From CBTA’s President

by Paul Prescott

When Vida Kenk became president of Calaveras Big Trees Association in 2013, the final walk-through of the Visitor Center had occurred, but the “soft opening” would not be until fall. Then the grand opening would be on Memorial Day Weekend in 2014 in order to tie it in with the 150th anniversary celebrations of the State Park system.

What Vida did in her two years as President was in no way glamorous but was actually almost more important than the fancy new building. You see, Vida had the vision to ask the question, “The Visitor Center is built, now what?” The building was the focus of our attention for so long, what’s next for CBTA? How would we use our facilities?

All this requires lots of planning and policy. You heard me: I said policy. When the State balked at finishing Enduring Giants, we picked up the slack, but also created policy to prevent us from being in that position again. Vida moved the Board into looking at the budget for three years. We now have checklists for all purchase orders to have better accuracy at our end-of-year inventory. We used our resources to find less costly insurance and liquor licenses for our special events. We have developed an employee manual to reflect labor code, including the new sick leave for our employees. As we become a larger organization due to the income generated by the new Visitor Center, we are making sure that the Board is aware of and compliant with IRS and Franchise Tax Board policies. As Vida would say, “We’re no longer a mom-and-pop store.” Last fall the Board met with Park and District personnel for our first joint planning time together. Vida spent a year and a half making the arrangements. This tied in with a study by independent consultant Randy Widera for the California Parks Foundation. In that study CBTA turned out to be one of the best-run park organizations in the state.

At her urging, the Board brought into existence the new Advisory Council. It meets with the Board a few times a year and offers expertise in areas we lack.

Vida has continued our association with the California League of Parks Associations. We now have ties with other associations, helping us learn from others who are similar to us. We have already met with one board that wanted to learn from us how to get a visitor center built.

Vida began the process of renewing the CBTA contract, which comes due every five years, with the State Department of Parks and Recreation. It is a long and thorny process.

Much of this requires little money and a great deal of time. The Board is truly a working board, and we are striving to create the infrastructure within CBTA to support and maintain new interpretive projects. The new Visitor Center brought in $100,000 more in 2014 than the old VC in 2013. 2015 is on track to exceed this amount. We have increased our staff and increased the amount we spend on interns and park aides. All this was due to Vida’s vision and leadership, and we owe her a great deal.

As I take over the leadership of CBTA, Vida remains on the Board. Vida, I will look forward to your advice and wisdom. When you see Vida, thank her for all her hard work and success.
Beautiful Music in the Park

by Vida Kenk

On June 6 the musical group Cantamos (Spanish for we sing) filled Jack Knight Hall with beautiful music in multiple genres and languages. Cantamos consists of Michela Macfarlane (lead vocalist), Ron Schaner (bass and vocal), Fred Treece (guitar and vocal), Jerry Solberg (keyboards and vocal) and Scott Leverone (drums). The group moved from a guitar solo, through arias, traditional Latin songs and musicals, to contemporary favorites, seamlessly integrating selections in English, Italian, Spanish, French, Portuguese and back again to English. The selections were preceded by amusing and informative introductions.

Jack Knight Hall is an acoustically ideal setting for an intimate concert. Besides the music, the audience of fifty-four guests enjoyed wine donated and poured by Locke Vineyards. Big Trees Market donated trays of delicious hors d’oeuvres, which were served by members of the CBTA hospitality and events committees. Sierra Hills Market gave us a generous credit at their store that covered other concert expenses. Money raised by the concert will be used to support the educational and interpretive programs at the Park. Thanks to all those who contributed to this enchanting afternoon.

Artists Share Their Skills

by Sue Hoffmann

Arts of Bear Valley in association with Calaveras Big Trees Association and Calaveras Big Trees State Park is proud to present Art in the Park, a unique opportunity to combine the beauty of the Park with different interpretive expressions of art through a series of free workshops. These workshops will begin at 12:00 noon on Saturdays and Sundays and will be limited in size. Children six and up as well as adults are welcome. Come early and check in at the Art Show which will be held in the Ralston Classroom in the Education Building next to the Visitor Center. The art show itself will be open from August 15 through September 6.

August 15 – Family Day children’s art project (10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.) No sign up needed

August 16 – Photos to Watercolors with Nancy Macomber

August 22 – Plein Aire Demonstration

August 23 – Color Mixing with Jan Alcalde

August 29 – Weaving with Therese and Steve May

August 30 – Waterfalls & Stream Beds with Pat Rohovit

September 5 - Sketching with Sandra Maurer

September 6 – Pastels with Elaine Cahill
Park Update

by Gary Olson

Summer is always a special time of year for many of our visitors to enjoy family gatherings, reconnect with loved ones seldom seen, share a dinner or campfire and gaze at the stars with new friends. While much of our focus is on the summer visitors, it is important to remember that our Park mission is to protect the natural and cultural resources that we are so fortunate to have at Calaveras Big Trees while educating the public and providing public access.

One of our resources is the meadow in North Grove. As a result of the restoration project over twelve years ago, the meadow is now thriving and healthy. While we have had very little rain this year, the meadow is blooming with many different grasses, flowers and plants, ranging from greens, yellows, blues, purples and a few reds. I hope you take the time to meander along the boardwalk with your camera to capture this frenzy of activity. The bugs, bees, dragonflies, insects and ants are busy gathering food, pollinating flowers and fulfilling their individual purpose in life. Take a few moments to observe the wonderful world around us and be thankful we are here to appreciate it in all its glory.

Have a wonderful and safe summer.

Family Day—A Day of Fun!

by Betty Watson

Calaveras Big Trees 27th Annual Family Day will soon be here! Taking place on Saturday, August 15, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the North Grove area of our beautiful Park, it promises to be a fun-filled day for the whole family. This event is sponsored by CBTA as a “thank you” to the public for its support.

We will be featuring many activities and presenters, including our ever popular carriage rides, and a full day of events at the Campfire Center from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. See the schedule on page 11.

New this year will be the UC Davis Raptor Center with Wild Birds of Prey. Also new, the Arnold Lions Club will be cooking the barbecue lunch.

You can enjoy delicious baked goods for sale behind Jack Knight Hall or dessert at the Warming Hut for some “Summer Sweetness” of ice cream or popcorn.

Volunteers are always welcome, and your participation is very much appreciated. If you would like to help out on Family Day, please contact Betty Watson at bawatson.1@gmail.com.

Come join us in beautiful Calaveras Big Trees State Park for a great day of family fun!
Summer Interns Makin’ Memories

by Mary Anne Carlton

Remember college graduation day? Remember the apprehension of “now what do I do?” Remember going somewhere and doing something new? Road trip! Remember your first time to Calaveras Big Trees State Park where you met new people, learned a new place and marveled at huge trees?

Well, meet our two summer Student Conservation Association interns, Carolyn Scarpelli and Katie Shaubberger, new 2015 college graduates and makin’ those memories! Carolyn hails from Illinois, but received her degree in biology from Iowa State University in Ames. Katie’s biology degree is from the University of Oklahoma in Norman where she also grew up. Katie and Carolyn are makin’ memories this summer before they begin jobs this fall in environmental education at outdoor schools - one in Ohio and one in Big Bear, California. Both say these are stepping stones and job experience before possibly embarking on careers in museum education and outreach.

They were makin’ memories on their way to California - traveling separately, taking different routes, seeing different sites, but having a similar experience in Grand Canyon National Park. Katie arrived at the North Rim on the first day it opened for the season only to experience a snowstorm and no view. Carolyn arrived to hike at the South Rim - similar experience, but with hail instead.

Since their arrival the week before Memorial Day weekend, they have been trained, oriented, uniformed, fingerprinted, practiced and are now competent members of our team of interpreters. That in itself is lots of memories. You can find them doing Junior Cubs, Junior Rangers, North Grove walks, campfire programs and having fun with the rolling carts. Carolyn is teaching visitors about our nocturnal vertebrates at her campfire talk, and Katie is enlightening visitors about bats - their importance and the challenges they face.

Makin’ memories on days off are important, too. A few places visited include the Arnold Rim Trail from the Logging Museum to Avery, Yosemite, Fallen Leaf Lake and South Lake Tahoe, Big Basin, Sacramento, Point Lobos, concerts at Cedar Center and wine-tasting in Murphys, with more on the agenda.

They have been makin’ memories with us, too. We have enjoyed them immensely and wish them well in their future memory-making endeavors.

A Busy Visitor Center Brings in Lots of Customers!

by Jill Ogburn

What a crazy winter we had in the Visitor Center! There was no downtime whatsoever. The rolling spring break, which lasted a month and a half, brought countless kids and college students in every day of the week, and our sales were spectacular.

Our new retail assistant Sydney Klann is very enthusiastic. Come in and meet her.

We have some new inventory in the Visitor Center which has been very well received by our customers. And, of course, everyone enjoys our sock selection; we have a new sock vendor who makes “sublimation” socks that are just beautiful. Come on in and check them out the next time you are at the Park. Everything is looking pristine in the Park right now. The early summer rains have helped to keep things crisp and clean. We hope to see you soon!
First Joint Meeting of the CBTA Board and Advisory Council

by Marcy Crawford

On Saturday, May 23, the Board met with the newly appointed Advisory Council and welcomed members Bob Doten, Merita Callaway, Gail Kautz and Peter Ralston. The meeting was enlightening and enjoyable as members of the Board, CBTA staff and Council got to know each other over a working luncheon.

Discussions covered community outreach and feedback, ideas, expertise, involvement and contacts. Plans for future CBTA projects were also discussed, such as:

- Updating the Strategic Plan
- Implementing recommendations in the California State Park Foundation Organizational Assessment done in 2014
- Partnering with the Department of Parks and Recreation to develop an interpretive plan for the Park
- Attracting youth and diverse people to experience the Park
- Affiliation with educational institutions to sponsor or partner programs such as the UC Davis Naturalist program being presented at Calaveras Big Trees this fall

Some good ideas from our Council included having a legislators’ day at the Park, working more closely with Columbia and Railtown State Parks to advertise what is happening at all the local state parks, a smart phone app, encouraging more tour groups, involvement of Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts and cooperating in local high school senior projects.

The next joint meeting will be held on October 12, 2015, from 10:00 a.m. to noon.

CBTA Annual Meeting

by Vida Kenk

Members of CBTA gathered at the picnic area behind Jack Knight Hall on Saturday, June 20, for the annual general meeting and potluck of the organization. Attendees heard updates about the events of the past year, the finances of the organization and the Visitor Center retail (both very good), and the general status of the Park. Introductions were made of the CBTA Board members, CBTA staff and Park summer interns (supported by CBTA funding). Mary Ann Carlton described the process for selection of the interns and the many things they do at the Park. You can feel proud of CBTA and the way your donations support the on-going educational and interpretive programs at Calaveras Big Trees.

Elections for the CBTA Board were held. Board members serve two-year terms and may be elected for as many as three consecutive terms. The CBTA Board is a hard-working group currently consisting of ten members, each of whom chairs a standing committee. Bruce Tallakson retired as the treasurer of the CBTA Board and was thanked for his service. Vida Kenk reached the end of her term as president, but was re-elected for another two years as a Board member, along with George Leong and Paul Prescott. Dexter Hardcastle was elected as a new Board member, and Sanders Lamont rejoined the Board after a year’s absence.

This year, CBTA awarded five scholarships of $1000 each to deserving college students. A high point of the meeting was hearing from family members of the people for whom two scholarships are named. Lauren and Bret Hewitt, the adult children of Emily Hewitt, shared their memories of their dynamic mother. Linda Stocking spoke movingly of the reaction of her husband Steve, a long-time educator and Board member of CBTA, when he learned days before his death that CBTA was naming a scholarship for him. Another article in this bulletin describes the scholarship winners.

After the general meeting the new CBTA Board held a brief meeting to elect officers. Paul Prescott is now president, George Leong and Joan Allday are the two vice-presidents, Bunny Firebaugh is secretary, and Dexter Hardcastle is treasurer.

CBTA Board regular meetings are open to the public. They usually occur on the last Wednesday of the month from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. You are welcome to attend these public meetings. Call the CBTA office to be sure of the location. If you think you might want to serve on the CBTA Board, attending board meetings is a good way to find out what we do and to test your interest in joining us.
Scholarship Awards Announced

by Paul Prescott

Each year CBTA awards scholarships to aspiring naturalists and interpreters. We had some exemplary applicants this year. We are proud to describe the scholarship winners here.

Emily M. Hewitt Memorial Scholarship

Trinity Tippin graduated from Southern Oregon University (SOU) with a B.S. in ecology, organismal biology and field biology (Magna cum laude) in June 2014. She is currently in the Natural Resources: Wildlife Master’s Program at Humboldt State University. Her goal is “to help inspire a global attitude of appreciation and conservation of nature and the natural world around us.” She is in her fifth season working for Oregon Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Unit (Oregon State University). She comes from a naturalist family: Mom is a biologist for the U.S. Forest Service (USFS). Trinity has volunteered with a bird-banding program for ten years. She plans to work with children, using her art as “a wonderful venue to bring people closer to wildlife.”

Steve Stocking Memorial Scholarship

Julian Geoghegan is a junior at CSU East Bay, where he is majoring in biology with an ecology/conservation biology concentration. Working with the California Conservation Corps in 2010, he became inspired to continue his education, especially in the field of conservation biology. He has worked his way through college, taking evening classes. He’s found time for fieldwork with the Backcountry Trails Program, part of AmeriCorps, doing trail maintenance. Finishing his lower division work at three colleges, he transferred to CSU East Bay this year. He hopes to become an interpretive ranger for the National Park Service. “I am thankful to be studying for a career that encompasses my ardor for conservation, education and getting my hands dirty.”

CBTA Scholarships

Huan Huynh is a junior at Humboldt State University, majoring in forestry while working there part time. Huan emigrated with his family from Vietnam at the age of thirteen and wants to “further succeed in paying the lifelong debt that I owe to my adopted country.” (He became a U.S. citizen four years ago.) His love of the outdoors came with a chance internship at Cañada de Los Osos Ecological Reserve in Gilroy, learning how to restore wildlife habitat. He also worked in maintenance there as a supervisor. He has spent two summers as a forestry recreational technician in the El Dorado National Forest. He hopes to be a practical forest conservationist.

Tara Lamb, from Mi-wuk Village, is a junior at CSU Stanislaus, majoring in biology. Growing up in the Sierra Nevada, her love of the outdoors came naturally. Her original intention was to be an artist, but she fell in love with science when she attended a Girl Scout space camp. She plans to use her talents in art and science to bring her love of nature to children. She has worked with the USFS protecting plants, has been an intern to a botanist, worked at San Luis Reservoir State Recreation Area and will be working with public interpretive work this summer with USFS. She plans to work with children after finishing graduate school.

Kate Ludwig is a graduate student at Humboldt State University, pursuing a master’s in biology. She hopes to continue on to a PhD in botany and to teach at a major research institution. She has a passion for the natural environment and is teaching undergraduate courses at Humboldt. She has worked in a plant taxonomy lab and has conducted botanical surveys for USFS in both the Modoc and Shasta-Trinity National Forests. She has researched toxicity in the forests of Wisconsin, and won the USFS merit award in 2012. She is an A student and loves outdoor sports.
Historical Prints on View

by Claudia Beymer

A selection of fascinating historical prints of the Park is on display in the hallway of the Education Center. They are on loan from the collection of Gerry Sachs and Ramona Greene.

This print is the Mammoth Grove Hotel in the 1880’s. The hotel was built in 1856, occupying the site of the present-day main parking lot. At that time visitors could travel by train from Stockton to the foothill town of Milton and then by stage on the forty-four mile trip to the Big Trees. John Muir wrote that the hotel “is located on the very edge of a flowery glade in the very heart of the woods, forming a fine center for the student, and delicious resting place for the weary.”

The hotel burned down in 1943 after years of neglect.

(Source: The Enduring Giants by Joseph H. Engbeck, et al)

Welcome to New Members!
February 26 – June 29, 2015

Pat Thompson, Moraga CA
Don Campbell, Arnold CA
Diane Tussey, Murphys, CA
Karen Pennington, Avery CA
Glen & Freddie Lamb, Arnold CA
Diana Worden, Murphys CA
Carol Dunsdon, Murphys CA
Bruce & Linda Utter, Arnold CA
Carol Martella, Brentwood CA
Sandra Mayers, Camp Connell CA
Wayne Staub, Camp Connell CA
Bob Mankin, Jr., Chowchilla CA
Heidi Gaisser, Arnold CA
Clarence Cook, Arnold CA
Jill Micheau, Arnold CA
Jeanette Skaff, Arnold CA
Jessie Rucker, Vallecito CA

Brian Raley, Camp Connell CA
Kathy Eback, Arnold CA
Ann Robb, Arnold CA
Jeanette Foster, Valley Springs CA
Pat Forsea, Arnold CA
Jeanne Nash, Sonora CA
Sandra Brown, Arnold CA
Debbie Kushnir, Arnold CA
Rebecca Andrade, Sonora CA
Peter Melenchek, Hathaway Pines CA
Kean Goh, Davis CA
Dodie Raley, Dorrington CA
Janet Ferree, San Jose CA
Michael Hamilton, Brentwood CA
Jack Larmour, Arnold CA
Gloria & Dennis Graves, Murphys CA
Gene & Kathy Gauthier, San Jose CA
Deborah Gunther, Riverbank CA
Mike & Carolyn Wimple, Arnold CA
Bruce & Anne Calderwood, Murphys CA
Continuing Education at Calaveras Big Trees

by George Leong

Calaveras Big Trees State Park is a very special and unique state park. When I am "walking in awe among the giants" I have often seen something and thought to myself “if only I knew just a little more about….” To find the answers to my nagging questions, I might ask Wendy Harrison (the Park interpreter) or ask the more experienced and knowledgeable docents. I could attend one of the many docent trainings and free seminars available at the Park. I might open one of the many books we have in the bookstore or search the internet for answers. Now that I am very much in love with this Park, I look back and regret that I did not pursue a profession in the natural sciences. However, it is not too late to start!

UC Davis Extension has developed a curriculum called the California Naturalist program. It is a program very similar to the Master Gardener program. It is offered at a number of parks and sites around California. UC Davis Extension has selected Calaveras Big Trees State Park to be the first state park to offer this program with CBTA as the partnering organization. This is a big step toward CBTA’s vision of developing Calaveras Big Trees State Park as a classroom for the advancement of natural science education.

Here is a description of the program from their website:

The UC California Naturalist Program is designed to introduce Californians to the wonders of our unique ecology and engage the public in study and stewardship of California’s natural communities. The California Naturalist program uses a science curriculum, hands-on learning, problem-solving, and community service to instill a deep appreciation for the natural communities of the state and to inspire individuals to become stewards of their local resources...

Aspiring Naturalists enroll in a 40 hour course that combines classroom and field experience in science, problem-solving, communication training and community service. Students are taught by an instructor and team of experts who are affiliated with a local nature-based center or natural resource focused agency...

Subjects covered include ecology, geology, plant communities, interpretation, wildlife and others.

California Naturalist provides hands-on instruction and exposure to real world environmental projects designed to inspire adults to become active citizen scientists and enhance their personal connection with the natural world. In addition to the course, California Naturalists will be encouraged to complete 40 hours of volunteer service in one of four areas: program support, interpretation/education, restoration/conservation and/or citizen science.

Once you are certified, you will have opportunities to volunteer all over the state with various federal, state, local and non-profit organizations. Naturalists can get involved in many different kinds of activities:

Scientific research—plant identification or data collection
Environmental monitoring—bird counts, stream sampling, invasive species monitoring
Restoration or conservation plans—seed collection, native plant propagation and planting
Education—developing signs or brochures or leading nature hikes to help make science more accessible to others through support for the Naturalist Program, or other outreach activities.

The California Naturalist Program will allow Californians to help protect and preserve our unique and diverse wildlife, habitats, rivers, lakes and coastal resources, wild and urban alike.

The first California Naturalist certification training at Calaveras Big Trees State Park will be held in the Park beginning September 11, 2015, and will continue for five weeks. For more information, visit the UC Davis Extension at calnat.ucanr.edu or CBTA’s website at www.bigtrees.org.
Fall Seminars

by Vida Kenk

Public seminars are one of the educational and interpretive programs sponsored by CBTA. All seminars are held on Saturdays in Jack Knight Hall from 10 a.m. to noon. The CBTA hospitality committee provides coffee and cookies. Attendance at the seminar is free, but there is a day-use fee to enter the Park.

The April and May seminars by David Lukas and John Muir Laws were a big hit. Two seminars are scheduled for the fall. On September 19 Dr. Tom Hofstra, professor of forestry and natural resources at Columbia College, will discuss the role of disturbance and succession in Sierra Nevada ecosystems (for example, the recent Rim fire).

On October 17 Dr. Paul Ustach will present “Myths, Monsters, and Heroes”, an introduction to the amphibians and reptiles of the Calaveras region. Back by popular demand, Dr. Ustach is professor of biology at San Joaquin Delta College who has previously presented CBTA seminars on bears and on carnivores. Please mark September 19 and October 17 on your calendar and come to hear these terrific speakers.

Plans are being made for next year’s seminars. The schedule needs to be in place by the end of December. Please let Vida Kenk know if you have contact information for possible presenters on topics of interest to you. Contact Vida at vidakenk@comcast.net.

Calaveras Big Trees Association
Presents: KCBT – August 1945,
An Original Radio Play

by Joan Allday

Be sure to mark your calendar for our third annual fundraising dinner on October 3 at 5:30 p.m. and a matinee show on October 4 at 2:00 p.m. Both performances will be held at Jack Knight Hall.

The year is 1945, and you are in the studio audience as Hollywood’s biggest stars broadcast live from KCBT, a wartime radio station at Calaveras Big Trees, away from the threatened coast. It’s all here: lively songs, Big Trees jokes, a Calaveras mystery and, of course, commercials. Come be a part of this exciting occasion with a talented cast and a full set of sound effects.

Appetizers, wine, dinner and dessert are included in the Saturday ticket price. Tri-tip roast plus 40’s style side dishes will be served for the Saturday dinner, and light refreshments will be served at the matinee on Sunday. A silent auction will be held for themed baskets at our evening dinner performance, and more fun items will be raffled at the matinee performance on Sunday. Guests are encouraged to dress in 1940’s attire.

Tickets:
Dinner show - $50 per person, $180 for group of four, $320 for table of eight (reservations required for dinner)
Sunday Matinee - $30 adults, $15 children (twelve and under)

Purchase tickets at www.bigtrees.org

Call 209-795-1196 for more information.
Spotlight on Locke Vineyards

by George Leong

I’m sure that you’ve noticed that the wine industry in Calaveras County has exploded. Everywhere you look you see vineyards and tasting rooms. Most notable is in the town of Murphys. Main Street, once a street of little boutique shops and restaurants, has given way to tasting rooms. With the myriad of vintners out there, where do you start?

Locke Vineyards has emerged as a truly local vintner with deep ties to Murphys and the Sierra. Kevin and Theresa Locke, owners of Locke Winery, are strong supporters of Calaveras Big Trees State Park and CBTA. Locke’s tasting room, located at the four-way stop at the end of Murphys, is decorated with posters of the Park. At the June Cantamos concert in Jack Knight Hall, Locke Winery donated the wine, and Theresa and staff served it. In addition, the winery donated $5 to CBTA for every bottle of their Sequoia sold in April.

Kevin Locke grew up in the Santa Clara Valley and majored in biology and forestry. He has 35 years in forestry and is currently executive director of the Northern California Society of American Foresters. Winemaking is his passion. Theresa is the owner and physical therapist at Pinnacle Physical Therapy. They have two daughters, Caitlin and Kirsten. Kirsten is the winery’s social media director. They have lived in the town of Murphys since 1984. With agricultural roots in both of their family back-

Kevin’s grandfather, Mihail Yakovleff, emigrated from Russia to California in the 1920’s, where he farmed plums in Santa Rosa, almonds in Orland and eventually grapes in Lodi. Theresa’s grandfather Joseph Avila, whose family had emigrated from the Azores in the late 1800’s, operated a dairy in Orinda and later the Modesto area.

Kevin and Theresa’s dream came true when they purchased a small existing vineyard in the Mountain Ranch area in 1995. They slowly expanded this vineyard and then in 2000 purchased a piece of property off of Highway 4 where their Murphys vineyard now exists. Over the years, they have sold grapes to several wineries in the Calaveras County with their main buyer being Hatcher Winery. Their first vintage under the Locke Vineyards label was from the 2003 harvest. Locke Vineyards currently has five acres of grapes at the Mountain Ranch vineyard and five acres of grapes at the Murphys vineyard.

Kevin believes that the future of Calaveras County will be the expansion of agritourism of the wineries and farms in the county. Combined with the beauty of the Big Trees and the Sierra, the county will flourish. He also believes that technology and social media will be one of the keys to growth in the county. CBTA is keenly aware of this and is continuing to partner with businesses in the area to meet the surge of tourism that will be generated in the years to come.

Memorials
Gerry Budd
Robert Manning
Family Day Schedule
August 15, 2015, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Scheduled Activities in the Campfire Center behind the Visitor Center:

10:00 - 10:30  Meet the Ranger
10:30 – 11:00  Smokey Bear
11:00 – 11:45  Storyteller
12:00 – 12:30  Miwok Presentation
1:00 – 2:00    UC Davis Raptors (Live Birds of Prey)
2:00 – 2:30    Butterfly Release
2:30 – 2:35    Quilt Raffle Drawing
2:35 – 3:35    Wild Things (Live Animals)

Exhibits and Activities:

Arnold Rim Trail
Arts of Bear Valley – inside Educational Center
Cocked Hat Bowling
Nature Crafts by Arts of Bear Valley
Reptiles
150 Years of Games – Columbia & Indian Grinding Rock State Parks
First Five
Fly Fishing Demonstration
CBTA Information Table
Sierra Nevada Logging Museum
Miwok Indian Display
Murphys Old Timers Museum
Angels Camp Museum
Face Painting
Child ID Program - inside Jack Knight Hall
Railtown 1897
Ebbetts Pass Fire - Search & Rescue

Music:

11:00 – 12:30  Great Motherlode Brass & Reed Band
               Big Stump area
1:00 Folk Singer  Linda Tringali on porch at Jack Knight Hall

Food Sales:

Barbeque cooked by Arnold Lions available behind Jack Knight Hall
Baked goods for sale – Free lemonade & ice tea - behind Jack Knight Hall
Picnic tables behind Jack Knight Hall – seating also available inside Jack Knight Hall
Big Trees water bottles may be purchased at the Information Center
Summer Sweetness – Ice Cream & Popcorn will be for sale at the Warming Hut

Carriage Rides:
Carriage ride stop and reservation table in lower parking lot – Price: $3.00 per person
These sell out quickly, so make your reservations early.
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The CBTA dues year is the calendar year. You may renew your membership by mailing a check payable to CBTA or renew/donate through our website www.bigtrees.org. Your membership/donation is tax deductible to the extent allowable by law.