



# The Pescadero Fish Wrap

August 2019

## Community Story: SPCA Buys Local Ranch

Long-time Loma Mar resident, Elsa Wyant, has recently made the decision to sell her 216-acre ranch property which sits on the top of Haskins Hill. The decision to let go of her beloved ranch land is bittersweet, but she is excited for what is to come. The SPCA was the lucky buyer of this beautiful plot and promises to make a positive use out of this land by creating an animal sanctuary, a cause that is dear to Elsa's heart.

Elsa and her husband, Wayne, bought this ranch 44 years ago. Previously this ranch was used for raising cattle, hosting local events such as ice cream socials and watching the sunrise on Easter Sundays, along with the creation of many amazing memories by Elsa and her friends.

Anyone who knows Elsa knows that her love for animals is immense and because of this, her ranch could not have landed into more fitting hands. Elsa is excited to honor her recently passed labrador, Ellie, through the good that the SPCA will bring. She knows each animal that is helped and is able to live a full and happy life would make her Ellie immensely proud of her.

The SPCA intends to utilize the space to take care of un-adoptable cats and dogs to allow them to live out a full and loving life. However, because the land previously had cattle on it, the SPCA recognizes the opportunity to possibly broaden the variety of animals they could take in and ultimately create a larger, more versatile sanctuary to help even more animals.

As of right now, there are plans in place to care for dogs and cats, a reception area, and a veterinarian area. It will be a year to 18 months before any building will begin, to account for permits and planning time.

After 44 years of owning the ranch, Elsa is sad to let it go but excited for all the positive impacts it will have on various animals for many years to come. She hopes to be able to volunteer whenever possible to continue doing her part in helping the cause.

This Issue of the Pescadero Fish wrap is in honor of Elsa's beloved late pup, Ellie.

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## Agriculture Insights: Women in Agriculture

Agriculture is a vital industry in the United States, not only does agriculture feed the entire country, it is also an industry worth nearly a trillion dollars to the US economy. However, many people do not know the vital role that women

play in the agriculture industry. Women account for 36% of all farmers in the United States, in addition, 56% of farms have at least one female decision-maker, according to the Agriculture Department's Census of

Agriculture.

According to the research group Education For All Children, females are now receiving 50% of all agriculture degrees and are showing an increasing interest in

the industry.

As technologies continue to transform modern-day agriculture practices, it allows for more women to venture into the industry and make it their own. In addition, there has been a recent increase in mentorships for women interested in agriculture to further broaden opportunities available.

Recently women have been stepping up and showing their

presence in the Agriculture industry more than ever before. An example of this is Marji Guyler-Alaniz, the founder of FarmHer. FarmHer is a brand created by and for women in the agriculture industry to bring pride and awareness to the amazing efforts put in by women every day.

FarmHer produces a podcast called Shine Bright as well as a weekly TV show. Both the podcast and show highlight various women in

the agriculture industry in order to “shine a light on women making the ordinary extraordinary” and to “update the image of agriculture to include women.”

The point of this brand along with many others is to highlight a less seen side of agriculture involving women.

FarmHer Website: [farmher.com](http://farmher.com)  
Join “Women in Agriculture” Facebook Page!

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## Upcoming Community Events

### **Pescadero Farmers Market**

#### **Every Thursday, 3:00pm-7:00pm**

Come support local farmers and ranchers, while stocking up on farm fresh produce! The farmers market features live music, kids’ activities, and free bike repair. Come sample the season’s delights!

**Where:** 251 Stage Road, Pescadero

### **Pescadero Arts and Fun Festival**

#### **August 17 & 18, 10:00am-6:00pm**

Come bring the whole family for an exciting weekend of art, food, music, and more!

**Where:** IDES Grounds, Stage Road, Pescadero

### **Church Pancake Breakfast**

#### **August 18, 9:00am-11:00am**

\$5/plate for a choice of a pancake, waffle, or blueberry pancake plate including eggs and sausage along with your choice of beverage. Everyone Welcome!

**Where:** Pescadero Community Church, 363 Stage Rd

### **PMAC Meeting**

#### **September 10, 7:00pm-8:30pm**

Come at 6:30 for coffee and snacks before the meeting!

**Where:** Pescadero Community Church, 363 Stage Rd

### **Antique and Flea Market**

#### **September 14, 10:00am-6:00pm**

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## Community Highlight: Elsa Wyant

Elsa Wyant has been involved in the Loma Mar community her entire life. Her grandfather's family originally came over from Sweden and were involved in logging and milling of lumber in the Bay Area. When they heard of a Swedish community in Loma Mar they decided to move out there to try it out.

Elsa lived in Redwood City for most of her childhood but would visit her grandparents in Loma Mar every summer and the occasional weekend. "We would say we're going over the hill or we're going to Harrison," at the time Loma Mar was called Harrison.

When asked what her favorite activities in Loma Mar were as a child she stated: "of course when you come to the country you do all the country things! You build forts in the stumps to play house and play in the creek."

Elsa remembers making trips to the small Loma Mar store to get a special treat, and going into Burns Valley to visit her Aunt and Uncle for some pink lemonade.

Once she married her husband, Wayne, they decided there was no better place to raise a family than in Loma Mar. Starting in 1961, Elsa and Wayne spent their first few years together, building their house

from the ground up. "I remember shoveling the sand, cement, and gravel into this old cement mixer; my husband would come and refine it then he then he would wheelbarrow it around the base of the house," Elsa said. It was a labor of love.

In 1963 the day before her son, Rodger, was brought home from the hospital, the house was finalized, just on time for the new baby.

Elsa remembers bringing Rodger around Pescadero with his friends from school, his friends would always be so impressed that Rodger seemed to know everyone in town.

Elsa was actively involved in the church and Roger's school. She helped with fundraisers for the yearbook, for example, each year "we'd have this great big spaghetti feed in the big gym there, we would get on stage and do different eras of dancing like the waltz or the charleston!"

Elsa also helped her husband when she could, Wayne was a rancher and grew hay, "I would ride my car up and take them coffee and fruit and muffins I had baked for the workers." At the end of the day, the men would take the hay up to the barn on their ranch property or back home to their horses or calves.

Elsa has lived here full time in the house she and her husband built together for the past 56 years. She has always had a special place in her heart for the Loma Mar and Pescadero Areas.

When asked what her favorite part of the community was she responded "we're all different ages, and what that's what I've always liked about Loma Mar. It's not like being in the city where everybody in the neighborhood is your age, and probably your financial equal. In places like Loma Mar, you could be a trillionaire, or you can have an eight to five. The ages don't make any difference, you are friends with everyone at every age and that's the main difference of living in the country."



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## Community News

### PMAC Pond: Next Meeting September 10

#### DPW

Fishing hats off to our local DPW crews! They started in Pescadero this year and are working outward from town with mowing. All the primary roads have been done and now onward and outward to the hinterlands. If you're appreciative and would like to give them some positive feedback, send a note to Joe Lococo their boss: [jlococo@smcgo.org](mailto:jlococo@smcgo.org)

Also, they will be doing the annual

chip-seal in September. For a schedule of roads and streets, there is a link to the map on the county site.

#### CHP

Our local Pescadarian, Jim Allen is the commander of the CHP and reported that the Bike Rodeo staged the weekend of the 10/11th was well attended and many kids are much safer on the roads from safety tips and free helmets. In addition, Jim sends us the following link to planned road closers from

CalTrans: <https://lcswebreports.dot.ca.gov/searchdistricts?districts=4>

At this site, one may do a seven-day search by CalTrans districts, counties, and actual roadways. These, of course, are freeways and state routes, i.e. highway 1, 84, 92, etc. He is giving the coast-side back-roads as much patrolling as possible to keep them and us safe along with enforcing the speed limits as his staffing allows.

### **Don Horsley (aka The Big Fish)**

It's looking more and more like Don is going to get the new firehouse located at the High School property and might even get both hooked up to the CSA-11 water system after all. This is a work in progress and has a long way to go so many more details have yet to be worked out. In any case, by them tying into the CSA-11 water district system that should bode well for all the ratepayers that have financed the creation and maintenance of the system for the past 25+ years, along with some taxpayer funds of course.

### **General Pond Stuff**

Don't forget that local schools are back in session and watch for the little guppies around the grade school and the bigger fish at the Middle/High school.

Water quality was once again was a much-discussed topic at the August meeting. Ann Stillman was present representing DPW and is on the case for tracking down the cause for needing to chlorinate our drinking water. Never in the history of the water district has this been necessary as a result of negative lab readings. We've experienced these readings twice and that's two too many. The hope is that somehow the

samples taken the last two times might have been flawed; at least that's the hope. Full follow up and a comprehensive report will be forthcoming in September. For the sake of safe swimming and of course better coffee let's keep our fins crossed.

### **Next PMAC meeting on September 10th**

Want something fun to do on that Tuesday night, come on down to the community church in the back room, have a cup of coffee and ask some hard questions or make some suggestions for improving our own pond.

## **RCD Streams**

Kellyx Nelson ace director and fabulous swimmer of the San Mateo RCD brought everyone up to date on the Butano Creek Resiliency Project (BCRP). The work is progressing swimmingly and the project is right on target. Much to the surprise of the honchos on the job the levees are in excellent condition. It wasn't possible to know until all the growth covering them was removed. It might even make some pretty great trails once all is completed, we'll see.

The next cool piece of equipment coming on the scene will be a giant vacuum system. This will enable the silt on the bottom of the channel to be sucked up and

relocated. If you listen closely at dusk, when the wind dies down and the fish can see better, you can hear the fins clapping in anticipation.

Check out the progress pictures on their website: [sanmateorcd.org](http://sanmateorcd.org)

Standard disclaimer from Kellyx "this project is for the fish and may or may not help with the regular flooding of PCR and environs" or something to that effect.

Not only is Kellyx saving our fish but she and her amazing staff are restoring the integrity of the Old Haul Road. That's an old haul road (you may have guessed this already) that was used for

timbering back in the day. Ask an old-timer if you see one. The road runs from Pescadero County Park in Loma Mar all the way to the top of the mountain. That would be about where Alpine road hits the top of the ridge and will be used for emergency traffic and access by those with keys to the gate.

Speaking of Loma Mar, the store is now open and what a treat to the eyes once you get a load of the interior. Much of the structure came from redwood trees on the property and milled by Chris Connor of the very same community. Remember, shop locally!

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We hope The Pescadero Fish Wrap Classified Ads section can be an opportunity for local residents to post ads for the local community to see. These ads can include: help wanted, items for sale, job openings, etc. Wish to place a classified ad? It's as easier than catching a fish!

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## Set of 3 Sterilite drawers \$15

- Size: 15 7/8" x 21 7/8" x 24"
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## Set of 3 nesting side tables \$30/set

- 17-1/4"x21'x21-3/4",
- 16"x16-1/2"x18",
- 12-1/2"x13-1/2"x14-1/2"
- Solid wood, stained top, painted legs.

## Craftsman Style Couch \$100

- Very comfortable, great condition.
- Long enough for an adult to sleep on
- Arms serve as side tables
- Very sturdy, no stains
- 87"x 37-1/2"x 27-1/4"--including arms,
- Arms are 7"wide each

## Small island on wheels \$25

- Great shape, has a pull out cutting board, a utensil drawer, and two lower shelves

## Dresser with 10 drawers!!!! \$70

- 4 small drawers and 6 larger drawers.
- Black with vintage ruler accents. Some minor wear on the top.
- 52-1/2"x 15"x32"

## Solid oak bookcase \$50

- Adjustable shelves, great condition with the exception of the top which shows a little warping.
- 50"x 11"x 36"

## Microwave \$20

- 18"x14"
- Great shape, CLEAN

## Art Deco style cabinet \$125

- Very sturdy, solid wood
- Had a previous life as additional kitchen storage and as a stand-alone bar.
- 48"x 20"x 34-1/2"

## Antique dresser \$125

- recently stripped and sanded, ready for a makeover!
- Measurements: 42"x 20-1/2"x 34-1/2
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