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CVPA May 21, 2011, 1 to 5 PM General Meeting Notice

Cummings Valley Protective Association has published *Every Day to Gourmet* containing wonderful recipes from Cummings Valley. You are invited to the kickoff of our first cookbook. Come on out and taste test a few of the delicious recipes and have an opportunity to purchase the newest cookbook in town! Chef Gloria Yeager has selected several recipes from the cookbook for your sampling pleasure. Join us at picturesque Triassic Legacy Winery for this terrific event from 1:00 to 5:00 PM. See "Special Notice" below. Please reserve the date and bring some friends.

April 16th Trash Pickup

We will meet at the Phone Company building at Stallion Springs Drive and Banducci Road at 7:AM on April the 16th. The more people we have the less time it will take. I have gloves, sacks, orange vests, and some tools for picking up litter. Every 2 person group should have a cell phone. It is a good idea to wear boots or heavy shoes. If it is raining (or snowing) the Trash Pick Up is automatically postponed until at least the next Saturday. Questions? - Call Chuck at 822-3925. Thanks.

C Boles

KC Supervisors Uphold CVPA Kennel Appeal

CVPA has been actively monitoring and advocating to preserve and protect the natural rural beauty and unique agriculture qualities of our area for decades.

Our beautiful rural agricultural Valley came under attack in 2010 in the form of a request for a Conditional Use Permit to operate a kennel on property on Bear Valley Road, filed by Susan Marlowe. This is the same property that once harbored controversial animal hoarder Kimi Peck and, before her, convicted animal abuser Cynthia Gudger aka Anita Gilbert. That criminal dog hoarding scandal brought national media attention to our Valley. Ms. Peck became known in Tehachapi by housing hundreds of dogs in deplorable conditions within a property located on Water Canyon Road. After many months of scrutiny, she forfeited many animals to Kern County Animal Control and the National Humane Society and disappeared. For the second time, Kern County and Tehachapi earned the distinction of a dog hoarder's paradise.

Soon after the Water Canyon scandal, Kimi Peck resurfaced living with her accumulating dogs at the Bear Valley property owned by her friend, Susan Marlowe. Marlowe filed a request for a four year CUP for a kennel housing up to 80 dogs, naming Kimi Peck as "caretaker". The CUP request was set for hearing before the Kern County Planning Commission on August 12, 2010. Because of the negative history of the applicant, "caretaker" and impact on surrounding property owners, CVPA lodged a vehement objection to the request. Because there are no restrictions within the land use requirements, the Planning Commission approved a one year permit with a maximum of 25 dogs. CVPA appealed that decision to the Kern County Supervisors on November 9, 2010.

The Supervisors (4 to 1) upheld CVPA's appeal and denied the permit. The Marlowe property is currently on the market.

J Huckins

CVPA COOKBOOK

The long awaited CVPA cookbooks are here and they are fantastic. The bindings are imprinted with the name of the book so you can easily locate this book among your many others and the recipes are divided for quick reference. Start out the New Year with some fabulous new recipes and support the CVPA in the bargain. The books are \$12 and contain 400 great recipes. To order your cookbook please call Clydell at 661-822-5299. Purchase one for yourself and a few for gifts. The cookbooks are also available at *Souza Family Vineyards* and *Triassic Legacy Vineyards*.
C Lamkin

Special Notice of the CVPA General Meeting Saturday, 21May2011

If you are not a CVPA member *Every Day to Gourmet* will cost you \$15! CVPA members pay \$12. Consider becoming a member which is normally \$12 per year for an entire family. **At this event only**, you can become a 2011/12 member and receive the book **for just \$18!** And ••• what a great way to spend a Saturday afternoon!

For more information, call Clydell at 822-5299 or Jo Anne at 822-6589

Good News!?

It is rumored that Pacific Sod has sold its property in our valley to Grimmway Farms.

