

# Gold Country Living

## Sierra Wildlife Rescue

We always need numerous volunteers to feed our orphaned feathered friends, and schedules are flexible. You can sign up for 2-4 hours, daily, weekly, or a few days each week or month.

April classes will include Introduction to the Baby Bird Nursery on four dates: April 6, 10am – noon; April 9, 7–9pm; April 20, 1-3pm; and April 23, 7-9pm. These classes are for prospective new Baby Bird Nursery volunteers for the nursery during May – July, and you need only attend one class.

Another class in April, for the general public, will be Nests and Dens, on April 6, 1-3pm, where you will learn all about the clever types of housing animals build and inhabit. Prospective rehabbers can learn all about Rehabbing Fawns, from 10am–noon and Rehabbing Raccoons, 1-3pm, both on April 13th. Rehabbing Foxes, Coyotes, and Bobcats will be held on April 20, 10am–noon, and Rehabbing Opossums, April 27, 10am–noon.

All classes are taught at SWR's Wildlife Center, 3030 Newtown Road, in Placerville. Parking is limited, so please make reservations with Barbara at [barbaraewing@cal.net](mailto:barbaraewing@cal.net) or call 530-621-2650. Please notify us if you are unable to attend a class you registered for, as there is usually a waiting list.

Classes are free to SWR members; \$5 donation requested [www.sierrawildliferescue.com](http://www.sierrawildliferescue.com)

## Magique!

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...explosion and plume of smoke. You won't be disappointed! The show runs through April 14, at The Eldorado Showroom, 345 N Virginia St, 89501 Reno, NV. 1-800-879-8879.

Inspired by a hot flash and a bottle of wine, "Menopause The Musical" will appear in the Eldorado Showroom starting April 19, 2013. Billed as "The Hilarious Celebration of Women and The Change®," the original off-Broadway musical begins with four women at a Bloomingdale's lingerie sale.

The women share their ups and downs through a collection of 25 re-lyricized baby boomer songs from the '60s, '70s and '80s. See what millions of women worldwide have been laughing about for over 10 years! It's the Hilarious Celebration of Women and The Change!®.

Tickets start at just \$24.95 with dinner and show packages available from \$34.95. Performances nightly except Monday. For more information, visit online [www.eldoradoreno.com](http://www.eldoradoreno.com) or call 775-786-5700.

## SALMON FALLS RANCH PREVIEW TRAIL HIKE

On March 17th, April 10th, April 20th, & May 5th (times vary) join ARC staff on a preview hike of the recently acquired Salmon Falls Ranch located near the Skunk Hollow parking lot in Folsom Lake State Recreation Area. The new parcel features 757 acres of rolling grasslands, oak savannah, and seasonal streams.

Enjoy sweeping views of the Folsom Lake and the Crystal Basin from hilltops along the way. Michael Dotson, ARC's Development Director, and Elena DeLacy, ARC's Conservation and Stewardship Project Manager, will lead several hikes throughout the spring.

ARC is currently fundraising for the project, so donations are welcome to support the new trail. Please call for meeting location (Folsom area) and to sign up. All donations are encouraged. 530-621-1224.

## Spring Pig Hunts Offered in Yolo County

The Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) will conduct eight permit-only wild pig hunts on Bobcat Ranch in Yolo County. These opportunities are being offered between April 3 and May 22, 2013 through the Shared Habitat Alliance for Recreational Enhancement (SHARE) Program.

A total of 24 SHARE Access Permits will be provided to wild pig hunters through a random drawing for eight general method hunts. Three permits will be issued per hunt period. Successful applicants will be allowed to bring a hunting partner or a non-hunting partner.

Located in Yolo County's Vaca Mountain foothills just west of Winters, hunters will have access to approximately 4,000 acres of the ranch's rolling blue oak woodland. Hunting under the SHARE Program will help achieve the ranch's long-term conservation management objectives, including providing public hunting opportunities and controlling the wild pig population.

Hunters with a valid California hunting license may apply through the Automated License Data System (ALDS). A \$10 non-refundable application fee will be charged for each hunt choice. Applicants may apply for multiple hunt periods but will only be drawn for one period per property.

To apply online, go to: [www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing/ols/](http://www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing/ols/). This opportunity was made possible by the SHARE Program,

## Journey to Citizenship

By Jane Haworth  
Staff Reporter

Anyone who has visited Room 220 at the C.I.S. (Citizenship & Immigration Services) building in downtown Sacramento will be familiar with my nervous apprehension, as I sat waiting for my interview. On the path to becoming a U.S. citizenship, it is here that you have to attend an interview and pass a reading/writing and civics test.

As I sat in this large room surrounded by a culturally diverse group of people huddled in family groups and speaking an array of colorful languages, I knew this was an important day in all of our lives.

Having lived in the United States as a legal alien for nearly 15 years, it was time for my family and I to become naturalized. In 1998, my husband transferred his job from the United Kingdom and we settled here on an L1 work visa. This we renewed a couple of times, then qualified for a green card in 2005. Although we could have renewed this again in 2015, it felt like it was time to become citizens.

Part of the decision process came as our eldest daughter was applying to colleges and we noticed there are certain careers and college options only open to citizens. Having lived here for over five years the final part of the application was to pass the civics, reading and writing tests and swear under oath your affiliation to the United States.

Studying for the test was tricky. It included 100 questions that covered topics including American Government, rights and responsibilities of citizens, American history and geography. In the test, you were asked up to 10 questions and had to get

which offers incentives to private landowners who allow wildlife-dependent recreational opportunities on their property.

Participating landowners receive liability protection and will receive compensation for providing public access to or through their land for wildlife-dependent recreational activities.

The goal of the SHARE Program is to provide additional hunting, fishing, and other recreational access on private lands in California. For more information about Bobcat Ranch hunts or the SHARE program please go to: [www.dfg.ca.gov/wildlife/hunting/share/](http://www.dfg.ca.gov/wildlife/hunting/share/)

A man was telling his neighbour, 'I just bought a new hearing aid. It cost me four thousand dollars, but it's state of the art. It's perfect.'

'Really,' answered the neighbour. 'What kind is it?' 'Twelve thirty.'



six correct, I got six for six! Then you had to demonstrate you are able to speak, read and write in English. With my native country being England these tests seemed ridiculous to me but I can imagine for non-English speakers this could be challenging. There are exceptions to these tests if you are older and have been a resident for 15 plus years. I passed my test, answered all of the allegiance questions and qualified to be a citizen, yeh!

Our final step was the ceremony of naturalization that I attended yesterday with my friend from Scotland and my husband. This was quite the formal affair held at the Sacramento Convention Center. Along with two thousand plus soon-to-be Americans we handed in our green cards and before the federal judge and officials we took the Oath of Allegiance. Whilst waiting for the ceremony to begin we heard the roll call of nations. Of the 1211 people being naturalized from 91 different nations; 191 were from Mexico, 186 from India, other larger representations were from Vietnam, Philippines, China, Thailand, Ukraine and 12 from the United Kingdom.

Taking this step for our family means we are now dual citizens being able to hold both U.K. and U.S. passports. We hold the same status as our seven-year-old son who was born here and our British born 17 year-old daughter who was granted citizenship as part of our naturalization. The only unfortunate thing is our eldest daughter turned 18 just a couple of weeks ago so she now needs to apply for her own citizenship.

I know every case for requiring an American citizenship is unique and different but I can only imagine what relief and happiness this must bestow on those people who have had to escape their country of birth in the hope of finding a better way of life. For me being able to keep my allegiance to my birth country and share it with my new United States citizenship is perfect. I feel very lucky.

*Editor's Note:* We are very proud of Jane Haworth and her husband (courtesy photo above) as they, along with 1211 others, went through the process to become citizens of the United States of America. We as a country are that much richer for it, Jane. *Congratulations to all!*

**49er Bypass Run** – Register now for the 5K (3.1mi.) or 10K (6.2mi.). The April 6th race starts on Main Street, Sutter Creek at 9am. Youth (17 and under) - \$20, Adult (18 and over) - \$25, Groups or Families of 4 - \$60, additional participants - \$15. E-mail [mailktraverso@amadorgov.org](mailto:mailktraverso@amadorgov.org) for additional information.

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