation and no enforcement mechanism because it is not a criminal statute, but rather a simple message from voters that reading and understanding is part of a Supervisor's job description. Voters, at election time, can determine whether or not a Supervisor is meeting the requirements of the job and vote accordingly. The \$30,000 study, no matter what the results, could not conceivably affect the Supervisors' decision. After the study is complete, they will still have only the same two options: either enact the ordinance or put it on the ballot.

Only Supervisor Moskowitz voted against the study. Of interest to Lake Berryessa region voters is that Supervisor Diane Dillon will be up for re-election at the same time these initiatives will be on the ballot in November, 2006. Should be an exciting election!

Lake Berryessa News Family Loses a Member

Shirl Katleba, Lake Berryessa News owner/publisher, lost her cousin, Matt Bera, last week after a 17-month battle against a rare form of cancer. Matt, only 36 years old, was a Sacramento City firefighter.

When he was diagnosed, he began researching cancer Web sites and became an inspiration to the department. Firefighters rallied with support, donating their time and organizing fundraisers to pay the extra medical expenses. In April 2004, hundreds of people agreed to shave their heads in his support, raising more than \$65,000 in donations.



Bera, a Rocklin native, joined the department in 1995 as a paramedic firefighter. He went on to the Truck 2 "B" shift, a coveted post among city firefighters. Weeks before he became sick, Bera was promoted to apparatus operator, the crew member who drives the engine or truck. Matt acquired obvious nicknames - Matty, Beracuda - and one owed to his eagerness to buy the latest electronic equipment, Gizmo. They kidded him about his thick, black hair saying that he was one of the first firefighters who could sit on the cover of GQ magazine.

During his difficult illness, Matt kept his thoughts on his three children, Megan, 14, Lauren, 11, and Nicolas, 5. "He wanted to be here for his kids," said Lauri Bera, who was married to Matt for 16 years.

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**Lake Berryessa
Chamber of Commerce
News**

At the August 8 Chamber of Commerce meeting at Boone's Saloon, Board Members Jeff Parady, Gil Pridmore, Sharyn Simmons, Linda Tschida, and Bob White elected Bob White of Rancho Monticello Resort as Chairman and Sharyn Simmons of Cucina Italian as Vice-Chair. Linda Tschida of Squeaky Clean is Secretary/Treasurer. The regular meeting date was set as the 4th Monday of every second month at 7 PM at Boone's Saloon. The next Board meeting will be on Monday, Sept. 26th.

Three subcommittees were proposed. Since we have several small wineries as members, Sharyn Simmons agreed to chair a Wine and Food Subcommittee with Susan Meyer of Rustridge B&B/Winery and Bonnie Zimmermann of Pope Valley Winery. Two other proposed subcommittees are Recreation and Retail Services.

Various actions were discussed:

- o The need to attract mid-week and off-season visitors
- o Target Napa Valley residents. Some 2nd generation Napers have never visited the lake!
- o Emphasize family-orientation of the lake experience - big, clean, lots of room, lots of fun.
- o Encourage Napa Recreation Department to do Kids Camps at the lake.
- o Link with tour operators to develop an itinerary that includes wineries, restaurants, lake activities.
- o Attract a demographic different from the classic Napa Valley tourist. Instead of the typical winery visitor, appeal to outdoor recreation-oriented (bicycle, kayak, hike) people who can then check out our wineries, restaurants, and resorts.

After much discussion among the Board and other members present as to future strategy, several high priority items were defined.

1. Web Site: Get a web site established and develop a directory of member services to be published on the site.
2. Develop a printed directory of member services.
3. Create visitor packages for distribu-

tion within the local community and to sites around the region.

4. Create Visitor Information points at local businesses around the lake to distribute Chamber of Commerce visitor packages with other information (BOR maps, etc.) to let visitors know what activities are available.

5. Develop a Press Kit for distribution locally (Napa Valley region) and to visitor groups (Fishing groups, bicycle clubs, car clubs, recreation clubs).

6. Create outreach mechanisms to contact groups which may be planning activities that would be appropriate to Lake Berryessa and assist them. The new movie about the Zodiac Killer which will be filmed at Lake Berryessa was discussed.

7. Get an address list for local residents so the Chamber can send them the Chamber directory and other information.

8. Each member will recruit more members to join the Chamber.

The next Board meeting will be on Monday, Sept. 26th at 7 P.M. at Boone's Saloon. All members and potential members are welcome. The Board will report on the progress toward completion of the priority items listed above.

If anyone has any ideas or suggestions, please send them to:
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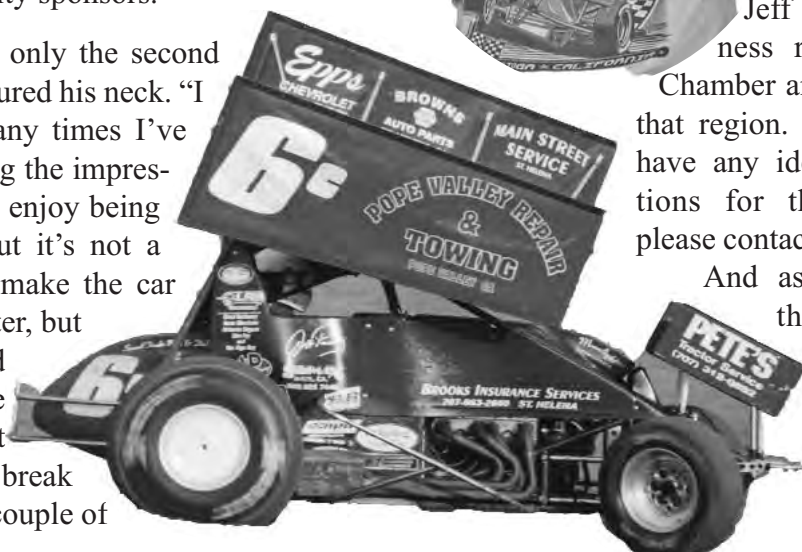
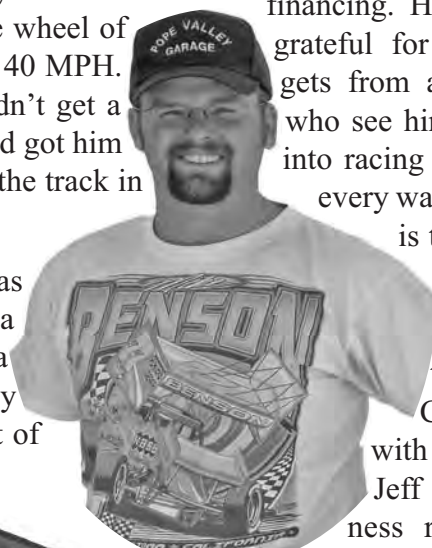
Pope Valley's Jeff Parady: Racer's Mechanic to Mechanic's Racer to Community Leader

Little did Jeff Parady's parents realize that the boy they took in a stroller to the races in Calistoga would someday be behind the wheel of one of those sprint cars that whizzed by at more than 140 MPH. He was hooked on the idea of racing as a kid, but didn't get a chance to live his dream until he was 19. A family friend got him started going to midget races, and driving a hot lap on the track in Petaluma was all it took.

Because of his mechanical training and skill, Jeff was invited to be the crew chief during the 1999 season on a USAC Pavement Midget team. Then he graduated to a Midget Lite (1200 cc motorcycle engine) team. Finally he got the opportunity to race himself with the support of friends and local community sponsors.

He flipped his car during only the second race of his career and fractured his neck. "I don't even know how many times I've flipped," says Jeff - leaving the impression that sprint car drivers enjoy being airborne upside down. But it's not a soft ride. The big wings make the car hug the ground and go faster, but flipping causes a rapid slow down due to the wings, and when you hit the ground the wings may break off and can start you on a couple of violent rolls.

Jeff won quite a few races in his first season and finished in the top 10 percent of his class of 70. He's now concentrating on the 360 Winged Sprint Class where the V-8 360 cubic inch motor puts out 712 HP at 8300 RPM!



Jeff races as a business, but his 7-day-a-week day job as owner of Pope Valley Repair and Towing provides only part of the financing. He says he is amazed at and grateful for how much support he gets from a community of friends who see him put his heart and soul into racing and want to help him in every way they can. His racing goal is to run the World of Outlaws national circuit.

Despite his busy schedule, Jeff was also recently elected to the Board of Directors of the Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber is pleased to have a young man with this much energy on its Board!

Jeff is the Pope Valley business representative to the Chamber and will ably represent that region. If Pope Valley folks have any ideas or suggestions for the Chamber, please contact Jeff directly.

And ask him about the time he flipped in....



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