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## Grandparent's Day

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Kathy Fowler and granddaughter Alexandra share a frosty snow cone Photo provided

To everything there is a season, it is an adage as simple as it is true. At Moraga Royale, residents have reached the pure enjoyment point in their lives. After years of family rearing and service to the community, these fine folks have more than earned the right to sit back and savor the fruits of lives well lived. For this very reason Moraga Royale recognizes the second Saturday in September as Grandparent's Day.

Over 400 friends and family members were in attendance for the 4th annual celebration. Kids and adults alike enjoyed many of the fun filled activities that were offered. From a petting zoo filled with goats, turtles and an albino python, to pony rides and a live jazz band...but everyone's favorite attraction was the Dunk Tank. One dollar got you three throws and the opportunity to submerge Mike Lawrence, manager of CVS and Moraga's Business Man of The Year.

Second string dunk-ees included Moraga Royale staff Al Pyne and Loto Rickman. No matter who festivity-goers opted to soak, all proceeds went to the Rescue One Foundation, a non-profit organization assisting our local fire department. The men and women of Station 41 showed their support and made a spectacular entrance on the very fire engine they use to keep us safe.

And so, as little ones scampered about with brightly painted faces and kids of all ages feasted on BBQ, savory popcorn or cool snow cones the band played on. Grandparents were everywhere you looked sharing insights, and recalling laughable anecdotes. Each of them, a reminder to the rest of us that the best is truly yet to come.

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