School Days

Children are our path to the future. History provides the guidelines and understanding. Our children need to learn about the past, to appreciate and choose their paths in life. Parents, Grandparents, Teachers, and Mentors become the main influence toward our children’s understanding of history.

Our front show room is dedicated to a classroom from the past. Thanks to the efforts of “The Monday Crew”, especially Sadie Brown, Nancy Underwood, Ruth Ann Kobe & Donna Daniels, we can visit the past and maybe conjure up a memory or two. Think back to your years in school, what did the classroom look like? What type of desk did you learn from? Which teacher was the greatest influence in your life? Why? Come and visit our office and step back in time, if only for a moment…

Spring is the time schools open their doors and share with their communities. Our local schools invite you to come and share in a present day classroom. Come and see what is happening today to educate our children. Listed are the dates for Open Houses in the Gateway Schools.

- Grand Oaks Elementary School on April 7, at 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.
- Buckeye School of the Arts on May 12; Dinner open to the public 5:30/Open House 6:30 p.m.
- Shasta Lake School on May 19, at 6:30 p.m.
- Central Valley High School & Mt. Lakes High School have already celebrated Open House.

Call the school for specific times and events that are happening at your neighborhood school. Come and share the future.

Students who are taught how to listen, observe, and question will possess the golden keys that unlock the mysteries of life.

Nancy Underwood
Shasta Lake / Gateway Teacher for 29+ years

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Bruce Tavey’s family put down roots in Central Valley at the end of WWII. Bruce is the oldest son of Bill & Lillie Tavey, and the brother of Jim & Dennis (Corky) Tavey. They moved to Flower Street, where the family home still stands. Bill and Lillie owned and operated a service station and machine shop in Pine Grove. After a few years, Bill became Deputy Sheriff under Sheriff John Balma, where he was assigned to the Shasta Dam Area towns. He worked with Deputy Sheriff Guy Malcolm, and eventually Bill became the first Sheriff of Lake Shasta aka “Tavey’s Navy”. Lilly was a homemaker, card player and volunteer for many things including the Old Plane Watch Tower at the VFW Hall during the Korean War.

Bruce attended Shasta Union High School for 4 years, graduating in 1950. After graduation he joined the Navy, pursuing a dream of serving on a Submarine. He became intrigued with submarines while living in Vallejo during WWII. His folks had worked at the Mare Island Naval Shipyard, a submarine base. Bruce, along with Rueben Kuehne, joined the Navy and they were sent to San Diego Boot Camp. It was there he applied for Submarine Service. He was told the only opening on a submarine was for cooks and bakers. His Chief, at the time, had taken a liking to Bruce because he boxed for his company at the Sunday Smokers, winning every fight. Bruce was asked where he learned to box, and answered, he hadn’t really learned to box but had learned his survival / fighting skills at the Covered Wagon, Silver Dollar and Rainbow Club (Pow-Wow). The Chief then asked Bruce if he could cook. He said he had washed dishes at a lumber camp / sawmill in Trinity Center and helped his Grandma who cooked on a dairy farm. The Chief recommended Bruce, based on the fact that he had cooked on a dairy farm, and Bruce was assigned to Submarine School in New London Connecticut.

Bruce was first assigned to a WWII submarine, The USS Bream SS243, followed by The USS Tunny SS282 and The USS Carbonero SS337. While on these submarines, he made two war patrols during the Korean Conflict and one during the Vietnam Conflict. During these patrols, they recovered downed pilots and kept the few Korean Navy Ships in their harbors, just by letting their presence be known. In the early 50’s, Bruce was in the first group of Nuclear Submarine Trainers. He was trained as a Nuclear Reactor Operator carrying out that duty for the next 15 years. Bruce retired from the Navy in 1970. He immediately started working for the US Navy Nuclear Reactors Division under Admiral Rickover, the Father of the Nuclear Submarine Program. When he retired from his second career, after another 20 years, his final position was the Production Manager for all the Navy Nuclear Construction, Repair and Refueling west of the Mississippi, which included San Francisco Bay Area, San Diego, Hawaii, Nevada, Washington, Guam, Japan, and shipboard at Sea Pacific.

Bruce has been married for 60 years, to Vicki Rogers Tavey, from Project City, who also graduated from SUHS in 1950. They have 3 children, 7 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. They now live in Redding.

(excerpts to be shown in our Military DVD at this year’s dinner)
Bruce Tavey’s Career Highlights include:

- **USS Skate**, *the first submarine that surfaced at the North Pole*. In March of 1959, after traveling 3900 miles under the ice and surfacing 10 times before reaching the North Pole, she was able to surface and they spread the ashes of Sir Hubert Wilkins, an Arctic Explorer with Admiral Bird, at the North Pole.

- **USS Skate**, *was the submarine in the movie “Ice Station Zebra”* starring Rock Hudson & Ernest Borgnine, and filmed at the Army installation Floating Ice Station Alpha. When she surfaced at the Floating Ice Station, the troops stationed there learned that an ice cream machine was on board, and they loved the soft serve ice cream. Ironically, a cold front caused them to use explosives to break away and exit the area.

- **USS Triton**, *the first submarine to circumnavigate the world submerged*, following Magellan’s route, 36000 miles in 84 days, without breaking the surface.

- **USS Skate**, had a rendezvous with the USS Seadragon, and together they surfaced at the North Pole. Cold and dry with no breeze, it allowed them to picnic and have a soft ball game. *The pitcher’s mound was placed directly on the North Pole and a home run hit literally…… ran them “around the world”.*

- **USS Tecumseh**, a ballistic missile submarine during the Viet Nam and Cold War. *As Chief, Tavey had each of the 16 missile tube hatches painted like pool balls, and called the missile compartment, The Covered Wagon.* ("No one ever understood my logic, but no one disagreed either.")

- Awards and Medals included: 3 Presidential Citations, 3 Legions of Merit, 2 Navy Unit Citations, and the Navy Superior Civilian Service Medal (the second highest award for civilians).

“Show and Tell” at our March meeting was hosted by Del Hiebert who brought his dad’s WWI uniform. Ruth Ann Kobe brought photos & memorabilia of her dad from when he worked on Boulder Dam.

Donna Daniels & Sadie Brown showed the 4 collages they’d assembled, filled with playbills & clippings from the 1958 Summer Theatre plays that were held at Bridge Bay. Skip Shaeffer donated the memorabilia, and the collages are on display at Bridge Bay.

Barbara Cross & Deb (Padel) West - Deb was in one of the plays at Bridge Bay - she was 8 yrs. old!

Mike Daniels brought a Hay Box - “a flameless cooker” used in the pioneer days to cook meals on the back of a wagon.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

Our 10th Anniversary Dinner will be on Thursday, June 23rd in the John Beaudet Community Center in City of Shasta Lake. Honoring Veterans with a video full of stories & military photos donated by members & friends. Wine, hors d’oeuvres, a catered buffet, music & a raffle. Lots of fun! Invitations will be mailed in May. Make your reservations early as we have limited seating. Questions? Ctc: Barbara 275-5848

**THANK YOU:** Ed & Cindy Glacken for their most generous donation of over a 100 historical & vintage family treasures from both sides of their families; Ruth Huey - a c1900 tram cart used in local mining; De- bert Duncan - $40 donation; photos - Marie Carr, Pat Carr, and Helen Bowdish. We are eager to start showcasing so many of these items in displays.
Central Valley High School Newspaper, The Falcon’s Cry, was started in 1955-56 when CVHS was founded.

Several issues like these from 1960 and others, are kept in our school archives.

Remembering the 60’s...
A Note From The President

The work that is being accomplished by our volunteers is truly amazing. To name a few: Three old photographs we had archival framed are hanging in our front office, and two large horse collars are hanging in the back showroom thanks to the work of Henry (Butch) Hurthey & Brad Dupre. They have also rotated the historical pictures around town in the local businesses. Our two new ‘old’ showcases are under restoration, and will soon be ready to be put to use. Earl West, a new volunteer, is working on the restoration of our large hutch. Thanks to Sadie, our Native American Showcase now includes Wintu baskets and a purse on loan from Turtle Bay, in addition to a Wintu basket donated by Floyd Frisbee. Floyd & Mike completed data entries on the large Glacken donation. Darlene Brown, Carol Stevens, and Lorna Rendahl are busy creating our Veterans DVD to be shown at our dinner on June 23. Mike & Donna Daniels now research photos & text sent monthly to our local newspaper, and Sadie & Red and Darlene sent in articles for the Damboree book. A new volunteer, Deb West, is in training with Darlene, to publish our newsletter. This is her first attempt and it’s great! Darlene Brown, Darlene Rumboltz & I are trying to ready the back room displays and hope the weather warms up so we can finish before Spring & visitors arrive. We had a good turn out for both monthly meetings, one with Mayor Rod Lindsay & guest, Natalie Ducats, on “Native Americans Today”, and the other on the “Building of Shasta Dam”. We co-sponsored the event at Shasta Dam with the Shasta Historical Society. USBR personnel Sheri Harral & Tami Corn presented a slideshow that was very interesting. We are co-hosting with the Anderson Historical Society, an annual luncheon / meeting to include other Historical Societies in the North State, and that will take place on September 17, Noon in the Anderson Grange Hall. Our next two presentations at 3pm in the John Beaudet Center are: April 27th “Schools” local history by Evelyn Hoppes, and May 25th “Show & Tell” by members - very popular at our last meeting. We are very busy….. Barbara Cross

Thank You for supporting our efforts to preserve history. We are grateful for your endorsement.

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And …..Camp Shasta Coffee (Lakehead)

Our Thanks to the following Individuals & Families for renewals:


Welcome New Members:

Elmer Ellsworth - Shasta Lake, Joyce Morrow - Redding, Gayla & Mike Ricks - Redding and Jerry Waybright - Anderson
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Birthday Celebrations 90 + years young
Ab Burns    Ella Barbera    Clarence Barger
Gladys Lintz    Cecile Stinson    Alice Taylor

Shasta Damworkers Reunion Luncheon
Co-hosted by Shasta Lake Heritage & Historical Society, Damboree Inc.  
and U.S. Bureau of Reclamation  
Saturday May 7th, 2011  
Location: American Legion Hall, City of Shasta Lake  
Time: 11:00 - 3:00 pm  
Cost: $10 per person / Complimentary for Damworkers  
A fun time sharing memories and ending the day with a personal  
tour of Shasta Dam & the “old” PCI camp.  
Tickets: Candice Vaughan 226-2995 or Darlene Brown 275-3995

IN MEMORIUM  3-20-11
Bruce Barron, author of “Fabulous Memories of a Truly Adventurous Life”, lived in Manton. A  
guest speaker at one of our meetings, Bruce gave each of us a copy of his book & shared his stories.

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