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DOG ATTACKS ON GOATS, SHEEP, HORSE...

...Recent killings in Deerhorn, Honey Springs, and Lyons Valley

When **Susie Norton** and **Sandra Ignosci** go on their mid-morning walk around **Elena Lane**, their usual routine involves stopping to visit with a friendly pair of neighbor goats. Last week this routine took a horrific turn: as they approached the goats, they witnessed two dogs attack and kill one of them. No amount of shouting or movement deterred the bloody event, and when the dogs had finished, they wandered off to the east, with no attempt to feed. Both dogs were large, one with longish black hair, and the other with light-colored short hair.

Later the same day a small sheep was attacked and killed by dogs matching this description on **Upper Honey Springs** near **Barber Mountain Rd.** The sheep's owner had also lost a goat to an animal attack the week before.

These are not feral dogs or abandoned dogs. They well-fed pets who have taken to sport-killing. Experts and livestock owners agree: dogs are predatory animals and will not stop killing once they have begun. Dogs will also tend to return to the same areas where they have killed before.

LATE UPDATE: Thursday AM 1/28: Two dogs wandering loose in the vicinity of the goat killing match witness descriptions. Photo on our website: <http://deerhornvalley.net>. Can you ID? Please email theantler@deerhornvalley.net

"It is legal to shoot dogs attacking your livestock," advises **Mark Payne**. He is absolutely correct. However, if a dog's owner claims

mistaken identity or blames other dogs for encouraging it, you may have to defend your actions in court. Be sure to collect as much hard evidence as possible.

Dale Peterson observes, "Yes, you can shoot, [but] shoot to kill, be sure its dead, or the law is not on your side... In one attack we had over 20 wounded ewes, [and] 7 killed lambs by a neighbor's two lab mix[es]. .. County Control agents could not believe these two dogs could do so much damage."*

Last November three dogs were suspected of attacking and severely wounding (\$1200 in vet bills) a horse on **Lyons Creek Rd.** A neighbor identified the dogs and later captured them. Animal Control took the dogs into custody, and a few days later the owner retrieved them. He was told they were suspected in a horse attack and given the victims' contact information. Sadly, to date no contact has been made with the horse's owners. If you have information about this attack, please email the owners at ceeteemac@aabol.com

The **Pine Hills** area of Julian has suffered recent occurrences of loose dogs and attacks on people. Sherry Engberg of the Community Association writes, "Even nice dogs "pack up" and start chasing and even killing. The County will tell you that all dogs must be contained behind fences, kept inside or on a leash at all times." She reminds us that livestock should be secured from predators whenever possible. Do you have a comment to share? Join the discussion on FaceBook: <http://facebook.com/deerhornvalley.html> -KH

DECEMBER RAINS... NEARLY 10 INCHES FALL

BILL STEVENS from Upper Deerhorn stopped by the other day with his current rainfall stats. Bill has been keeping track of DV rainfall amounts on a daily basis for quite a while. He had some pretty impressive rainfall numbers for us:

Total: JAN-DEC 2010: 33.88"

Since JULY 2010 : 15.92"

Unofficially, Deerhorn averages around 20 in/year (Jul--Jun). January, February and March are the wettest months-- usually. Once our ground saturates, the heavy runoff begins, and we've got a few trouble spots that

stops traffic in its tracks:

Both of the dips on **Honey Springs Road (below Deerhorn Valley Rd.)** flood where here the Bratton Creek crosses under. When this happens, the lower entrance to Mother Grundy is inaccessible.

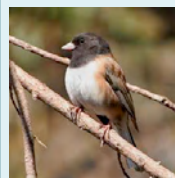
The Deerhorn Dip at bottom of Deerhorn Valley Rd floods and leaves mud/and sand behind, even after the water subsides. Watch out.

Otay Lakes Road at Thousand Trails: If you drive to Bonita and the South Bay, this road closure means a long backtrack to 94, then into La Mesa to pick up 125. Time for a webcam at that spot.

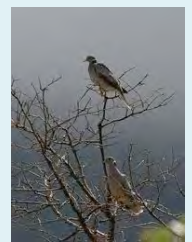
If you can alert us to flooded crossings and detours, we'll get an alert out to those behind you: email theantler@deerhornvalley.net or call 468-3218. It's great to have a heads-up BEFORE you leave home.



DEERHORN BIRDING -- JAN-FEB 2011

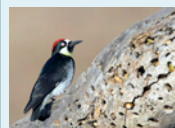
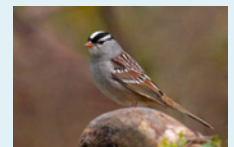


Juncos are among our first winter bird arrivals. They are numerous and friendly, and will visit your feeders daily looking for seed. Look for the male's black head.

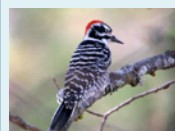


Native **Band-Tailed Pigeons** are threatened and on Audubon's Watch List. Awkward and gangly-- N. America's largest pigeon.

White-crowned sparrows make their appearance in winter too. Easy to spot with their beautiful striped head markings.



Woodpeckers love our oaks and acorns The larger, black-backed **Acorn Woodpeckers** live in communal groups and store thousands of acorns in holes and telephone poles-- and sometimes in the spaces between your house shingles and siding. The smaller, ladder-backed **Nuttall's Woodpecker** has black and white horizontal stripes up its back (its "ladder").



PEPSIS WASP UPDATE -Ariele Johannson



Though the Pepsis Wasp/Tarantula Hawk season is over, I wanted to offer an addendum to my article in the Fall issue. The tarantula hawks were laying their eggs on the thin branches of two milkweed type trees in my front yard on Mother Grundy Truck Trail. My granddaughter and I were in the habit of checking on them. The adults numbered

from 15-25 on each tree. Later we watched the red eggs they laid to see when they would hatch.

I found out an interesting fact that is most likely the reason they chose those trees. In the first place, by all accounts there has been a scarcity of tarantulas, which the adult wasp stings and where it lays its eggs. Besides, when we were watching the black nymphs with dark-red wings, I realized that the tree was full of aphids. So, those hatchlings had their ready supply of food, though not their favorite fare of tarantula! The adults were all gone when the nymphs appeared, but later I did see a very large adult wasp up at the house inspecting a big grape that had been knocked off the vine by the birds. I thought that perhaps the insect was considering it as a repository for its eggs; it is bulbous and blackish-purple and therefore, similar to a tarantula. But it was past egg-laying season. As I continued to watch it, I found it was just trying to sip some juice from the grape. I can't wait till next year to see if they come back to the ranch and their two special trees.

STINGING NETTLES, ANYONE? -Kim Hamilton



The early rains in October produced a crop of stinging nettle like we have never had before! It's a beautiful verdant green, easy to cut (but not eliminate)... I and it stings, especially the stems. As I looked over my "crop" I remembered an Antler article a few issues back by Ariele

Johannson. Guess what? Stinging nettles make the best soup I have tasted in a long, **long** time! Want proof? I served it to Rob (Mr. Meat-n-Potatoes), and he asked for seconds. Here's the recipe:

Pick young, green nettle leaves. USE GLOVES! I pull up the whole plant, stick the root end in a paper bag, then pick the leaves off in the kitchen (keep the gloves on— latex are fine).

Ingredients:

- 1 chopped onion
- 6-8 yellow potatoes
- 3 cloves garlic
- 2 qts. Broth
- 1 T butter or olive oil
- 1 oz nettle leaves
- yoghurt, sour cream, milk, or cream to blend or dollop...



Sautee onions and garlic in butter or olive oil until semi-transparent. Add chopped potatoes and broth. Bring to a boil, and simmer for 20 minutes or more until soft. Add nettle leaves and boil for 5 minutes. Purée in your mixer with yoghurt, sour cream, milk, or cream That's it! It's beautiful, delicious, and unless you tell them, no one will know it's that ouchy stuff. Make enough for seconds. Really. (For more recipes than you can imagine, Google "Stinging Nettle Soup")

DEERHORN VALLEY MOBILE LIBRARY

2nd & 4th Thursdays at the Fire Station



The Mobile Library visits Deerhorn on 2nd and 4th Thursdays and is a real treat. The brightly decorated bus pulls into the Fire Station about 9:45 a.m. and opens its doors to our community.

Inside you'll meet librarians Valerie and Chuck, both former high school teachers. Valerie was a history teacher in the Southbay, while Chuck spent 5 years in rural Arizona. They are delighted to help in your search... whether it's for a good, light read, or something to help with that latest project. Three computers with internet connection sit along one side of the bus for visitors to use.



When asked what she liked most about her job, Valerie replied, "Meeting the people out here opens my eyes to different interests and topics." Her eyes gleamed as she said this, and her sentiments were echoed from Chuck, sitting at the back desk. Pay a visit soon! - KH

WINTER SCHEDULE AT DEERHORN FIRE STATION

January 27 ~ February 10, 24 ~ March 10, 24
9:45 - 11:30 AM

SDG&E POWERLINK ...

What's in store for Deerhorn Valley?



TOWERS: 8-9 large "lattice-type" towers, 116 to 176 ft. tall set on a 100' x 100' concrete pads. Helicopters will place the towers after they are assembled on the ground.

HAULAGE & TRAFFIC: More than 400 trips daily on Skyline TT, Honey Springs and Deerhorn Valley Roads are



projected, increasing the average daily trips through Deerhorn and Bratton Valleys by 50% -150%. Trucks will be hauling materials to an assembly area in Upper Deerhorn.

PROJECTED TRAFFIC INCREASES:

Deerhorn Valley Rd: + 45-160%
(Upper) Honey Springs Rd: + 44%
Manzanita Way: + 548% (*not a typo*)



Details, links, maps of Deerhorn towers and assembly areas:

<http://www.deerhornvalley.net/sunrisepowerlink.html>

AROUND & ABOUT... Neighbor News

Share your stories: TheAntler@deerhornvalley.net

MUD MAKES GOOD NEIGHBORS ON MOTHER GRUNDY: Kudos to Gregg LaRouche and RT for pulling Ariele Johannson out of the mud on Tuesday, January 11th. They selflessly put aside their own schedule to help, even going back to the house for a tow rope. Neighbors in Deerhorn Valley are the best! It makes us all proud to live here.

PAPA BEAR CELEBRATES & GREASEWOOD PLAYS AGAIN!



Gene "Papa Bear" Antoine celebrated his 77th birthday with a cross-country reunion of family, friends, including the heart and soul of the **Greasewood Band:** Jerry, Jim, Jeremy, Beth, Vicki, et. al. The music started early in the St. Pius X Hall, and just kept on getting' better. You gotta know: when the Antoines get together it is a GOOD time for a LOT of people! Best Wishes, Papa Bear, from Deerhorn Community.

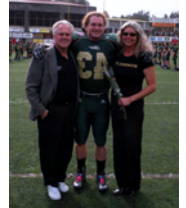
WELCOME HOME, FRANCINE GARNETT: Francine spent December visiting her son, Clay, in the village of Teta (near Serenje), Zambia where he works as a Peace Corps Volunteer. She writes, "Teta is a rural village, and Clay lives in a nice mud hut with a tin roof and an extra room for visitors. The people there live off the land and they grow maize, cassava, peanuts, sunflowers (for oil) and raise some chickens... and most of their time is spent outside with their large families. Clay's host father's ancestors have always lived in Teta and his host mom is from the Copper Belt in northern Zambia. They both just graduated from ministry training and have built a church for the community. They have 6 children of their own and 5 orphans. There is a nice well close by but no electricity in the village. Everyday the host mom cooks dinner on an open fire for Clay and her family of 14. Their main food is nashima and cassava leaves, especially during the rainy season (Nov -Feb) when they are replanting their crops. The villagers are very curious about the United States and how different our lives are from theirs. As a Peace Corps Volunteer Clay is allowed to have visitors, and if anyone is interested let me know at fgarnett57@hotmail.com The airport to use is in Lusaka, Zambia."



TOM & KATHY LAMB also spent several weeks touring in Africa. Kathy is an experienced tour leader with many African journeys in her resume. Tom has an extensive background in geology and provided an expert's view of Olduvai Gorge, The Great Rift Valley, and other geological sites. What an adventure! Welcome home.

JILL POWELL was back in Washington DC to link up with husband, Michael Lumpkin (now Assistant to the Director of Veterans' Affairs). The visit included breakfast at the White House and a ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery.

CONGRATS TO JUSTIN HORNSBY who has graduated from Humboldt State University. Proud parents, Debbie & John, said, "Just couldn't resist the opportunity to boast a little!" The Hornsby's also earned their PST degree: *Putting Son Through!*



SHARON RICH called the other day about bees. She had large numbers flying around her Chinese Elm, which was bare-leaved, but beginning to bud. Bees normally hunker down until Spring, but even they're confused this year! They soon moved on, though.

DENISE & BRIAN GREIGER have been seeing a more-than-usual number of daytime coyotes, not to mention the occasional bobcat scoping out the chickens. Let's hope that these guys can fill up on squirrels... and leave our chicks and ducks alone.

LORNA ODEGAARD SHARES: "For the past few months there has been a coyote coming in the yard— not too unusual but this coyote is very different, almost tame. It will stand 50 feet away and move like it wants to come toward you. On a few occasions we have found it trying to play with our Weimeriner, Max. This happened again yesterday. When Merle came home the coyote was on the hill with Max behind the house playing and would not run off until Merle made gestures for it to do so. I am not too happy about this since coyotes are pack animals and have a habit of trying to coax animals off to an area to other waiting coyotes for perhaps today's menu. Has anyone else experienced this coyote in their yards?"

Deerhorn Valley Community Association DV WELCOME SIGN GETS SOME T.L.C.



Saturday 1/22: The DVCA Crew delivers some needed TLC: L-R: Kim Hamilton, Ruth Brewer, Sandra Ignosci, Phyllis Dozier.

DANIEL A. IGNOSCI 1940-2011



Daniel and Sandra Ignosci have been key members of the Deerhorn Community since first arriving here more than a decade ago. Rob and I valued Daniel's company and his friendship, knowing he was a true neighbor who would drop anything to give you a hand. His last offer to us was to help with moving a 450 lb woodstove out of the house! You never had to ask where you stood with Daniel... he would let you know, ready or not. Honesty and honor were his measures, and he'd gladly give you the shirt off his back if you needed it. Daniel was a retired San Diego Fire Captain and in his honor for 35 years of service, all flags in the SDFD flew at half-mast on Thursday, January 13th. The flag flown above Mt. Soledad Station 13, his last assignment, was presented to Sandra at his services. This was the first time such an honor had been extended. The Deerhorn Valley Community extends our most sincere condolences to Sandra and all the Ignosci family. We send a special message to his four young grandsons: He did indeed love you all "to the top of the clouds." -KH

ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

KRUISIN' KRITTERS ARE COMIN': Date/ location still need to be fixed (early May?), but the Community Association plans to bring in Kruisin' Kritters to Deerhorn. This family-oriented program features real examples of our local wildlife, and is led by a former naturalist from the SD Natural History Museum. This is a follow-up to the well-received SkyHunters (Raptors) program last October.

THE WATER CONSERVATION GARDEN at CUYAMACA COLLEGE has a new calendar of classes. If you have not visited The Garden, plan to do it soon. The Garden highlights plantings for our east county areas: native, fire-resistant, drought-tolerant landscapes. Most classes are free for members, \$5 for others. Special workshops may cost from \$15-\$40. We're signing up for the Strawbale Building Workshop in March. Download the new Schedule here:
<http://www.thegarden.org/siteDocs/Spring2011Calendar.pdf>



EAST COUNTY CROP EXCHANGE COMES TO JAMUL: The first opening of the "Crop Exchange" was Saturday 1/22. Trade or share your surplus. The next exchange is (hopefully) scheduled for the February at the Jamul Community Church (1-4 PM) One neighbor who just visited and brought

nothing to trade returned home with lemons, seedlings, and guavas! (Photo above) Check The Shopper for details.

RENO'S PUB & GRILL HAS OPENED IN JAMUL: This family-run burger café opened Jan. 15 inside the Mexican Crafts & Produce building on Hwy 94. We haven't had a burger & fries spot out here for a long time. If they serve up some good food... Let us know!

Outer Jamul FireSafe Council...
CHAINSAW SAFETY CLASS
SATURDAY, JAN. 29 - 9AM TO 12NOON
Deerhorn Fire Station #37

*For Amateur and Expert Alike ~
See you there!*

The Outer Jamul Fire Safe Council has recently acquired chain saws, weed whackers, trimmers and other tools in order to implement the Defensible Space portion of our USFS grant.

This class is a wonderful chance to learn how to use chainsaws safely, even if you have never used a chainsaw. You can even earn a safety certification if you want. All saws and tools will be provided, including safety chaps and screened helmets. Just bring safety glasses or goggles, work gloves, ear plugs if you have them, and wear long pants, long sleeved shirt, and boots or hiking shoes. No soft top running shoes or tennis shoes if you want to try out a saw or two. Persons trying out saws must be 18 years or older. Actual cutting will be limited to work on tree trunks and limbs placed on a saw buck. - Tom Lamb



MORE: <http://www.deerhornvalley.net/chainsawsafety.html>

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