

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK



Eva Dunn, Editor

It's Been Awesome!

Summertime is one of the friendliest times of the year, besides Christmas and that is sneaking up on us all too soon. I have had a wonderful time this year going to festivals, concerts, theaters, and fairs! Our county is like one big family, we meet up at the most fun places. And still there are more wonderful happenings coming: supper under the stars, farm tours, music concerts, BBQ and live theater events... sometimes it's so hard to choose where to go!

Let us not forget that many of these events are fundraisers that mean the world for these non-profit programs; your support means they can continue to keep their doors open and provide for those they benefit. Please be generous with your time, and your money.

The Amador County Fair is over and it was wonderful! So many entered their crafts, their art, culinary creations, and plants to be judged and appreciated. If you have a talent, please enter next year; it looks like a lot of fun and you may just win a blue ribbon! Congratulations to all our boys and girls for their participation at many events at the county fair this year.

I am pleased to announce we have our 3 winners for the August 8th performance of *The Sultans of Swing* at the Sutter Creek Theater; they appear right on this page under Photo of the Month. Congratulations to our winners! Thank you for playing everyone, and even if you didn't win, please treat yourself sometime to a fabulous evening. The Sutter Creek Theatre professionally presents contemporary and traditional music, theatrical works, dance, film, and other artistic events in a beautiful theater.

Amador County Concert Band

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...and played under the recently restored historic band shell. The Amador County Concert Band represented the Northern California area and was one of the largest ensembles to perform over the weekend, receiving superb reviews and a special recognition award for its performance. The band was also invited to perform at Carmichael Park on June 7th at 2pm and perform well!

Join us on August 9th at 3pm for an enjoyable musical experience; bring the family and enjoy the spirited music! Arrive a few minutes early for best seating; music begins promptly at 3pm. Visit at www.accband.org for additional information or to find out how to join the band.

Consumers who use credit and debit cards are receiving new cards with embedded chips to replace their old magnetic stripe cards to provide greater protection against fraud. For information: http://www.consumer-action.org/downloads/english/chip_fact_sheet.pdf

FALL & WINTER VEGETABLE GARDENING

On Saturday, August 29th from 9AM to Noon, the UCCE Master Gardeners of Amador County will host a free class on growing fall and winter vegetables. Keep enjoying your own delicious vegetables beyond the summer. Learn what crops you can grow in cool and cold weather, the time for planting and harvest, and strategies to deal with both heat and cold. Growing onions, leeks, garlic, and shallots will also be covered.

End the class by planting some seeds to take home to start in your garden. This class will be held at the Amador County GSA Building, 12200-B Airport Road Jackson/Martell. If you have any questions, call the Master Gardeners from 9am Tuesday through Thursday at 209-223-6838; mgamador@ucdavis.edu

Vendors Sought

The Calaveras County Garden Club is currently seeking Artists, Crafters and Food Vendors for its upcoming Garden & Craft Faire, October 24th in Angels Camp. To request an application or learn more about the event, visit the Club at www.CalaverasCountyGardenClub.org

Scary Spooky Volunteers Needed

Halloween Haunt 2015 is coming up soon and we are in need of our wonderful scary volunteers to help make this awesome event a success once again. If you would like to volunteer to be a part of our cast or crew please come to the Castle August 1st at 2pm for our first mandatory meeting. We will be assigning roles and planning workdays, makeup classes and actor training. The haunt will be 5 nights this year: October 16, 17, 23, 24, 30 with our Costume Ball on the 31st. We need actors, designers, graphic artists, lighting and sound techs, security, merchandise sales, makeup artists and just individuals who love Halloween. It's a frightfully Good Time!! Send your information to prestoncastletours@sbcglobal.net

Cheers To Chuck

The winemaking community has created an event to show their love and support for one of its Calaveras County pioneers on August 16th, a gathering to celebrate Murphys winemaker Chuck Hovey, who suffered a massive stroke on June 25th this year. Hovey's son, Kyle, was with Chuck on a camping trip when he had the stroke; Jan Hovey has returned from Hawaii to be with the family. Updating Chuck Hovey's progress and keeping the community informed through Facebook, Jan has posted almost daily. A winemaker in Calaveras and Tuolumne counties for more than 30 years, the Hoveys are like family. Hovey Winery and Tasting Room is located in Murphys, CA.

The August 16th event is "Not a fundraiser," Jan Hovey said. "The other winemakers wanted to help." The event is 4 to 8pm at Murphys Community Park with lawn games, a silent auction, and live music by *Plan B* and the *Tour Guides*. Chuck suffered another stroke July 21st and is now at Doctor's Hospital in Modesto. Chuck has enjoyed the countless messages of encouragement left on Jan's Facebook page for him. A GoFundMe account, gofundme.com/hovey, has been set up for Chuck Hovey.

PHOTO OF THE MONTH



Eileen Kleinschmidt



Linda Zender

The Sultans of Swing Contest Winners!

Last month we held a Contest in conjunction with the Sutter Creek Theater for Free tickets to *The Sultans of Swing* performance on August 8th, open to all our readers. We are pleased to announce the three winners: Linda A. Zender, Eileen Kleinschmidt and Gretchen U. Kingsbury. They will receive a pair of tickets to the performance along with a boxed set of CDs. The ladies are Sutter Creek locals. Congratulations from 'The Gold Country Times'! *Courtesy LW Communications and Sutter Creek Theater*

Eileen Kleinschmidt: "I am a resident of Sutter Creek and lover of music. My husband and I are retired and we follow the music festival circuit (particularly bluegrass and Americana). I am a member of the California Bluegrass Association and write a monthly cooking column, "Welcome To My Kitchen" for their publication 'Bluegrass Breakdown'. I love the music at Sutter Creek Theater and am excited to see Sultans of String! Thank you! *Eileen*

Linda Zender: "I am a retired Marketing professional. Sutter Creek has been my home part-time since 1991 and full time since 2000. Volunteering and giving back to the community are very important to me. So I am on the Board of two local non-profits; Operation Care which cares for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault and the Amador Community Foundation which connects local generosity with local needs. At home, I garden, care for my three cats, one dog and nine chickens. Love this country life! *Linda, Notary Public*

Gretchen U. Kingsbury: "I am a retired teacher and painting contractor; I am currently volunteering at Active Aging trainer, STARS van driver, Sutter Creek Visitors Center, and the animal shelter. Thank you for the tickets. *Gretchen*

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