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Holiday Greetings from the Wine Country



Linda stiches



Grant butchers wood



Charlie and the monster

Trips and things

The old folks hit the road this year. The Scamp went on four trips! March was flower time in Death Valley. This was the bloom of a lifetime. The valley was gorgeous. We took hundreds of pictures and you can see them on bodwell.org if you haven't already. In June we went to Park City to help celebrate Sean's high school graduation. On the way home we spent some time in Nevada at Great Basin National Park - Lehman Caves and hiking. In August we spent a week in the Santa Cruz mountains and visited Roaring Camp and the Monterey Bay Aquarium. In October we went first to Burney Falls, Lava Beds and then Medford to help Linda's sister, Tory, with a yard sale. All in all, about 3000 miles. On the home front, Linda has been going to quilting classes and got so inspired that she got herself a new sewing machine that is aimed at quilters. It's a Bernina that is com-

puterized so that it controls the stitches as you move the material. It also does computer controlled embroidery. This means she has taken over one of Grant's computers to run it. Grant has been hit with the woodworking bug. Of all things, he has started making ukuleles. Why, you may ask? Well, it keeps him out of bars and Linda's hair while she uses the new sewing machine and computer! Kevin has been a School Board member for the last three years and this year he was hit with a surprise. His good friend who was Board President passed away and this made him the President of the Board. This has made his year on the Board very interesting to say the least — large budget cuts, public hearings, the removal of the superintendent, late meetings. He will be very happy to end his stint as President this month. Charlie and his buddy Chris have been growing pumpkins. Chris carves many pumpkins every year and Charlie got inspired this year. He grew several large pumpkins and he and Grant

Family matters

carved a couple for Halloween. Charlie also changed jobs this summer. He went to work at Hanna Boys Center in the grounds department. He has always enjoyed working with plants and trees and seems to have found a good fit. The whole clan got together at Thanksgiving. Dorothy spent several days in Sonoma and had good visits with all the grandkids and the great-grandkids. The house was a whirlwind of activity and a good time was had by all (cliche but true).

In Memorium Carl Austin

We will always remember Carl and his infectious smile. He always seemed to approach life in a positive way. People were drawn to him and his friendly ways. Carl is survived by his wife Tory, his children Lorenda and Benny and his many grandchildren.

