



# VILLAGE NEWS

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE VILLAGE

### "VILLAGE TIDBITS"

by Toni Pelletier

Giddie Up! All the way to the **Classical Horseman**. Geared to equestrian, Carla Byrd, owner, is thrilled to show you around her store. You won't believe how many horse related items are displayed. Halters, leads, training aids, bits, bridles, Ariat clothing and shoes, Laurel Birch, Outback & Leaning Tree. Equestrian-themed gifts such as journals, mugs, t-towels, notecards and toys. 20 yrs. in the Village proves there are horse lovers among us. Special ordering available. 99% English (riding). Located at 201 E. Branch between **Branch St. Deli and Lund's**.

If you haven't seen one of Arroyo Grande in Bloom winners, just head to **Dr. Hutton's** on Bridge St. John has been a dentist for over 30 years and is soon to celebrate a year in the Village. When I went inside, I thought I was in another era. What a beautiful remodel! There should be an award for interiors. Beth, his wife and office manager, told me a great story and maybe we can get John to our meeting to share it and also tell us what all those interesting initials mean after his name. A dentist plus, I'm sure.

**Wood Winery** is the place to be on *Wine Down Fridays* from 4 to 7 pm. It's free! Craig & Sheri have been in the business since 1999 and have been in the Village (Bridge St.) just under a year. For all us old timers (I think that is me), Craig used to own Finch's Restaurant where 1/2 of Taco Loco is now. Known especially for their Syrahs and Cabernets, they also have fun wine labels (like Crazy Hairdresser Red) and lots of gift items. Stop by anytime and welcome Craig back into the Village.

New Construction! What new construction? Well, some of us notice it more than others. **Bill's Cleaners** is getting a huge face lift and it's not plastic. The cleaners is expanding so when it is all done check out the inside as well. Nice job Eddie!

The **Village Salon** will be hosting our next social get together. September 24th at 6:00 PM. Come as you are. See you soon.

### "OTHER HAPPENINGS"

by Bob Lund

The Harvest Festival is upon us. September 26th and 27th are the dates to mark on your calendars. Friday evening at 5:00, the Fish Fry by Rotary begins as well as numerous other food activities between the gazebo and Mason Street. There will be many game booths in addition to the many food booths. All of the food booths are run by local non-profit organizations so be sure to turn out to support them. In that area between Public Works and the Building Department will be the Agricultural Area with booths and displays of agricultural events and farms of the area. In the area just west of the gazebo in Olohan Alley you will find all of the commercial and artists booths. This is a sell-out year for the booths so there will be plenty of vendors to view and shop. Be sure to purchase a Harvest Festival button. They are only \$1.00 and you will go to the **Hoosegow** if you don't have one. Saturday commences with the big parade. The parade route is from Halcyon, up Grand to East Branch in the Village where it will end at Mason Street. The parade starts at 10:00 and ends about noon. There are a lot of activities in the festival. Get a full idea of what is happening by visiting the website at [www.agharvestfestival.org](http://www.agharvestfestival.org). Closure of Olohan Alley behind City Hall will occur Thursday, September 25 and closure of the rest of Olohan Alley will be on Friday.

Halloween will be here in about six weeks. Be prepared for about 2,000 trick or treaters through the Village from 3 until 5 on Friday, October 31st.

We endeavor to keep all members that have e-mail addresses informed as to current events or occurrences of note in the Village. If you have any news of importance please e-mail Bob at [shop@lundsgift.com](mailto:shop@lundsgift.com) so that I can distribute the information to your fellow business associates.

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## **SOCIAL GET TOGETHER**

**Wednesday, September 24, 2008**  
**Village Salon 6:00 pm**

**Join us for a fun evening with food and drink at the Village Salon at 115 East Branch Street on Wednesday evening at 6:00. Toni Pelletier will be hosting the event. This is a great opportunity to get to know your fellow merchants a little better and greet some of the new businesses in the Village.**