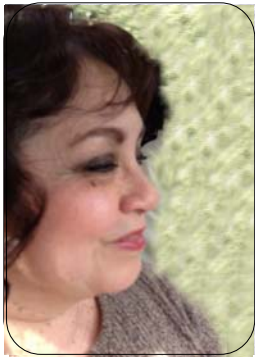


## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK



Eva Dunn, Editor-in-Chief

### Summertime and the Living is Easy

This has been a wonderful month as summer has begun, bringing with it the most cherished of all things, Vacation! We are so fortunate in California to have an abundance of destinations and micro climates that will please any eclectic taste. Homebodies can vacation in their own backyards when they live in gold country as we do; our rivers, wine tasting events, fairs and rodeos all bring tourists to enjoy the bounty and beauty.

It's fun to plan family vacations: A mere hour away is Tahoe, or Kirkwood... Reno is only 3 hours away; head out to the other direction, and San Francisco and Napa are within easy driving distance for getaway destinations. Spoiled, yes?

We've spent a few days already enjoying day trips to beautiful places, and our calendar is filling up with dates for concerts, musical theater, and movies! This past month we've sent our reporters to fun and exciting places, to share their experiences with you, more ideas for summer fun in the sun!

Have a Happy 4th of July! Enjoy your freedom, Hug a Vet, and have a wonderful celebration with family and friends!

### Amador City Debuts Saturday Evening Farmers Market

The smallest incorporated town in California, Amador City, will host a farmers market Saturday evenings from 5pm to 8pm. The market will offer the best of local produce with farm raised eggs, lavender and vegetables grown by Scott Oneto, a local master gardener who is farming seven acres.

Sean Krilitch will bring organic vegetables to the mix and the organizers expect to add vendors as the season goes along. Shoppers can dine at Buffalo Chips restaurant or grab a glass of wine at Feist Wines which will be open late all summer long.

Feist will offer "farm to fork" small plates to add to the festivities. "Access to local, fresh produce is important" says Susan Feist "Food that is appropriate seasonally, sustainably-sourced, and organic tastes better and is good for the eater and the producer."

Amador City is excited to provide a place for shoppers to come out and be part of the community, enjoy the evening and go home with delicious and healthy ingredients for the week.

Buffalo Chips restaurant is increasingly using seasonal ingredients and is helping support local farmers and ranchers who are dedicated to sustainable agriculture.

### More Little Free Libraries Coming to Amador

On Tuesday, May 19th, an enthusiastic group gathered at Mike Clark Field ballpark on Ridge Road for the dedication of a new "Little Free Library." The crowd was made up of excited participants from the Upcountry Community Center, Gold Country Woodworkers & Crafters, Pine Grove Elementary School, Amador Upcountry Rotary, First 5 Amador, ARC of Amador, Friends of the Library, and the newly formed Read Across Amador; a coalition established to increase Amador's love of reading.

The Little Free Library (LFL) is a small structure designed to provide a place for books to be conveniently displayed for borrowing. The LFL works on the honor system, borrow a book, exchange a book for another book, return a book, or donate a book. A library card is not required, there isn't a time limit on how long the book may be borrowed and it is a great way to increase literacy by reading and discussing great books.

Read Across Amador is working closely with the Gold Country Woodworkers & Crafters to raise funds to make 12 Little Free Library kits for the students at Pine Grove Elementary School to assemble and decorate. The goal is to increase the amount of Little Free Libraries in Amador County and assist folks in sharing books as well as increasing opportunities for building children's literacy skills.

Read Across Amador's goal is to have all Little Free Libraries in Amador listed on the official map and website that can be accessed online at <http://littlefreelibrary.org> Read Across Amador is also seeking stewards to oversee the placement and upkeep of the new Little Free Libraries once they are completed. If you are interested in donating to this project, you can contact First 5 Amador at 209-257-1092.

### National Anthem

The founding fathers of *Over the Edge*~ Dave Holob and Adam Gottstein~ will be playing the National Anthem (*instrumental version*) at AT&T Park, for the San Francisco Giants and the hometown crowd, Saturday, July 11th, at 7p.m.

"We haven't won a Grammy. Haven't even been nominated for one. Never will... but by golly, we got a story for the grandkids someday, (*but*) 44,000 baseball fans are gonna get a little taste of some Amador County music lovin' electric violin and guitar," said Gottstein. Get your tickets soon at <http://sanfrancisco.giants.mlb.com>

### 2015 grant recipients

representing Habitat for Humanity, CASA, Tahoe Turning Point, Rebuilding Together and Boys & Girls Club of El Dorado County Western Slope gathered at the annual Women's Fund El Dorado Grants Gala June 4th. Nearly \$60,000 in funding was awarded to Western Slope nonprofits, in addition to four scholarships.

### You can make a difference

Volunteer with the American Red Cross. 18 or over, retired or flexible work/school schedule. [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)

## PHOTO OF THE MONTH



### A Contest for Free Theater Tickets

The Gold Country Times is offering 3 prize packages for the Sutter Creek Theater's August 8th performance of the Sultans of String, each consisting of a pair of tickets and the band's 4-CD box set. For convenience, the winners' names will be on the guest list at the door of the theater; winners can pick up their free CDs at the merchandise table inside the theater. Good Luck, and enjoy the show!

**RULES:** The first 3 readers who reply to this announcement and can answer the following question, will win a pair of tickets to the show and a 4-CD box: "For which category in the 2015 JUNO Awards (*Canada's Grammy*) was the band nominated? Please send your answer to: [editor@goldcountrytimes.com](mailto:editor@goldcountrytimes.com) by July 9th. The revved-up roots string slingers, Sultans of String, will be performing at the Sutter Creek Theatre, 44 Main Street, Saturday, August 8, 8pm). Since forming 7 years ago, Sultans of String have been on an impressive trajectory with an astonishing number of awards and accolades. Chieftains' very own Paddy Moloney guests on their latest CD. More information online at [www.suttercreektheatre.com](http://www.suttercreektheatre.com)

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