



July Birthdays, New Teenager, and Fireworks!

Two birthdays in July, Kathy on the 3rd and Rylan on the 4th, with presents and cake at Chris' annual barbecue and fireworks party all happening June 30th due to the Fourth of July falling mid-week. By partying early, Chris had a much bigger turnout. Look at all those kids! Rylan's birthday this year was a milestone one. **He is now thirteen-years-old!**



High Sierra Backpacking

Robert, Kathy, Aubrey and Sierra spent a good part of last week backpacking and sleeping in tent cabins in Yosemite. Why just them? Tim had to work, Rylan was at Boy Scout camp and I knew I couldn't do that much hiking.

After spending their first night at Tuolumne Meadows, they hiked to Vogelsang High Camp, spent the night then hiked to Merced High Camp spending two nights before hiking back to Vogelsang for one last night. They hiked a total of 30 miles and climbed up to 11,300 feet then hiked down to 7,200 feet and back up. They enjoyed gorgeous scenery at every turn and even ran into a couple of 1-week-old fawns hiding in the bush and a mama bear with two cubs.



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Artists Sue Osborn, Sue de Mille and De Brilz, all members of the Napa Valley Dog Training Club, donated their time to create the mural of dogs, trees, hills, vineyards and a hot air balloon in eye-catching and bright colors representing the club and the Napa Valley area. The 13-foot high by 82-foot long wall was unveiled to the community on July 14 during an open house.

Photo & writeup from today's paper.

In Today's Paper

The Napa Valley Dog Training Club had their Open House last Saturday to invite the public to see the completed mural. I had so much fun making this happen. Lots of members and trainers attended and were there to answer questions from the community about classes and training. Prizes were even raffled off. Feedback from everyone was very positive, so much so I want to organize an open house again next year!

Fun & Games Coming Up!

Next weekend is the Gray PEAR Affair and yes, games are planned and yes, there will be a piñata! Since we are flying, I had to come up with a way to transport the pinataso I designed it to go into my suitcase flat to be assembled upon arrival. Games include a sapphire treasure hunt and a fill-in the blanks with things that come in pairs.

