

Vine Ridge

NEWSLETTER

September 2022

Dear Residents and Families,

There is a plaque in a catalogue that I received in the mail and it said “but I think I LOVE FALL most of all”. This is absolutely my sentiment also. I love the change in leaves and the beginning of cooler weather. I even enjoy the light rain. So Fall, here we come! And probably it also opens the door to the holiday season, starting with Halloween, Thanksgiving, then moving into Christmas and New Year's. As you can tell Holidays have a special place in my heart and life. Jessica has many unique activities beginning and is always thinking of new and creative ones for our residents. Our facilities are starting to open up to some outside activities so be on the lookout for fun times ahead!

-Larona



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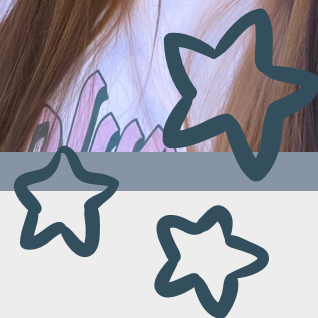
Staff Spotlight: Jaime and Abby

This month's Staff Spotlight is a Father/Daughter Duo! This month we're highlighting our Chef, Jaime as well as his daughter Abby who was one of our wonderful kitchen servers but is now joining our caregiving team!

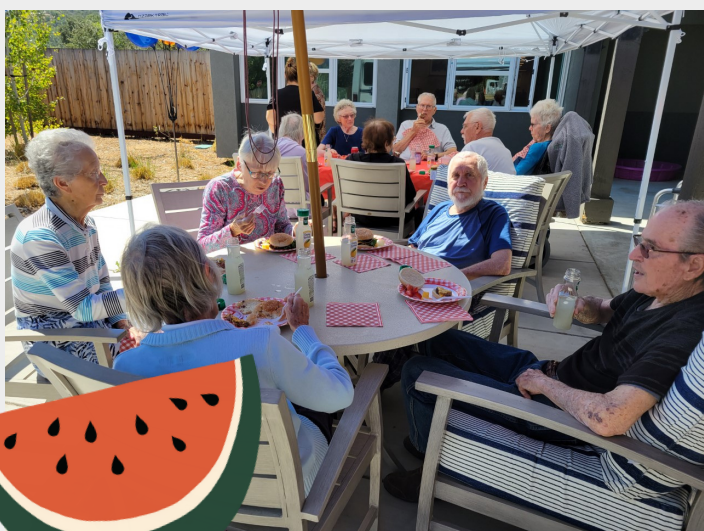
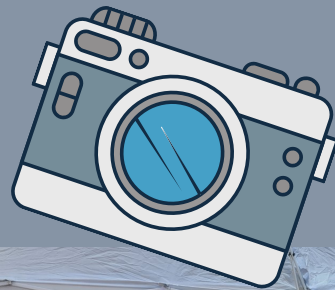
Jaime has worked for Vine Ridge for two years as one of our chefs. He loves to cook and try out new recipes. He enjoys watching movies and sporting events in his free time as well as spending time with his family. In the future he would love to do more travelling.

Abby has worked for Vine Ridge for over a year. She loves exploring new places (her most recent trip was to Oregon and Washington), spending time with her friends and family, and LOVES going to Disneyland! She is an animal lover that has four dogs and one cat, all of them are rescue animals that she got from bad homes. Abby recently became a certified phlebotomist. She is going to school and hopes to get into the nursing program soon. She hopes to one day be a NICU or trauma nurse.

We're so lucky to have Jaime and Abby here at Vine Ridge!



Smile, you're on Candid Camera!



ITALIAN SWISS COLONY USED TO BE SONOMA COUNTYS BIGGEST TOURIST ATTRACTION!

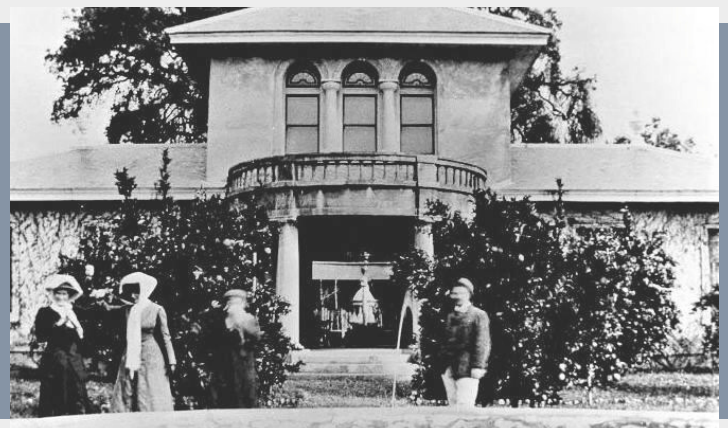
The most popular tourist attraction in Sonoma County during the 1950s and 1960s was — you guessed it — a winery. But not just any winery. The Italian Swiss Colony was once the leading wine producer in California. It was based in Asti, an unincorporated area located along Highway 101 between Healdsburg and Cloverdale.

Known for its Tipo brand table wines, the Italian Swiss Colony was established in 1881 by Andrea Sbarbaro, who immigrated from Northern Italy to the United States as a teenager in the early 1850s.

Sbarbaro's intent was to establish a profitable enterprise which would provide work for the many Italians who had migrated to San Francisco (although there were at first some Italian Swiss from Ticino, thus giving the colony its name, it soon became an entirely Italian-American enterprise.). In 1887, a collapse in grape prices forced the company to construct a winery and begin wine production itself.

Sbarbaro and the winery's general manager, a chemist named Pietro Rossi, built large Italian villas as summer retreats where they could oversee the business.

“Sbarbaro could, with pardonable pride, look on the evidence of a success rather different from, but probably far greater than, anything he had imagined back in 1881,” wrote historian Thomas Pinney in “A History of Wine in America: From the Beginnings To Prohibition.”



During the 1960s millions of Italian Swiss Colony postcards were distributed, according to the Sonoma historian. Workers in the postcard images wore Italian peasant costumes. And there was the “little old winemaker ... me!” jingle in TV commercials, which not only attracted tourists but also inspired parody songs (including one sung by Dean Martin).

In 1967, The Press Democrat reported that the Italian Swiss Colony was Sonoma County’s top tourist attraction for drawing in about 300,000 visitors annually.

The winery had enough storage for 100 million gallons of wine, a picnic area, maintained flower gardens, Italian villas and a Roman statue of Bacchus. There was even a stone meditation center where Sbarbaro used to sit.

Visitors who took winery tours would have seen a stone structure that marked an underground vat built in 1897, which held 500,000 gallons of wine — the largest in the world at the time.

In 1978 the winery’s dessert wine was mentioned in the movie “Grease,” during the scene where the Pink Ladies are having a sleepover, and the girls believe that the wine is imported.

By the late 1980s, the operations ended at the Italian Swiss Colony. In 2015 the descendant of the company, now operating under the name Asti Winery and selling wine under the Souverain brand, and owning America's sixth-largest wine production facility sold the original site and it is now owned by E. & J. Gallo Winery.



September Big Screen Movies



September 2nd
- 1:30PM



September 9th
- 1:30PM



September 16th
- 1:30PM



September 23rd
- 1:30PM





September Activity Calendar Highlights

September 2nd 1:30

Watch the new Elvis Movie in the Theater

September 6th 12-1:30

Photo booth day! Take pictures with funny props in the Great Room

September 12th at 1:30-

Celebrate National Day of Service by packaging little care packages for Elementary Students in the Great Room

September 12 at 3:00

National Milkshake Day! Come enjoy a Milkshake in the Great Room!

September 16th at 10

Plant Avocado Seeds for National Guacamole Day!

September 18th 1:30

Come watch American Graffiti in the Theater

September 21st at 2:30

Come enjoy the last day of summer and Ice Cream Cone Day with us in the Great Room!

September 27th at 1:30

Mid-Week Happy Hour and listen to George Gershwin's concerto in F in the Great Room.

If you have any activity recommendations be sure and let Jessica know! She would love to add some more exciting activities to our activity calendar! Also, don't forget to check your weekly calendar for additional activities!





September Birthdays



Norma
September 14th

August Fun Facts

September is the 9th month of the year and has 30 days.

Season (Northern Hemisphere): Summer and Autumn

Holidays:

National All American Breakfast Month

Potato Month

Chicken Month

September 10th Grandparents Day

September 11th Patriot Day

September 16th Mexican Independence Day

September 22nd First Day of Fall

Symbols of September

Birthstone: Sapphire

Flower: forget me not, aster, and the morning glory

History:

Sept. 4 1962- The Beatles start their first recording session at EMI's Abbey Road Studios, London.

Sept. 6, 1620- The Mayflower sets sail from Plymouth England for America.

Sept. 9, 1956- Elvis Presley appears on the Ed Sullivan Show.

Sept. 18, 1973- "Battle of the Sexes" Billy Jean King plays Bobby Riggs. King beat Riggs 6-4, 6-3, 6-3.

Sept. 23, 1848- Chewing gum is produced commercially for the first time.

Sept. 28, 1745- "God Save the King" is sung for the first time in London's Drury Lane Theater.



September History Month The History of Hispanic Heritage Month



Hispanic Heritage Month is an annual celebration of the history and culture of the U.S. Latinx and Hispanic communities. (The term Latinx refers to a person's culture or origin regardless of race.) The dates span from September 15 to October 15 each year. They commemorate how those communities have influenced and contributed to American society at large.

Hispanic Heritage Month began as a commemorative week when it was first introduced in June of 1968 by California Congressman George E. Brown. Brown represented East Los Angeles and a large portion of the San Gabriel Valley—both heavily populated by members of the Hispanic and Latinx communities. The push to recognize the contributions of the Latinx community had gained momentum throughout the 1960s when the civil rights movement was at its peak and there was a growing awareness of the United States' multicultural identities.

On September 17, 1968, Congress passed Public Law 90-48, officially authorizing and requesting the president to issue annual proclamations declaring September 15 and 16 to mark the beginning of National Hispanic Heritage Week and called upon the “people of the United States, especially the educational community, to observe such week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.” President Lyndon B. Johnson issued the first Hispanic Heritage Week presidential proclamation the same day.

The timing of Hispanic Heritage Month coincides with the Independence Day celebrations of several Latin American nations. September 15 was chosen as the kickoff because it coincides with the Independence Day celebrations of five “Central American neighbors,” as Johnson called them, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. Those five nations declared their independence from Spain on September 15, 1821.

In his proclamation, Johnson also acknowledged Mexico, which declared its independence from Spain on September 16, 1810. Although not mentioned specifically by Johnson, Chile also celebrates its independence during that week (September 18, 1810 from Spain) and Belize, which declared its independence from Great Britain on September 21, 1981, was subsequently added to the list of nations specifically celebrated during what is now Hispanic Heritage Month.

From 1968 until 1988, Presidents Nixon, Ford, Carter and Reagan all issued the yearly proclamations, setting aside a week to honor Hispanic Americans. In 1987 U.S. Representative Esteban E. Torres of California proposed the expanding the observance to cover its current 31-day period. Torres wanted more time so that the nation could “properly observe and coordinate events and activities to celebrate Hispanic culture and achievement.”

In 1988, Senator Paul Simon (D-Illinois), submitted a similar bill that successfully passed Congress and was signed into law by President Ronald Reagan on August 17, 1988. And on September 14, 1989, President George H.W. Bush (who had been a sponsor of the original Hispanic Heritage Week resolution while serving in the House in 1968) became the first president to declare the 31-day period from September 15 to October 15 as National Hispanic Heritage Month. “Hispanic Americans have enriched our nation beyond measure with the quiet strength of closely knit families and proud communities,” Bush said.

In the decades since, National Hispanic Heritage Month proclamations have been made by every sitting president of the United States. Hispanic Heritage Month 2022 will last from Thursday, September 15, 2022 through Saturday, October 15, 2022.

A Little Levity



Fall Word Scramble

Unscramble the words and write the letters in the boxes. Use the letters in the shaded boxes to form a new word that answers the riddle.

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Q. What do you get when you drop a pumpkin?

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