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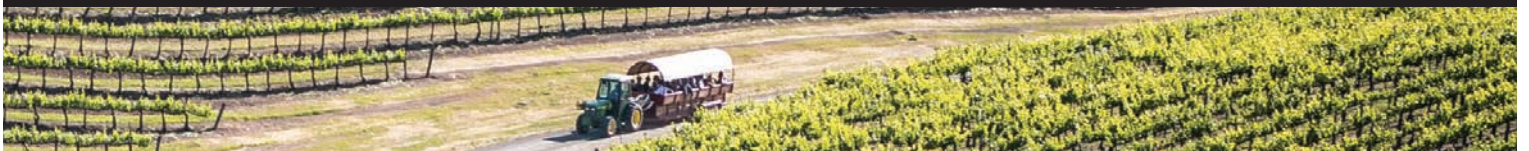
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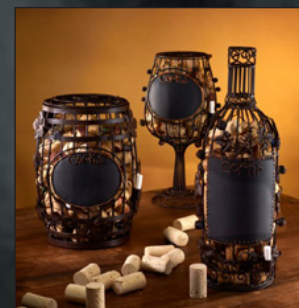
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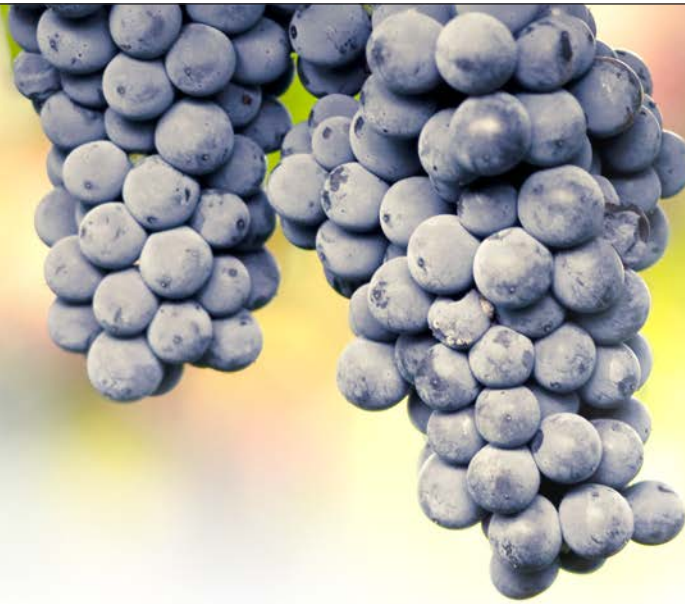
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Our cover client this issue is family-owned and operated San Antonio Winery. This year, the Riboli Family plans on finishing a new Hospitality Center, which will

be completed this Fall. The spacious facility has three separate rooms that can transform into one large room and hold up to 250 people. The family has been investing in Paso Robles for 3 decades now, and they take pride in creating delicious wines in a comfortable environment to enjoy them.

Fall is the perfect time to take in the county's rolling hillsides, flecked with beautiful fiery-colored grape leaves baring ripe, bountiful fruit, and perhaps enjoy a local harvest festival. Inside the wine section you will find information about a variety of local wineries, and be sure to check out our events calendar to learn about a wide array of fall events suited for the whole family!

On behalf of our entire staff, I would like to extend a warm welcome. We hope you enjoy your stay!

Scott Brennan, Publisher

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San Luis Obispo

There are many things to discover around SLO

The city of San Luis Obispo has many faces. It is the seat of county government, a business and shopping center, and a traditional college town.

To sample the “SLO life”, as locals refer to it, put on your walking shoes and start at the San Luis Obispo de Tolosa mission, the fifth in the mission chain in California.

Some must-sees are the Ah Louis Store at 800 Palm Street. Constructed in 1874, it was the supply station for Chinese laborers who built the railroad tunnels through the mountains of the Cuesta Grade. Other historic buildings include the Sinsheimer store with an iron front, built in 1884, at 849 Monterey Street, the Jack House at 536 Marsh Street, which was built in 1875 and the State Historical Landmark Dallidet Adobe at 1185 Pacific Street, is open Fridays and Sundays.

Visit the History Center of San Luis Obispo County on Monterey Street where an extensive collection of area artifacts are displayed.

The museum is housed in the original Carnegie Library built in 1905 with granite from Bishop Peak, one of the Nine Sisters. The sisters are a chain of volcanic peaks stretching from the city to the ocean at Morro Bay along Highway 1.

Drive across town to visit an architectural wonder: the Madonna Inn. Built by the late rancher, Alex Madonna and his wife, Phyllis, it sits in splendor by the side of Highway 101, on Madonna Road.

Horses graze in the white-fenced fields on the property. A quality restaurant is on site and touring the public rooms is a must. You can see the dining room, the wine cellar and be sure not to miss the men’s restroom. Even women should take a peek to see the waterfall urinal.

The inn has 109 theme-based rooms and a stay here might have you sleeping in the Safari Room or the Caveman Chamber, or even the Old Mill Room with its own waterfall. There is also a convention center where many special events take place.

After touring the Madonna Inn, drive over to the largest open space in the city, Laguna Lake Park at 504 Madonna Road. Here there are picnic tables and barbecues, large grassy areas, and of course, the lake. Feeding the many domestic and wild ducks and geese is a popular pastime.

There is a nice walking trail along the lakeshore and a launching ramp for kayaks and canoes. Boating on the lake is fun, but best done in the morning hours before the winds come up.

A visit to California Polytechnic University’s agricultural center makes for an interesting time. Here there is a full-scale working dairy with Jersey and Holstein cows. There is also the swine unit, horse unit, and chicken house as well as the CalPoly farm. Students in the agricultural division supply produce and dairy products to many local families as well as local supermarkets.

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— Ruth Ann Angus



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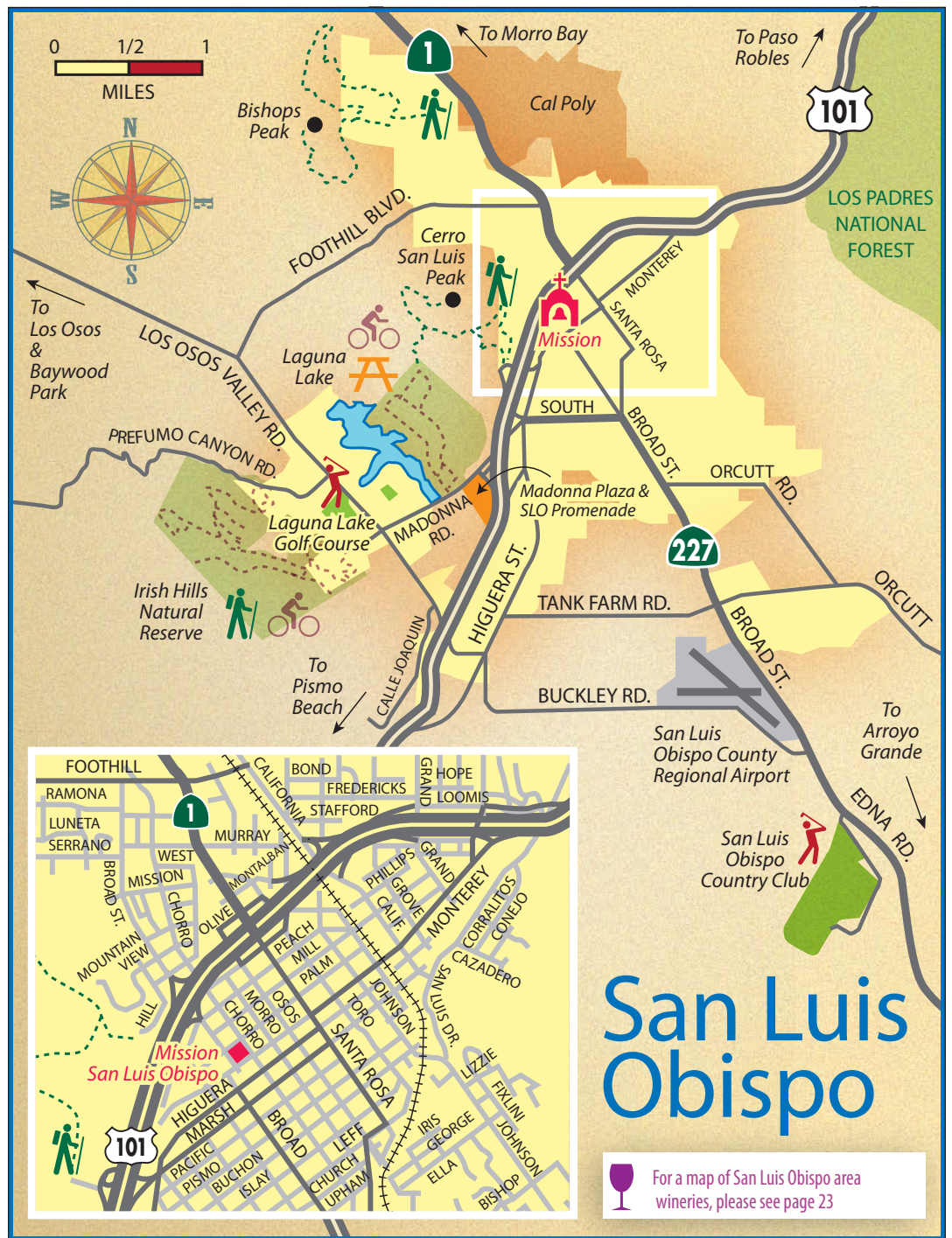
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Sidecar just launched their new summer lunch menu, and will soon introduce a brand new dinner menu, too. “The dinner menu is going to have a section of street food from around the world, as well as some ‘pub fare’ options,” said owner Josh Christensen.

Also on the horizon for Sidecar is an expansion into the empty space next door to the restaurant, which was previously a bakery. “The additional lounge space will provide an area for patrons to wait for tables on busy nights, or just to hang out with friends with a great cocktail in a relaxing environment. We will also be able to use the new space to host our monthly mixol-



ogy classes, among other events,” said Christensen.

The digs

Most of Sidecar’s wooden tables, chairs, and antique books came from estate sales. Together they cre-

ate a feeling of “1940s speakeasy” meets “home sweet home.” For Christensen, it practically is home.

“I love it here —the restaurant, and the industry as a whole,” he said. He’s also a fan of the 20-25 employees with whom he shares

this passion. “I’m blessed to work in a place I love and care about.”

The man

Originally from Albuquerque, Christensen has worked in restaurants since he was 14 and has been a bartender since 19. He came to SLO in 1999, became majority owner of Sidecar in 2013, and is now complete owner with his brother Jeremy Christensen and friend Chris Lee.

The Deals

Sidecar offers a daily happy hour from 3-6pm serving \$7 specialty cocktails, plus \$2 off beer, wine, and other alcoholic beverages. Mule Monday features \$7 mules all night. Tech Tuesday offers 10% off your bill (excluding Happy Hour) for anyone working in the local tech industry.

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Make sure to check out the

options for the Market Cut (hanger steak, pork chop, short ribs, etc.) and the Market Fish, (local halibut, seared ahi tuna) which are always delicious.

To top it all off, their most popular dessert is the mini donuts with three dipping sauces: Mini donuts with three dipping sauces: chocolate, dulce de leche, and berry coulis. There are several additional mouthwatering options including

flourless chocolate torte and mixed fruit gratinado

The sips

Among their house-made bitters and tinctures, Sidecar is known for the smoky, big-flavor Mezcal cocktails. Other popular drinks include the Happy Tackle, made with sage/lemongrass-infused bourbon with simple syrup, Boker's bitters, a frankincense tincture and lemon peel.

Sidecar, located at 1127 Broad Street in San Luis Obispo, is open 11 a.m. - 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday (bar open until 11 p.m.); Friday, 11 a.m.-10 p.m. (bar open until midnight); Saturday, 10 a.m.-10 p.m. (bar open until midnight) and Sunday from 10 a.m.-10 p.m. (bar open until 11 p.m.) For reservations or booking events, go to www.sidecarslo.com, or call (805) 540-5340.

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Visit the best museums in San Luis Obispo

There is no contest when it comes to the natural beauty of San Luis Obispo County. The rolling hills and fresh air that border the California coastline are open for all visitors. And there is no better way to learn about the area than to visit some of the many museums in San Luis Obispo. Here, we have compiled a list of some of the best museums in San Luis Obispo:

San Luis Obispo Museum of Art

At the San Luis Obispo Museum of Art, all manner of artwork is on display, including sculptures, paintings, photography and other fine crafts. Beyond the exhibitions, educational courses are offered, as well as documentaries to help navigate the current exhibits. There is also a permanent collection that was gathered by Arne Nybak, a volunteer curator who contributed to



the museums early ventures. It's free admission to see the contemporary artwork of California residents at 1010 Broad St, San Luis Obispo. To contact, call (805)543-8562 or go to www.sloma.org for more information.

History Center of San Luis Obispo County

A quick walk up the street stands the History Center of San Luis Obispo County. Open for sixty years now, it is the catch all for everything you need to know about the history of SLO County. There is a research room filled with correspondences, newspapers, directories, maps and more. Historic photos and catalogues are available to view and outline the history of the people and culture developed in San Luis Obispo. Open Wednesday thru Monday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Learn more at historycenterslo.org or by calling (805) 543-0638.

The San Luis Obispo Children's Museum

For families with young children, check out the Children's Museum. From miniature sets to inspire imaginations, to the hands on activities, there is no shortage of fun learning here. Many of the exhibits are more than what they seem and not only children will delight in the new discoveries that can be made. Located at 1010 Nipomo St, San Luis Obispo. They are open Tues thru Wed 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Thurs thru Sat 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sun 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. For more information call (805)544-5437 or visit www.slomc.org.

San Luis Obispo Railroad Museum

Stop by and visit the San Luis Obispo Railroad Museum. The museum has a wide array of displays and artifacts covering railroads and topics such as Surf, Santa Maria Valley, Union Pacific, Southern Pacific, the Pacific Coast Railway, Amtrak, Port San Luis, Orchard Express, and more! The museum is open every Saturday from 10-4. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children. Kids under 3 are free. For more information visit their website at slorm.com.

Art After Dark

There are many other museums and galleries in San Luis Obispo. For art buffs, a great time to visit the streets of San Luis Obispo is the first Friday of the month for Art After Dark, at 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., where galleries and museums offer up a chance to meet artists and to view the newest exhibits. It's not just the galleries, either. Upcoming performers play at local shops enhancing the fun artistic vibe. There is no shortage of talent in San Luis Obispo County and this event ensures everyone a chance to enjoy it. Look for more about it at www.artsobispo.org/art-after-dark/what-is-art-after-dark.

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One legendary family offers multiple wine brands: Baileyana-Tangent-True Myth

An Edna Valley Family with a rich history

For over four decades and three generations, the Niven family has farmed their historic Paragon Vineyard located in the heart of San Luis Obispo's beautiful Edna Valley. "My family has been fortunate to farm this extraordinary vineyard and carry on my grandfather's quest of exploring its endless potential," said John H. Niven, Vice President of Sales and Marketing for Baileyana-Tangent-True Myth.

The family's legacy began when founder Jack Niven pioneered the planting of grape vines in the Edna Valley in 1973. Over 40 years later, three winemaking projects are at the core of the family's focus: Baileyana, Tangent, and True Myth. "These wines represent the best of our family's legacy and truly showcase the Edna Valley and its unique place in the landscape of California wines," shared Niven. "They headline our offerings at our tasting room and are available on wine lists and store shelves in 48 states."

The Niven's Paragon Vineyard is the largest family owned and operated vineyard in the Edna Valley. It spans more than 1,100 acres, producing extraordinary grapes that are used to craft the many wine styles expressed within the family's different brand projects. Additionally, their grapes are sought out by other wineries with a portion of the harvest supplied to select wineries in the region.

Notably, the Paragon Vineyard was part of a pilot program in 2008 aimed at certifying sustainable farming practices in California, as such it was in the first wave of Central Coast vineyards to earn Sustainability in Practice (SIP) certification. Criteria for this certification include growing practices that preserve the natural environment, and business practices that protect the present and future.

Visitors are treated to a memorable wine tasting experience



Traveling down Orcutt Road from San Luis Obispo, the Baileyana-Tangent-True Myth tasting room is the first you will encounter as you enter the Edna Valley. Open from 10am to 5pm year-round, the tasting room is housed in a quaint schoolhouse built by the local farming community in 1909. When in operation, the schoolhouse served students ranging from kindergarten through twelfth grade who hailed from the surrounding farmland areas. Many of the building's original windows, floorboards and ceiling remain intact, offering tasting room guests a glimpse into the past. From the winery, visitors can also take in the gorgeous views across the valley towards the coast.

The wine tasting experience is designed to accommodate all visitors' individual needs, according to Karl Boone, the Winery's Direct to Consumer Manager.

The Niven family's three core brands offer visitors a diversity of wine styles, all crafted by Burgundian winemaker, Christian Rougenant. Baileyana wines are varietal Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Syrah wines, aged in French oak barrels and include still and sparkling wines. Tangent wines explore the fresh and vibrant alternative whites, which thrive in the relatively cool climate valley, a mere 5.4 miles from the Pacific Ocean. All fermented in stainless steel tanks, these aromatic and expressive wines include:

Sauvignon Blanc, Albariño, Pinot Gris, Viognier and Grenache Blanc. True Myth represents the best of this county's wine regions: Chardonnay from the cool Edna Valley and Cab-

ernet Sauvignon from the warmer Paso Robles region. Two other smaller production Niven brands are also available at the tasting room: Zocker produces Austrian style white wines and Trenza produces new world red wine blends. By providing such a wide range of wines, the wines showcased at the historic tasting room offer a mix of varietals and blends to suit the preferences of all types of wine drinkers.

The Baileyana-Tangent-True Myth tasting room is located at 5828 Orcutt Road, San Luis Obispo. It is open from 10am-5pm daily. Group reservations are required for eight or more people. For more information visit www.nivenfamilywines.com/tasting-room or call (805) 269-8200

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Tasting room in SLO's Edna Valley is open daily

Founded in 1983 by Claiborne (Clay) Thompson and Fredericka Churchill, Claiborne & Churchill Vintners is a small, family-owned winery devoted to producing Alsatian-style wines in California's pastoral Edna Valley appellation.

Clay and Fredericka met while teaching Old Norse and German, respectively, at the University of Michigan in the late 1970s.

Thompson was always an academically-inclined person, having studied abroad, and earned his PhD in Old Norse Language and Literature at Harvard University. He never could have guessed that his first professorial appointment, with the University of Michigan, would also be his last.

"I was invited to UCLA to give a talk on my academic subject and also to Berkeley in May of 1981," he recalled. "Fredericka was visiting her sister in California at the time, so we rented a car and drove up the California coast, stopping along the way at a few wineries."

One of those wineries happened to be Edna Valley Vineyard near San Luis Obispo. "It was really low-key," said Churchill. "No one even knew there was a winery out there at the time, and there were just a couple of employees."

This quick glimpse at the winemaking life spoke to Clay. "I thought, these guys like what they do, and they look happy. They work hard...and they like to work hard!"

That visit, Clay found himself signing on as the third employee of Edna Valley Vineyard. "They didn't quite have me in mind—they were hoping for some young brute—but the overseeing wine master was [California pioneering winemaker] Dick Graff, and he was intrigued by the idea of having a Harvard PhD in the cellar for six dollars an hour."

Clay and Fredericka soon moved to San Luis Obispo, Clay working at Edna Valley Vineyard full-time for five years, and Fredericka working at a bookstore and



later teaching a few German classes at local university, Cal Poly. "We were newlyweds," said Clay, "we had no money, and we worked all the time."

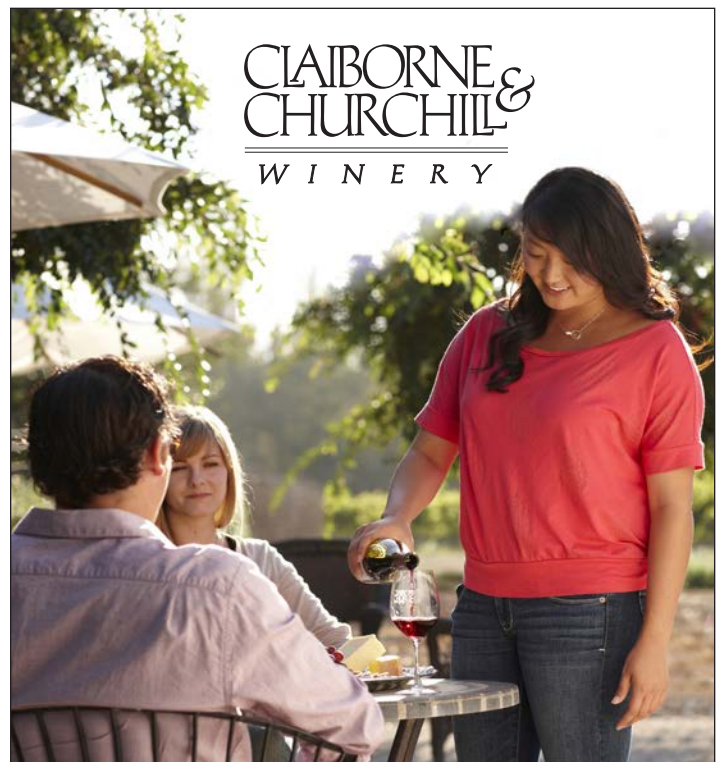
Looking back, Clay Thompson and Fredericka Churchill, owners of Claiborne & Churchill Winery, or C&C, say they marvel at how stubborn they've been.

"We were always told 'Don't make wine for yourselves—make wine for the market,'" said Clay, who was C&C's winemaker until Coby Parker-Garcia took over in 2007. "But we just decided not to do that."

"When I was starting to make wine, I'd already had one career and been disappointed," said Clay. "Integrity became very important to me after all the soul-searching I'd done. And it's not integrity if you pander to the market. That's business."

Fredericka said, laughing, "Even though we struggled, it was a good move."

The winery puts a special focus on the dry, fruity, and food-friendly wines of eastern France's Alsace region, namely pinot noir, gewurztraminer and riesling.



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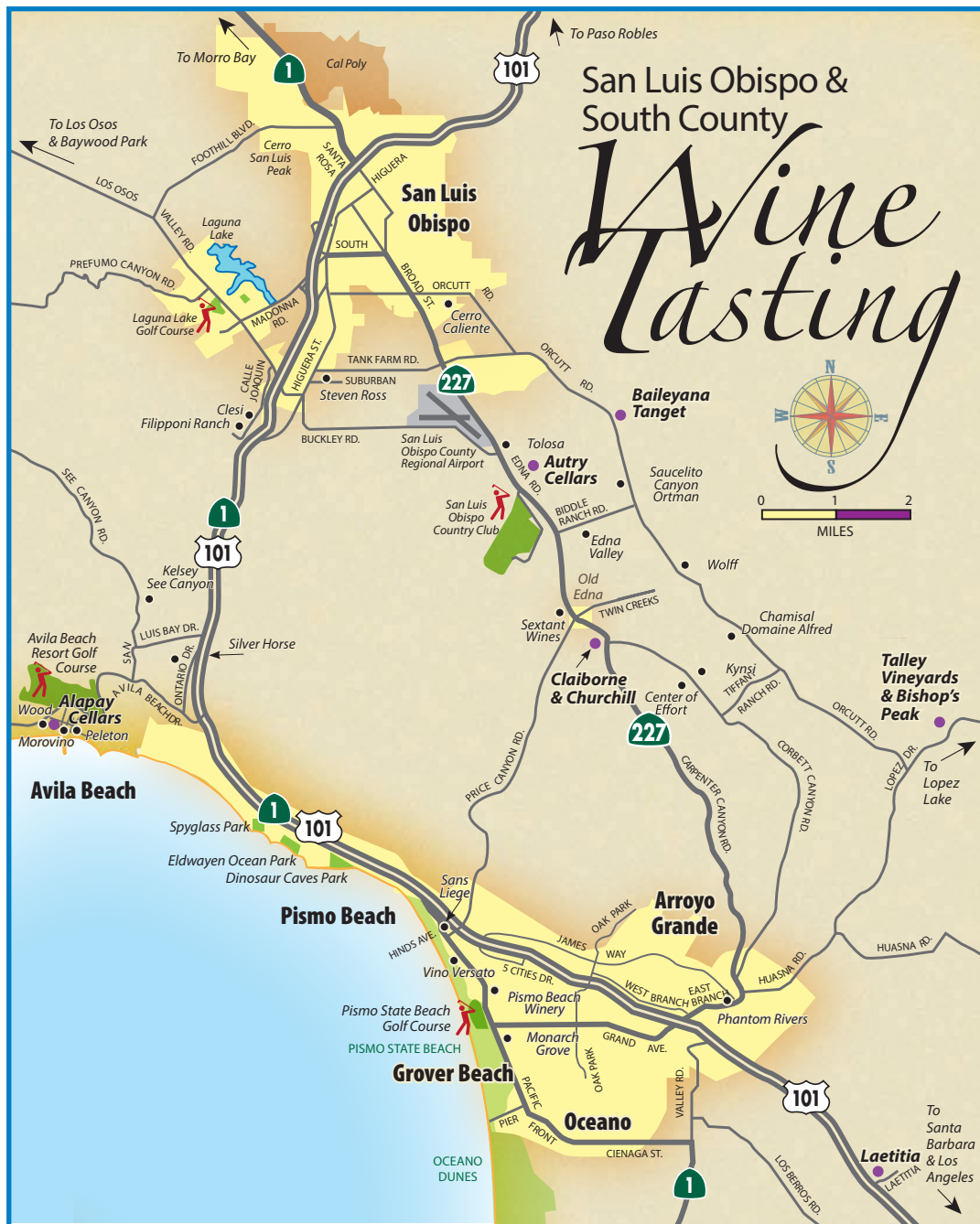
Additional Alsatian-style offerings include: pinot gris, pinot blanc, dry muscat, and an edelzwicker that has become somewhat of a cult classic among wine club members. The winery also produces the more familiar chardonnay, several pinot noirs, and syrah.



Sourced from cool-climate vineyards that support these varietals' naturally high acidity and elegance, C&C wines have won critical and popular acclaim for over 30 years. In 2007 Clay passed his position as Winemaker to Coby Parker-Garcia, who continues to emphasize minimal manipulation of both fruit and wine today.

C&C's straw bale cellar and tasting room – the first of its kind in California – is open to the public every day from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 2649 Carpenter Canyon Road in San Luis Obispo, California. For more information, visit ClaiborneChurchill.com or phone (805) 544-4066

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Sentinel of the Sea

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The Point San Luis Lighthouse stands on a bold headland overlooking the Pacific Ocean and, thanks to a dedicated group of volunteers, it is open for public tours.

The need for a lighthouse in the area became obvious during the late 1800s when Port Harford had hundreds of ships coming in. The fog of the Central Coast made navigation along the rocky shoreline hazardous. Eventually, construction began on the Prairie Victorian model lighthouse and in June of 1890 it was completed.

The Coast Guard decommissioned the station in 1974 and it fell into disrepair. The Point San Luis Lighthouse Keepers, a non-profit organization, was established in 1995 in an effort to save the structure. Now the road is paved and, although quite narrow, it is used for van and trolley tours out to the point.

All aboard

On a recent sunny Saturday morning, our group boarded the “Lucy” trolley. After passing through the gates of Diablo, we drove up the long winding road a bit fearful of the edge but overwhelmed by the beauty of the area. At each curve another scene greeted us – Avila Bay, the yacht harbor, Harford Pier, and the wide expanse of the Pacific.

Horn house

Our tour started in the Horn House that housed the 10-inch fog whistle that was used before there were foghorns.

“When the foghorn blew, it was so loud it shook the building,” our guide said, “and rattled the windows. So every 30 seconds, when it blew, everyone who worked in that building stopped talking. When these same folks went into town to visit the saloon, others noticed that

they spoke with a pause in their speech every 30 seconds.”

Also housed in the Horn House is the original fourth order Fresnel lens that was used to send a white flash of light every 30 seconds followed by a red flash of light.

Impressive lighthouse

Next we toured the impressive lighthouse where, after climbing the narrow twisting stairwell that brought us to the lamp house, we were treated to a 360-degree view. The Head Keeper and his family lived in the rooms connected to the lamp house tower. At one time, a double keepers dwelling was on the property where the first and second assistant keepers and their families lived.

Lighthouse Keepers trolley tour program offers docent-led tours of Point San Luis Lighthouse Wednesday at noon and Saturday at noon, 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. with return trips on the half-hour; \$20 per person; \$15 ages 2-12. Reservations required, call (855) 533-7843.

Guided tours on Pecho Coast Trail to lighthouse (3.5 miles round trip, hilly terrain) are offered by PG&E; tour of Lighthouse if docent is present (Keeper’s fee for entrance \$5 per adult, free for children 12 and under). Pre-registration required, go to pge.modwest.com/pgereservations/trailschild or call PG&E for at (805) 541-TREK.

—Ruth Ann Angus

Pismo Beach

Shell Beach & Oceano



The beach cities of Shell Beach, Pismo Beach, Oceano and Grover Beach run along the coast connected by first Highway 101 and then Highway 1. It is difficult to tell where one city ends and the next begins. The four cities attract visitors year round for their proximity to the ocean and the variety of activities individuals and families can enjoy.

The main attractions in Shell Beach are the vistas of the Pacific Ocean. Drive down to Ocean Boulevard where parking and a set of stairs provide access to the sandy beach below. There's a perfect lookout gazebo in Margo Dodd park.

Take a picnic basket and enjoy breathtaking sunset views. Fishermen love to cast lines from the stretch of cliffs. Another popular activity is kayaking.

Attractions

Dinosaur Caves Park

Located at the corner of Cliff Street and Shell Beach Road, Shell Beach. This 11-acre park is popular with walkers, photographers, dog lovers, joggers and fishing enthusiasts. Observe dolphins, whales, sea otters and other sea life as well as sea and shore birds such as gulls, cormorants, and Peregrine falcons.

Oceano Dunes

Thousands flock to the Oceano Dunes State Recreational Park to camp along the ocean in tents and RVs every week. You can rent and ride dune buggies and ATVs on the beach and enjoy riding for the entire afternoon. There is a small cost per vehicle to drive on the beach and it is recommended you have a larger vehicle before attempting to drive on the dry sand; you don't want to get stuck in the dunes.

Pismo Beach Pier

This 1,200-foot pier is a major fishing attraction. For serious recreation, try kayaking, surfing, or scuba diving. For a more relaxed afternoon walk the pier and then head to the downtown area for shopping.

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Shopping

Ashtie's Beach Shack

Ashtie's Beach Shack on Pomeroy in Pismo Beach is a gift, souvenir and clothing shop for the whole family. There's an assortment of trendy beach clothes, bathing suits (perfect since it's just up from the beach), sandals (dressy and flip flops) and loads of fun sparkly baubles. Come on in and see for yourself what Ashtie's has for you! 240 Pomeroy Avenue, Pismo Beach, (805) 295-5055

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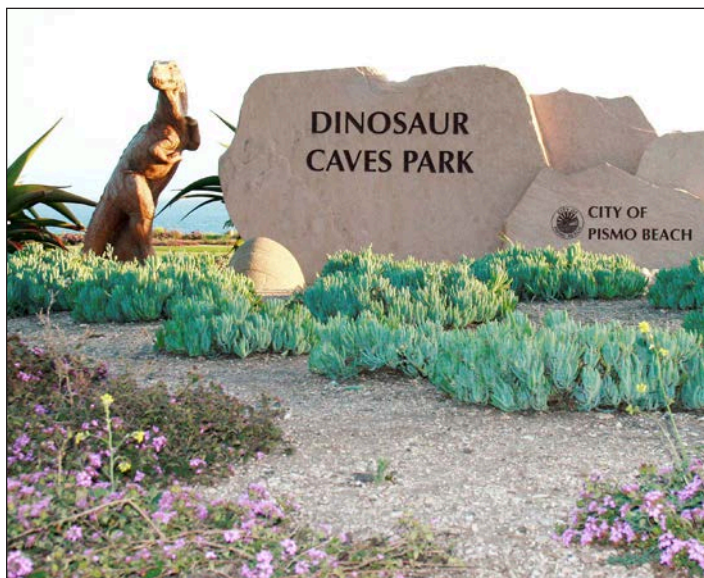
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Head to Shell Beach in search of a perfect place for a picnic

In the past, tribal members of the Chumash held a yearly gathering on the bluffs above the ocean in Central California. Here the males carried on tribal business while the women collected shells on beaches below. These meetings were possibly the first time people picnicked in Shell Beach. You too can enjoy a day's outing by stopping at some of the parks perched atop these cliffs.

Drive down to Ocean Boulevard at Cliff Avenue and stop at Margo Dodd Park. Here you can enjoy the gazebo and gaze out to sea and search for passing whales or watch the brown pelicans, cormorants and gulls that use the cliff sides and sea stacks as resting places. There are barbecues and picnic tables here for your use also.

Continue on Ocean Boulevard and you will come to Eldwayen



Kayakers love to carry their boats down the cliffs and launch here so they can explore the caves.

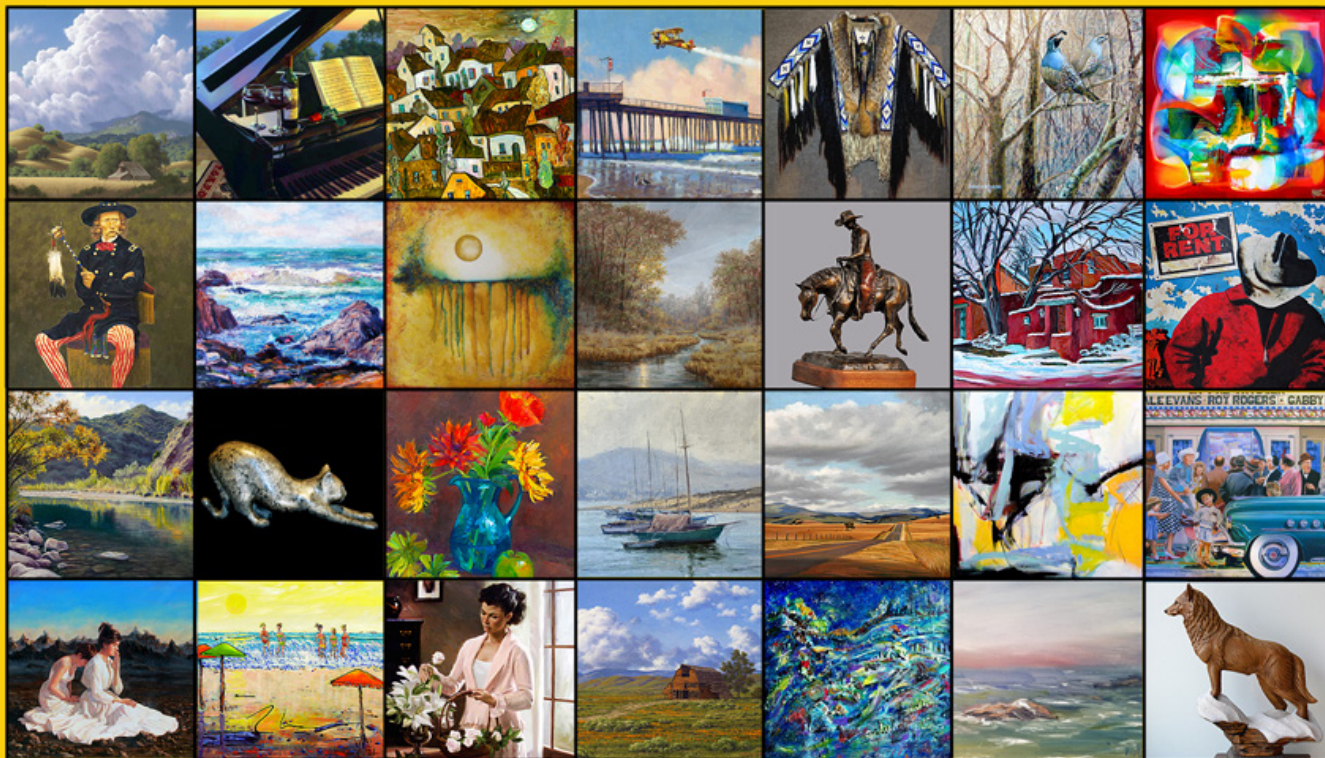
Park, a great place to watch the sunset. Here too, you can climb down the stairs to the beach and at low tide explore the tidepools. Picnic tables and benches are located along the cliffs.

Memory Park is a small patch of pleasant green with beautiful coastal views. Spyglass Park is next at Spyglass Road and Solano Road. This is a good spot to watch surfers who take advantage of the nice offshore swells.

In the Sunset Palisades residential area, Palisades Park has picnic tables, barbecues, and benches for you to enjoy the views of San Luis Bay.

The newest park in Shell Beach is Dinosaur Caves Park, an 11-acre site. This spot is popular with joggers, fishermen, and folks walking dogs. A great children's play section

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Kayakers love to carry their boats down the cliffs and launch here so they can explore the caves. Central Coast Kayaks or Pismo Beach Dive Shop can take you on a cave expedition where you will paddle through arches, caves, and rock gardens. Guides assist paddlers with instruction on basic strokes and will assist you with a surf entry. Sea lions, harbor seals and sea otters

often swim around the caves.

After a nice day of kayaking or just enjoying the coastal views from the parks stop in and sample the western atmosphere of F. Mc Clintock's while enjoying a steak or try ribs grilled over an oak-wood fire at Alex's Bar-B-Q or maybe you'll want to visit the beer garden at Old Vienna and dine on some schnitzel. Whatever your choice, you can't miss by spending time at Shell Beach.

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Ashtie's Beach Shack boasts quality goods at an affordable price

The shop provides items for tourists and locals alike

For the past ten years, Ashtie's Beach Shack in Pismo Beach has supplied tourists and locals with necessary beach themed items, boutique clothing, souvenirs, and more. Ownership of the shop changed in early 2017, and the new owners have carried on the tradition of providing quality merchandise to the Central Coast community.

"Our prices are some of the best in town... the quality is very good, [and] customer service is very high on our list," said Bob Wexler, who owns the beach shack along with his wife, Cat Wexler.

Popular and inexpensive items at the store include sweatshirts in

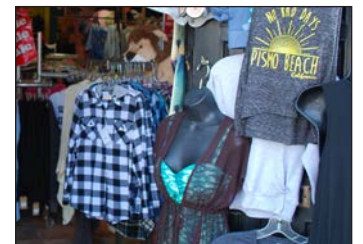
multiple sizes to suit each customer, baja shirts, blankets, sandals, and swimsuits. Kids items are also for sale, such as shirts and onesies. Many of the products pay homage to the local area, with graphic t-shirts displaying Pismo Beach in lettering and sweatshirts with the California bear displayed. Hats are also available, ranging from baseball caps to straw wide brim hats. The products are affordable, so the whole family can stock up on fun goodies and clothing for a good price.

Ashtie's Beach Shack also stocks the Earthly Body brand which has products such as lotions, candles, and shower gel produced with



hemp. One popular product from this brand available at the shack is CBD Daily, which can help relieve joint pain and aches.

While tourism is a big draw to Ashtie's Beach Shack, there are plenty of high end items that will satisfy the local community. Tourists from all around the world travel to the Central Coast and visit the shack, including guests from Australia, France, England, Germany, Canada, and more. The beach shack is also conveniently located close to the Pismo Beach pier for beachgoers to stroll over to the shop and towards the beach. In addition, there are multiple stores and restaurants near Ashtie's Beach Shack for an enjoyable day exploring the community of Pismo Beach.



Ashtie's Beach Shack is a shop that tourists and locals will appreciate for the friendly customer service, affordable merchandise, and overall fun atmosphere.

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"We're looking to offer an experience that's different than any place else," said owner Phil Schwent. "You get a lot of different kinds of people here, and there's plenty of space for everyone and enough to do to keep you from ever feeling cramped or bored."

Located near the pier, this one-of-a-kind spot is right in the thick of things. From the street, the building looks like little more than a novelty t-shirt and poster shop but, past the racks, the room opens into a huge billiards hall. The smell of pizza and burgers fills the air, and the sudden cracks of cue balls breaking new games can be heard intermittently over rock 'n roll blasting from an Internet juke box to get the good times rolling.

Family-friendly fun

This is no ordinary pool hall – Hot Shots is a family-friendly establishment that is far from the norm. It features two air hockey tables, a plethora of arcade style race games, and first-person shooters, claw cranes with candy prizes, and more. An entire kids section, perfect for birthday parties, is set off from the adult area without being isolated.

"It's an adult atmosphere where the kids are welcome and can stay safe," said Schwent. "Grown-ups can have a beer and shoot some pool while the kids play a few games."

In short, it's a place where everyone can have a good time, kids have the freedom to be loud, and they can play side-by-side with adults doing the same. At Hot Shots, parents can bring the kids along for the fun. Everyone wins.

Great food, local beers & pool games



It's not a party without good food, so Hot Shots hooks it up. The pizza is made from scratch; the burgers are juicy and dripping with cheese, and the fish and chips are rated among the best in town. Add fried pickles, artichoke hearts, and frog legs to the mix, and you've got a menu that delivers the care-free, fun-loving lifestyle of the Central Coast at an affordable price. The beer menu includes everything from your typical macro brewery beer to a West Coast style IPA and beyond, with a bevy of local micro brewery beers and those lesser-known rare brands that are sometimes difficult to come by.

"This old building used to be a Vaudeville stage and a movie theater," said Schwent. "It's a great place for entertainment, and that old attitude lives on."

Nowadays, pool rules at the old theater. A league meets weekly to compete for bragging rights in "Scotch Doubles" play, meaning each team is composed of one guy and one gal. The seasons last 22 weeks, and the competition is more friendly than fierce. At the end, every single player is invited to attend a championship tournament in Reno.

"There are a lot of couples that come out for regular date nights as part of the league," said Schwent. "Teams are placed into brackets

by skill, so you're playing people at your level. Everyone is invited to join the league, even beginners."




Hot Shots Family Entertainment Center, located at 250 Pomeroy in



Pismo Beach, is open daily 11 a.m. until 1 a.m. Call (805) 773-4542 or go to hotshotspismo.com for more information.

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Grover Beach

Don't miss the hidden gems, dunes, golf and parks of this laid-back beach town



Grover Beach is an outdoor lover's dream that offers numerous recreational activities. It also offers dining, night life and a card room. The town rests between Pismo Beach, Oceano, and Arroyo Grande and covers a roughly two-mile area. The streets are named after popular beachside resorts, and the town features several parks for visitors to take in the great weather year round.

Drive along the beach in your car, truck or ATV, or rent one, or ride horses on the coastline. Grover Beach hosts the only train station for the beach cities and has a visitors center there at 180 Hwy. 1.

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Oceano Dunes State Vehicular Recreation Park

Located at the end of Grand Avenue, this is undeniably one of Grover Beach's main attractions.

Thousands flock to the Oceano Dunes State Recreational Park to camp along the ocean in tents and RVs every week. Rent and ride dune buggies and ATVs on the beach and enjoy riding for the entire afternoon.

There is a small cost per vehicle to drive on the beach. Several ATV rental shops are located within Grover Beach. Overnight camping is allowed on the beach and the scenic boardwalk leads visitors to the

Monarch Butterfly Grove in nearby Pismo Beach.

Pismo Beach Golf Course

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16th Street Park

At South 16th St. and Menetone Ave. are areas to barbecue, restrooms, a large covered picnic table area and two play structures. The park also boasts horseshoes, softball and a grass volleyball court.

Rentals

BJ's ATV Rentals

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Ranked as the No. 1 place to stay overnight by Reserve America, Oceano Dunes has always been a popular destination

The beach at the Oceano Dunes is the only beach in California where vehicles are still allowed to drive on the sand. Featured in "Pirates of the Caribbean: At the World's End," the dunes are where visitors can camp and ride all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) on the beach year-round.

Although ATVs are available for rent on the beach, be sure to stop by an ATV rental's storefront as well. One of the best places to learn about ATVs and rent one or two for a day on the beach is at BJ's ATV Rental, located at 197 Grand Ave. in Grover Beach, and the No. 1 rental company in the area since 1982.

Before renting an ATV, be prepared to fill out release and liability forms and get basic safety instruction before being released to

ride in the dunes. Zach Zeman with BJ's ATV Rental, said BJ's will not rent ATVs to anyone under the age of nine and reminds everyone that all children should be supervised while riding.

When riding, Zeman recommends dressing in layers, and wearing long pants and closed-toe shoes. "Flip flops and shorts can be very uncomfortable and very dangerous," he said. For more information, see www.bjsatvrentals.com or call (805) 481-5411 or (805) 430-5321.

Ranked as the No. 1 place to stay overnight by Reserve America, Oceano Dunes has always been a popular destination, according to Jim Suty, president of the Friends of the Oceano Dunes. Suty recommends visitors to the county make

a trip to the dunes, even for a day, to walk along the sand, hang out at the beach, ride ATVs or small dune buggies, play volleyball, shop in the nearby towns or go for a plane ride.

"There's a myriad of things to do – it all depends on what you're looking for," Suty said.

Before heading out to the dunes, the Friends of the Oceano Dunes offers tips on what to bring and what to do and not to do:

DO arrive at the beach at low tide – find a tide schedule at www.oceanodunes.org

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DO air tires down to 20 lbs. per tire

DO carry a cell phone for emergencies

DO bring extra keys; they are difficult to find if dropped in the sand.

DON'T make sharp turns in the sand

DON'T stop when driving uphill

DON'T ride ATVs with a passenger or without a helmet

DON'T take glass bottles to the beach.

How to get there

From San Luis Obispo, exit Highway 101 at Pismo Beach to Highway 1, turn right at the light in Grover Beach to enter the state park. Entrance fee is \$5 per vehicle/day. Vehicles should be fit to drive along the beach, as the dunes are two miles from the entrance. Camping, overnight fees, and annual passes vary, see ohv.parks.ca.gov for more information or call 1 (800) 444-7275 or (805) 773-7170; additional safety tip available on the website.

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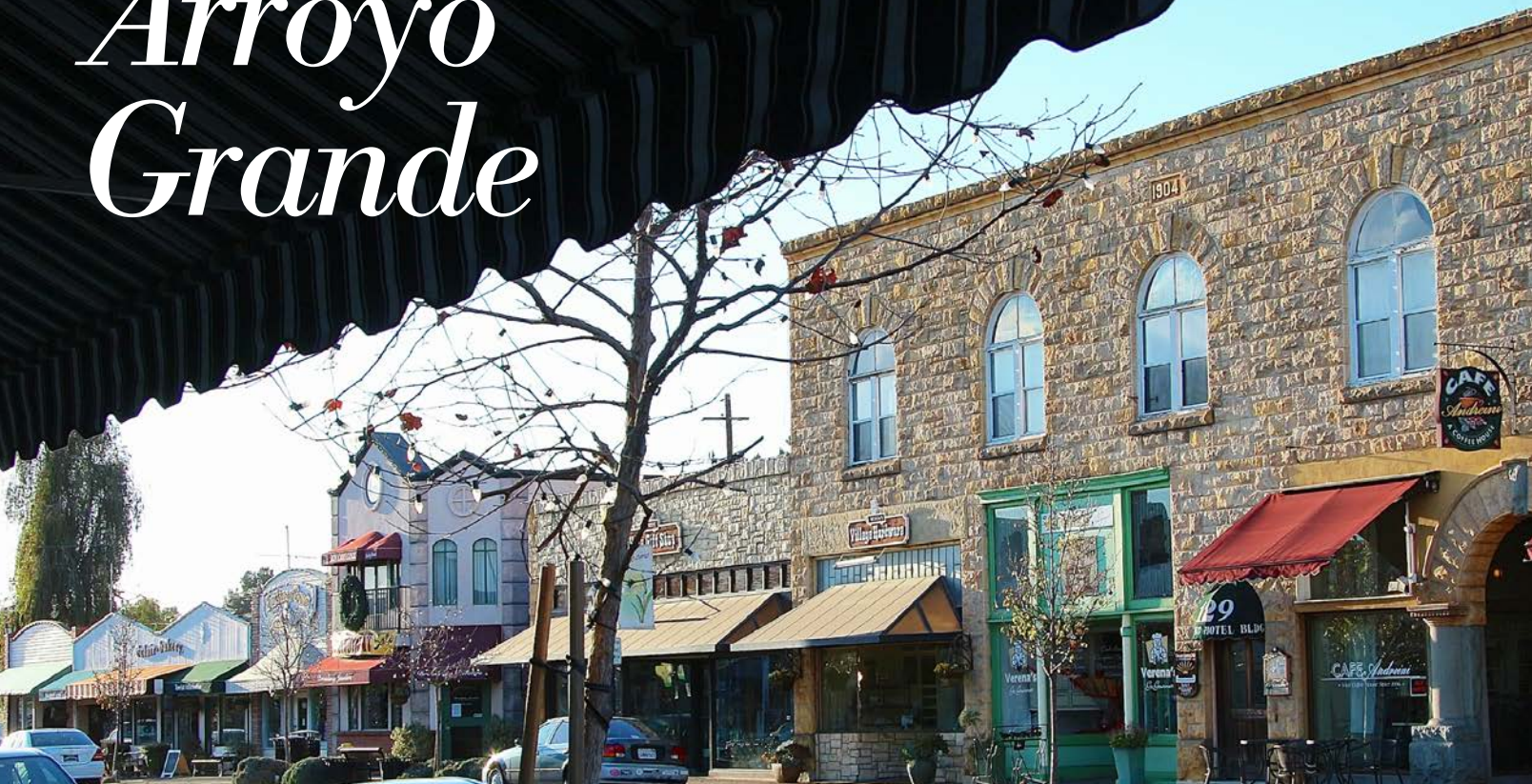


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Arroyo Grande



The beautiful village of Arroyo Grande offers a variety of activities and retail stores to visit when in South San Luis Obispo County. Additionally, the small community showcases its history through the variety of historical buildings. The historical society and local business show off their roots with historic photos and information. On Saturday afternoons, the village comes alive with wine tasting, restaurants, coffee shops, shopping, the farmers' market and more.

Dining

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Farms

Windmill Farms

Come explore the daily farmers' market with huge selection of fresh produce, an assortment of gourmet goods, gifts, and garden items. Kids will love the "critter corral" petting zoo area. More than a farm, it's a great family outing! Just north of Nipomo off Hwy. 101, 1275 N. Thompson Ave. windmillfarms.org, (805) 489-1000

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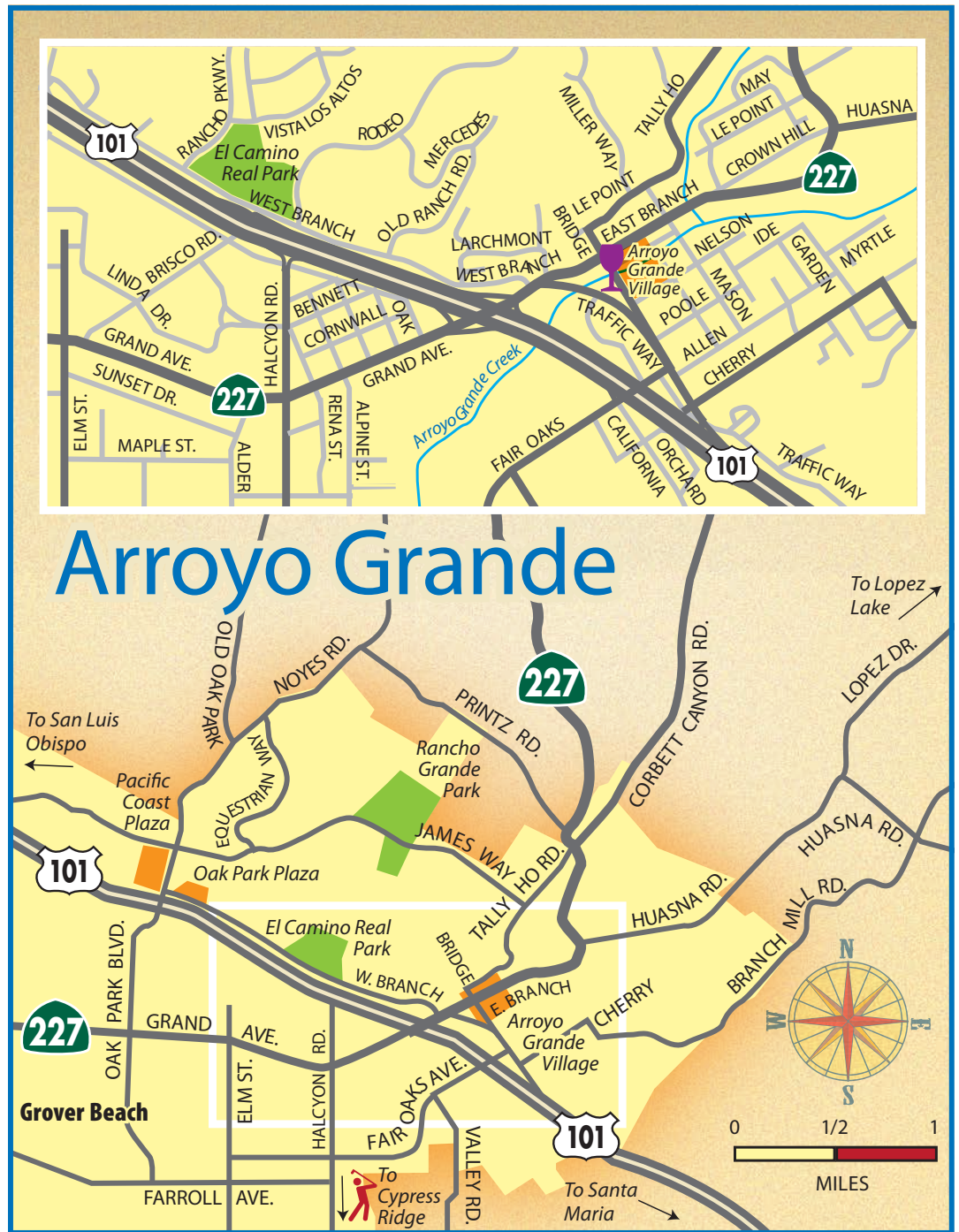
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Explore the historic Village of Arroyo Grande

Take a step back in time with a stroll through town



Step back in time with a visit to the historic Village of Arroyo Grande where most of the shops are situated in historical buildings in the downtown area. Branch Street, the main road through town, is named after Francis Z. Branch who was instrumental in the finding of the town.

The **Rotary Bandstand in Heritage Square Park** on the Village Green is home to musical concerts every Sunday afternoon in summer – bring a lawn chair and a picnic. The park contains several restored historical buildings; the **South County Historical Society** is located in **Heritage House** at 126 S. Mason Street.

Nearby, **Mason Street Ruby's House**, constructed in the late 1800s, and later restored to its former elegance, is home to the **Patricia Loomis History Library and Research Center**.

Walk over to the **Santa Manuela Schoolhouse**, a one-room schoolhouse built in 1901. Inside find desks, school books, slates, pictures and more from an earlier era.

The **Barn Museum** nearby is filled with agricultural artifacts, antique vehicles and carriages representing the Arroyo Grande Valley farming. Just steps away, the **Swinging Bridge** spans Arroyo Grande Creek. Originally built in 1875 from rope, with sides added in 1902, and was acquired by the city in 1911. After being damaged beyond repair during a 1995 storm, locals conducted fundraising projects, acquired Federal funding, and rebuilt the 17-foot bridge that rises 40 feet above the creek and is the only one of its kind in California.

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Windmill Farms isn't your ordinary farmer's market – this fun, colorful, and eclectic farm is open to visitors every day, rain or shine. The old fashioned barn and windmill grace the side of the road just off the 101 freeway on Thompson Road in Arroyo Grande.

Approaching the Farm, visitors will see old fashioned western wagons and a nearby field with sunflowers and corn growing high. Walk through the vine-covered archway and enter into a magical world with brilliant blue pottery surrounded by potted roses of white, red and yellow. Brightly-colored ceramic flowers and little toadstools accent the green foliage of the plants alongside fountains and statuary.

Benches situated on the gravel pathways offer a place to rest and take in the peaceful scenery or glance at artwork featuring whimsical cows and chickens. The garden at Windmill Farms specializes in succulents and beautiful garden décor – statuary, fountains, iron trellises, garden arches and a large selection of pottery.

Fruits, vegetables & gift items

When Lorna Kirk and her husband bought the property in 2000 the site was a blank canvas. Starting with the building of small barn, they expanded the structure to enlarge the capacity of all the barn has to offer. Inside, find a myriad of items – from the pesticide-free fruits and vegetables to an eclectic and colorful assortment of gift and culinary items.

Find gift items, crockery, natural lotions, soaps, fragrances, oils, cards, tableware, decorative art, collectibles and more; gift baskets are also available for purchase. Shelves are stocked full of a wide variety of gourmet foods, sauces, jams, preserves, breads and mixes.

“We source our gourmet foods from all areas, with an emphasis on supporting local sources,” Kirk said, “and you can sample anything



you might be interested in before buying.”

Take time to enjoy the simple life

Enjoy a bit of the simple life and make sure to pay a visit to Windmill Farms. Take a moment to sit in the garden with a cup of gourmet coffee and a delicious berry scone.

No farm would be complete with animals – and the ones here are a must-see for the youngsters and the young at heart. Outside in the Critter Corral visitors can walk through and pet or feed the goats, sheep, donkeys, turkeys, and chickens as well as miniature horses and donkeys. The goats in particular strike interesting poses as they reach over the fences to beg for your attention.

Windmill Farms, located at 1275 N. Thompson Ave. in Arroyo Grande, is open Wednesday through Monday from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. (closed Tuesdays. Call (805) 489-1000 or see windmillfarms.org for more information.

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Nipomo

Nipomo is a small town on the mesa in the southern area of San Luis Obispo County that is known for its stands of eucalyptus trees, expansive golf courses, and one of the largest swap meets anywhere.

Nipomo is home to the historical residence of Captain William G. Dana whose descendants populated the area and started the town. His adobe house still stands near the 101 Freeway (danaadobe.org).

Other attractions in the city are the Nipomo Native Gardens, where a forest of native plants and trees are maintained by volunteers from the Nipomo Native Gardens Society. The Nipomo Native Garden is a 12-acre site located between Pomeroy, Camino Caballo and Osage (nipomonativegarden.org).

The huge Nipomo Swap Meet and Flea market is on the grounds adjacent to the 101 Freeway at the Tefft Street off-ramp. The Nipomo Swap Meet & Flea market combines great family entertainment with old school swap meet atmosphere. It is the largest swap meet on California's Central Coast and is open Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. It's free but there is a fee to park.

Attractions

The Luffa Farm

Come and see how luffas grow at the Luffa Farm. These natural sponges grow like squash. Take a free tour and see all their products at the gift shop. Open Wed. to Sun. from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 1457 Willow Road., theluffafarm.com, (805) 343-0883.

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See luffas growing on the vine at The Luffa Farm in Nipomo

Take a tour and stroll the beautiful grounds

For many people, discovering luffas are plants and not sea creatures is surprising. Deanne, owner of The Luffa Farm in Nipomo, and her family are often asked, "They're sponges, right?"

"A luffa is a plant with an attitude, not unlike an orchid," Deanne said. "You know how it is with orchids – they don't do what you expect." It seems luffas are like that as well.

Deanne's introduction to luffas came when she received a bunch of seeds from a college professor in the Bay area many years ago; she and her family members took the seeds but had no idea what they were.

"We all thought they might be watermelon seeds," she says. "We went to the library and we looked through books to try and find out what they were."

Finally deciding that the seeds were some kind of Chinese cucumber plant, they planted the seeds in their individual gardens. Deanne planted hers up against fencing. As they grew, she attached fishing line to the fence, the vines took to them, and gourds began to form. As time passed, she finally checked on the plants and found that the gourds had turned brown, dried out, and appeared dead. She picked one, heard the seeds rattling inside, peeled off the outer skin and, behold, there was a luffa. Thus began

her long journey as a luffa farmer.

Nowadays Deane grows her plants in pots in two large greenhouses. "I tried growing them here in the ground but the gophers just attacked them," she says, "then when the afternoon winds came up, as they do in Nipomo, it blew the blossoms right off the plants. No blossoms, no luffas."

Take a tour, visit gift shop

The luffa gourd develops at the base of the flower, grow downward at one-half inch daily, and more than one gourd grows on a vine. When some magical moment occurs inside the gourd, it turns off its growing mechanism and begins to change from bright green to yellow and, finally, to brown. It will be hard and dry – shake the gourd and the seeds inside will rattle –and then it's picking time.

A tour of the Luffa Farm begins with a comparison of commercial luffas grown in other countries and imported here; these other plants are chemically-handled, affecting the feel of the luffas to become stiff and abrasive. Deanne's luffas, however, have a slight amount of stiffness, but are essentially soft.

"You can use them to wash the car if you want to," she says. "Our luffas won't give you raw skin, just a good clean feeling." They can be used on dishes and can be put in the

dishwasher or the washing machine.

After a tour, stop by the gift shop. Deanne also grows a variety of aromatic and healing herbs, using them in products such as hand-poured glycerin soaps, lotions, bath salts, sachets, bath fizzlers and teas, eye masks, and neck wraps.

The Luffa Farm, located at 1457 Willow Road in Nipomo, is open Wednesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. A free tour requires no scheduling. Groups, bus tours, and school groups are welcome and include a choice of a catered lunch or cookies and tea; reservations are necessary. Call (805) 343-0883. Luffa Farm products are available online at www.theluffafarm.com.

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When it comes to birdwatching, there's little doubt that Morro Bay provides the best chance for seeing a great variety of species. It's an incredible birding spectacle. There are also harbor seals, sea lions, and sea otters.

Looking to take a slower pace? Stroll down the embarcadero and browse gift shops and art galleries. Explore the local cuisine and dine on fresh caught fish. Find the perfect wine to complement your meal from area wineries.

Sit on a bench in Tidelands Park and watch the boats leaving the harbor or take a walk on the beach and watch the waves. Walk out the harbor boardwalk to Morro Rock, the 576-foot volcanic plug that looms over the bay and seashore. Keep an eye out for sea otters that rest in the kelp beds near the shore.

Head into Old Town and you will find a variety of specialty shops, antique galleries, restaurants, and coffee shops. Book a stay at one of the fine motels, and take in a movie at the town's first rate theater.

Venture into Morro Bay State Park and visit the Natural History Museum that has interactive exhibits, offers guided nature walks and informative lectures.

Tee up and enjoy an afternoon hitting the greens at the 18-hole championship golf course where every hole has a view of the bay.

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Dining

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Beads by the Bay is a craft and garden wonderland

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Nestled in the heart of Morro Bay, Beads by the Bay is a charming shop that will delight all who enter to browse for a new craft project, attend a class, or simply enjoy the tranquil environment. The store opened on Sept. 16, 2006 and has served tourists and locals for over a decade in their beading and gardening pursuits.

"It's not only a full service bead store... but it's also a garden shop. It's just a beautiful little spot in the middle of town," said Susan Stewart, who owns and operates the shop along with Helen Edwards. Stewart is the specialist on the bead aspect while Edwards handles the garden activity.

Some of the most popular items found at the shop include semi-

precious stone beads and air plants. There are a multitude of bead varieties, including glass, Swarovski crystal, seed beads, pearls, wood, bone, shell and more. Tools and stringing materials are available, as well as informative books. Classes are posted on the website and can be set up by a customer if there is a specific project or skill set in mind.

The garden offers plants, such as succulents, scented geraniums, air plants and white sage, and different accessories, such as pots and hanging terrariums, and even miniatures for a fairy garden. Make sure



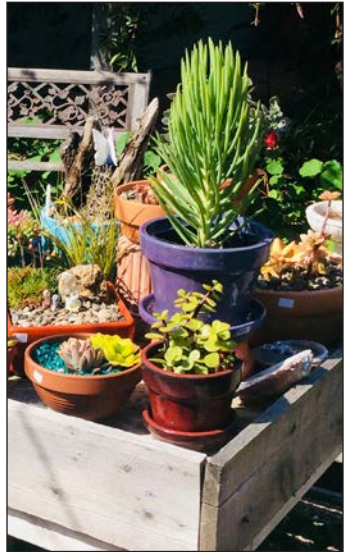
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to rest by the pond where goldfish reside, and then head over to the "potting bench" to put together a plant and pot to take home.

"Morro Bay is a great little town to discover lots of small unique businesses," said Stewart. "[We] have customers from all over our own county but [we're] also a real destination for visitors.

Contact: Beads by the Bay is located at 333 Morro Bay Boulevard in Morro Bay. Open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information call (805) 772-3338 or visit morrobaybeads.com.

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Kayak outfitters offer ocean and lake tours

Slipping down a channel in the Morro Bay estuary, kayaks glide by shorebirds feeding in the pickleweed and float peacefully past harbor seals resting on mudflats – just one scene of many among the paddling world of the Central Coast. Kayaking is relatively easy and most people can learn how after just a few basic instructions.

Outfitters guide kayakers on how to get in and out of boats, hold and use paddles, and share helpful tips about the many areas available to paddle through. Most kayak outfitters also give tours – often the best way to get started kayaking.

It is important to always wear a personal flotation device (PFD), sometimes referred to as a life jacket, while kayaking. In general, sea kayaks are more flat-bottomed than river kayaks so people are less likely to fall out, but it is wise to be prepared as the waters of the Central Coast are cold.



San Simeon & Cambria

Good spots to go kayaking include the north coast at the William Randolph Hearst State Beach, located across from the entrance to Hearst Castle, where kayak outfitters are often present on the beach. Entry into the ocean is fairly easy as the beach is located in a protected cove. Once beyond that sandy shoreline, kayakers paddle in the open ocean; waves are calm during summer months and the paddling should be easy.

Just down the coast is Leffingwell Landing in Cambria, a popular launching spot for kayakers. Here the surf may be slightly more challenging, but once beyond the breakers kayakers drift through kelp beds and may glimpse sea otters resting or feeding.

Cayucos & Morro Bay

Outfitters in the beach town of Cayucos offer tours and sea kayaking lessons, and there is a relatively easy launching place near the pier.

If you are lucky you might paddle out to see some passing Humpback whales or dolphins.

One of the easiest places to go for first-time paddlers is at Morro Bay where there are kayak outfitters up and down the Embarcadero and also at the State Park Marina. The inner bay area is calm with no waves – launch from a dock, Coleman Beach on the Embarcadero, Windy Cove in the State Park, or from the boat launch ramp.

Pack a picnic and paddle over to the sand spit, beach your boat, and hike up the dunes to enjoy lunch. Depending on the tide, there are opportunities to kayak into the back bay and the estuary to see a variety of the 200 bird species that migrate to the area as well as harbor seals, sea lions, and sea otters.

Along with calm water paddling, many avid kayakers enjoy kayak surfing and often take advantage of the larger waves north of Morro Rock and at Montana de Oro. Waves are always larger during winter months and smaller and gentler during summer months.

South County & lake kayaking

In South County, outfitters in Shell Beach take kayakers to launching spots and instruct on paddling near cliffside caves. For those wanting to learn sea kayaking, one of the easiest beaches to launch from is Avila Beach. Located on San Luis Bay, it rarely has large waves so it's easy to paddle out past the breakers. From there, paddle along the coastline under the Cal Poly pier and through the kelp beds up to the Shell Beach cliffs where to catch a glimpse of brown pelicans roosting.

In addition to the bays and oceans, be sure to check out Lopez Lake near Arroyo Grande and, in North County there's Santa Margarita Lake, Atascadero Lake Park, Lake Nacimiento, and San Antonio. Paddling on these lakes is optimal during the early hours of the day or in the evening to avoid winds that generally blow throughout the major part of the day.

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Enjoy hiking in Morro Bay

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Morro Bay is rich with natural beauty, and there is no better way to experience it than by hiking. There are numerous trails that can accommodate a variety of outdoor leisure activities.

A great easy hike, perfect for a brisk fall morning, is Black Hill, the second to last of nine volcanic peaks that lie between San Luis Obispo and Morro Bay – the last being Morro Rock itself. Morro Rock, a sacred space for two local Native American tribes, is not hike-able except with a special permit. The distance from the Morro Bay State Park campground to the top of Black Hill and back is approximately three miles with an elevation gain of 600 feet. This scenic and enjoyable hike is relatively easy and can be done in just an hour or two.

Just south of Morro Bay is beautiful Montana De Oro State Park. Montana De Oro is Spanish for, “Mountains of gold,” and refers to the small yellow flowers that bloom throughout the park. There are numerous hiking trails through the

park, including Bluff Trail, a level coastal trail, which is suitable for bikes and wheelchairs. It is about 2.1 miles long one way with a host of side trails that allow for outings between one and five miles. The hike is the perfect way to see all the tide pools, beaches, rock islands, and natural bridges, along the stunning coastline of the park, hitting highlights like Corallina Cove, Quarry Cove, and Grotto Rock.

Start from the north end of the Bluff Trail at a parking area on Pecho Valley Road just past the visitor center and across from the trailhead for Valencia Peak. More adventurous hikers can continue up Valencia Peak, one of the highest summits in the park. It provides arguably some of the best views of the park’s stunning shoreline and inviting inland peaks. About 3.7-mile round trip, there is 1,275 feet of elevation to tackle, with a few level steps allowing you to catch your breath amidst the scenic climb to the amazing 360-degree views from the summit.

– Skye Pratt



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Blue Sky Bistro is solid as a rock in food, service, and ambiance

Popular restaurant offers eclectic dining options

Fishing boats and kayaks are navigating the tranquil bay, surfers are eagerly paddling out towards the rock and sea lions are raucously barking from a nearby piling. There's plenty to see along Morro Bay's enchanting Embarcadero waterfront and the enticing aromas wafting from the Blue Sky Bistro on the Bay is the perfect accompaniment to these world-class views.

This popular restaurant, located within Marina Square, offers eclectic breakfast, lunch and dinner options. Often referred to as the best breakfast spot in town, breakfast burritos are especially popular, along with a specialty known as "The Rock" featuring scrambled eggs, potatoes, cheese, onions and bell peppers, with choice of ham, bacon or sausage topped with salsa, guacamole and sour cream, all served with toast or warm tortillas. Fortunately, this fashionable location offers breakfast until 4 p.m. each day.

Bay Necessities

Owners Denise Robson and Alan Harrison took over the cafe in August 2010 after they had already fallen in love with the area several years earlier on one of their frequent business trips from Atlanta.

Their delectable menu items are prepared fresh daily, they passionately support local, organic farmers and food purveyors and always strive for the highest quality products available including Mary's Chicken and Joebella Coffee.

Mouth-watering lobster bisque ('People's Choice' soup for two years in a row at Morro Bay's Soupabration Event), Mahi Mahi tacos, linguini and clams and Shrimp Louie are among the many favorites found on their impressive menu. They use local seafood, primarily from nearby Tognazzini Fish Market, as much as possible.

"It's important to have our food made fresh to order and everything here is grilled or broiled instead of deep fried," Denise said. "We strive



for the best quality, freshest dining options at moderate prices which further adds to the overall value."

Local Motion

Since food and wine go hand in hand they have become involved in creating their own house wines with the assistance of local wine experts. Blue Sky "Silver Lining" is the name of the house chardonnay which was created with the assistance of Jeff Branco, previous winemaker for Justin Vineyards and Rotta Winery. They are currently looking into creating a new red blend to add to the menu, as well. Numerous local wines are also featured here including: Le Vigne, Tobin James, Adelaide, Dusi and Sextant.

Showcasing local musicians is yet another way Blue Sky Bistro supports its local community. As members of Big Big SLO, the sounds of a wide range of musicians can be enjoyed Fridays and throughout the weekend.

Community-minded in every sense of the word, they eagerly share

the area's bountiful offerings with their customers which is greatly appreciated. "They want to know more about our county and we eagerly share that moment with them. One regular customer named Diana used to come to the restaurant every single day. We celebrated her 99th, 100th and 101st birthdays at the Bistro. We threw her a party each time, invited regulars and made it the best event in February," said Denise.

Having built their business on community activism and by participating in hundreds of fundraising events, they've been involved with everything from high school sports and music programs to helping raise funds for local cancer victims, supporting elderly assistance, donating to homeless dinners at the local Vets hall.

Wave of the Future

When asked what new ventures might be on the horizon a few key items came to mind including more heat and lighting for the outside

dining area. "It's important that our customers are comfortable during the evening hours," Denise said.

Having recently purchased five acres of land near the farm belt of Los Osos Valley Road, they look forward to soon growing much of their own produce as strong supporters of a "Sustainable Program" and the "Farm to Table" concept. Furthermore, part of the new vision is to start a small winery out there one day. "Anything is possible," Denise said.

They don't use Styrofoam and are strong believers in recycling, they believe in healthy, fresh food, they support local purveyors and strongly believe in giving back to their community. "Owning a local restaurant is the fast track way of getting to know your community. This is the dream," Denise said.

Blue Sky Bistro on the Bay is located at 699 Embarcadero in Morro Bay. For more information call (805) 772-8988 or visit BistroOnTheBay.com

-Leslie Jones



Cayucos

Enjoy this scenic seaside retreat

A quiet town, Cayucos invites folks to slow down, smell the ocean air, pick up sea glass, and never take life for granted. The broad main street recalls the days of stagecoaches and cowboys, and some of the buildings there date back to that bye-gone era.

Cayucos is the number one destination on the Central Coast for antique shoppers, and a great place to just cool down and get away from the heat. It is the perfect beachside town for renting a beach house and enjoying a week of sand castles, sunsets and relaxation. Tourism is the local economy's largest industry, and Cayucos offers many nice hotels and beach house rentals for the weary traveler.

State Beach & Pier

The coastline has several access points. Free parking, bathrooms, showers at the pier. Lit for night fishing. Nearby you will find surfboards, wetsuits, stand-up paddle boarding and lessons available. There is also a great children's playground and volleyball courts.

Dining

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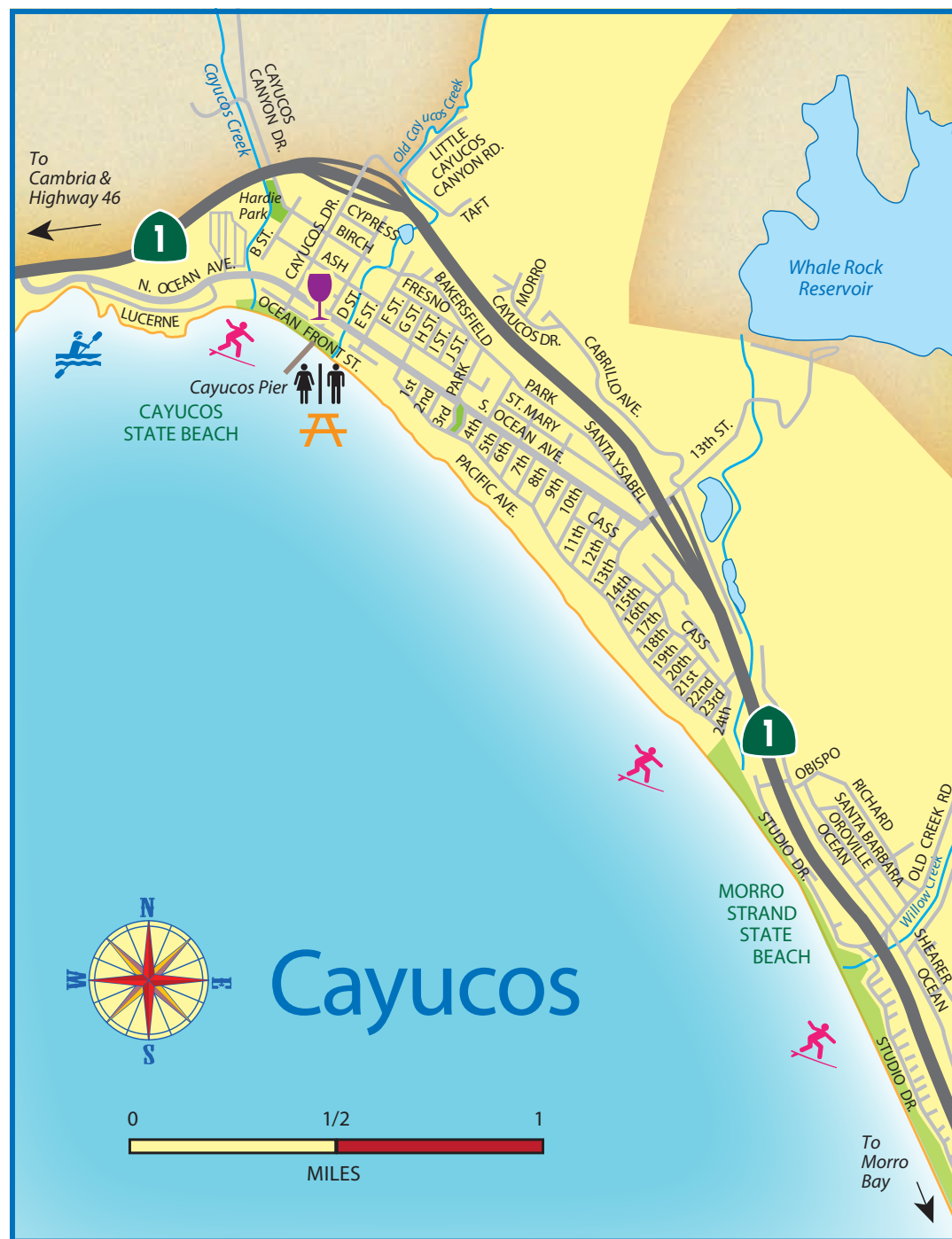
The shop features tiny floating hearts, mermaid crowns and work by local artists

Part of the romance about a peaceful stroll along a beach is finding the tumbled, gem-toned pieces of glass, edges washed smooth from who knows how many years tossing around in the waves. Pick up one, then another and another, each time wondering, "Where did this come from?" Maybe a perfume bottle from an ancient sunken ship, or a rum bottle tossed overboard by a rowdy pirate. What glass vessel was shattered and tossed around as it traveled with the waves? How long did it take to get here? How far has it come?

At the end of the walk, the handful of wave washed glass, too precious and mysterious to leave behind, is taken home and added to the jar already holding jeweled glass from previous walks. "Someday," the finder promises, "I'm going to do something with all this sea glass."

Jason Cordero, of Cabana Jewelry and Gifts is so intrigued with the mystery of sea glass the he has created an exclusive line of jewelry from that desire of someday doing something with sea glass. Along with making unique original jewelry, Cordero also creates custom jewelry from sea glass people bring to him. "People who like sea glass value it," said Cordero. "Sea glass is personal."

Who knew that pretty piece of ocean blue glass they picked up was the home of a sculpted silver



jellyfish, or the dark green almost perfectly round piece is really a sea turtle? Cordero brings sea glass to life, treating each piece like a gemstone. Each wave-tumbled shard is set in a uniquely formed sterling silver or 14-carat gold setting. Those small pieces collected from among the washed up kelp really are tiny, brilliant hearts, dancing on a necklace just as they floated and drifted in the waves.

What else will one find in Cabana Jewelry and Gifts? Bracelets

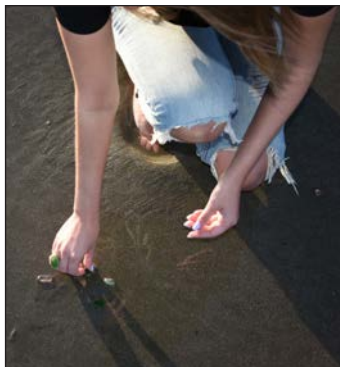


reminiscent of mermaid crowns, and even tiny sculpted mermaids; miniature sculpted palm trees and stylized waves flowing across a sea glass pendant are only a few sea glass treasures to be found. Cordero also features work by other Central Coast jewelers such as Cavin Chains Unbound by Matthew Robertson, hand crafted jewelry by Richard Jordan and Big Sur jade by Dillon Carr.

"I want to make it look like little floating pieces," said Cordero about

63 N Sunny Catering stays true to its roots

The company showcases tasty and locally sourced dishes



his jewelry, "Each piece is original and will never be the same from piece to piece." Cordero does not alter the primary shape of the glass, preferring to work with the natural shape of each piece.

Cordero collects most of the sea glass he uses from Cayucos Beach and other beaches on the Central Coast. "I like the idea that the glass is recycled and of finding something raw and organic and using it for what it is."

Cabana Jewelry and Gifts is the place for those unique birthday, Christmas and Valentine's gifts. Cabana Jewelry and Gifts is located at 14 N. Ocean Avenue, Cayucos, CA. The telephone is (805) 459-1480 and the store can also be found on Facebook.

- Jackie Iddings



To truly experience the fresh and local flavors of the Central Coast, 63 N Sunny Catering is the prime example of how to harness the power of local foods to create stunning dishes for catered events. Started in 2016 by Judi Forster, known as "The Underground Chef", the company uses the best ingredients within 50 miles of Cayucos to bring a memorable dining experience to each client.

"Using the local ingredients and being able to showcase them... [the] food doesn't lose its integrity and you can taste the Central Coast," said Forster, who became passionate about the culinary world since making large Italian style dinners with her Sicilian neighbor at a young age.

Some of the most popular and lauded dishes from 63 N Sunny Catering include the Caribbean style jerk shrimp or chicken with a cumin sweet potato hash, coconut lime rice and salad. Also, a signature pesto that accompanies salmon, chicken and pasta dishes. Seafood dishes are a main focus. Most desserts are made in-house or sourced from a local pastry chef. Herbs are home

grown, meats and seafood are locally raised or sourced, and fruits and vegetables are used in their specific season. The meals can be served in a formal plated manner or buffet style.

"One of our sayings is 'Let us make your event delicious,'" said Forster, who has traveled the world learning different culinary skills that she uses in developing her meals. While each dish showcases this global diversity, the name of 63 N Sunny Catering brings it right back home to the Central Coast, where the mild temperature of 63 degrees Fahrenheit and sunny weather con-

tributes to the bounty of fresh and local foods.

63 N Sunny Catering will help ensure that the dining aspect of an event runs smoothly with the process of set up and clean up including with their services. Tables are decorated with appropriate local flora, such as bouquets or a mixture of grapevines and mason jar tealights to create a magical effect. The company also offers elegant silverware, stemware, linens, and plates for a small additional cost.

By cooking tasty meals for small scale events, such as dinner parties and weddings, this boutique catering company can make sure each unique culinary detail is perfect, as opposed to a general mass production of dishes. The catering business is very much focused on sustainability and "Farm to Table", utilizing this mindset before it became popularized. Unused ingredients return to the farm for livestock or is composted. Forster, whose husband is a rancher, immersed herself in using ingredients straight from the farm in her dishes. This philosophy is the foundation of 63 N Sunny Catering in making every dish local, fresh and delicious.

63 N Sunny Catering is open Monday through Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information call (805) 674-0808 or visit 63nsunnycatering.com.

-Sadie Mae Mace





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Harmony



Welcome to Harmony: Population 18. Founded by a handful of rouge artists and dairy farmers, the town is a quick, fun stop in-between Cambria and Cayucos on the stunning North Coast.

The town of Harmony began as a dairy settlement in the late 19th century started by Swiss immigrants living near the Italian border — the same background as many of San Luis Obispo County's founders, including the Madonna family, owners of the Madonna Inn located in San Luis Obispo. Harmony is one paved street off of SR 1. The main structure is a "U" shaped building, the former creamery, with the open area being a small plaza. On the far side of the structure is the Harmony Pottery Shop. On the near side is the former post office and a lounge for visitors.

For more information about the town of Harmony and what it offers, visit HarmonyTown.com.

Fun places to check out in Harmony

What's there to see in a town of 18?

Harmony Valley Creamery

In a town where nothing is exactly 'normal', the folks at Harmony Valley Creamery know what it takes to create awesome craft ice cream, made in small batches that delight the taste buds of locals and visitors alike. Founded in 1913 around a burgeoning local dairy industry, the formation of the Harmony Valley Creamery Association would see Harmony serve as the capital of Central Coast dairy production for nearly half a century.

Harmony Chapel

Shouldn't every wedding begin in Harmony? We think so. And it doesn't get any more quaint than Harmony Chapel — from its beautifully hand-carved wood doors to the quirky wine barrel facade,

there's really nothing quite like it. The Chapel accommodates about forty seated guests with standing room for twenty more, while Harmony Gardens is an outdoor ceremony option for those who prefer their nuptials au naturel, or have a larger guest list. Whether your dream is 10 guests or 100, Harmony is the perfect place to tie the knot or renew your vows.

Harmony Glass Works

Harmony Glass Works now lies at the north-west end of the street. Founded in 2007 and open daily, the shop is a gallery, studio and school, which offers beginner classes in glassblowing techniques.

Anecdotes and Fun Facts

- A toilet rumored to have been used by Hollywood star of the silver screen, Rudolph Valentino

remained as a shrine for decades in the field on the southwest side of town before being stolen. Several months later it was 'found' by a Fresno resident and offered back for a ransom that was refused.

- Then-governor Ronald Reagan politely declined an invitation to Harmony's ribbon-cutting ceremony in 1970.
- 1979 Harmony was featured by KABC in Los Angeles with a live broadcast of the Ken and Bob Company radio show. Ken Minyard and Bob Arthur were the hosts and featured singing artist Jehry Miller singing his hit song "Harmonizing in Harmony Population 18".

- Freddy, a.k.a. Fredduccini Alfredo, a Maine Coon cat served as the unofficial mayor of Harmony for 22 years from 1973 to 1995.



Discover the Central Coast's sweet tooth

Harmony Valley Creamery creates scrumptious ice cream



Nestled in the small town of Harmony, where the population is 18, one of California's hidden treasures is just waiting to be discovered - Harmony Valley Creamery. With multiple artisan ice cream flavors, this family owned and operated business is a great destination for a road trip to enjoy a cold treat and explore the town.

"Come visit the little hamlet of Harmony and step back in time," said Tom Halen, president of Harmony Valley Creamery.

Harmony Valley Creamery is well known for their signature ice creams with quirky names, such as Mayor Freddy's Vanilla Bean with Madagascar Bourbon beans, Doo Dah Mint 'N Chip, Local Yodelers Cookies 'N Cream, School's Out Strawberry and Harmony Chapel Chocolate. Pints and scoops of the decadent flavors can be found at different restaurants and markets around San Luis Obispo County.

The Scoop Truck is another avenue to appease a sweet tooth. There are currently two restored trucks: a 1957 and 1964 DIVCO that were formerly used as milk delivery trucks from Arizona and California. These ice cream shops on wheels travel around the Coast to farmers markets to bring the taste of Harmony to locals and tourists. One of the trucks is used for special events, where guests can

reserve the Scoop Truck to bring ice cream right to their party, wedding, or other celebration.

The Harmony Valley Creamery has over a hundred years of experience in the dairy industry and it certainly shows in the smooth, delicious ice cream. The business started in the early 20th century and temporarily closed down in the 1960s. After Harmony decided to renovate the town to its quirky nature, the creamery reopened for business in 2015.

The town, along with the creamery's building, is scheduled to open in 2020. Along with a dairy shop that will sell cheeses, milk and other similar products, there are plans for a restaurant. While devouring a mouthwatering scoop of Harmony Valley Creamery's iconic frozen treat, make sure to explore the Harmony Glassworks, general store, Harmony Pottery, or the beautiful outdoors.

With the town of Harmony making its mark on the Central Coast with every scoop of ice cream, a perfect day on the Central Coast must include a taste of this famous dessert.

Harmony Valley Creamery is located at 2177 Old Creamery Road in Harmony. Open every day from noon to 4 p.m. For more information, call (805) 927-1028 or visit harmonyvalleycreamery.com.

—Sadie Mae Mace



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Cambria,

San Simeon & North Coast



Nestled in a forest of coastal pines, Cambria rests along a rugged coastline, offering spectacular views, top-notch cuisine and quaint shopping.

The town is charming and filled with boutique shops and roads lined with wildflowers. Walking through Cambria is like revisiting the quiet, isolated communities that flourished in the early 1900s.

Today, Cambria is the biggest settlement on the North Coast with two village areas filled with small shops, restaurants, motels and seaside cottages.

It is also the gateway to the California State Park's most popular attraction — Hearst Castle.

Cambria is about 35 miles north of San Luis Obispo on scenic Highway 1 and about 30 miles west of Paso Robles at the end of the wine country's Highway 46 West.

Cambria boasts some of the finest restaurants in San Luis Obispo County. They run the gamut of tastes from California cuisine to seafood, but share a common goal of absolute freshness.

Hearst Castle

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San Simeon

San Simeon is the last stop on the road to Hearst Castle. The state beach

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Ball & Skein & More is a paradise of colors, textures, yarns and more

Shop features vendors from around the world

stroll into the Ball & Skein & More shop in Cambria greets visitors with splashes of rich colors and deep textures. Long skeins of luxuriously textured yarn from spinners and dyers in the US and around the world hang from nearly seven foot tall racks. Balls of soft color fill shelves and bins. Wearable items from purses, socks, sweaters, vests, caps and more are found in corners, between display racks, and nooks throughout the store. Beautifully handcrafted buttons, crochet hooks and knitting needles, many from reclaimed wood, patterns, kits, looms, and spinning and felting supplies can all be found in the 1800 square foot store.

Owners, Kris Gregson and Oz Barron, and the store's highly knowledgeable staff welcome everyone.



"We welcome everyone of every skill level," said Barron. "Whatever you want to do with this colored string we are here to help you." Gregson and Barron's philosophy can be summed up in the slogan, "Give us twenty minutes and we'll give you the basics," said Gregson. "We like people to bring us their project

questions to get started, or how to master a technique. We can show you exactly what you need to do. We love helping people this way."

The store carries every kind of yarn from acrylic to hand spun and dyed natural fibers. Ball & Skein & More is one of the largest retailer of the fair trade yarn from the Manos del Uruguay women's cooperative. The racks are filled with yarns from 90 vendors including Berroco, Mrs. Crosby, Trendsetter Mountain Colors, Noro and Plymouth.

Barron said, "We're the largest shop on the Central Coast and among the larger shops in the country. Pretty amazing for a store in a town of around 6,000."

Barron said, "We have one of the largest collections of yarn west of the Mississippi and are one of five shops in San Luis Obispo County. Not bad for a store in a town of around 6,000." Even though a percentage of



the shops sales are online through the website, www.cambriayarn.com, Gregson and Barron believe supporting the local community is important. A popular local event is "Stitching in your slippers," every Friday and Sunday from 10:30 - 4. "Just come by and bring your project," said Gregson. "I don't recall anyone actually showing up in slippers. The idea is to get together in a creative environment and learn from each other and meet fellow fiber fans." Gregson said people drift in and out on those days. "Some stay for an hour or so and some stay the entire day. It's an amazing exchange of skill and creativity."

Ball & Skein & More is located at 4210 Bridge St. in Cambria, CA. The shop is open seven days a week, including New Years day, from 10 - 5. Closed Thanksgiving and Christmas. Telephone: (805) 927-3280.

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Cambria's Teresabelle Gallery paints the West Village in colorful hues

Popular gallery offers beads, charms, glass art, paintings and more

Cambria permeates a whimsical charm and Teresabelle Gallery perfectly matches its colorful ambiance. Located in the West Village, this popular gallery offers everything from beads and charms, Venetian glass jewelry and fused glass tabletop art to sun catchers, original paintings, fine art prints and fair trade crafts.

This spacious, light-filled gallery offers American artist designed and handcrafted gifts and accessories focusing on messages of hope, joy, support, renewal and inspiration. Featuring one of a kind, limited edition fine art, one local artist, Julie Dunn, portrays Central Coast ocean and vineyard landscapes on canvases, prints and ceramic tiles. Another of the area's artists collages fabric and paper combined with large, colorful stamps from around the world to create unique greeting cards and art pieces.

Jani Mohr, owner of Teresabelle Gallery, is always looking for new ideas to offer her eclectic visitor mix. "I like to promote art with inspirational messages that make you stop, smile and reflect for awhile," she said. Cambria is the perfect halfway meeting place between Los Angeles and San Francisco along with having an added international tourist base.

Two new specialty lines Mohr has introduced this spring are



Grammy Award winning musician Gary Kvistad Woodstock Chimes and Chamilia, fine jewelry from the Swarovski Group, known for their stunning crystals. Born in Wisconsin, Chamilia crafts each piece from sterling silver using images that reflect our journey through life and the gifts we can bring to those around us. Gary's chimes are specially designed for long lasting musical enjoyment by using extra thick tubes, tuned to perfection, frictionless suspension and precise placement of individual components.

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When asked what initially brought her to the area, Mohr mentioned that it was one of several considerations along with Taos, Portland and Santa Fe. She had named her dog Cambria, mail from Cambria was accidentally sent to her and the name just kept coming up in her life. She finally visited and from that point on she knew that it was just meant to be. Purchasing the gallery in 2007, her focus has been on primarily promoting local and West Coast artist creations.

Along with Cambria being such a nature-oriented and dog friendly destination, a strong sense of community was another reason she landed here. She first got wind of this town's hospitality at the annual Pinedorado Days parade during Labor Day weekend. Little kids, elderly people and everyone in between were all dressed up and celebrating while watching Clydesdales, bands and vintage cars pass by.

"There's such uniqueness with the ma and pa stores that are still here," Mohr said. "There are no big box stores and it's a lot like the



quaintness that South Pasadena and Carmel once had. Things here are design-oriented with a homemade feel. There's a genuinely local, creative spirit."

Mohr, previously Director of Creative Staffing for Hallmark in Kansas City, Missouri, started out teaching color theory and design on the college level in Michigan. Looking to the future, she would like to expand the gallery into more gift items with words and corresponding images. "I want to offer more than a piece of jewelry. I want something to have a point of view that means something significant to the person giving or receiving that gift."

Visit the Teresabelle Gallery at 766 Main Street in the West Village of Cambria or call (805) 927-4556 for more information.

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When a day exploring the shops in the town of Cambria, collecting moonstones on Moonstone Beach, and scouting the beautiful trails and gardens along the North Coast of San Luis Obispo County begins to laze beneath a setting sun, the evening calls for a relaxed dinner of exceptional food and smooth wines. Cambria Pines Lodge Restaurant has just the menu and atmosphere to indulge feeling cozy and romantic and the Fireside Lounge is fully equipped to quench any thirst.

Cambria Pines Lodge is a favorite with patrons to enjoy the awe-inspiring rooms and views, in addition to savoring a fine dining experience. The lodge serves some of the finest meals on the Central Coast and is a regular gathering place for locals as well. Meals are casual and relaxed, yet the fare is seasoned and flavorful with a menu befitting the woodsy elegance of a town rich with historical beauty and warmth.

Cambria Pines Lodge Restaurant prioritizes the freshness of the meals and the staff understands the importance of a healthy food menu, with locally sourced products and produce boasting outstanding flavors and textures featured daily. The Cambria Pines Lodge chefs use organic herbs and seasonally available produce from the organic kitchen garden situated near the Main Lodge building.

Local musicians provide live entertainment nightly in the Fireside Lounge and, with wines flowing abundantly on the Central Coast, nearly every varietal desired is likely provided at Cambria Pines Lodge Restaurant and lounge. A crackling fire, delicious dinner, sumptuous wine, romantic music – everything adds up to a perfect evening.

About the lodge

Cambria Pines Lodge is situated on 25 lush wooded acres with many

individually landscaped gardens. There are 152 rooms to choose from, varying from suites to traditional hotel rooms to rustic cabins, with many offering views of the forest and some with fireplaces. Large suites can sleep up to six people whereas smaller suites will accommodate up to four. The “Deluxe” suite offers a patio, two rooms, and two gas fireplaces. The “Deluxe Spa Tub” suite offers a jetted spa tub, mini fridge, and a microwave, as well as a living room and comfy bedroom, each with its own fireplace.

The heated outdoor pool and spa for family fun is perfect for relaxing after a day at Hearst Castle, wine tasting, or shopping. The Sojourn Healing Arts Center onsite is ideal for those moments when a massage, body treatment, or solitude and peace are a must.

Wi-Fi is available in all rooms, complimentary newspapers are provided, and indoor and outdoor venues are available for meetings and special events. For animal lovers, Cambria Pines Lodge understands the importance of pets in the lives of their guests, so the presence of guests’ dogs and cats is honored. There is an on-property park for the pets to run and play; be sure to check the pet conditions and requirements before reserving a pet-friendly room.

Cambria Pines Lodge Restaurant serves breakfast Monday through Thursday from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. and Friday and Saturday from 7:30 to 11 a.m. Lunch is served Monday through Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 12 to 1:45 p.m. Dinner is available daily from 5 to 9 p.m. For more information, call (800) 966-6490, visit www.cambriapineslodge.com, or email [concierge@cambriapineslodge.com](mailto:concierge@ cambriapineslodge.com).

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Atascadero Lake and Park

Located on Highway 41 next to the zoo, the park is open from dawn to dusk and is open to the public. Paddle boats and kayaks are available for rent depending on the water level of the lake. A pedestrian path loops around the lake and is about one mile.

Atascadero Historical Society

The Atascadero Historical Society Colony House, 6600 Lewis Ave. behind the city parking lot across the street from the City Administration Building, is open every Wednesday and Saturday from 1 - 4 p.m. Talk to a docent about the history of Atascadero.

Charles Paddock Zoo

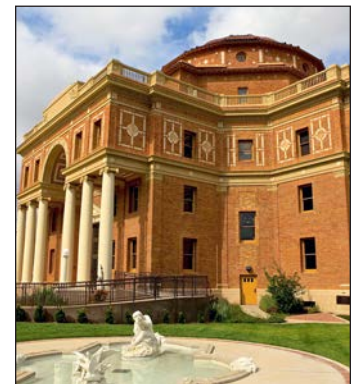
9100 Morro Rd., Atascadero, just off Highway 41, about one-and-a-half miles west of Highway 101. Admission is \$7 for adults, \$5 for children 3 to 11

years old and \$6 for seniors 65 and older. The zoo is open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. daily. The zoo is one of only 211 zoos accredited by the American Zoo and Aquarium Association since 1991. The park was founded in 1955 by Charles Paddock, who was a park ranger who came to the aid of injured wildlife. (805) 461-5080

Dining

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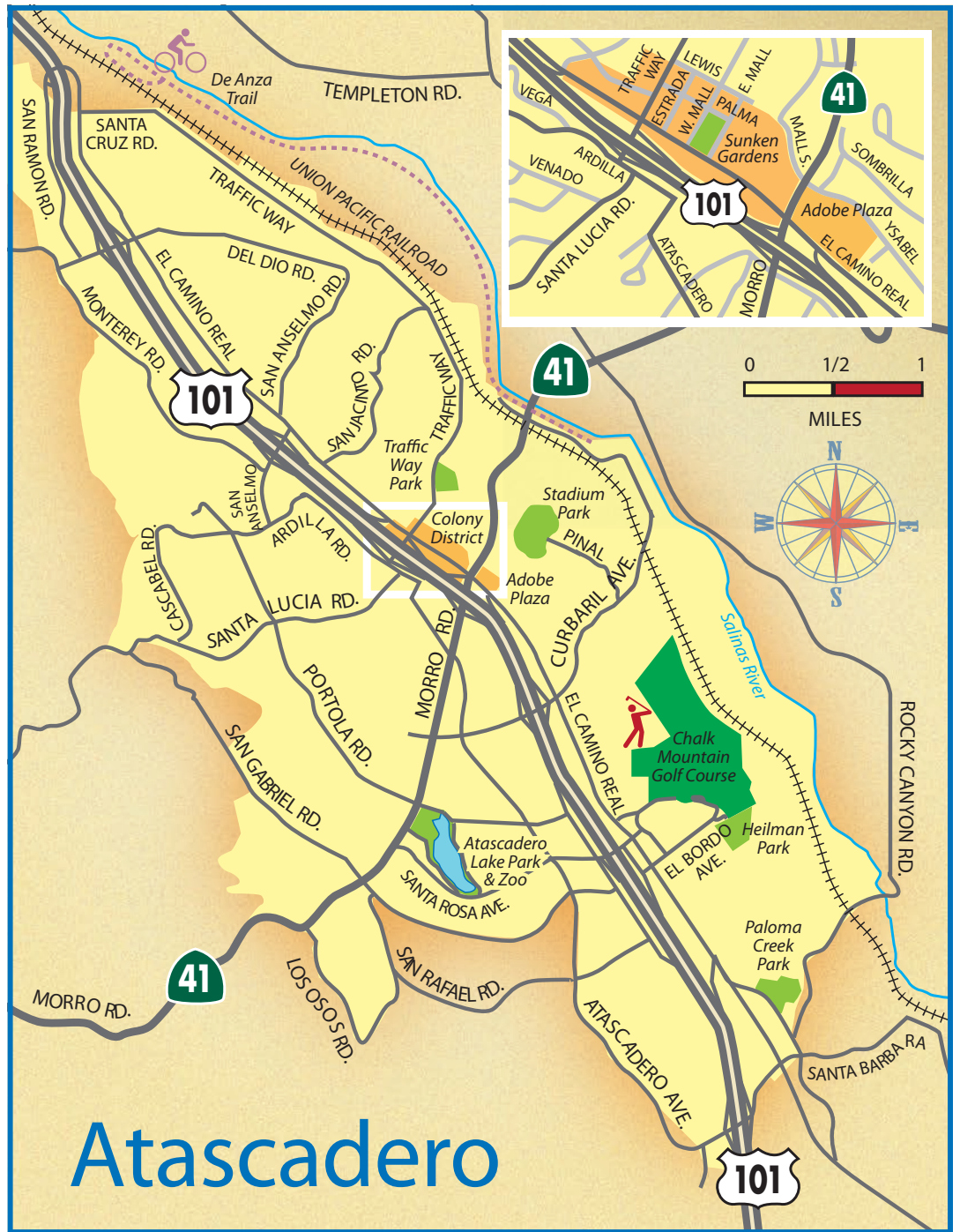


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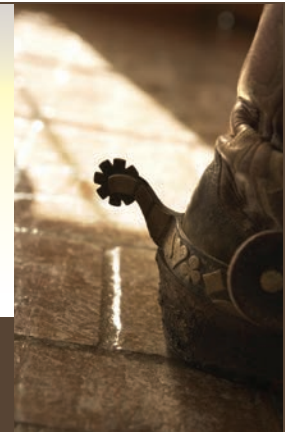
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Charles Paddock Zoo was granted accreditation by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums independent accreditation commission.

“Only zoos and aquariums that meet the highest standards are accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums,” said AZA President and CEO Jim Maddy. “The community should take great pride in knowing that the Charles Paddock Zoo is a proven leader in the care and conservation of wildlife, and in inspiring people to take action to protect the natural world.”

To be accredited, the Charles Paddock Zoo underwent a thorough review to ensure it has and will continue to meet ever-rising standards, which include animal care, veterinary programs, conservation, education, and safety. AZA requires zoos and aquariums to successfully complete this rigorous accreditation process every five years in order to be members of the Association.

The accreditation process includes a detailed application and a meticulous on-site inspection by a team of trained zoo and aquarium



professionals. The inspecting team observes all aspects of the institution's operation.

As part of this prestigious group, the Charles Paddock Zoo is part of worldwide efforts to rejuvenate various species and has a number of SSP animals on display including a red ruffed lemur, black-handed spider monkey, red panda and a tiger.

The Charles Paddock Zoo, located at 9100 Morro Road, just off Highway 41 in Atascadero, is open daily; 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Call (805) 461-5080 or visit charlespaddock-zoo.org for more information and upcoming events.

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Santa Margarita Lake

Located off Highway 58. The park offers a variety of services year round. Some services include fishing and boating, hiking and trails, picnics, camping, and swimming. The park is located on several thousand acres of land that has been designated as open space. Two camping areas are open and backcountry campgrounds are

accessible by boat. The swimming area is open from Memorial Day through Labor Day. Be sure to stop at the one gas station in town before driving out to the lake, as there are no gas services once you leave town. (805) 788-2397

Santa Margarita Historical Society

The vision of the Santa Margarita Historical Society is to make our local history available on-line with hardcopy held at the public library located on the corner of I & Murphy Streets in Santa Margarita. Plans call for restoration of the small county jail building and documenting a number of the community's historic buildings, both those that are still standing and those that have disappeared over the decades. The Society is recording the stories of

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Shopping

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Danielle, the daughter of the founders, grew up in the floral business. She worked with her mother as a child, and all through high school. She found herself back in Templeton in 2005, and after the loss of her father to an illness, teamed up with her mother to run the business. They have put their love, time, and energy into creating a wonderful floral business, and they adore what they do. Their commitment to quality shows, and the fresh flowers they sell are pulled daily from local flower supply trucks. Adelaide Floral is proud to deliver to Templeton, Paso Robles, and Atascadero. They can also send orders out of town and worldwide. Looking for an indoor or outdoor plant? Look no further, Adelaide Floral has that too.

Jane and Danielle are passionate about creating stylish arrangements using unique, artistic flowers. They are happy to create custom orders, and they can get just about anything with a little notice. With last minute orders or full wedding ceremonies, Adelaide Floral can create the perfect centerpiece for any occasion.

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Wine Tasting

See special section beginning on Page 89. The biggest attraction for tourists is the local wine country. There are more than 180 wineries in North County, many with tasting rooms open for your enjoyment all week long. This area is the fastest growing American Viticultural Area in California with 26,000 acres planted. It has one of the longest and most consistent growing seasons for wine grapes in California.

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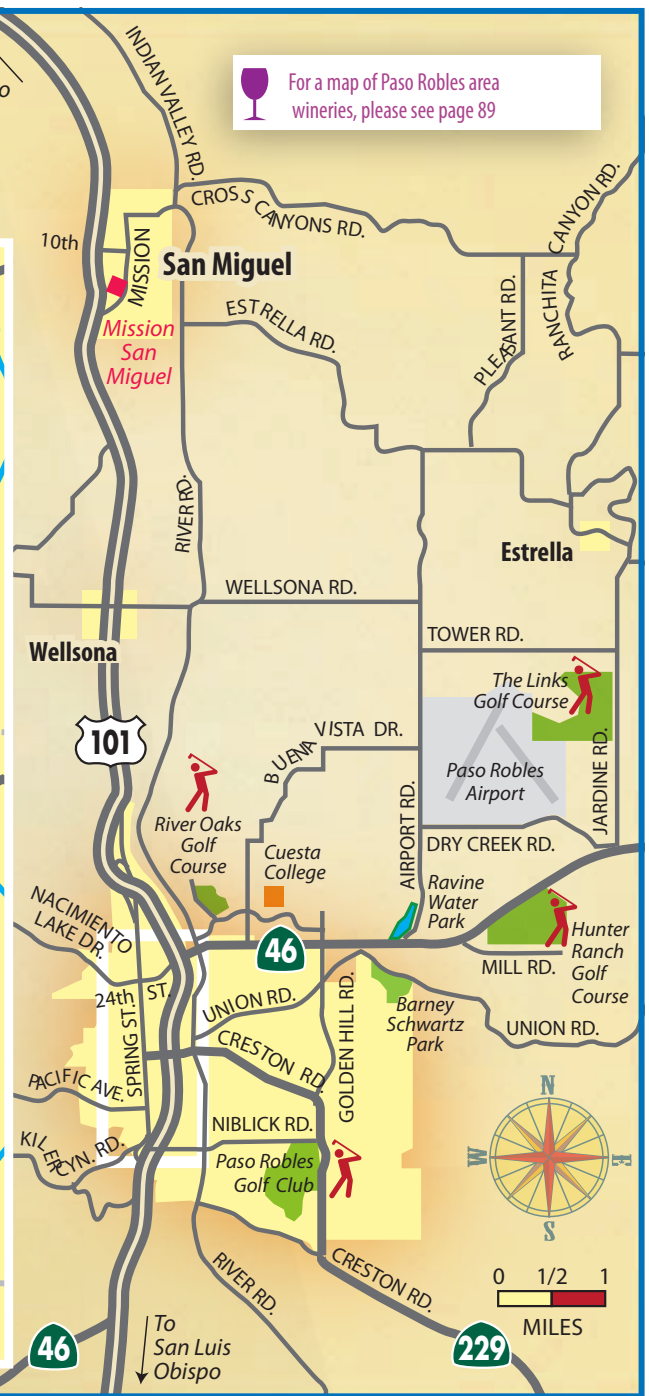
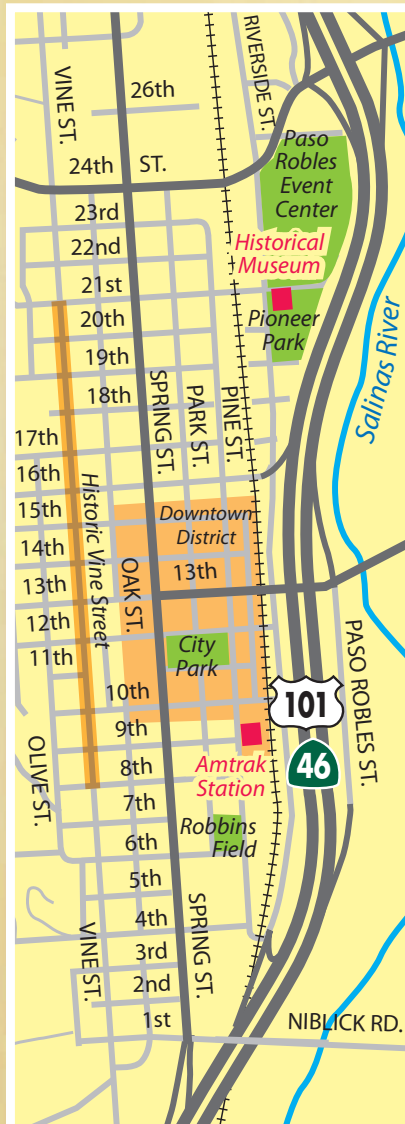
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Regarding the horses coming in the Saloon owner Ron French said, “People get a real kick out of it (hopefully not from a horse), and how often do you get to have a beer with a horse?” Ron and his mom, Pat French, own the establishment on Pine Street. During the 1880s



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Safe rides

"We go out of our way to take care of customers," said French. A few years ago, the saloon acquired its own limousine, which French uses to pick up and deliver a Safe Ride to customers when they don't have a sober driver on hand. Because he wants everyone to enjoy a safe night on the town, he'll take you anywhere within city limits, and all for free - though that kind of service warrants a generous tip to the limo driver!

"It's really popular with folks staying at the hotels," said French. "If

you don't have a designated driver and can't afford a cab, we want to make sure you don't do anything that's going to get someone hurt." As a matter of fact, French gave actor Gary Busey a ride back to Hollywood in the limo - check out the picture at the Saloon. But even free limo rides don't reach the extent of the bar's helpful hospitality; Ron helps some find a room where they can sleep it off.

Haunted saloon?

But beware. The Saloon is rumored to be haunted, and was even the subject of an episode of the Travel Channel's hit show, The Dead Files.

"I don't really believe in ghosts or any of that," said French. "It's an old wooden building with creaky noises." Many guests tell us stories of noises, pans falling in the kitchen, and things moving. Out of curiosity, French set up night vision cameras in the hall corridor and has video footage of what he calls "super charged dust particles" that appear to glow, travel through glass, and zip

around the room even when the air is still. And there are the videos of lamps and an old vacuum cleaner moving across the floor late at night.

French said that he was able to provide 25 people to speak with the



producers who have had ghostly experiences within the bar, as well as some footage caught on his night-vision cameras.

The premise of Dead Files is that a retired homicide detective and a medium, "combine their sixth senses to investigate haunted locations where a deadly crime was committed." Steve DiSchiavi is a retired

detective with more than 20 years of experience with the New York City Police Department, and Amy Allan is a paranormal researcher and psychic who has worked with many private investigators and police agencies. In each episode, the duo investigates a case independently and keep their findings hidden from each other to preserve the integrity of their discoveries. At the episode's end, DiSchiavi and Allan share with the property owner what they discover.

Live music

Live music is a key element of the entertainment at the Saloon. Past performers include Paula Nelson, Willie Nelson's daughter; country star Kacey Musgraves; Kenny Lee Lewis, lead guitar for the Steve Miller Band; Travis Howard, who has written a dozen of Miranda Lambert's songs; Ramblin' Jack Elliott; Louie Ortega; actors Gary Busey and Robert Carradine and more.

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got about 10 local bands that play here regularly. We keep them on a kind of rotating schedule and mix in an out of town act every once in a while to keep it from getting stale.”

During the day, the Pine Street Saloon is a quiet place to relax and visit with neighbors and friends, but it’s a bit different at night. There’s always something fun happening, and the night time activities are guaranteed to draw a crowd, with Sunday’s Karaoke, Monday’s Open Mic, Tuesday’s Karaoke, Wednesday’s Open Band Night, the Thursday North County Line Series, Friday night Karaoke and live bands on Saturday.

A bit unrefined

There’s little about the bar that could be called “refined,” and there are no fancy frills. The jukebox plays both kinds of music: country and western. The decorations consist of historic signs and pictures, animal heads and old concert flyers. Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights there is a food trailer in the backyard with some very fine food. It’s a cash only establishment, but they do have an ATM inside for those that only brought their credit cards.

“We can make those foo-foo drinks, but they’re not very popular around here,” said French. “Our specialties are beer or Jack and Coke, nice and simple...It ain’t a wine bar, that’s for sure.” And you can shoot a game of pool, or hang in the new backyard till the cows come home.

The simple, no nonsense formula of cold beer and good service has

worked at Pine Street Saloon for 40 years. It’s a family operation that started in 1971 under Pat French. For most of its run, the business was in the building next door to its current location, but the family always had their eye on the old brothel as a perfect drink house. They moved the business in 2002 just in time for the big earthquake that damaged several buildings in the area, including the brick building that had housed the bar. It was torn down, and but the new location suffered nothing more than a slight tilt. If you look carefully at the front entrance, you can see that the wooden building leans a little to the right.

“This place was built to last,” said French. “We did some retrofits to reinforce the walls and make sure it was safe.”

After the move, Pat handed the reins to Ron, but she still gets behind the bar to serve drinks every now and again. Ron’s son works in the bar as well, making it a third generation business. “Mom started it. I’m keeping it going, and Danny’s keeping it stocked with beer and spirits,” said French.

Whether you’re a homegrown local or a weary traveler, point your horse toward 1234 Pine Street in the historic downtown district of Paso Robles and visit the Pine Street Saloon. For more information call (805) 238-1114 and ask for Ron, or visit the website at PineStreetSaloon.com.

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Building upon the success of its “Liquid California” mantra, up-and-coming distiller Calwise Spirits has reached a new milestone with the opening of a flagship distillery in the Paso Robles wine country on California’s Central Coast.

The Calwise Spirits distillery opened near Paso Robles’ Tin City neighborhood mid June, and features a custom still, tasting bar, cocktail service, light bites and other visitor amenities.

Founded in 2016 by Aaron Bergh, who at age 25 is one of the youngest master distillers in the world, Calwise Spirits specializes in gins and rums that are infused with native California ingredients. Fittingly, the labels depict illustrations of iconic California wildlife.

In just two years, Calwise has gained widespread retail distribution. Retailers carrying Calwise Spirits in California include Bristol Farms, Whole Foods, Bevmo and Vons, as well as California Fresh Market in San Luis Obispo and Pismo Beach. Calwise’s spirits can also be found at leading bars and restaurants around California and locally, including Fish Gaucho (Paso Robles), Flour House (San Luis Obispo), Novo (San Luis Obispo), Benchmark Eatery (Santa Barbara) and Boathouse at Hendry’s Beach (Santa Barbara). They are also available online via Hi-Time Wine Cellars and others.

Big Sur Gin & “Liquid California”

Calwise’s signature offering is the “Big Sur Gin” (\$35), which is distilled from locally sourced wine grapes and infused with 12 organic wild herbs that are largely native to the iconic Big Sur coastline, including sage, yerba santa, bay, fennel, and elderberry.

As a Central Coast native and an outdoorsman who studied plant sci-

ences at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, Bergh alighted on the idea of Big Sur Gin while hiking in the region’s oceanfront mountains.

“I’ve been hiking around the Central Coast for years, and wanted to capture the aromas and flavors I found in the wild,” he said. “I wanted to remain true to juniper being the classic central gin ingredient, but in addition to the other traditional botanicals such as coriander and citrus peel, I decided to explore using these native herbs. After a multitude of test batches, I finally found the perfect blend for creating this taste of what I call ‘Liquid California.’”

The results have been immediate, as the Big Sur Gin has already earned a Best of Show medal at the 2017 Wine & Spirits Wholesalers of America’s Annual Convention & Exposition, and a gold medal at the 2017 Los Angeles International

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- Aaron Bergh

Wine & Spirits Competition.

Another signature Calwise offering is the “Blonde Rum” (\$33), which is fermented with U.S.-grown raw sugar cane and matured in retired wine barrels used in local chardonnay production, resulting in a rum that is “as bright as the sun and as crisp as an ocean breeze.”

New Custom Distillery & Tasting Room

Buoyed by the success of his inaugural creations, Bergh is now con-



fidently moving forward with the buildout of his new 6,000-square-foot distillery and tasting room. To date, he has been producing his spirits in collaboration with a distillery in San Diego.

The centerpiece of the distillery is a still that has been customized to Bergh’s specific modifications. In addition to tasting flights of rum and gin, the tasting room will serve proprietary Calwise cocktails. A small menu will feature light bites such as locally made flatbread pizzas and bacon-wrapped dates. The visitor area will include a redwood bar and seating at copper tables. In addition

to signature Calwise offerings, the distillery will feature special-batch spirits including a barrel-aged gin.

“This is going to be a hub of creativity and experimentation, and it is going to drive the next chapter for Calwise Spirits,” Bergh said. “I’m stoked to finally have my own home.”

Calwise Distillery is located near “Tin City” at 3340 Ramada Dr suite B, in Paso Robles. Their tasting room is open Thursday Friday from 4-9 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 12-9 p.m. For more information call (805) 369-2662 or visit calwisespirits.com.



Master distiller Aaron Bergh was destined for this adventure. During Prohibition, the Feds shut down his family's moonshining operation—but not for very long.



A century later, the law came knocking again, because the college authorities didn't appreciate Aaron making hooch in his dorm. Calwise Spirits is Aaron's ode to this renegade heritage, and a nod to his homeland of coastal California. Now established as one of the youngest master distillers in the world, he has created a line of premium spirits that embody the essence of the Golden State, infusing them with native ingredients that provide a pure taste of liquid California. Visit CalwiseSpirits.com.

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Get inspired at Studios on the Park

Thanks to artist Anne Laddon's vision for an active, engaging space for artists and art lovers alike, Studios on the Park in downtown Paso Robles serves as a major hub of the Central Coast's thriving art community. Dedicated to sharing the creative process with locals and visitors, this nonprofit organization and open studios art center has grown to include six studios with 15 artists, the Paso Robles Art Association with over two hundred members, four galleries and a fine craft gift shop since opening in 2009.

Local artists work in a variety of mediums at Studios on the Park, including acrylic, charcoal, collage, mixed media, oil, pastel, pen & ink, photography, printmaking and watercolor. Styles range from traditional to contemporary. The unique combination of artist workspace allows visitors to view the art as it is being made. Visitors often have the opportunity to create art themselves.



Studios on the Park recently completed a colorful new downtown art mural. Artists featured: Jason Graves, Pat Milbery, Pat McKinney of Colorado-based So-Gnar Creative Division.

The heart of Studios on the Park, with artists as "professionals who inspire others to create, explore, educate and share," is based on an interactive art community

Laddon had been a part of in the Washington DC area during the 1970's and 80's. Visitors are encouraged to pause, ask questions, and watch the artists as they work.

"Studios on the Park is committed to providing arts access and education in Paso Robles," Laddon said. "It is so much more than a gallery."


History and community connection

From its location along the tree-lined eastern edge of the downtown city park, Studios on the Park boasts an array of activities for visitors and community members, as well as the opportunity for visitors to purchase and learn about art being made locally. Residing in a historic building that once housed an auto repair shop and a variety of auto showrooms, the art center has maintained the original character of the building through its repurposing. The facade, with its floor-to-ceiling windows, lets in abundant light; the sign on the front of the building was designed to mirror old-fashioned auto repair shop signs; and decorative touches throughout remind visitors of the history of the space.

A connection to the community was a part of Laddon's vision from

day one – a wide range of innovative programs are offered to engage and inspire the artist within each of us! Adults and children are encouraged to explore the visual arts and creative process through a diverse lineup of lectures, workshops, activities, exhibition-related special events and more. With its Kids Art Smart program, the nonprofit provides free, hands-on art classes to more than 6,000 local elementary and middle school children every year. Exhibitions are a vital part of Studios on the Park as well. They bring creativity to life through dynamic displays that showcase artwork of regional and national significance. New exhibitions are regularly celebrated with Art After Dark Paso, a fun tradition of art, wine, and live music-filled evenings on the first Saturday of the month. In addition, visitors can now enjoy a glass of Paso Robles' top wines every Friday and Saturday evening with their new Winery Partner Wine Bar. Wines change weekly and proceeds benefit their nonprofit work.

Studios on the Park recently completed a colorful new downtown art mural made possible by a Firestone Walker donation. Artists Pat Milbery, Pat McKinney and Jason Graves, of the So-Gnar Creative


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Division, enlisted local youth and community members to help paint Enjoy PASO. The finished 99' mural at 1215 Spring Street truly captures the essence of Paso Robles—including its rich history, natural beauty and agricultural heritage and is a vibrant new asset to our local arts scene. Be sure to stop by and take a selfie as you #EnjoyPaso!

With its continued presence both in the community and in its space downtown, Studios on the Park continues to make a huge impact on the landscape of the arts in Paso Robles and the entire Central Coast.

Studios on the Park, located at 1130 Pine St. in Paso Robles, is open Monday-Wednesday Noon - 4 p.m., Thursday - Sunday, Noon - 6 p.m., with extended hours until 9 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. Call (805) 238-9800 or visit studiosonthepark.org for more information, including a full listing of demonstrations, classes, and events for children and adults.

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Bruce and his son Toney own and operate all four locations. F. McLintocks' genuine western hospitality includes decadent steak dinners along with live music and flowing drinks. The restaurant is

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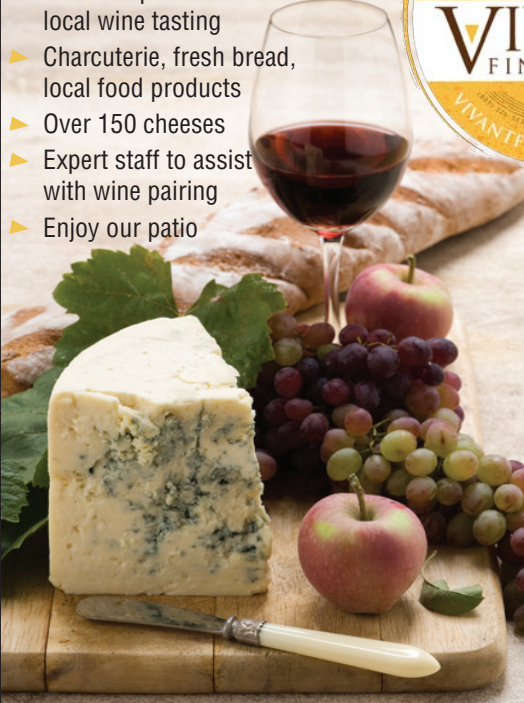
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When driving to Olea Farm through Templeton, be sure to admire their 1200 famous Arbequina olive trees on the property. The farm and tasting room are reminiscent of the French countryside, with antique decorations adding a tasteful flair. At the tasting room, inquire about the process of harvesting the olives, which all occurs on site. The processing stage is conducted by the mobile milling facility Mill On Wheels, which is the world’s largest mobile facility and owned and operated by the Juliens and two partners.

“We strive to educate alongside tasting award-winning extra virgin olive oils. Our past customers have told us they appreciated our ‘full



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We believe that everyone has their niche and here at Olea Farm you can come and spend time tasting our lovely EVOO that we work tirelessly to bring from the tree to the table,” said Karen Roach of Olea Farm, which was one of the first olive producers found here in SLO County.

After enjoying the tasting experience and learning about the multitude of olive oils made at Olea Farm, take a peek at the other gourmet culinary products offered, such as five different flavors of vinegars, local honey, and upscale herbs and blends, such as a flavor-

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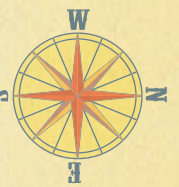
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Map of downtown Paso Robles showing streets from 7th to 15th and Vine St. to Riverside Ave. Key locations include Hoyt, Calipaso, Sea Shell, and various wineries like Chateau Lettuce and Grizzly.

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Map of the coastal region showing Highway 1, Highway 46, and Highway 41. Locations include San Simeon, Cambria, Cayucos, and Morro Bay.

Main map of Paso Robles wine country showing major roads, wineries, and landmarks. Key areas include Atascadero, Templeton, and Santa Margarita. Major roads shown include Highway 1, Highway 46, Highway 41, and Highway 94.

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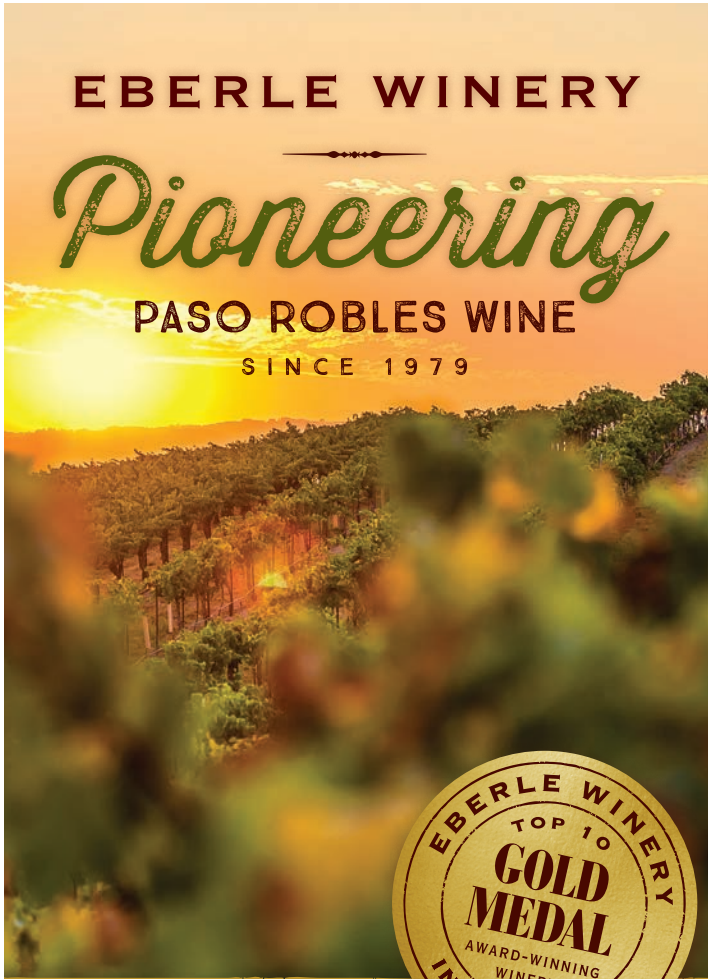
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The Riboli Family of San Antonio Winery adds new hospitality center

The venue's construction will be completed in the Fall

This year, the Riboli Family of San Antonio Winery plans on finishing a new Hospitality Center, which will be completed in the Fall. The spacious facility has three separate rooms that can transform into one large room and hold up to 250 people. It has a modern atmosphere, mixed with old world charm: a lovely and cool stucco exterior, polished stained concrete floor interior, skylights constructed from redwood tanks, and glass doors opening to the barrel room. All of these attributes invite guests to relax and socialize in comfort. "The new Hospitality Center isn't just a wedding venue, it is a center where people can hold retirement parties, meetings, celebrations, VIP events, and so much more" shared



Anthony Riboli, fourth generation winemaker. The design of the Hospitality Center incorporates

beautiful accents and touches of vintage redwood from their own tanks, giving the space a warmth and history, tying together old and new.

Opened in 2016, the modern winery production facility is committed to sustainable operations such as solar panels, complete wastewater treatment, and night cooling of the barrel room. The family also sustainably farms their estate vineyards in Paso Robles, Monterey, and Napa. San Antonio Winery has quickly become a well known destination on the Central Coast of California. The Riboli family has been in the wine business for over 100 years, and has a growing presence in Paso Robles. The family started in Los Angeles and still maintains the oldest remaining winery in downtown Los Angeles. The name San Antonio came from the Italian founder of the winery, Santo Cambianica, who dedicated the winery's name to his patron saint, Saint Anthony.

The wide variety of wines found at San Antonio Winery's tasting room and bistro make it an excellent place to visit, surrounded by the endless rolling hills and vineyards in Paso Robles.

San Antonio Winery sets very high quality standards and has been

rewards with gold medals and 90+ scores from the wine press. Visit and see what sets them apart from all the rest. Visitors to the winery can enjoy their various flights and samplings of wine, which include bold reds, crisp whites, refreshing sparklers, and semi-sweet wines. All under more than a dozen labels. After sampling the great wines, taste the bistro's flavorful dishes. Lunches and early dinners of Italian and American-style foods are sure to please all appetites.

Their commitment to quality speaks volumes across all aspects of their business. Fourth generation winemaker, Anthony Riboli expressed, "Our family has been in the wine business a long time and make a great wine. We provide a comfortable environment in which to taste and enjoy our wines. We are known for our wide variety of wines and welcome everyone from wine connoisseurs to newcomers to taste and explore without a pretentious attitude."

The wine tasting room, bistro, gift shop, and special events keep San Antonio Winery growing upward and onward as a staple of Paso Wine Country. From wines to lunches to events, the Riboli Family of San Antonio Winery seemingly does it all. The family has been investing in Paso Robles for 3 decades now, and they take pride in creating delicious wines in a comfortable environment to enjoy them.

Fresh locals food from the bistro can be purchased from 11 a.m to 5 p.m. and wine is available from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily at 2610 Buena Vista Drive off Hwy 46 East in Paso Robles. For more information, call (805) 226-2600 or visit www.SanAntonioWinery.com.

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An advertisement for Michael Gill Cellars. At the top, it says "20 GOLD MEDAL AWARDS 2018". Below that is a photograph of several wine bottles on a wooden surface, with a large white bear and a smaller dog in the background. The text "Where the Wild Things are." is written in a large, elegant font. Below that, in red, it says "WHERE ALL WINES ARE GOLD MEDAL WINNERS". The Michael Gill Cellars logo is prominently displayed in the center. At the bottom, the address "4125 Peachy Canyon Rd., Paso Robles" and other contact information are listed.

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The Perata family originated in Italy, with a history of winemaking in their background. Italian brothers

Gino and Joe Perata purchased 40 acres in Paso Robles in 1977, intending to establish a vineyard.

They started planting grapes in the 80's, and sold them to other local wineries. Gino and his father had a history of creating amazing wine in their home cellar every year, so in 1987, the decision was made to start a winery. The brothers wanted to showcase the quality of their grapes. This quality was vindicated by a streak of gold medals from 1990 to 1998 at international and state competitions.

Visitors to the winery experience a laid back atmosphere, where the true wine lover can feel right at home. The unpretentious tasting room of Fratelli Perata displays an artist's mural of the family home in Genoa, Italy, where Grandfather Giuseppe Perata learned his craft. The specially cut labels on

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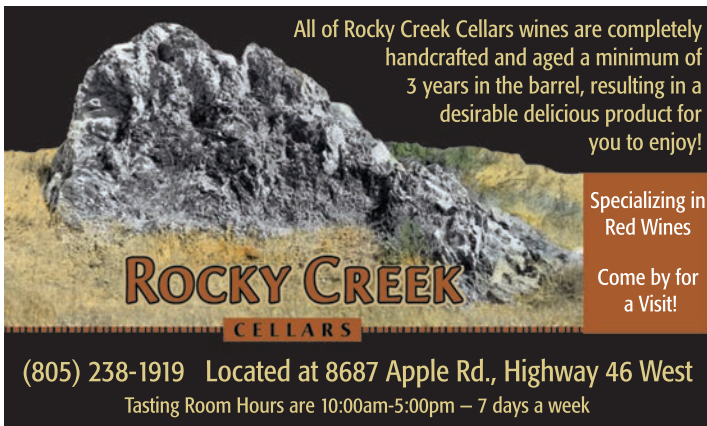
the bottles capture the essence of the mural, paying homage to their family and history. The wines are delicious, full, and ready to drink. The three daughters of the founder Gino grew up with the winery. Cathy (UC Davis, Enology) and Joanne (Cal Poly, Accounting) now help run the entire operation. Gino's wife Carol Perata is a wonderful cook and loves to share her favorite recipes and pairings, while running the tasting room and guiding visitors to their favorite new bottles of wine.

Find incredible Estate Italian and Bordeaux varietals expertly crafted and prepared, along with knowledgeable and friendly service at Fratelli Perata Winery. The tasting room proudly serves up impeccable wines without the distractions of marketing, gift shops and merchandising. The simple truth is the family loves what they do. Taste the wines that speak for themselves. With just 2 tons of yield per acre, the winery is focused on keeping their berries small. These dry-farmed grapes are tastier due

to a higher skin to juice ratio and longer hang time on the vine. They pack bigger flavor and body into each bottle of wine. The results are food friendly wines. Think Italian.

These wines are sold only through the tasting room or online orders. Fratelli Perata has an enthusiastic wine club and invites new friends to visit. Expect to find consistent Italian hospitality, and a family who revels in creating their distinguished wines. Surrounded by beautiful oak trees and expansive views, Fratelli Perata Winery is the picturesque setting where unpretentious winemakers create something truly special. Enjoy a visit with the family, where the tasting fee is waived with a bottle purchase, and flavorful red wines can be savored with loved ones.

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The brothers source the grapes from 19 different vineyards in the area, keeping their unique blends super local. The label art on each

bottle variety is prominent and brightly illustrated, featuring clever and usually hilarious names, all made from hand carved blocks by

childhood friend of the winemakers, Joe Kalionzes. One of their popular wines, Sofa King Bueno features a skeletal female figure against a bright blue background, inspired by Day of the Dead sugar skulls. The area is known for its rustic zinfandel, and the cool nights and warm days make the grapes very happy! Dynamic fruit tones of strawberry, cranberry, black raspberry and mulberry fuse with alluring vanilla and clove, all which can be discerned in their wines.

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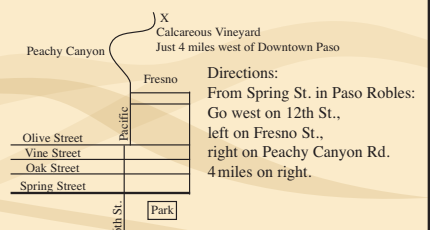
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fun shopping experience. The bar of Chronic Cellars is lined with their wines pasted in uncommon label designs, which draw in people with an eye for art. Not only is the art fun and spunky, the wine inside the bottles is made with hand selected grapes for divine custom blends, showing talent in so many areas of the winery.

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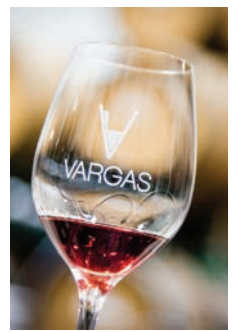


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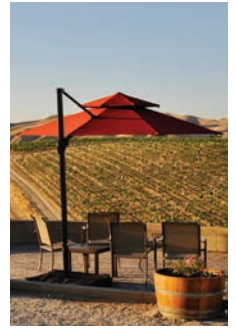
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Each year the wine is released at the end of the new harvest at the Vargas Harvest Winemaker Dinner. The festivities begin when Winemaker Pedro Vargas' wife, Vicky, a certified sommelier, sabers a bottle to celebrate the occasion. This year the dinner is Nov. 10th and, like every year prior, tickets are limited and will sell out. Begin the evening with passed hors d'oeuvre and the Paso Doble, then enjoy a four-course dinner served with a Vino Vargas wine that complements each dish. But don't despair, they do offer tasting previews prior to the ceremonious release date.

In addition to the sparkling wine, Vino Vargas currently offers chardonnay, pinot noir, grenache, a grenache-syrah-mourvedre blend, tempranillo, and cabernet sauvignon, along with two Port-style dessert wines – a red and a white.

A white Port? Yes. Just as "Champagne" is a term that should only be used to describe wines from that region, "Port" describes the manner and origin of that wine. That's why Pedro is careful to describe these wines as "Port-style" dessert wines – they are made in the winery in the Paso Robles viticultural area. The white Port-style wine is called "Oro" – Spanish for gold – that describes the color of this wine. Like a late-harvest dessert wine, Oro has flavors of honey, aromas of jasmine, and pairs very well with desserts such as Crème Brulee. Served cold, the Oro is crisp and refreshing to the palate, not syrup-sweet or overwhelming.

These wines are not available in your local grocery store, but you can taste, savor, and buy the wines by visiting Vino Vargas in their scenic,



The tasting room is open without appointments during all area wine events, such as Harvest Weekend, Zinfandel Vintage Weekend, and Wine Fest. For reservations call: (805) 369-1440. Vino Vargas is located at 950 Indian Dune Road, San Miguel. Visit the Vino Vargas website at www.vinovargas.com and Like the Facebook page [facebook.com/vinovargaswine](https://www.facebook.com/vinovargaswine) to stay informed of special events.



Westside winery just outside the town of San Miguel, 8 miles north of Paso Robles. The quiet country setting with views of vineyards and rolling hills is perfect for the wine lover looking for something a little quieter and special. Open daily, visitors should call or email the winery to assure they will get attended to personally by the winemaker, Pedro, and his wife, Vicky.



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The Villa

The CaliPaso Inn offers seven rooms with amenities such as fireplaces, elegant Italian-inspired decor, and private balconies allowing guests to watch the stunning Paso Robles sunset over the rolling vineyards in comfort. Also available is “The Winemaker’s Cottage” suite, covering 1,500 square feet with imported European furniture, a dining room that seats ten guests,



an expansive kitchen, and two guestrooms with king sized beds. “It’s a little oasis... you feel like you’re stepping into Tuscany,” said Chief Operating Officer Jaime Glenn.

The venue supplies food and beverages, along with comfortable rooms for the bride and groom to ready themselves in while guests explore the beautiful grounds. In addition, the venue hosts birthdays, Chamber of Commerce meetings, and is looking to start a concert series next year.

No matter the event, Glenn said, “[We] put customers first and make sure they have an amazing experience.

Tasting Experience

If you are looking to try CaliPaso’s renowned 2013 Cabernet Sauvignon or Zinfandel, visit their new tasting room location at 809 13th St. in Paso Robles, across from Fish Gaucho. The room is open

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The high quality wines of CaliPaso are also affordable, ranging from under \$30 to \$45. Alan Kinne, highly regarded as an award-winning figure in the wine industry, has been the Director of Winemaking since 2013. As a consultant, Kinne was named the U.S. Winemaker

of the Year and was a runner up another year. His career, spanning over 30 years, brings prominence to CaliPaso's wines.

For a fun day tasting wines and admiring the beauty of the winery, head over to the CaliPaso tasting room or winery for your snapshot of Italy. The CaliPaso Winery & Villa is located at 4230 Buena Vista Drive in Paso Robles. Call (805) 226-9296 or see calipasowinery.com for more information.

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Lift your spirits at Via Vega's Day of the Dead celebration

Winery honors tradition with 24-foot 'altares de muertos'

Some believe spirits from the dearly departed come back to this realm to provide advice to loved ones. The Mexican traditions of visiting gravesites, maintaining, and setting up altars of remembrance for the celebration of the Day of the Dead, or Día de los Muertos, have been happening for around 3000 years. In Mexico, altars are placed in homes and in churches, however, the United States typically uses them in museum exhibits. In Paso Robles, a special winery has joined in. For more than ten years, the small 15-acre family farm, Via Vega, hosts an annual Día de los Muertos Fiesta, and they have set up a sprawling altar of heartfelt photographs and offerings. Altars traditionally known as altares de Muertos, or ofrendas,

are the most prominent feature in the celebration, because they guide the souls back home. At Via Vega, the tasting room transforms from a casual place to an exceptionally decorated and emotionally moving space.

Our altar is set up early in October to allow friends, family and visitors to experience this beautiful time of remembrance. They may come in and place a photo, light a candle and toast with a glass of wine, to the memory of their departed. When we started celebrating this holiday 11 years ago, we had to do some more explaining about the decor... now, thanks to movies and pop art, more people have some familiarity and want to honor their own loved ones and pets. We give them the place



to do that. It is truly a community altar. It started with an 8' altar and it's grown to a 24' display. We are adding more sugar skull and crafting workshops related to the holiday to our schedule this fall.

Via Vega winery & vineyard in Paso Robles, Calif., has built a twenty-four foot long altar, and welcomes visitors to join in the winery's Day of the Dead tradition. People may bring photos to leave on the altar and light a candle. Honor your loved ones at the altar from Oct. 5- Nov. 5. The beautiful winery has rich scene of cultural magic, colorful ambiance, and delicious wines. For more than 10 years Via Vega Vineyard has been celebrating Día de los Muertos in their own unique way.

Día de los Muertos isn't about mourning or sadness, it's about joy and remembrance, and to join the living and dead together to celebrate. The ritual of Day of the Dead

goes back to Mesoamericans, and continues to this day, because it is relevant for so many multi-cultural people. Day of the Dead is spreading nationally, and it appeals to people who are connected in spiritual ways, and who are esthetically pleased, by the wide array of colorful décor and festivities that the holiday encompasses. Celebrating the dead and honoring the ones we have lost is done comfortably and beautifully in the tasting room of Via Vega.

Bring to Via Vega your precious mementos, and pay your respects to the past, enjoy the present, and toast to the future. The winery is located in the scenic and historic city of El Paso De Robles at 2378 Adobe Rd. More information can be found at their website, www.viavega.com, email info@viavega.com, or call (805) 423-2190. Via Vega's tasting room is open Fri-Sat 11 a.m. to 4 p.m and Sun 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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The history of wine on the Central Coast goes back to the time of the Franciscan Friars who traveled through California establishing Missions. Plantings in North County began around 1790 at the Asistencia on the Santa Margarita Ranch. Vines are still growing adjacent to the existing Asistencia today. The padres produced wine for their communion service and also made brandy, which they exported. Frenchman Pierre Hypolite Dallidet was first landowner to put in a vineyard and develop a commercial winery around 1853.

There is some debate as to which winery is the oldest in the Paso Robles appellation. Some historical writings say it was planted by Andrew York, a rancher from Indiana who planted a Zinfandel vineyard in the late 1870s that eventually led him to establishing Ascension Winery that later became York Mountain Winery. It can claim the title of being the oldest continuously operating winery in North County, but only thanks to being purchased by Epoch Winery in 2010.

The original four wineries in Paso Robles were Rotta, York, Pesenti, and Martinelli. Only Rotta winery operates under the same name to this day. Pesenti winery has since become Turley Wine Cellars.

Polish pianist Ignace Paderewski purchased 2,000 acres in the Adelaida area in the early 1920s. He planted petite sirah and zinfandel, and following prohibition had his wine made at York Mountain Winery. Paderewski's Rancho San Ignacio grapes became award winners and gained the Paso

Robles wine region a reputation as a premier wine growing area.

Derby Wine Estates preserves historic almond tower

The historic Almond Tower building, located at 525 Riverside Avenue in Paso Robles, was originally constructed by the Paso Robles Almond Growers Association as a warehouse and processing plant for almonds. After some decline in the local almond industry, K.B. Nelson, a representative of the Farmers Alliance Business Association, purchased the building in 1936. For 84 years the FABA owned and operated the grain brokerage out of the building, closing their doors in 1975.

The historic building remained empty for ten years, until 1985. In 1985 it became "Riverside Centre" and was home to various businesses such as an appliance repair shop and a drywall storage business. For a short time, the building was owned by Smart and Final, who wanted to demolish the tower, but, after locals bound together in protest, and managed to get the building registered as a historical landmark, the demolition permits were pulled.

Ray and Pam Derby, who moved to the Central Coast in the early 1990s with the intention of retiring, purchased the building that is home to Derby Wine Estates in 2010. The Derbys took over this historic but derelict building after it stood vacant for 30 years, transformed it back to its original glory, and created a full production winery and tasting room.

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pictures of the area during the beginnings of the Hearst family ownership.

Hearst's new Jack Ranch tasting room on Highway 46 East in Cholame also celebrates history. The James Dean Memorial is located on the site; a dedication and tribute to the young actor who passed away well before his time, close to the location of the tasting room.

The tasting room in Cholame is located within the Jack Ranch Cafe, another one of the oldest buildings in the county, still operating

as a small, family style restaurant. Rumor has it that Jack Ranch Cafe was one of the "first ever" drive-thru food restaurants, where patrons would ride their horse up to the window to order and pick up their food as it was delivered down a wooden slide.


Rotta winery has been in operation since 1908

Rotta Winery has been around since 1908 and is known for its zinfandel, a wine that the Rotta family was able to continue mak-

ing and selling during prohibition since it was used as a communion wine. In fact, many local vineyards made communion wine during prohibition.

Although it is not the oldest winery in the Paso Robles area - it was one of the first three. The winery was purchased from Frenchman Adolph Siot, who planted the first grapes and produced the first wine in Templeton. The winery was owned by the Rotta family until being sold to Jason Shorrock a few years ago.

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May 25-28, various locations. A 4-day festival of all things cycling in Paso Robles. For more information go to greatwestembicyclerally.com.

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Avila Blues Festival

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Don't miss the 36th Annual Paso Robles Wine Festival happening May 17-20th. Photo Credit: PRWCA

Templeton Pinot and Paella Festival

June 3, at Templeton Community Park, in Templeton. Pinot Noir Producers of Paso Robles, and talented local chefs present an afternoon of great wine and creative Paella dishes. For more information go to pinotandpaella.com.

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June 1-3, Friday and Saturday 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Sunday 9 a.m.-5 p.m. This event brings over 1,000 show cars out for three days. For more information go to theclassicatpismoeach.com.

Regional Seven Sisters Quilt Show

June 23, 24, at the Alex Madonna Expo Center in San Luis Obispo. The event is a multi-guild, regional quilt show. For more information go to sevensistersquiltshow.org.

Rotary Winemakers' Cookoff

Aug. 11 from 6-9 p.m. at the Paso Robles Event Center. Local winemakers battle it out to prove who is the best chef. The event will feature multiple local brewmasters as well. For more information go to winemakerscookoff.com.

Paso Robles Concerts in the Park

June 7- August 16 from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., at the Paso Robles Downtown City Park. Free concerts to the public in Downtown City Park Thursday evenings through the summer season. Wine available for purchase onsite, and proceeds benefit the REC Foundation. For more information go to pasoroblesdowntown.org.

Art on the Beach in Avila

Every Saturday from June to October on the boardwalk at Avila Beach. Drawings, paintings, sculptures, and more. For more information go to avilabeachpier.com.

Rock to Pier Run

July 14, from Morro Rock to Cayucos Pier This 6 mile run is open to all ages and abilities. For more information go to visitsanluisobispo.com.

Festival Mozaic

July 17-29, various locations. The festival features orchestra, chamber music, fringe concerts, notable encounters, family events and other musical and social events for you to enjoy. For more information go to festivalmozaic.com.

Arroyo Grande Car "Sho"

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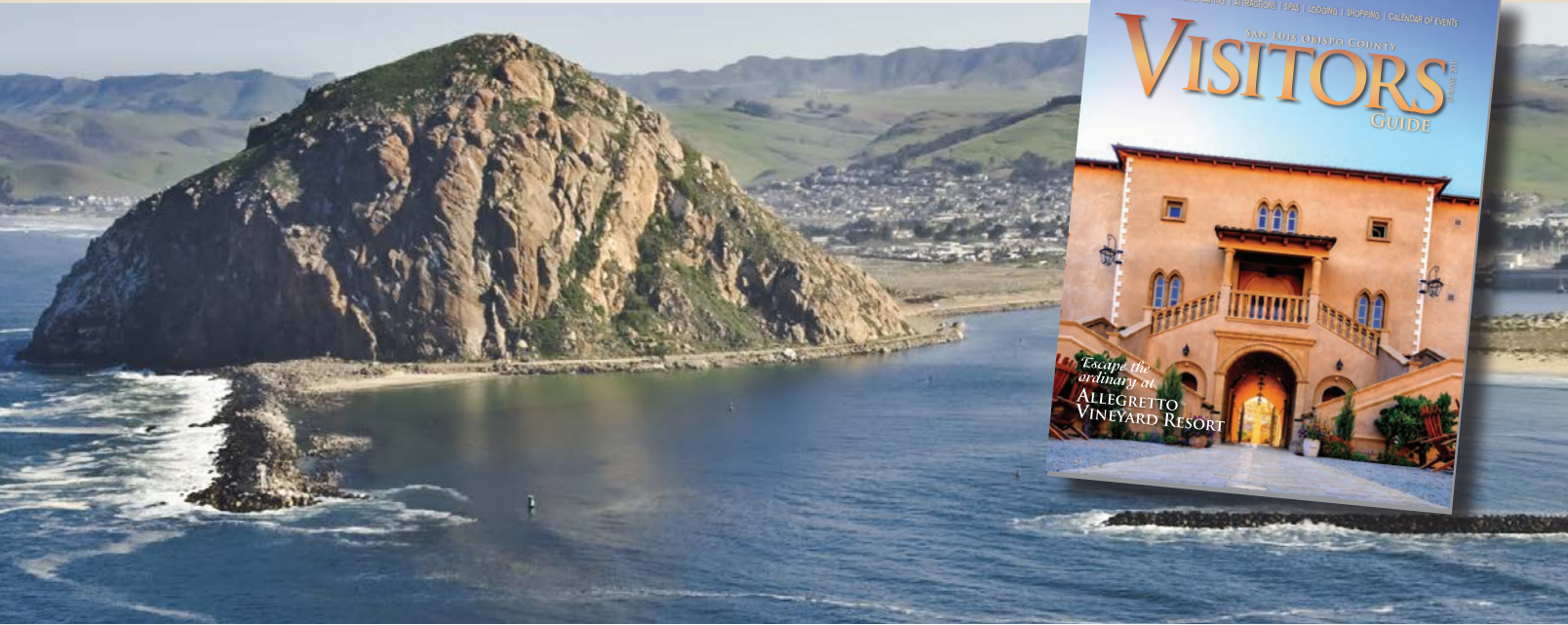
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