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## The 21st Annual Angels Camp Triathlon

ANGELS CAMP, CA – A mere few days before the frogs jump competitively in Angels Camp, there will be lots of humans swimming, biking, and running competitively in the same fabled town, at the 21st Annual Angels Camp Triathlon. Internationally known for its Frog Jumping Contest, made famous by author Mark Twain, historic Angels Camp, Calif., is also the home of this long-time, very popular triathlon, which will take place on Sunday, May 12, 2013 (Mothers' Day), at 8:30 a.m., at the beautiful New Melones Reservoir.

Produced by On Your Mark Events, this fast and scenic triathlon course features a 1,000-yard swim (Warm water, high 60s to mid 70s. Wet suits are allowed, but not really needed.); a 16-mile bike (rolling, scenic loop course); and a 4-mile run (rolling jeep trail). The Angels Camp Triathlon will conclude with the awards ceremony, raffle, and a huge barbecue, with beer! (Those jumping frogs WISH they had it this good!)

The Angels Camp Triathlon entry fee is \$65 advance, \$75 race day; for team relay entries: \$185, advanced, \$220 race day. (For those interested in On Your Mark Events' Sierra Foothill Triathlon Series discount, that also includes the Bear Valley Triathlon on 9/1/13, visit this link.) Entry fee includes refreshments, T-shirt, awards, raffle ticket, awards, and post-race barbecue lunch, which also includes beer. The barbecue lunch will be available for non-entrants at \$10 per adult, \$7.00 per child.

All participants are advised to wear a swim cap for the swim and required wear a Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) approved bike helmet for the bike. The traditional (and crowd favorite) On Your Mark Events ... *Continued on page 11*



## The Amador County Concert Band

The 48-member Amador County Concert Band, under the direction of Steve Chambers and Irv Gidding, has just received a grant from the Amador Community Foundation; the grant of \$500 will be part of the mini-grant program established by the Foundation. "We are excited to have been approved for the grant" said Chambers...the band is a volunteer organization; no one is paid... the funds will be used to help purchase new music, operating

and concert expenses...we are privileged to have such a wonderful organization as this in our community that supports so many good causes".

The grant will help the band achieve its goal of providing the community with free concerts each season. Says ...

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## Historic Sutter Creek Grammar School Renovations

SUTTER CREEK, CA - This majestic building is on the National Historical Registry#76000477 and also on the California State Historical Registry. The citizens of Sutter Creek see the importance of preserving their local history and that is why the fund raising for this renovation has been so successful.

After a year of fund raising, we are pleased to announce that we are ready to start Phase 1 of the Renovations, which will entail the removal of unwanted inhabitants and sealing the gaps between the roof and the walls where bats, pigeons and now raccoons are getting into the attic.

The next phase will be the cleanup and sterilization of the attic, among other renovations that will take place to get the building open to the public again. Sunday, April 7th, celebrated the beginning of the renovation and to witness what a community can do when they put their minds to it.

The Historic Sutter Creek Grammar School is located on the Elementary School Property between Broad and Cole Streets with the cross street of Randolph. Thank you to all who attended the Mardi Gras Party and Cajun Cook-Off events and to those who



Sutter Creek Grammar School

donated. All of you helped raise this money so that the renovations could begin!

Regards, Lisa Klosowski  
Historic Sutter Creek Grammar School Restoration Committee

## Preston Castle

A California State Historical Landmark and listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the Castle is available for tours. Offered from 10AM to 1PM every first and third Saturday and select Thursdays, March thru October. No reservations are required. Adults \$10; 12/under, \$5; Under 5 Free.

Preston Castle Visitor Center ~ end of Palm Drive ~ Ione, CA More Info: 256-3623 or visit website them online at [www.prestoncastle.com/tours.html](http://www.prestoncastle.com/tours.html)

## The State Fair's 2013 Vineyard of the Year

The prestigious award is being awarded to the Deaver Vineyard. The 300 acres of rolling hills is located in Amador County's Shenandoah Valley outside Plymouth, CA. Fifty years ago this coming harvest, a Sacramento home winemaker bought some of the vineyard's zinfandel and made a wine that caught the attention of key players on California's wine scene, setting in motion a revival of the region's wine trade, largely dormant since the end of the Gold Rush about a century earlier.

The first vines on the Deaver Vineyard site are believed to have been planted in the 1860s by John James Davis, a cooper. His son, Joseph Davis, married the widowed school teacher Amy Elizabeth Deaver in 1927 and continued to farm the spread. Her son, Kenneth Deaver, gradually took over the Davis farm, now tended by his son, Ken Deaver.

In 1963, Sacramento home winemaker Charles Myers visited the Deaver Vineyard in search of mission grapes, spotted an old stand of zinfandel on the property, and began to make wine with its fruit. In 1968, one of his early wines caught the attention of Bob Trinchero of Sutter Home Winery in Napa Valley. Trinchero liked the wine so much he bought 20 tons of Deaver zinfandel that fall.

The critical and popular success of Sutter Home's 1968 Deaver zinfandel touched off a new rush to the foothills by aspiring growers and established vintners alike. Trinchero ended up buying one of the early modern wineries in the valley, Montevina, now known as Terra d'Oro, which continues to buy much of the fruit from Deaver Vineyard. Ken Deaver also uses grapes from the vineyard for his own eponymous brand.

The award recipients were chosen by California State Fair's Wine Advisory Task Force. These prestigious Wine Awards will be formally presented at the California State Fair Gala on Friday, June 28, 2013. For information about this event, visit [www.bigfun.org](http://www.bigfun.org)

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