



# BENNETT VALLEY VOICE

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## MEMO FROM THE BOARD

The BVHA would like to thank those residents who responded to our membership reminder and re-joined. Also, a welcome to the new members which has brought our roster close to 200 households.

Update: 4630 Pressley Road  
proposed rezoning

County Supervisors supported the BVHA position and denied this request.

Update: Votruba winery  
4850 Peracca Road

On a split vote the BVHA supported a property down-zoning to accommodate the 1,000 case winery application. On May 24, the county Supervisors approved the request.

The Votruba's have been making home wine for some time at this location and wish to become a bonded winery. The BVHA stipulated that the small site would not be appropriate for tasting, on-site sales, or expansion.

Update: road projects  
Pressley Rd. & Sonoma Mtn. Rd.

We have received bad news from the county road department that the previously approved funds for a re-alignment of the Pressley Rd. & Sonoma Mountain Rd. intersection have been re-directed to higher priority projects. We hope this delay will only be temporary.

Bennett Valley Rd.

The county has informed the BVHA that the straightening of the curves at Matanzas Creek bridge near the golf course will not occur this year. This dangerous stretch of road has long been a concern.

Recently, the BVHA Board has written letters to PG&E & others concerning the road damage caused by heavy equipment on Pressley & Sonoma Mountain Rd. We hope that PG&E will help us and the county to correct this costly and dangerous situation.

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## Valley Cowman- Bill Jacobs

The June 14-20 issue of the News Herald spotlighted long time Bennett Valley cowman Bill Jacobs and others in a fine article "Home on the Range" by Verna Mays.

In the news publication Bill reminisces about the lost art of the all-around cowman, his trusty cutting horse "Big Tom", the back-breaking work, and the long hours. His love for the valley is evident and he has a deep belief in the wisdom of mother nature. In addition to his ranch duties, Bill finds time to serve as a director of the BVHA and the agriculture oriented Federal Land Bank.

If you have a chance find and read the full News Herald article.

Congratulations---

Matanzas Creek Winery

Recently, MCW was judged sweepstakes winner for its 1981 chardonnay at the San Francisco Fair and Exposition. Also, the '81 chardonnay won the double gold medal in that category.

A Reminder---

Homeowner meetings are held the third Wednesday of the month at the firehouse. Elections are held during the October meeting to fill the expiring terms of three board members.

Three vacancies on the Bennett Valley Board of Trustees will be filled in next November's election. Nominations open on JULY 18, 1983--you may obtain a form from the Sonoma County Election Dept. if you are interested in running. Nominations close AUGUST 12, 1983, unless no incumbent files. In such case, the deadline for filing would be extended to August 17, 1983.

The election will take place only if more than 3 people apply--if there is only one candidate per open seat, these candidates automatically become Board Members. If a tie vote should occur in an election, the successful candidate(s) would be determined by lot. Any candidate who wishes to have a Statement of Qualification in the sample ballot must bear the cost of printing.

Term vacancies include one two year term and two four<sup>year</sup> terms. Requirements for Board Members are: Applicant must be a registered voter and a resident registered in the Bennett Valley School District. Meetings are the second Wednesday of each month and Board Members usually serve without pay although travel expenses to meetings can be requested. **Newly** elected Board Members will take their oath of office and assume their new position at the regularly scheduled board meeting in December 1983.

Our school board goes back to the 1860's. As a member you set the tone for the educational programs in the district. This is one place where residents have local control--where YOU can make a big difference! More information is available from the district office (542-2201) or any current school board member. Current members include Millie Mansfield, Marilee Parker, Ed Buckley, Dick Dowd and Dr. Frank Hodges.

The Sonoma County Fair 1983 is featuring sheep and wool. New attractions have been added for everyone's pleasure. Many activities will be held on the west side of the Junior Exhibit building. Each day of the fair there will be spinning, weaving, and dyeing demonstrations. Separate from this event will be the annual weaving and spinning demonstrations in the Arts & Crafts building sponsored by the Santa Rosa Guilds. Entries are exhibited at the booth.

Many new classes have been opened for spinner & weavers, so exhibits should be numerous and educational. In the new Handcrafted Wool class, there will be a showing of items made from 100% wool.

Shearing demonstrations will take place daily from 1-4 PM. During this time those who wish can shear a sheep, take a piece of fleece home, and receive a button saying "I fleeced a ewe at the Sonoma COWnty Fair". How about entering a baby bootie contest? Entrants are to guess how many baby booties could be made out of the display basket of handspun yarns.

Attend the annual ladies lead class which is open to all age groups & requires that you model an outfit of 100% wool or 60% wool & 40% synthetic, and that you must also have a sheep to lead. This fashion show lead takes place Friday July 29, 7:30 PM.

Two lamb barbecues are scheduled--one on Saturday, 30th, and the second on Sunday the 31st, 11-5 PM.

There should be something of interest for most of us. Come to the fair.

Contributed by Marilyn Franc

Additional memberships since April 1983---Welcome to new members.

James & Janet Alfieri	Ernest&Lorraine Keefer	Mr.& Mrs. Ron Schultz
Terry Babineaux	Mr.& Mrs. Clint Koch	Glenn & Jill Seime
Mr.& Mrs. R.J. Baculo	Mr.& Mrs. Larry Laby	Tom & Mary Sharpe
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Doug&Sylvia Havemann	Mr.& Mrs. Jim Saitone	Bryan & Marilyn Wilson
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