

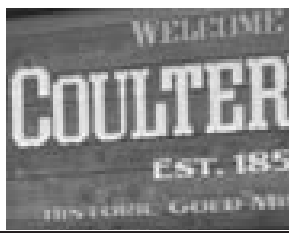
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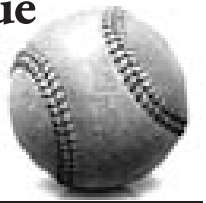
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The Future of the New Discoverer

BY SHERRI FLOSI

The New Discoverer was implemented by the Lake Don Pedro Owners Association (LDPOA) Board of Directors in 2009.

This publication has served our LDPOA members and the community, with information about the association and articles of interest of the community the association is in. It has also provided LDPOA and the community with calendar of events, articles of news, LDPOA board minutes and financial reports, etc. I have heard from out of the area mem-

bers that they have enjoyed seeing a publication again. However, the cost of this publication is very high and net costs our LDPOA over \$30,000/year. We cannot continue this expense unless we plan to raise dues. Our assessments year to date are down by \$45,000. We have some major expenses coming up for repairs of the Hacienda facility and our parks.

Your Board of Directors would like to hear from you. We would like to at least accommodate a quarterly publication. This would bring the annual cost from \$38,000 down to approximately \$12,500. We can also entertain the idea of partnering with one of our local publishers and add an insert into their publication. We would then mail out to our members that live outside of the community. I am waiting to receive a quote but guess it will cost approximately \$15,000/year. On page 2 is a survey for LDPOA members to fill out and send to your association so your board can make a decision within the next couple months for the final destination of this publication. The next publication will probably be in March and we will inform our members in that publication the outcome. Please understand that your board has to be prudent in making these kinds of decisions that is best financially for the association and their members.

Fill out the form stating your interest in keeping the New Discoverer. Then cut it out and mail it to us. The form can be found on Page 2.

\$250 Reward for Stolen Christmas Lights

BY DEBBIE COOK, FF

Thank you to all of you that attended the recent Annual Christmas Tree Lighting at Coulterville Station 26. The tree, planted just last month by the Coulterville Fire Brigade, is for the enjoyment of the community for years to come. Many of you took pictures with your families and will have that memory each year you return to see how the tree has grown.

The location of the tree, behind the firehouse, presented a problem because we have no electricity on that side of the station. The Coulterville Fire Brigade purchased solar lights for this year just for the tree lighting. To the excitement of all who attended, it looked pretty cool and we are doing something to help the environment as well.

If you read that last sentence you will notice the word LOOKED. Well, someone decided that the lights looked so cool, they thought they should take them for their own personal enjoyment. Let's just say that was not a good decision. A \$250 reward has been posted for information leading to the identification, arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible for taking the lights. Please contact Debbie Cook at 878-3227 if you have information to share.

Of course, there is always the option of righting a wrong by returning the lights. I would hope that after reading this, the person responsible would do the right thing and return them. It could be considered an elf project; put them back on at night as easily as when they were removed. If that makes

you nervous because you might get caught, then leave them under the tree and one of the firefighters will gladly restring them.

To take something that doesn't belong to you is morally wrong. To take something that another gifted for the enjoyment of everyone is downright cruel and unfeeling. To take something that celebrates the holiday...well, I wouldn't even expect a lump of coal in your stocking this year.

Please return our lights.

REMINDER

New Transfer Station (Dump) Schedules

Don Pedro: Thurs.; Sat. & Sun 9am – 5pm

Coulterville: Sat. 9am – 5pm

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October Meeting Minutes

NOTICE: NOVEMBER's Board Meeting was cancelled due to lack of a Quorum

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LA GRANGE, CA, 95329
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BOARD MEETING MINUTES
ANNUAL MEETING
Saturday, October 9, 2010

EXECUTIVE MEETING was held on 9/28/10 to discuss Accounting issues, personnel matters, purchase of time clock and resignation of board member.

EXECUTIVE MEETING was

held prior to this General Annual Meeting to discuss delinquent accounts, Dispute Resolution Meeting and personnel matters.

GENERAL MEETING

PRESENT: President Sherri Flosi, Vice President Ron Hunt, Secretary Phyllis Cotta, Treasurer Ruth Smith and Director Bob Sykes

ABSENT FOR A PORTION OF MEETING: Mitch Mattea arrived at 11:30 am

I President Sherri Flosi opened the meeting at 10:03 am

II Bob Sykes lead the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance

Sherri Flosi gave an annual report of what the Directors have done this first year in office and the unexpected problems we were faced with and had to overcome. She felt that the board had served the members well and will continue to do so. Notice was given that Ken Kennedy resigned as a Board Member and also resigned from serving as the Editor of the Discoverer.

III. MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS: by Ron Hunt, second Ruth Smith, VOTE - carries September 11, 2010 Executive Meeting-Abstained by Phyllis Cotta, September 11, 2010 Board Meeting-Abstained by Phyllis Cotta,

September 28, 2010, Special Executive Meeting

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT no report available

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ACC and CC&R: by Bob Sykes -no report at this time, next meeting is scheduled for 10/14/10

Public Relations: Phyllis Cotta reported on Truck or Treat night

Parks & Trails: by Ron Hunt.

Terri Booten reported on Trailblazers, continuing to work with property owners on the designated easements. October 16, 2010 autumn trail ride is being planned. Still working on grants, possible acceptance but not confirmed yet, but when it comes thru, Terri will be contacting the Board with Trailblazers improvement ideas.

Ron Hunt reported that he is meeting with Lyle Turpin, Public Works and Darlene of Mariposa County in regards to easement adjustments, if possible. Water line to horse camp and restroom needs repair, hoping for new line so pressure will improve. Question came up if overnight camping will be allowed at horse camp. It was noted at this time that water pressure would need repair before that could be considered.

Ruth Smith questioned if a 1973 Gregoris Pond maintenance resolution by CSD was still in effect. Last time Ron Hunt talked with CSD, it was noted that the resolution was written so vague that it is unclear where their responsibility lies, it is his impression that they are looking to the Association, as owners to do the maintenance. The work necessary will require volunteers from the Association and the approval of Fish and Game. Ron does not believe a new resolution has ever been written. A new agreement was written for a 15 year period with CSD to allow them to distribute water to the golf course. It was noted that Carmelita needs cleaning up, tables thrown in water, spillway needs work. Suggestion was made that area should be chained. Ron Hunt will look into the cost of tables and clean up of Carmelita. Question in regards to portable toilets, it was noted that sewage can be a problem, bolting down would be preferred. Long discussion continued in regards to clean up and problems with requirements by Counties.

Discoverer Committee: Bob Sykes announced that the November issue of the Discoverer will be issued by the Board and no volunteers will be necessary.

MOTION TO APPROVE COMMITTEE REPORTS by Ruth Smith, second Bob Sykes VOTE-yes, unanimous

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

A) Ron Hunt is still waiting for

quotes on cost of setting up play ground equipment. Trying to get volunteers with drilling equipment, approx. est. total cost at \$3,000.00. Insurance needs to be checked, Agent will need to approve safety factor. County approval may be necessary. Action: Discussion only

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

A) Several discussions were had in regards to the requirements to change or add easements. County Board of Supervisors needs to approve the abandonment of any easement. Action: Discussion only

B) Sherri Flosi advised the audience of the legal opinion of Deon Stein to this board and opinion given to our previous boards in regards to the issuance of a newspaper by an association. She also indicated that the 1st part of 2010 it was agreed by the board that we would see what the overall costs were and re-evaluate the Discoverer at the end of this year. We are still gathering information and should be in a position to present to the members at our next meeting what should be done with the Discoverer. There are several options we want to consider.

Comments from the floor: 1) it was noted by member that the Discoverer has been in existence since 1990. Why would an association not want their own paper? The community and members outside the community should be informed of what is taking place in our community, CSD as an example. Education to community is important. We need to keep an independent informative paper.

2) Comment was made in regards to using the Web Site to create a members monthly newsletter. Cost effective. It was noted that not all of our residents have access to the Web site and that must be considered.

3) Budget issues mentioned, dues being down. Cost of paper needs to be considered. An independent paper should be issued dealing with the association business, work that is being done in the community, etc.

4) Duplication of news from other papers in the community was noted.

5) Collection of ad fees was discussed.

All comments were duly noted. Action: Discussion only

VIII. GOOD OF THE ORDER

Ron Howenstine - 1st part of December, clean up day, elimination of Tires, appliances. Ron Howenstine volunteered to organize and Ron Hunt agreed to support him in his effort.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN was made by Ron Hunt, second by Bob Sykes VOTE-yes, unanimous

Respectfully submitted, Phyllis Cotta, LDPOA Board Secretary

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- Yes, I would like to continue to have a monthly publication even if it requires my dues to be increased up to \$10.00 annually to accommodate the expense of the publication
- Yes, I would like to receive at minimum a quarterly issue of the New Discoverer
- No, I do not want the publication of the New Discoverer

Other: _____

Name: _____

Lot# or Address: _____

Please remit by 1/21/2011 to:

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SUBMISSION DEADLINE

10th of the month by 4:30 PM

Late submissions not accepted

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Office Space for rent at Hacienda

The LDPOA Hacienda has
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Opening into the main lobby this newly renovated office
will quickly be snapped up.
Office #4 is 8 ¼' x 12 ½' 103 sq. ft. @ \$156.00 per month.
Electric, water and garbage included.
First, Last & Cleaning Deposit required.

Contact: Pam Hatler - office manager

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NOTICES

LDPOA Office Holiday Closure Schedule

January 2011 – Happy New Year!
Office Closed from Sat., Jan., 1st
through Mon., Jan 3rd .
Office Opens on Tuesday, Jan. 4th

Hacienda Pool is now CLOSED

Pedestrian/ Equestrian Easements

Use of the Pedestrian/Equestrian easements by motorized vehicles
is forbidden by County and State ordinances. Violations can result
in fines up to \$500.00.

Mariposa County Ordinance no. 950, section 13.24.010
Tuolumne County Ordinance no. 2234, section 9.20.030
California Vehicle Code, Section 23127

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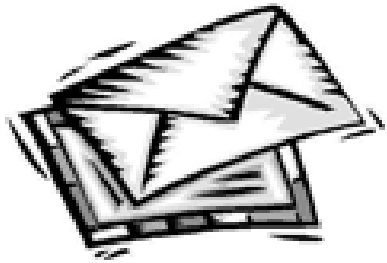
**The LDPOA Monthly Board Meetings
are held on the 2nd Saturday of each month
at 10 am at the Hacienda.**

Lake Don Pedro Owners' Assoc. Budget - October 2010

	Oct 10	Budget	Jul - Oct 10	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
OPERATING INCOME / EXPENSES					
3110 · Assessments	4,381.92	29,947.92	218,512.47	119,791.68	359,375.00
3111 · Plan Check Income	0.00	16.67	50.00	66.68	200.00
3115 · Apartment Rental	745.91	833.33	2,970.91	3,333.32	10,000.00
3125-A · KITCHEN RENTAL (KITCHEN USAGE)	100.00	425.00			
3125 · Hall Rental - Other	0.00	166.67	0.00	666.68	2,000.00
Total 3125 · Hall Rental	100.00	166.67	425.00	666.68	2,000.00
3126 · refundable deposits (DEPOSITS ON HALL RENTALS - REFUNDABLE)	145.00		177.00		
3140 · Office Rental	4,520.00	416.67	5,114.00	1,666.68	5,000.00
3160 · Vending Machine Income	0.00	33.33	0.00	133.32	400.00
3210 · Interest	0.00	58.33	75.21	233.32	700.00
3310 · Other Income					
3310A · Holiday Gift Fair (Holiday Gift Fair)	0.00	125.00	0.00	500.00	1,500.00
3310B · Pool Key Deposit (Pool Key deposit)	10.00		760.00		
3310D · FARMERS MKT BOOTH INCOME (FARMERS MKT BOOTH)	35.00		130.00		
3310 · Other Income - Other	-181.50	166.67	146.38	666.68	2,000.00
Total 3310 · Other Income	-136.50	291.67	1,036.38	1,166.68	3,500.00
3311 · Discoverer Ad (income from Ads)	441.00	666.67	1,069.00	2,666.68	8,000.00
3410 · Late Fees	-658.87	541.67	4,376.69	2,166.68	6,500.00
3510 · Transfer Fees	875.00	1,000.00	8,800.00	4,000.00	12,000.00
Total Income	10,413.46	33,972.93	242,606.66	135,891.72	407,675.00
Expense					
3610 · Bad Debts (Bad Debts)	175.45	2,500.00	3,716.90	10,000.00	30,000.00
4125 · Copier Costs	206.54	250.00	723.84	1,000.00	3,000.00
4120 · Office Supplies (Office supplies expense)	0.00	208.33	654.89	833.32	2,500.00
4130 · Office Salaries	2,794.50	3,800.00	11,537.00	15,200.00	45,600.00
4135 · Travel / Mileage	165.00	125.00	461.00	500.00	1,500.00
4140 · Legal	793.35	1,666.67	952.65	6,666.68	20,000.00
4145 · Accounting	29.00	416.67	1,931.00	1,666.68	5,000.00
4148 · DISCOVERER (DISCOVERER EXPENSES)	3,244.85	3,208.33	12,301.75	12,833.32	38,500.00
4150 · Computer	0.00	166.67	239.25	666.68	2,000.00
4151 · Printing	0.00	83.33	0.00	333.32	1,000.00
4152 · Election	0.00	1,166.67	0.00	4,666.68	14,000.00
4153 · Collections	-92.58	250.00	-135.24	1,000.00	3,000.00
4154 · Member Documents	0.00	83.33	0.00	333.32	1,000.00
4156 · Public Relations	0.00	189.58	0.00	758.32	2,275.00
4157 · Postage and Delivery (Postage, courier, and pickup and delivery services)	185.00	416.67	541.37	1,666.68	5,000.00
4158 · Merchant fee (credit card usage fees)	0.00	83.33	96.25	333.32	1,000.00
4160 · Insurance	0.00	3,500.00	0.00	14,000.00	42,000.00
4165 · Taxes / License / Filing fees	0.00	375.00	10.00	1,500.00	4,500.00
4170 · Workers Comp	367.34	341.67	2,365.89	1,366.68	4,100.00
4305 · Hacienda Maintenance Salary	3,496.13	3,333.33	12,018.89	13,333.32	40,000.00
4330 · Janitorial Salaries	1,157.00	1,000.00	3,906.50	4,000.00	12,000.00
4346 · Payroll Tax Expense (Payroll Tax Expense)	0.00	833.34	0.00	3,333.36	10,000.00
4342 · FUTA Expense	7.84		44.97		
4341 · Medicare Expense	108.73		399.67		
4340 · FICA Expense	464.85		1,708.87		
4347 · SUI (SUI)	60.76		348.46		
4180 · Vending Machine	0.00	16.67	0.00	66.68	200.00
4202 · Electric (Hacienda)	1,462.89	1,500.00	4,246.51	6,000.00	18,000.00
4204 · electric (Well)	285.40	166.67	1,164.38	666.68	2,000.00
4206 · Electric (El Prado)	92.29	83.33	262.34	333.32	1,000.00
4210 · Electric (Barn)	4.58	25.00	18.04	100.00	300.00
4215 · Water Testing	319.00	100.00	319.00	400.00	1,200.00
4220 · Water (El Prado)	162.00	416.67	856.00	1,666.68	5,000.00
4225 · RESERVE PROJECT EXPENSES (RESERVE PROJECT EXPENSES)					
4225-B · RESERVE SUPPLIES (RESERVE SUPPLIES)	0.00		534.63		
4308 · RESERVE MISCELLANEOUS	274.42		274.42		
4225 · RESERVE PROJECT EXPENSES (RESERVE PROJECT EXPENSES) - Other	0.00	291.67	0.00	1,166.68	3,500.00
Total 4225 · RESERVE PROJECT EXPENSES (RESERVE PROJECT EXPENSES)	274.42	291.67	809.05	1,166.68	3,500.00
4230 · Propane	0.00	166.67	0.00	666.68	2,000.00
4235 · Trash Removal	378.30	458.34	827.45	1,833.36	5,500.00
4240 · Office Telephone (Telephone and long distance charges, faxing, and other fees Not equipment purchases)	572.73	250.00	1,161.71	1,000.00	3,000.00
4245 · Pay Phone	110.00	116.67	550.00	466.68	1,400.00
4310 · Hacienda Maintenance Supplies					
4310A · Project Account (FOR ALL HACIENDA PROJECTS)	0.00		-153.01		
4310 · Hacienda Maintenance Supplies - Other	516.70	416.67	670.25	1,666.68	5,000.00
Total 4310 · Hacienda Maintenance Supplies	516.70	416.67	517.24	1,666.68	5,000.00
4311 · Hacienda Maintenance Repairs	0.00	250.00	75.83	1,000.00	3,000.00
4312 · Hacienda Landscaping	0.00	125.00	727.57	500.00	1,500.00
4315 · Septic Maintenance	61.95	250.00	1,892.99	1,000.00	3,000.00
4316 · Septic Testing	0.00		29.64		
4320 · Maintenance Equipment	0.00	125.00	7.58	500.00	1,500.00
4322 · Well Maintenance	0.00	83.33	0.00	333.32	1,000.00
4323 · Hacienda - Security	0.00	208.33	485.00	833.32	2,500.00
4324 · Pool Maintenance	0.00	250.00	1,529.72	1,000.00	3,000.00
4325 · Small Apartment	0.00	8.33	329.05	33.32	100.00
4327 · Large Apartment	0.00	8.33	105.91	33.32	100.00
4328 · Pest & Weed Control	135.00	83.33	270.00	333.32	1,000.00
4335 · Janitorial Supplies	31.10	208.33	220.05	833.32	2,500.00
4337 · El Prado Baseball	234.84	166.67	954.89	666.68	2,000.00
4338 · Pond Maintenance	0.00	83.33	0.00	333.32	1,000.00
4339 · General Park Maintenance	0.00	416.67	223.10	1,666.68	5,000.00
66000 · Payroll Expenses (Payroll expenses)	52.50		121.10		
66900 · Reconciliation Discrepancies (Discrepancies between bank statements and company records)	0.00		0.00		
90001 · in / out (should always become a zero)	0.00		40.00		
Total Expense	17,857.46	30,272.93	71,568.06	121,091.72	363,275.00
Net Ordinary Income	-7,444.00	3,700.00	171,038.60	14,800.00	44,400.00
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3115 · Apartment Rental	100.00	833.33	3,070.91	4,166.65	10,000.00
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3125-A · KITCHEN RENTAL (KITCHEN USAGE)	0.00	425.00			
3125 · Hall Rental - Other	0.00	166.67	0.00	833.35	2,000.00
Total 3125 · Hall Rental	0.00	166.67	425.00	833.35	2,000.00
3126 · refundable deposits (DEPOSITS ON HALL RENTALS - REFUNDABLE)	-1,170.00	-993.00			
3140 · Office Rental	1,695.00	416.67	6,809.00	2,083.35	5,000.00
3160 · Vending Machine Income	0.00	33.33	0.00	166.65	400.00
3210 · Interest	0.00	58.33	75.21	291.65	700.00
3310 · Other Income					
3310A · Holiday Gift Fair (Holiday Gift Fair)	0.00	125.00	0.00	625.00	1,500.00
3310B · Pool Key Deposit (Pool Key deposit)	20.00	780.00			
3310D · FARMERS MKT BOOTH INCOME (FARMERS MKT BOOTH)	0.00	130.00			
3310 · Other Income - Other	40.00	166.67	186.38	833.35	2,000.00
Total 3310 · Other Income	60.00	291.67	1,096.38	1,458.35	3,500.00
3311 · Discoverer Ad (income from Ads)	346.00	666.67	1,415.00	3,333.35	8,000.00
3410 · Late Fees	390.95	541.67	4,767.64	2,708.35	6,500.00
3510 · Transfer Fees	750.00	1,000.00	9,550.00	5,000.00	12,000.00
Total Income	5,543.29	33,972.93	248,149.95	169,864.65	407,675.00
Expense					
3610 · Bad Debts (Bad Debts)	126.50	2,500.00	3,843.40	12,500.00	30,000.00
4125 · Copier Costs	413.08	250.00	1,136.92	1,250.00	3,000.00
4120 · Office Supplies (Office supplies expense)	64.68	208.33	719.57	1,041.65	2,500.00
4130 · Office Salaries	3,100.88	3,800.00	14,637.88	19,000.00	45,600.00
4135 · Travel / Mileage	210.00	125.00	671.00	625.00	1,500.00
4140 · Legal	3,800.95	1,666.67	4,753.60	8,333.35	20,000.00
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4152 · Election	0.00	1,166.67	0.00	5,833.35	14,000.00
4153 · Collections	2,641.99	250.00	2,506.75	1,250.00	3,000.00
4154 · Member Documents	0.00	83.33	0.00	416.65	1,000.00
4156 · Public Relations	0.00	189.58	0.00	947.90	2,275.00
4157 · Postage and Delivery (Postage, courier, and pickup and delivery services)	1,168.57	416.67	1,709.94	2,083.35	5,000.00
4158 · Merchant fee (credit card usage fees)	0.00	83.33	96.25	416.65	1,000.00
4160 · Insurance	0.00	3,500.00	0.00	17,500.00	42,000.00
4165 · Taxes / License / Filing fees	35.00	375.00	45.00	1,875.00	4,500.00
4170 · Workers Comp	322.64	341.67	2,688.53	1,708.35	4,100.00
4305 · Hacienda Maintenance Salary	2,998.81	3,333.33	15,017.70	16,666.65	40,000.00
4330 · Janitorial Salaries	1,056.25	1,000.00	4,962.75	5,000.00	12,000.00
4346 · Payroll Tax Expense (Payroll Tax Expense)	0.00	833.33	0.00	4,166.69	10,000.00
4342 · FUTA Expense	6.41	51.38			
4341 · Medicare Expense	104.12	503.79			
4340 · FICA Expense	445.22	2,154.09			
4347 · SUI (SUI)	49.71	398.17			
4180 · Vending Machine	0.00	16.67	0.00	83.35	200.00
4202 · Electric (Hacienda)	67.40	1,500.00	4,313.91	7,500.00	18,000.00
4204 · electric (Well)	83.92	166.67	1,248.30	833.35	2,000.00
4206 · Electric (El Prado)	90.52	83.33	352.86	416.65	1,000.00
4210 · Electric (Barn)	4.14	25.00	22.18	125.00	300.00
4215 · Water Testing	0.00	100.00	319.00	500.00	1,200.00
4220 · Water (El Prado)	2,542.00	416.67	3,398.00	2,083.35	5,000.00
4225 · RESERVE PROJECT EXPENSES (RESERVE PROJECT EXPENSES)					
4225-B · RESERVE SUPPLIES (RESERVE SUPPLIES)	0.00	534.63			
4308 · RESERVE MISCELLANEOUS	0.00	274.42			
4225 · RESERVE PROJECT EXPENSES (RESERVE PROJECT EXPENSES) - Other	0.00	291.67	0.00	1,458.35	3,500.00
Total 4225 · RESERVE PROJECT EXPENSES (RESERVE PROJECT EXPENSES)	0.00	291.67	809.05	1,458.35	3,500.00
4230 · Propane	0.00	166.67	0.00	833.35	2,000.00
4235 · Trash Removal	0.00	458.33	827.45	2,291.69	5,500.00
4240 · Office Telephone (Telephone and long distance charges, faxing, and other fees Not equipment purchases)	285.13	250.00	1,446.84	1,250.00	3,000.00
4245 · Pay Phone	110.00	116.67	660.00	583.35	1,400.00
4310 · Hacienda Maintenance Supplies					
4310A · Project Account (FOR ALL HACIENDA PROJECTS)	0.00		-153.01		
4310 · Hacienda Maintenance Supplies - Other	116.24	416.67	786.49	2,083.35	5,000.00
Total 4310 · Hacienda Maintenance Supplies	116.24	416.67	633.48	2,083.35	5,000.00
4311 · Hacienda Maintenance Repairs	74.52	250.00	150.35	1,250.00	3,000.00
4312 · Hacienda Landscaping	-168.63	125.00	558.94	625.00	1,500.00
4315 · Septic Maintenance	30.94	250.00	1,923.93	1,250.00	3,000.00
4316 · Septic Testing	0.00		29.64		
4320 · Maintenance Equipment	16.18	125.00	23.76	625.00	1,500.00
4322 · Well Maintenance	2,759.00	83.33	2,759.00	416.65	1,000.00
4323 · Hacienda - Security	210.00	208.33	695.00	1,041.65	2,500.00
4324 · Pool Maintenance	25.78	250.00	1,555.50	1,250.00	3,000.00
4325 · Small Apartment	0.00	8.33	329.05	41.65	100.00
4327 · Large Apartment	0.00	8.33	105.91	41.65	100.00
4328 · Pest & Weed Control	300.00	83.33	570.00	416.65	1,000.00
4335 · Janitorial Supplies	0.00	208.33	220.05	1,041.65	2,500.00
4337 · El Prado Baseball	80.00	166.67	1,034.89	833.35	2,000.00
4338 · Pond Maintenance	0.00	83.33	0.00	416.65	1,000.00
4339 · General Park Maintenance	426.37	416.67	649.47	2,083.35	5,000.00
66000 · Payroll Expenses (Payroll expenses)	32.50		153.60		
66900 · Reconciliation Discrepancies (Discrepancies between bank statements and company records)	0.00		0.00		
90001 · in / out (should always become a zero)	0.00		40.00		
Total Expense	23,805.82	30,272.91	95,373.88	151,364.63	363,275.00
Net Ordinary Income	-18,262.53	3,700.02	152,776.07	18,500.02	44,400.00
Net Income	-18,262.53	3,700.02	152,776.07	18,500.02	44,400.00



From the Editor:

To all readers, neighbors, advertisers and LDPOA members. Thank you for your many kind and encouraging calls and letters regarding The New Discoverer.

In upcoming issues we are hoping many of you will become not only readers but also contributors. Remember this is your paper. If we have any aspiring poets out there, how about a poet's corner• Maybe you would like to share your favorite recipe• How about your photos of Life in Don Pedro or the natural beauty that surrounds us• Send in your news items that are important to you and your community, accompanied by photos if you like. Like I said "It's Your paper." Get involved.

Items sent by e-mail, either in the email body or attached in a pdf file, are easiest for us, but do what you can.

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PLEASE NOTE:

We have two separate letter departments.

"Letters to the Editor" (General Community) where you can freely voice your opinion on any issue.

"Letters to the LDPOA Board" (Association items) where you can ask questions of any of your directors. Your question will be printed along with their response.

[While we know that our readers will, of course, demonstrate tact and comment on issues rather than personalities, we do reserve the right not to print any libelous statements or profane language.]

Letters to the Editor

The Discoverer welcomes letters and articles for publication provided they meet the criteria established in the current LDPOA Discoverer Editorial Policy (See excerpt below). Letters must be limited to 250 words, typewritten or emailed using upper and lowercase letters (no handwritten material, no all-capital material) and signed with name, address and phone number (Only your name will appear as part of your letter. All other information is for contact purposes only). **LETTERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE EDITOR BY 4:30 PM ON THE 10th OF EACH MONTH.** Letters deemed by the Editorial Committee to be improper are not accepted. Readers are advised that the opinions expressed in these letters are those of the individual authors, not of The Discoverer.

Is The New Discoverer A Luxury Or Necessity?

Depends on your perspective. Why be bothered with knowledge of something with which you have no interest? Who is concerned with the final score of a children's afternoon soccer game in some impoverished village in a struggling third world country? Not of much interest except to the participants, their families, friends and sponsors. Organized interest and demand determines whether a particular thing is supported and provided, or in the alternative, ignored and abandoned.

Every owner of property in the Lake Don Pedro area has a financial interest in the success of this community regardless if they are a current resident, future neighbor, or speculative investor. Those in the LDPOA share a further financial responsibility of supporting the Association and maintaining com-

mon interest property. Timely information is imperative to educating and organizing our vast membership and the NEW DISCOVERER is the perfect blossoming vehicle for that purpose.

What have decades of property assessments and lack of information produced? Behind the scene special interest double standards; abandonment of protective regulations; failure to enforce 40 year old CC&Rs; uncontrolled development; unapproved speculative/model homes; construction of dangerous roadways - noncompliant with state mandated fire safe minimum roadway standards - in of all places....a designated high fire severity zone; cancelled elections; inadequate educational opportunities for local students, etc..

Will this community slip back into another informational abyss and once again continue to get exactly what apathy promotes - much, much less than we deserve?

—Lew Richardson

Addiction

I have to confess to you all. I have an addiction and have been an addict for well over 50 years!

I would wake up in the morning when I was young, knowing that I was going to pursue this addiction, so off I would go walking and be gone all day until dinnertime.

For me it all escalated in my teens when I received my driver's license and bought first car. It became so habit forming that I was known to skip school from time to time, be home late, stay out some late nights and ignore some of my chores. When I became older, my addiction continued and with me it came. I just could not shake it nor did I feel that I ever wanted to. It just felt so good to me and I felt right doing it. Now in my early golden years looking back, and I still have the addiction and thanking God that I am still alive. I thank God that I was one of the lucky ones to have this addiction. For you see, for me it was Mother Nature, my ad-

dition. The being there, being one of the lucky ones able to be there. To be able to stop, look and learned how to listen to her. Whether it is on the water seeing a Bald Eagle or hearing a fish jump or in the woods listening to birds sing or a Deer crashing through the woods or Geese flying above your head, hearing the wings beating. For me there is no better addiction and I have been lucky enough to pass this addiction and craving on to my children and them on to their children. I hope all the young people in this day and age pursue this addiction, because there is none better in this world. Stop, look and listen to her, you will be surprised and amazed what you see and hear. Make it your new years resolution Try it you'll like it.

—Happy Holidays
Jigs

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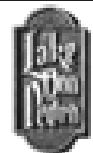
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Bleatings from "The Old Goat" LARRY WINCENTZEN

to my heart. The movie brings back the mystery of Christmas and the reassurance of believing in a world that is basically a good place in which to exist.

"A Wonderful Life" is a reminder of how important an individual is and how even an ordinary person can leave a lasting impression in history. When Mr. Potter told James Stewart he was worth more dead than alive, he could have been talking to me. Counting insurance policies and an IRA, I recently discovered that that was my present role in life. I've been counting on my IRA to pay off my mortgage. However, if I cash in my IRA while I'm alive, Obama has his hand out. If my widow cashes it in, she will receive the sum tax-free.

Charles Dickens, in his memorable account of Ebanazer Scrooge and his ghostly Christmas visitors, reminds us of the joy of giving and sharing life with friends and rela-

tives. Christmas is truly a wondrous time if we realize Tiny Tim's message, "God bless us everyone."

This year I added a fourth movie to my observance of Christmas. "Polar Express" changed my vision of Santa Claus and his establishment at the North Pole. The movie modernized the old boy and his mission. A huge community at the Pole has a cluster of specialized buildings for making toys by thousands of elves with specialized talents and abilities. Contrast that with my boyhood vision of a modest cottage with an attached workshop. About a dozen elves and Mrs. Santa created the toy building blocks and electric train that arrived under my sixth Christmas tree. Oh, to be a little boy again when the mystery of Christmas was awesome.

Yes, Christmas is an awesome holiday with all the special lights, music, decorations, food, parties, gifts, and celebrations. SOMETHING IS MISSING!

The movies have great messages, but

they miss the point. Christmas is a birthday observance. Suppose you were having a birthday party. All the people that came would get your birthday cake, drink your bubbly, bring gifts (but not for you), sing catchy songs, decorate trees and homes, and send cards. BUT NO ONE WOULD RECOGNIZE YOU OR TALK TO YOU! It would not be a very great birthday party for you.

Christmas is the birthday of Jesus Christ. He is the gift from God. Christ is the Reason for the Season. Have you recognized this? Has your family made Jesus the center of your celebration? Or, is the holiday a magical culmination of fairy tales and commercial profiteering?

The grand celebration begins with a prayer of gratitude and visit to the location of celebrating....Your Church.

*Merry Christmas Blessings
The Old goat - Larry Wincentzen*

Columbia College Art Class Spring 2011

The new semester is about to start, and once again Columbia College is offering a great art class at the lake Don Pedro Hacienda. It is taught by Jim Leitzell, an artist who has shown his work nationally and has taught for the college since 1998.

This spring we will explore making a painting from start to finish. Students will see how to start a painting and how to follow through to the finished work. You may work in any medium you like, but acrylics are strongly recommended. This is an excellent class for both the beginner and the more experienced artist.

Our subject matter will be still life, the landscape, and the costumed model.

Art 308, Section 1805, will meet Mondays from 1 to 4:15 pm, starting January 10. It will meet for 12 weekly sessions. It is a non-credit class, and is free once the \$18 health/student fee is paid; the best deal in higher education! Students must supply their own materials.

You may register online or in person at the college. See the Spring catalog or call Admissions and Records at 588-5231 or 588-5233 for information on how to enrol in this art class. You may also apply and register online at www.gocolumbia.com. If you just want to know more about the class, or need help with online enrolment, call Jim Leitzell at 878-0935.

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Pastor's Notes BY HANS FREI

Our theme for 2010 has been "It is time," based on Hosea 10:12, "Sow for yourselves righteousness; Reap in mercy; Break up your fallow ground, For it is time to seek the LORD, Till He comes and rains righteousness on you," (NKJV). We put signs up all over the community and sent letters to every mailbox, asking, "Isn't it time?" And now the year is almost spent, just twelve days remain (the partridge, turtle doves, milking maids, and all the rest are all ready to be let lose). Of course the question remains whether or not we have responded to God's call to seek him, to sow righteousness, to break up the fallow ground, to wait for

God's activity and blessing? Or have we put aside God's invitation, have we made excuses, procrastinated, ignored, or just blatantly said no?

When reading the Christmas accounts in Matthew and Luke, have you ever considered how often people could have made excuses for not responding after God stepped into their lives and told them, "It is time for ..."? Think of Mary, after God revealed to her that she would bear the Son of God. "God, you do know I am engaged to Joseph? Getting pregnant right now, before the wedding and all, especially with a child that is not his, just isn't good timing." Or what about the census? "No Joseph, I can't travel right now,

look at this belly, watch me waddle, does that look to you like I am ready for a trip to Bethlehem?" – "I don't care who Caesar is he's just going to have to wait!" Or, "What do mean all the hotels and motels are full? You don't really expect me to go there in my condition and end up having to stay in a barn, do you? Men, I tell you." Can you hear one of the wise men say, "I know what the stars say, but let's be reasonable here, have you guys considered what a trip like that will cost? Do you know how dangerous this is? Never mind that this will be like looking for a needle in a hay stack? If you ask me, you're just plain nuts." Or how about when the angels announced Jesus' birth to the shepherds and one of them proposed to go right away to check out what

they had been told. I can almost see one of them getting up and saying, "Wait a minute here, we can't just all run off and forget about the sheep! What if something happens to them? We're getting paid for watching sheep not running off to chase wild stories. That baby, if there really is one, will still be there tomorrow."

Then as now there are always plenty of reasons and excuses not to heed God's revelation, not to submit to God's will and timing. The real-

ity of the those who heeded God's announcements, who embraced his will, who responded in faith and obedience, who didn't make excuses, and who didn't procrastinate is that they saw and experienced God in ways that profoundly changed them and shaped their lives, and they encountered new depths of worship.

Make giving yourself to God your first gif this Christmas. Love you, Pastor Hans

"Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord," Luke 2:10-11 (NIV).

Tell you what, Sackgasser, the kid who lived in the old house they tore down to build a pharmacy in my old home town, he needed a Savior. He liked to collect frogs down by the old public pool that lightning had destroyed long before we were born and then blow them up with his bicycle pump. For sure he needed a Savior because he also punched a girl right in the gut at the beginning of third grade. That old mean woman living next to wall surrounding the Lutheran church, she too needed a Savior. She would make up lies to get us into trouble and throw things at us when we rode our bikes down the alley between the wall and her house. Yup, she and her sister needed a Savior for sure. Herr Weiss, my choleric eight grade Latin teacher, who one day got so mad at me that after school he tried to run me over in his car needed a Savior as well, and you could have asked anyone and they would've agreed. The pervert who taught the typing class in ninth grade, who both seduced one of the girls in the class and kicked me out after the first lesson, he too needed a Savior, no doubt about it. Oh, and don't forget my hard drinking, foul mouthed, gun toting, shooting into my back yard while my kids were playing Clamper ex-neighbor, because he absolutely needed a Savior.

Isn't amazing how easy it is to make list of people who really do need a Savior? And isn't it equally amazing how reluctant we are to put ourselves on that same list?

Our world is a sorry mess. No matter how many police, security systems and cameras, scanners, locks, and laws on the books we live with fear, violence, suspicion, and distrust. Crooks, perverts, terrorists, thieves, exploiters, dictators, liars, cons, haters, pimps, dealers, etc. abound everywhere. Corruption, oppression, genocide, exploitation, war, and the like are all words and realities found in every language and in your and my vocabulary. If there is something our world needs it is a Savior.

Isn't it amazing how easy it is to list our world's ills? And isn't equally amazing that although we can be spot on in our analysis we shy away from any mentioning of a Savior (the God solution) and thus we clamor for ever more education, prisons, stricter laws, bail outs, and programs.

The angel had it right, the good news of great joy is that if we dare to address the core that ails us most deeply, both personally and collectively, each one of us and all of humanity, then we will admit our need for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. We will embrace him, follow him, observe his ways, and worship him.

Funny, isn't it, the angel made the above announcement to a bunch of shepherds, the kind of people that show up on "they need a Savior lists?"

I wish you a merry Christmas, but above all embrace the Savior that came at Christmas.

To God be all glory, love you, Pastor Hans

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Tuolumne County Supervisor

BY JOHN GRAY, SUPERVISOR TUOLUMNE COUNTY, DISTRICT 4



Happy 2011! I hope that you all have enjoyed a pleasant holiday season with family and friends..Now it's time for us to get back in the swing of things looking

forward to the challenges that the New Year will bring us.

This thought in mind, we reflect on what impact the changes in State government will have on the local level.

Each December the State Department of Finance issues a report for California that measures the change in population from July of the previous year to July of the current year. The state, as a whole, went from 38.4 million to 38.8 million—a mere .91 per cent increase in growth.

Just two counties, Riverside and Placer, increased in population. Unfortunately, both Tuolumne County and Mariposa County experienced negative growth and the statistics have shown more deaths than births. Tuolumne County lost a net of 307 people through a combination of loss of life and those leaving the county in search of employment opportunities or for other reasons. Mariposa County's net loss was 47. The population for Tuolumne County now stands at 55,896 and Mariposa County at 18,243.

It's important to keep track of the population trend for a number of reasons. Growth analysis is used for long range planning purposes. The lack of growth in our counties will have a major effect on the decision making process as we begin to move forward with improvements to county facilities when funds become available. Improvements, such as the jail and courthouse project needs, were determined based on population growth projections at the beginning of the decade. Those assumptions will require a second look and reevaluation before we can move forward with these and other future projects. The lack of population growth may delay the need for some of the improvements.

With the elections over, the task at hand is to find a way out of our state budget mess.

Recently Governor Elect Brown conducted a budget session in Sacramento with constitutional officers, legislators and local elected officials. Reading reports on the state's financial mess will tell you that there is no easy way out. What I hope to see is that the Governor Elect will reach out and engage counties in any discussions involving the restructuring of financing for government services.

Recently I attended a California State Association of Counties annual meeting at which county supervisors unanimously supported an open dialogue with the state to

help with the problems we face. Our offer is sincere and we anticipate that our voices will contribute to the forward progress in these matters. County government is "closest to the people" and cooperation between the State and the Counties will go a long way in finding a solution.

In the December 2010 Board meeting, the Board will be asked to adopt various changes in the California Residential Code for Building Construction. As with all code changes there are always some "hard pills to swallow". What I find troublesome this time around is the code change that will require interior sprinkler systems in all residential home construction. While this may be a good idea from the standpoint of life safety, it will come with a great deal of added expense to those that are building a new home. Those costs come to the tune of between \$4,000 to \$7,000 for a standard home that is hooked up to a public water system and an astounding \$15,000 to \$30,000 for a new home that is dependent upon well water.

These changes are made at the state level and there is very little that counties can do to alter the code requirements. The intentions are great, but as my friend Mary told me recently, "The road to hell is paved with good intentions".

The building and real estate industries are already suffering from one of the biggest down-turns in history and adding another level of cost could not come at a worse time.

I continue to meet with representatives of the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, Department of Fish and Game and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service on the operation of the Moccasin Fish Hatchery. In order for the SPUC to facilitate the repair of the Hetch Hetchy Mountain Tunnel, it is necessary to shut down the water flow to the hatchery during a two month period of time in 2013.

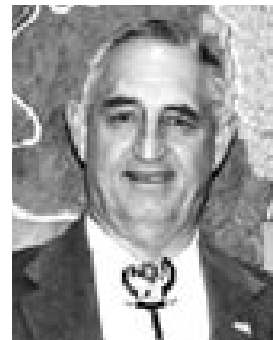
Because the hatchery is dependent upon the water from the Hetch Hetchy system, it is important to devise a solution to the lack of water availability for the hatchery. The good news is that SPUC has committed to spending up to \$100,000 towards the design of a re-circulating system which is to be used during the shut-down. The tentative design would allow the hatchery to re-circulate 80% of the water used.

As I mentioned in a previous article, having catchable fish in our streams, rivers and lakes is very important to our economic health. It is estimated that over \$6M comes to our county in fishing related businesses and services from the outdoorsmen enjoying the use of our lakes and streams. Without the Moccasin Hatchery and the catchable trout that it produces, our county could experience a severe economic downturn.

Again, I want to commend the SPUC, the US Fish and Game Department and the US Wildlife Services for working with us to be

Footnotes from North County

BY LYLE TURPIN, MARIPOSA COUNTY SUPERVISOR, DISTRICT 2



2010 has flown by. The County Board of Supervisors meets every Tuesday unless it happens to be the 5th Tuesday of the month.

Much has been accomplished this past year and much more is coming up in 2011. During every meeting we deal with items that have an impact on the County's general fund. We review and make financial adjustments at mid-year to the budget.

The County budget year runs from July 1st to June 30th and we have final budget hearings in September. Why so late? A very large part of the County budget is established according to the final State budget.

Overall, we have been able to financially provide County services on a status quo basis. Income revenues are tight, but so far we have been able to hold down overall day-to-day expenses.

At the present time the County is in the process of negotiating with all of our labor agreements. I will share those details once everything has been ratified.

As we start this next year we need to reflect back on the month of December and

proactive in finding a solution to the operation problems now so that we will be prepared for the shut-down.

At the December 14th Board of Supervisors meeting, the Board accepted the list of Committees for the 2011 calendar year. There are over 50 committees on which your Board members are asked to serve. One of the new committees for Board member participation is in the representation of Tuolumne County in the Sustainable Forest Action Coalition. The goal of the coalition is to work on both the state and federal level to bring regulatory reform in order to restore a healthy forest and to maintain the existing timber production infrastructure. With the up-grading of the Stardard Mill by the Sierra Pacific Industries lumber company, the timing of participating with this coalition has never been more critical.

It is important that we grow Tuolumne County's economy. The key to that growth is diversity. We cannot just depend on tourism. We need to have more "living wage" jobs. As I have said many times, the quality of life begins with a good job. The timber industry was once a vibrant part of the economy of Tuolumne County and we need to do whatever we can to bring that element back.

the celebration of Christmas and New Year. The privilege to be able to share and give, as well as receiving from those that do give, is very humbling and heartfelt.

The disturbing part of any season is those that feel they must take.

The residents of our communities do a tremendous job with all of our volunteers investing much energy and many hours in order to make our areas so enjoyable and are proud to be part of those communities.

As this new year kicks off, I ask that all those parents and grandparents share daily with our younger generation the lasting values that make our local communities such assets to be part of: local, county, state and the god old U.S.A. We salute those that defend our freedom.

With renewed energy I want to let all those within District II to know what a privilege it has been for me to represent you for the past six years. I wish everyone a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Lyle Turpin

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As we look toward the new year, we will see two newly elected Supervisors sitting on the Board, Randy Hanvelt and Evan Royce. They have both been working hard the past 6 months to get Up to Speed on county government and I look forward to working with them on the important issues that we will be facing.

I will miss past supervisors, Terry Murison and Paolo Maffei. They are fine individuals that have worked tirelessly in the best interests of their constituency during their terms. They are great public servants and I expect that they will continue, in some way, to help the people of our county. Both of these fine individuals have my very best wishes for their continued success in all future endeavors.

As always, please feel welcome to contact me on any issue concerning Tuolumne County.

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Business Generated Hazardous Waste Will Be Accepted in Merced

Beginning January 1, 2011 conditionally exempt small quantity generators of hazardous waste (CESQGs) in Mariposa County will be able to manage their hazardous waste at the Hwy. 59 Landfill in Merced. A CESQG is a business that generates no more than 100kg (220lbs) of hazardous waste or one kilogram (2.2lbs) of acutely hazardous waste per month.

Hazardous waste includes oil-based paint, flammable solids and liquids, aerosols, batteries, mercury, fertilizers, asbestos, contaminated soil, fluorescent light bulbs and tubes, used oil and filters and other materials that, if not handled properly, could harm the environment.

Fees are based on disposal and processing costs and will vary depending on the type and amount of waste. All CESQGs who utilize the Hwy. 59 Landfill will be required to open a landfill customer account with the Merced County Department of Public Works, Solid Waste Division. Application forms may be downloaded from the Landfill Customer Account Applications link on the Merced County website at www.co.mer.ca.us. A list of accepted materials and associated fees is also available on-line.

Completed applications should be returned to: Merced County Solid Waste Division, 2222 M St., Rm. 206, Merced, CA 95340. For more information, contact Mary Kay Cruz at (209) 385-7388.

"Christmas Shoeboxes"

BY LINDA BETTENCOURT

Thank You so much for your support this year for our collection of "Christmas Shoeboxes" for Modesto Gospel Mission. We were able to take down over 260 gifts to be given out at there annual Christmas Party, on December 23, 2010. The staff really appreciated the donation and wanted us to Thank everyone who contributed.

Irene Rhyne and myself would also like to "Thank You" personally and we're looking forward to collecting again next year. So keep us in mind when the Christmas Season comes again next year. We wish for you a Happy New Year and may you have a healthy and prosperous 2011.

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Adult Literacy Program to Begin in January

Would you or someone you know like help with reading and writing skills? The Mariposa County Library is offering free tutoring for English speaking Mariposa County residents age 18 or older.

Trained volunteer tutors will work with learners on a one-to-one basis in the Library or other public location.

Learners work at their own pace to achieve goals they set for themselves.

For example, if a learner wants to write a resume, help children with homework, or pass a driver's test, instruction is directed to achieving that goal.

All program materials are provided free of charge to learners. Hours are flexible to fit in with the learner's schedule.

This program is provided in conjunction with the Merced Library Read and Succeed adult literacy program.

For more information, call the Mariposa Library, (209) 966-2140 or stop by the Library during normal hours of operation. Leave your name and phone number or e-mail address and the Literacy Coordinator will contact you.

Both surveys and a submission box are available at the LDPOA Hacienda office for those residents who would like to voice their opinions concerning services and Tuolumne County's future.

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Thank You for the Opportunity to Serve

DEBBIE COOK, FF, PIO

Throughout 2010 Mariposa County Fire Department (MCFD) has been busy keeping the community safe. But, that's not all MCFD members do. During the year, companies meet at least twice a month for medical and fire training to hone their skills. There are also many weekends spent attending special training, using the live fire trailer that allows for practicing skills needed to fight structure fires, or attending trainings such as MCI's (Multi Casualty Incident) where the scenario might be a multiple motor vehicle accident with numerous patients. This gives firefighters a chance to practice such skills as triage of patients, securing the scene and extrication. Additional opportunity is also available to members wanting to further their education by attending

classes at the National Fire Academy.

Many members also serve on committees like the **Training Advisory Committee (TAC)** that meets monthly to discuss and coordinate the afore mentioned trainings as well as the annual Vision meeting where members gather to brainstorm the following year's training schedule. The **EMS Committee**, meeting every other month, focuses on firefighter safety. Their job at fires is to ensure that every firefighter is checked in and out at an incident and monitored during that incident for any health concerns like heat exhaustion and dehydration. The **Public Relations/Community Education Committee (PR/CEC)** meets every other month and is actively out in the community promoting MCFD and educating the public by way

of safety articles, attending special events and visits with the Fire Safety House and coordinating campaigns such as Fire Prevention Week and the *Install. Inspect. Protect. Smoke Alarm Campaign*. And last, but not least, the dedicated MCFD staff that keeps the department together and running smoothly. Always just a phone call or e-mail away, they take care of member needs.

We would like to thank our local media, Mariposa Gazette, Foothill Express, Highway Herald, Discoverer, Mariposa County Chamber of Commerce Website and Goldrushcam.com/Sierra Sun Times for their

support in our efforts. If you are reading this, or any of the other department news, it is because of their generosity.

MCFD are volunteers who are passionate about what they do and care about the people living in their communities. It is our hope that you, your family and friends have a safe and prosperous 2011. As we end 2010 and begin a new year, Mariposa County Fire Department (MCFD) will continue to be there to serve the communities they live in. We are grateful to all of you for your continued support and look forward to growing and accomplishing many

things in 2011. We appreciate the opportunity to serve you!

Happy Holidays from your Mariposa County Fire Department: Midpines – Company 21, Mariposa – Company 22, Catheys Valley – Company 23, Lake Don Pedro – Company 24, Mount Bullion/Airport – Company 25, Coulterville – Company 26, Morman Bar – Company 27, Lushmeadows – Company 29, Greeley Hill – Company 31, Ponderosa Basin – Company 32, Fish Camp – Company 33, El Portal – Company 34, Hunters Valley – Company 36, Bootjack – Company 37.

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Community Embraces MCFD Smoke Alarm Campaign

BY DEBBIE COOK, FF, PIO

A campaign is only as good as the response it receives. In early November, Mariposa County Fire (MCFD) launched a countywide Install. Inspect. Protect. Smoke Alarm Campaign. The mission is to install 1,300 smoke alarms and 300 carbon monoxide detectors as needed for FREE. Things started a bit slowly, but with media support and thousands of fliers being distributed, requests are starting to flow into the MCFD office.

Each company in the department has embraced the campaign, trained their members to do inspections and installs and firefighters are donating their time to get to all who are in need of this valuable service.

Companies such as Bootjack Company 37, who reported doing 40 plus alarm installs in three days, is overwhelmed by the requests, but is very excited about being able to help the community. The Mariposa High School

Grizzlies are ready and waiting on the sidelines to help however they can. The Boy Scouts are supporting the efforts of one of their members, Deven Dearing, who will use the campaign to complete his Eagle Scout project. Clubs and organizations are sharing the importance of the campaign and spreading the word.

The Install. Inspect. Protect.

Campaign still has a way to go to reach every home in the county, but the success of the campaign is due to the community support received thus far. If there is a need and that need is filled, then everyone benefits. If just one life is saved, imagine the feeling.

Smoke alarms save lives! The

best way to prevent the chance of dying in a house fire is to have working smoke alarms installed both inside and outside of bedrooms and sleeping areas and on every level of your home. Take the pledge to "Help Us, Help You." Please contact the MCFD office today at (209) 966-4330 to schedule your appointment.



Midpines Company 21 Captain Harve Dearing and son Deven, working on his Eagle Scout project using the Install. Inspect. Protect. Smoke Alarm Campaign, are installing alarms in the Midpines area. To date, they have installed over 30 alarms.

"Project Respect" making a difference at Coulterville-Greeley School

BY DEANA LESSLEY



The Mariposa County Project Respect program is a wonderful community wide effort to end bullying in Mariposa County. MCPR is committed to creating a safe, trusting, community environment of mutual support, kindness and respect.

Coulterville-Greeley School has been implementing the program since the beginning of this school year and has a Project Respect coach on campus.

The program has brought a school-wide awareness that students must practice respectful relationships and encourage everyone to take action to prevent bullying. At the beginning of the program many students did not recognize more subtle types of bullying and may not have reported more subtle, indirect, and relational types of bullying (such as deliberately excluding peers or spreading rumors) because they did not realize that these are also unfair, unequal ways to treat others. But because of this program, the curriculum that is being implemented in the classrooms and "Girl

Talk", the students are becoming aware of these behaviors and it is making a difference in how they treat one another.

"Girl Talk" is a wonderful extension of the program at C-G school. A group of girls get to meet on a weekly or semi-weekly basis with the project respect coach to share acts of kindness that they gave to others and received. They also discuss ways to reach out to others with kindness, ways to make new friends, how to recognize bullying and how to safely intervene in bullying situations. The 5th grade girls just finished 10 weeks of "Girl Talk" and the skills they learned and the successes they reported were wonderful. At the last meeting one girl shared that because of "Girl Talk" she had realized how she had not been a very good friend to someone in the past and how terrible she felt about that and how she would be a better friend now. That is what I call success!! This program is reaching the students and we look forward to making a difference and to more success stories like this in the future.

Coulterville's History Center Re-Opens

"Memories of Coulterville" Wine & Tea Party!

After a month long hiatus to freshen the various exhibits, the Coulterville History Center will reopen its doors on Saturday, February 5th and resume its regular hours, Wednesday through Sunday from 10 am to 4 pm the following week. A Wine & Tea Gala Reception will be held on opening day from 3 to 5 pm. A variety of local wines will once again be featured and everyone attending will receive a monogrammed wine glass to commemorate the event. "Teetotalers" will find a welcome addition this year... an elegant tea service complete with tea cakes and cookies.

Co-chairing the event are board member Pam Henderson and former board member Susan Bramson. In keeping with this year's theme for the event, "Memories of Coulterville", they are busy selecting a number of recipes from

the NMCHC's cook book's hors d'oeuvres section as well as seeking volunteers willing to try their hands at these unique heirloom recipes. They are also seeking items for the lovely gift baskets they are putting together that will be raffled off that afternoon.

Tiscornia Family Featured

This year the Tiscornia family...whose family tree includes Antonia Tiscornia, a successful 1860's Coulterville shopkeeper as well as Julia Tiscornia, whose noted beauty and graceful waltzing skills graced Bower Cave's weekly dances in the 1870's (per the Coulterville Chronicle, pub 1942) ... has generously agreed to lend the museum a number of family heirlooms and photos.

John Muir Exhibit To Be Unveiled

A permanent exhibit that has been almost a year in the making will be unveiled at the event. Featured will be a scene of Horseshoe Bend from Penon Blanco Road that Muir wrote about and meticulously drew in an illustration contained in his book *My First Summer in the Sierra*, published in 1922. A 2010 photograph by professional photographer Scot Mill, snapped in 2010 from virtually the same spot Muir must of sketched from in 1869 will also be featured. These two pictures will be included in Miller's photographic rendition of Muir's original 1922 book that is due out later in the year.

Spend the afternoon with the

people who researched and set up the new exhibits and learn the history behind them. Tickets, which are just \$15 for members, \$20 for non-members can be purchased in advance by contacting the museum. For additional information or to purchase tickets, contact Gail Tyler at (209) 878-3015 or email nmchc@inreach.com. The office will be open in January.

You can also contact Gail if you would like to become a member or get more involved as a docent or committee member. The docent program really needs a few more folks in order to fully staff the museum. Even if you only can devote 3 hours a month, give it a try. Its fun, you'll

learn some fascinating things about our community's history and meet people from around the world.

The Northern Mariposa County History Center was established as a 501c3, private, non-profit charitable organization in 1976, with the History Center opening to the public in 1980. Displays and historic photos provide an authentic glimpse of the life and times of the pioneers who helped settle the local area in the 1800's. Memberships are available.

HISTORY CENTER BREAKFAST ARRIVES EARLY IN JANUARY, 2011!

HAPPY NEW YEAR! After the frenetic holiday season, the quiet and solitude of January can be a real shock to one's system. And if the cold weather we've had this fall continues, winter is likely to be cold, wet and icy (in spite of the Farmer's Almanac prediction of "mild & average"). Either way, get out of the house and come on down (or up) to Coulterville's Old School House on Sunday, January 9th and celebrate the New Year in the warm and friendly community atmosphere found there on the second Sunday of every month...at the volunteer run NMCHC Monthly Fund Raising Breakfast.

Enjoy a great breakfast of pancakes, eggs cooked the way you like them, ham or sausage and fresh fruit from 8:00 a.m. until

11:00 a.m. Adults are \$5.00, children \$3.00 and a family of four (2 adults, 2 children) is just \$15.00. The Old Schoolhouse is located at the corner of Broadway and Cemetery St.

Raffle tickets, both for home baked goodies as well as a number of sterling silver jewelry items will be available. There is also a free drawing held every month for a free breakfast. Congratulations to Gary Williams of Mariposa who was the lucky winner in November.

Proceeds of this monthly event are vitally needed to cover operating expenses of the museum. So enjoy a hearty meal, enjoy a few tunes by Bennie Taylor and say hello to your friends and neighbors...and help out your community's History Center! Never got around to join-

ing the museum? Your breakfast is "on the house" if you decide to become a member that morning!

Donations of homemade cakes, pies and other goodies are always welcome and are raffled off during the morning. Contact Gail Tyler, (209) 878-3015, info@coultervillemuseum.com for additional information. The Northern Mariposa County History Center was established as a 501c3 private, non-profit charitable organization in 1976, with the History Center opening to the public in 1980. Displays and historic photos provide an authentic glimpse of the life and times of the pioneers who helped settle the area in the 1800's. Memberships and volunteer opportunities are available.

Lake Don Pedro Elementary Student of Month



Lake Don Pedro Elementary School is proud to announce Lehela Abreu as its Student of the Month. Lehela is a first grade student in Christine VanDenover's class. "Lehela is a smart young lady," says Mrs. VanDenover. "She enjoys reading and math. Lehela is helpful in the classroom and to everyone she knows. She tries very hard to stay focused in class, to accomplish her work, and to keep her desk tidy. That's why she deserves to be Student of the Month." Lehela lives with her parents Cassandra and Jesse Abreu. Congratulations Lehela!

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A complete dinner is \$6, served from 6-7 pm every Wednesday at the Tom Jenkins VFW Post 9454, 5019 Main St.

Monthly

Northern Mariposa County History Center (NMCHC) FUND RAISING BREAKFASTS

Held the second Sunday of every month.

Produced entirely by volunteers, this Family friendly event is a vital fund-raiser for the private, non-profit museum located in the heart of Historic Coulterville... "the gold rush town to tough to die!"

Enjoy breakfast from 8 'till 11 a.m. You get a generous serving of fresh eggs cooked "your way" with ham or sausage, "all you can eat" pancakes & fresh fruit for only \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children. Families rate is just \$15.00, covering breakfast for 2 adults & 2 children. Raffle items include sterling silver and 14K jewelry as well as home baked goodies. Held at the "Old School House" ... at the corner of Broadway and Cemetery St. Call 209-878-3750 or go online to coultervillemuseum.org for additional information.

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Dates: 1/9, 2/13, 3/13, 4/10, 5/8 (Mother's Day), 6/12, 7/10, 8/14, 9/11, 10/9, 11/13, 12/11

January

NMCHC closed for display changes.

Saturday, February 5th: HISTORY CENTER RE-OPENING

Northern Mariposa County History Center, 10301 Highway 49 (at Hwy 132)

Reopens on Saturday, February 5th, Resumes its regular hours, Wednesday through Sunday from 10 am to 4 pm

"MEMORIES OF COULTERVILLE" WINE & TEA PARTY!

Advance tickets available \$15 members, \$20 non-members 3 pm to 5 pm. Guided tours, wine tasting, traditional tea service, hors d'oeuvres.

Tiscornia Family & John Muir Displays will be unveiled Call 209-878-3750 or go online to coultervillemuseum.org for additional information.

Saturday, March 12th ODD FELLOW'S (#104) CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE DINNER

at the IOOF, 5030 Main St.

Sunday, April 24th COMMUNITY CLUB'S EASTER EGG HUNT

Coulterville Park (Highway 49 and

Broadway) 11 am Games, prizes and lots of Easter Eggs

Saturday, May 21st 26TH ANNUAL COYOTE HOWL

Coulterville Park (Highway 49 and Broadway) 10 am - 4 pm Parade - Coyote Howlin' Contest - Vintage Car Show - Music - Vendors - Free Admission Call 209-878-3750 or go online to coultervillemuseum.org for additional information.

COYOTE HOWL DINNER DANCE

Coulter Café garden, 5015 Main St. 5:30 pm. Advance tickets advised.

Call 209-878-3750 or go online to coultervillemuseum.org for additional information.

Saturday, June 4th

JOHN MUIR DAY Along the John Muir Route Highway 132 from Hwy 49 to Hwy 120

Saturday, July 2nd 42ND COULTERVILLE FIRE BRIGADE BBQ

Coulterville Park (Highway 49 and Broadway) Old Fashioned day in the park

Saturday, Aug 6th SULTRY SUMMER SHINDIG

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Monday (Labor Day)

September 5th COMMUNITY CLUB'S END OF SUMMER SPLASH Coulterville Park (Highway 49 and Broadway) Free Swimming - Food - Music

Saturday, December 3rd TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

at the Fire House, corner of Hwys 132 & 49

Saturday, December 17th CHRISTMAS IN COULTERVILLE

Santa at the Fire House, corner of Hwys 132 & 49 Free Community Dinner at the Old School House, corner of Broadway & Cemetery Sts. and Related Events

Master Gardeners Bring New Life to Coulterville

BY DEBBIE COOK, FF, PIO

If you haven't had the opportunity to drive by Coulterville Station 26 to check out the landscape project, you will be amazed at what can happen when you combine education, guidance and a group of volunteers.

About three months ago, Mariposa County Master Gardeners (MG's) were contacted to assist the Coulterville Fire Brigade in selecting and planting a new Christmas tree. Little did we know what a great program was available for FREE. As luck would have it, four MG members live in our area, Jack and

Connie Welch, Helen Bauman and MaryAnn Huff. The next thing we knew, their team visited the station and a proposal was presented for a three-phase landscape project.

I visited their website at <http://ce-mariposa.ucdavis.edu/MasterGardener> and learned that the trained volunteers of the UC Master Gardeners program extend the ability of local Cooperative Extension offices to provide practical scientific horticulture and gardening information to the citizens of California.

Once the proposal was approved, immediate work began by selecting and planting the Christmas tree. That same day, firefighters and MG's, with shovels in hand, dug a 3 foot by 60-foot area. Within a couple weeks, river rock mysteriously appeared and a dry creek bed came

to life. In early December, an assortment of trees, shrubs and grasses were delivered by Mariposa MG's Jim and President Betty Johnson as well as a personal visit from the Program Coordinator, Kris Randall, and in the rain, MG's, firefighters and brigade members planted approximately 37 plants. With the exception of weeding the area and spreading mulch, the first phase of the project at the corner of Hwy 132/49 is near completion. The fun part now is waiting and watching things grow and bloom.

Future work is scheduled in, and will continue through, 2011. There is also opportunity for the community and schools to get involved with the project to learn more about native plants, composting and recycling in our area. Visit the web site above for more information or, to

volunteer with the Coulterville Station 26 project, contact Debbie Cook at 878-3227.



Master Gardeners club at work: L to R Connie Welch, Jim Johnson, Kris Randal, MaryAnn Huff and Betty Johnson.

Medicare and You: Navigating the Maze

Are you going to be starting Medicare soon but not sure where to start? Are you confused with the multiple parts of Medicare (Parts A, B, C and D)? Are you overwhelmed with mail regarding the various Medicare options? HICAP is here to help guide you through the Medicare Maze.

HICAP (Health Insurance Counseling & Advocacy Program) is offering a FREE class:

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Recycle Old Christmas Lights

The Mariposa County Recycling Center at the Landfill is now accepting strings of Christmas lights that are no longer working. Recycling your lights for their metal content rather than throwing them in the trash not only reduces the amount of waste in the Landfill but also helps prevent the wires from becoming tangled in the sorting equipment at the Compost Facility.

Want to do even more to reduce waste this Christmas? Here are a few ideas:

- buy gifts made from recycled materials;
- wrap with reusable paper or fabric gift bags, or be creative with usable items such as towels, pillow cases,

- purchase long-lasting products packaged in a minimum amount of recycled and recyclable material, rather than plastic and Styrofoam;
- ask the retailer if they have a take-back program;
- give hand-crafted presents made with recycled or recyclable materials;
- resist impulse buying of items that will not be appreciated or used, or that will easily break;
- bring your own reusable shopping bags when you do your holiday shopping;
- recycle wrapping paper in the mixed paper bin at the Recycling Center (no metallic and plastic coated paper accepted.)

The Recycling Center is located at 5593 Hwy. 49N in Mariposa and is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday through Monday, closed Tuesdays, Wednesdays and holidays.

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49er Little League Sets January Registration Dates

BY SHELLEY CUMMINGS, LEAGUE PRESIDENT

Believe it or not, baseball season is just around the corner (hard to imagine since we are in the throes of Winter!!) However, your local Little League Board is ready to begin the **2011 Season** and has set the following registration dates for our Communities:

DON PEDRO/COULTERVILLE, GREELEY HILL – *January 15, 2011 (Saturday), 10am – 12pm Don Pedro Market; *January 22, 2011 (Saturday) 10am – 12pm Don Pedro Market; *January 23, 2011 (Sunday) 12pm – 2pm Greeley Hill Market; *January 20, 2010 (Thursday 5-7pm Tenaya Elementary School

JAMESTOWN – *January 13, 2011 (Thursday) 5-7pm Jamestown Elementary ; January 20, 2011 (Thursday) 5-7pm Jamestown Elementary

GROVELAND/BIG OAK FLAT – *January 13, 2011 (Thursday) 5-7pm Tenaya Elementary School; *January 20, 2011 (Thursday) 5-7pm Tenaya Elementary School

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Lake Don Pedro Elementary School participates in The National Mix It Up At Lunch Day

BY KIM MARTIN, PROJECT RESPECT COACH LDPEs

On November 9, 2010, Lake Don Pedro Elementary School joined thousands of other schools across the nation to participate in Mix it Up at Lunch. This program is sponsored by Teaching Tolerance (www.tolerance.org). This is a national campaign that helps K-12 teachers develop a school community that accepts everyone.

"Students thrive—socially and academically—in schools that are inclusive. Yet, for far too many students, schools are hotbeds of exclusion. Social scientists have long maintained that contact between diverse groups helps alleviate tensions and reduce prejudice. Mix It Up seeks to break down the barriers between students and improve intergroup relations so there are fewer misunderstandings that can lead to conflicts, bullying and harassment." (Quote taken from Teaching Tolerance web site)

For Lake Don Pedro it was decided to concentrate on getting the students to sit next to someone that they might never sit next to and start a conver-

sation. The students in grades 3rd through 8th participated in this campaign. When they arrived in the cafeteria to eat lunch, each student chose a random number that corresponded to a seat at the lunch table. The students where then to sit down and have conversations with those around them. To help the students to break the ice and give them subjects to talk about, there where "conversation starters", a list of questions that required some thought and to reveal something of themselves. Questions ranged from, "If you could go anywhere in this world on vacation where would you go?" "If you could have any super power, what would you choose?"

The students had a great time getting to know each other and answering the questions. Most students liked the program, but there where some that thought it was silly. For the most part it was successful and students got a chance to see that others are no different then them. One student was particularly happy about the program; he made a new friend, now that is success!

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JIG'S FISHING & INFORMATION REPORT

It looks as if the Bass bite is improving and the big ones are starting to bite. 10 lbs., 9 lbs., 8 lbs., 7 lbs. just how big do you want them?

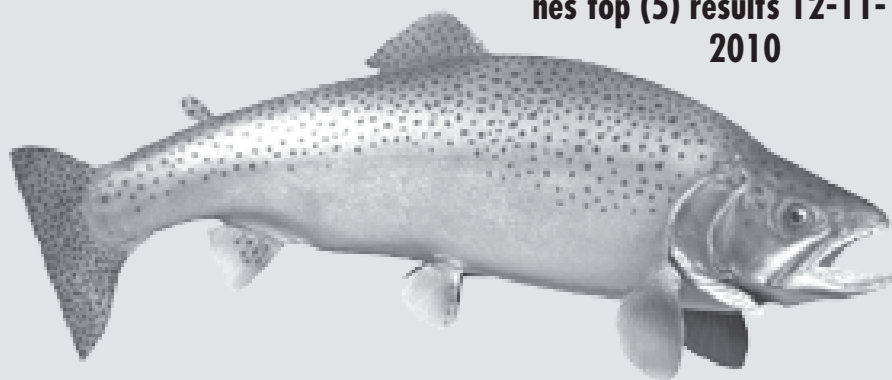
13 lb. Plus !

Lake McClure on the other hand; the news is the fat Spotted Bass are back! Due to a huge shad population these fish fat, on the bite, and looking like they did a couple of years ago. They are looking so fat like they are ready to pop!

Anglers Choice Motherlode at Lake Mc Clure top (5) results 12-11-2010

- 1 Chris Zaldain 5 bass for 13.21 lbs.
- 2 Bryan Grier & Steve Grier 5 bass 13.09 lbs.
- 3 Matt Lindsey & Mike Sanders 5 bass 12.36 lbs.
- 4 Harry Markarian & Joey Verna 5 bass 11.97 lbs.
- 5 Brian Payne & Jeremiah Payne 5 bass 11.58 lbs.

ABA Motherlode at New Melones top (5) results 12-11-2010



First points event of the season... the top "5" were as follows.

- 1.Russ Pierson & Shawn Conde..big fish 7.18 lb. Spot total..13.20 lbs.
- 2.Tom Schachten & Alex Niapas..12.61 lbs.
- 3.John Donnelly & Billy Dehart..big fish..6.96 Spots total..11.11 lbs.
- 4.Bruce Harris & Alvin Borba..9.11 lbs.
- 5.Gerry Johnson & Terry Odem..8.99 lbs.

Next event is Jan. 8th @ Lake Mc Clure

Here is a recap of upcoming December Bass tournaments at Don Pedro and McClure.

Lake McClure
12-19 Fresno Bass Club

We have no report from guide Danny Layne at this time, but I can tell you the big trout at Don Pedro are right on the surface. I personally have been letting the breeze drift my boat across the lake and have been casting, little cleos and kastmasters to large Trout that are gorging them selves on schooling shad. The Trout have been ranging in size from 2 to 4 lbs.

Thank you and good fishing Happy Holidays from

—Jigs; Phil & Peggy

\$10,000 Contribution from AT&T to Support EPCTC's Small Business Training Program

SONORA, CA – December 14, 2010. The Economic Prosperity Council of Tuolumne County (EPCTC) today announced it had received a \$10,000 contribution from AT&T to support the organization's training program for small business.

The Economic Prosperity Council will use the contribution from AT&T to fund the purchase of ten laptop computers and associated business software. The EPCTC with other partners, such as the Business Alliance of Tuolumne County, will provide training and economic development services to small businesses in Tuolumne County. This will help to advance the mission of the Economic Prosperity Council by encouraging entrepreneurship, job attraction, retention, and job creation in Tuolumne County.

The planned outcome of this contribution is to create and retain jobs by providing assistance and training to startups, small business owners, and other local businesses and to become more competitive, increase their sustainability, and profitability.

Larry Cope, through his role as Executive Director of the EPCTC, accepted this contribution on behalf of the organization. "Working hand-in-hand with our partner organizations can really make things happen", said Cope. One of those partners includes George Segarini of the Tuolumne County Chamber of Commerce who assisted the EPCTC in securing this funding for our business community. We appreciate AT&T's recognition of our united efforts to cultivate success with our entrepreneurs and small businesses owners who help make up the fabric of our rural economy. "

"Programs like this can make a real difference for small businesses – and communities," said Eric Johnson, Executive Director of External Affairs for AT&T. "That's why we're proud to support the Economic Prosperity Council of Tuolumne County and their outstanding work to strengthen small businesses in our region."

More Jigs

In our last article I mentioned just how big do you want your Bass to be in Lake Don Pedro?

Here is a friend of mine Dave Holmes, December 11th Lake Don Pedro Largemouth Bass. The Bass weighed in at 15.2 lbs. 27 ¼ " long 23" in girth. Wow what a fish. The Bass was released for an angler to catch another day. Dave is having a replica made to mount on his wall. "Nice job Dave"!

Dave caught the Bass on ROF 16 Huddleston swim bait.



Happy New Year
Jigs; Phil & Peggy

What's cooking & where Calendar!



If you have an on-going food event and would like it to appear in this monthly calendar, please send it in!

FIRST Sunday

Greeley Hill Community Club Breakfast
at the Greeley Hill Community
on 10332 Fiske Rd.
Menu: Eggs cooked to order, sausage or ham,
all you can eat pancakes or biscuits & gravy,
coffee, tea, milk or hot chocolate.
Time: 8:00am - 11:00am
Cost: \$5.00 Adults \$2.50

SECOND Sunday

La Grange Odd Fellows Breakfast
at Lafayette Historical Lodge #323
downtown La Grange
Menu: Biscuits & gravy, sausage, scrambled
eggs, potatoes O'Brien, coffee and OJ.
Info: (209) 853-2128 or 853-2027.
Cost: \$6.00. Time: 7:00am-11:00am

**Northern Mariposa County
History Center**
Breakfast at the Coulterville Old School House
(corner of Cemetery & Broadway Sts.)
Menu: All-you-can-eat pancakes, eggs cooked
to order, ham or sausage & fruit. Beverage
included, juice extra.
Adults \$5.00, children \$3.00, for family (2
adults, 2 children) \$15.00. 8 to 11 am.

VFW

5019 Main St, Coulterville
Dinner served every Wednesday night,
Time: 6-7 pm. Menu varies.
Cost: \$6.
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THIRD Sunday

La Grange Rebekahs' Breakfast
at Lafayette Historical Lodge #323
downtown La Grange
Menu: Biscuits & gravy, ham & cheese
omelet, pancakes, coffee and OJ.
Info: (209) 853-2128 or 853-2027.
Cost: \$6.00
Time: 7:00 - 11:00am.

**Discontinued until October 17th
(Don Pedro) Mariposa Volunteer
Fire Dept**

at Bozsik's Pizza, 3191 El Prado Rd.
Menu: Pancakes (regular or blueberry),
biscuits & gravy, French toast, Bacon or sau-
sage & scrambled eggs Beverages included.
Cost: Adults \$5.00 Children \$3.00
Family of 4 \$15.00.
Time: 7:00am - 11:00am

LAST Saturday

"Roast Beef Dinner"
at the Coulterville Community United Meth-
odist Church at Highway 49 and Hwy 132
Cost: \$10.00 - adults
\$5.00 children under 12
Time: 4:00pm to 7:00pm

Odd Fellows & Rebekahs Breakfasts Continue in 2011

BY CHRIS STEVENSON

The La Grange Odd Fellows and Rebekahs thank everyone who supported our many fundraiser events at the IOOF Hall on the main street of La Grange and wish you all a Happy 2011. We will continue with our monthly breakfasts, the second and third Sundays of the month. In January both organizations will be planning their calendar of events for the coming year which will include our annual dinners, the Odd Fellows' Catfish Fry and the Rebekahs' Enchilada Din-

ner. The dates for these and many other events be published in the coming month.

The upcoming Odd Fellow Breakfast will be Sunday January 9, 7 to 11 am.

French toast is the exciting new addition to the breakfast menu which also includes biscuits and gravy, scrambled eggs, sausage and potatoes with complimentary coffee and orange juice, all for \$6.

The third Sunday, January 16, the Rebekahs continue their long-standing breakfast tradition with pancakes, ham and cheese

omelet, biscuits and gravy, also including coffee and orange juice. The price is \$6 and hours are the same as the Odd Fellows, 7 to 11 am.

We invite you to join us for these and many other community events, at the La Grange Odd Fellow Hall, the 1881 vintage two story white building on the main street of La Grange, which is HWY 132 just east of HWY J-59. For more information email renwah @ sonnet.com or call Chris at 853-2128.

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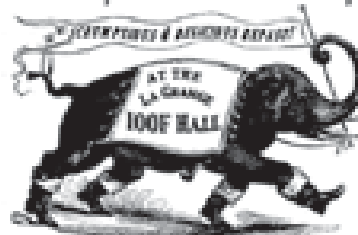
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Five Situations In Which Remodeling Is A Must

BY ART GIB

With an expense here and an expense there, it can be hard to justify remodeling a home. The economy is not the greatest from the East coast to the West coast and everywhere in between. Bay area remodeling might be high on some Californian's lists; however, it's good to know what situations really necessitate calling California general contractors and what situations don't. Keep reading to find out what situations do make remodeling necessary to find out if it's the right choice to make right now.

First, it is undeniable that those who are recovering from a house fire will need some work done. Fire can destroy a home very quickly and the damage that is left is something that cannot be ignored or put off. Even the smallest of home fires that don't take out more than a few square feet

should be dealt with by home builders or general contractors. In cases such as these, there is no reason not to move ahead with a remodeling project.

Similar to fire restoration is water restoration. There are several ways that water can cause damage. Everything from flooding due to heavy rains or a burst pipe to a leaky roof can cause serious water damage. Many times, issues that arise from water damage cannot be dealt with any other way than to have the home in question remodeled.

A newly constructed home might seem like a home that would not need any remodeling at all. On the contrary, though, these are often the types of situations that do require additional attention. There are often newly constructed homes that have defects or oversights from the general contractor who built

them. When this is the case, it's important to catch these defects and mistakes early in order to get the remodel taken care of by the warranty.

New additions are necessary when a family is outgrowing a home but does not want to relocate. When another addition comes into the family, the family may realize they are in need of another bedroom and/or bathroom. When this happens, it's definitely time to remodel. Adding on new additions to the home can be a great way to welcome the newest arrival.

Those who feel like their house is in need of repair for whatever reason should go ahead and make the change. After all, a home is where someone spends the majority of their time. It should be a place that is warm and welcoming. A remodeling job might be just the way to do that.



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