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Do you know the story of Johnny Applesseed?

Johnny Applesseed in real life was one John Chapman, born on September 26, 1774 near Leominster, Massachusetts. Little is known of his early life, but he apparently received a good education which helped him in his later years. By the time he was 25 years old, he had become a nursery man and had planted apple trees in the western portions of New York and Pennsylvania. Some of the orchards in those areas were said to have originated with his apple trees.

When the rich and fertile lands lying south of the Great Lakes and west of the Ohio river were opened for settlement in the early 1800's, John Chapman was among the very first to explore the new territory. This was the Northwest Territory from which the states of Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, and Illinois were later formed. For nearly half a century Johnny Applesseed roamed his territory. When settlers arrived, they found John Chapman's young apple trees ready for sale. In the years that followed, he became known as the Apple Tree Man, or Johnny Applesseed.

His manner of operation was simple. He went into the wilderness with a bag of apple seeds on his back until he found a likely spot for planting. There he would clear the land by chopping out weeds and brush by hand. Then he planted his apple seeds in neat rows and built a brush fence around the area to keep out straying animals. His nurseries varied in size. Some were only an acre or so, others covered many acres.

He did all of the work himself, living alone for weeks at a time with only the Indians and wild animals for companionship. He never carried a gun or weapon of any kind. He was a deeply religious man who lived by the Golden Rule and had no fear of man or beast. Indians accepted him as a friend.

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Save The Date...
Thursday, Sept 2nd
6pm

Ribbon Cutting
Ceremonies
for the NEW
Multipurpose Building
at
Dunlap School
see pg 12 for more details



Dunlap Elementary School News from Bobcat Territory

The beginning of the 2010-2011 school year is just around the corner. School will resume on Wednesday, August 18th. The first day will be an early release day with all students being dismissed at 1:30. This year our Kindergarten classes will be full day.

Our office has been closed for the summer but will re-open on Wednesday, August 4th. Office hours will be from 7:30 A.M.

– 4:00 P.M. If you are new to the community and have not yet registered your child or children for school, please stop by the office and pick up the registration forms. In order to enroll your child, you will need a copy of your child's birth certificate, social security number, record of immunizations, and proof of residency. Kindergarten students must also have had a dental screening prior to enrolling.

We are looking forward to welcoming our newcomers and to seeing familiar faces return for another great year at Dunlap School. We will see you on August 18th!

Mrs. Snell, Principal

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Nice home in move-in condition manufactured home has living area with vaulted ceilings, wood laminate flooring and peaceful view of the regional foothills. Extra den or hobby room with wood-burning stove. Home site has private setting with large trees, useable land, paved access drive and the lot is fenced and cross fenced & suitable for horses. Extras include covered patios over concrete flat flat-work, spa, two sheds and more.

~ \$158,900 ~ Sassafras ~ 5 Acres ~ 1648 s. f. ~ Large Living Room with Vaulted Ceilings

Enjoy a peaceful setting with this 3 Bedroom home located on a quiet and clean street in the foothills of Squaw Valley. This is a 5 acre hillside lot with plenty of yard area where you can spend your evenings sitting on the covered deck that overlooks views of local foothills and mountains. The living room is very spacious with vaulted ceilings, fireplace, and open to the dining area. The kitchen has newer appliances, refrigerator, and tile counter-tops. A bonus room can be used as an office, exercise room, or other options. This is NOT a short-sale or banked owned! With full price offer seller will pay up to \$5,000 of the Buyer's closing cost or may go towards a carpet allowance.

~ \$168,000 ~ High Oaks ~ 4.4 ~ 1716 s. f. ~ 4 Bedrooms ~ 30 GPM Well

Private and peaceful living in a well kept 4/2 1994 manufactured Home boasting vaulted ceilings, open floor plan, and lots of storage. Located on 4.45 usable acres in upper Squaw Valley. Well log shows 30 GPM. The property is studded with towering trees, including Oak, Bay, Buckeye and more. The property is fenced and cross fenced. Sit on the spacious front porch and enjoy the breeze and local mountain views. Great horse property!

~ \$199,900 ~ Longview ~ 4.7 Acres ~ 2497 s. f. ~ A Great Value at ONLY \$80 a Square Foot

Outstanding usable lot & potential for horse set-up. 3/2 home features a living room with fireplace, family room with fireplace, Large Dining room, country kitchen with tile counters, breakfast bar, walk-in pantry and new Oven. Large inside Laundry room, new 40 gal water heater, covered patio and attached 2 car garage with auto opener. There is a detached 2 car garage (20' X 23') and storage shed (11' X 13'). There are some mature walnut and pecan trees plus the majestic Oaks. Lots of possibilities for this property.

~ \$249,000 ~ Ruth Hill ~ 1.5 Acres ~ 2152 s. f. ~ Access to Mill Creek

Custom 4/3, ready to move in and start enjoying mountain living at it's finest. This home is a gem boasting vaulted pine ceiling, oak cabinets, tile counter tops and showers, Jacuzzi tub, laminate wood flooring, fans, custom wiring, huge covered porches, and more. The outside is ready to go with 5 stall partial covered steel stalls, tack room/hay shed, raised garden beds, chicken coop, wood shed, large patio, usable ground with low maintenance. The best part is access to Mill Creek. Adjacent 110 acres also available. Don't pass this one up!

~ \$269,000 ~ Bronco ~ 4.9 Acres ~ 2205 s. f. ~ Looks Like a Model Home with ALL the Upgrades!

3 bedroom 2.5 baths home with abundant charm, plus media room. You will find current decor with tasteful colors, tile flooring with aggregate accents, and upgraded light fixtures throughout the home. The open floor plan has a kitchen with granite counter tops and upgraded tile work. The dining area adjoins the living room and family room opening to the media room, that could serve as a fourth bedroom or office. You will have plenty of storage space with all the walk-in closets and the windows provide a nice lighted atmosphere. Step outside to a park-like setting with landscape completed, sprinkler system on timers, many different sitting areas, and great view of the mountains. Truly ready to just move-in and ENJOY this inside and out! The front half of the property is fenced and the back half of the property is very useable and would make good potential horse set-up. Tour this property to appreciate fully.

~ \$279,000 ~ George Smith/Puma ~ 4.4 Acres ~ 2373 s. f. ~ Shop ~ Landscaped ~ Great Location

Spacious well maintained home, 4/3, 2373 sq. ft.. Desirable location close to Hwy 180. Living, family room, plus formal dining with a built-in buffet. Open kitchen, bar, and breakfast area. Large laundry, pantry cabinets and room for a 2nd refrigerator or freezer, along with a 3rd bath with a shower. The large master bedroom has his & her closets, sliding doors to a private wood deck. Three covered decks add to the charm of this home. 7500 watt generator will operate half of the home in the event of a power outage. Attached two car garage plus a detached two car garage/shop, plus a pump house, storage shed with cement foundation, quality pump house with a 2500 gallon water storage tank adjacent. The immediate yard area is fully fenced, together with a garden plot. Numerous varieties of fruit and nut trees accent the landscaping. The property has potential for a horse set-up with mostly all usable land. Too many features to mention come tour the property to appreciate!

~ \$399,000 ~ Wilderness Dr. ~ 2879 s. f. ~ Located in the Prestigious Wildwood Island Estates

Gorgeous custom home situated on a peaceful setting in Wildwood Island off Hwy 180 and Piedra. Trees and more surround this home with a park like setting for your backyard, which is backed by the Kings River. This 2879 square foot home offers 4 bedrooms and 5 bathrooms with new sinks, faucets, tub and Italian tile in each bathroom. The kitchen has Italian tile and new appliances. New paint throughout the home. Aggregate pool and spa with mature landscaping, and RV parking. Storage will stay with sale of property. Sold in As-Is-Condition.

~ Hwy 180 / Alta Ave ~ Home ~ Business ~ 77 Acres ~ Great Potential Property

77 Acres plus Much More. Beautiful custom home built in 2007, 3 bedroom 3 bath, with office and game room, with approx 3,100 s. f. Property includes 1,200 s. f. commercial building used as a feed store, a hay barn approx 32'x38', plus a horse barn which is 42'x54'. Crop Land includes 40 acres of alfalfa, 7 acres of Bermuda grass hay, 10 acres of sweet corn. Two wells with 5 hp and 7.5 hp pumps. Property is in the Ag Preserve (Williamson Act.) Call agent for list of equipment included with sale. Property is located in the Orange Cove Irrigation District. Property is sold AS-IS. Seller will consider all reasonable offers. Agent is related to Seller. APN's 185-061-47, 48, 15. Feed store is on 1.6 acres of the 77 acres.

~ \$300,000 ~ Ruth Hill ~ Land ~ 110 Acres ~ Full Mill Creek Access ~ Gem of a Property!

Stunning 110 acre ranch property on Mill Creek with full creek access. Improved with fencing, access roads, and 2 wells. ADJACENT TO BLM LAND. This is an excellent opportunity if you have been looking for a large piece to own. The land is gentle to sloping, making it ideal for horses, cattle, or recreation. The property is covered in tall grass, various native trees and lush vegetation along the creek. The creek has many nice areas for recreation, and often has water all summer. Adjacent 4/3 home on 1.5 ac also available.

~ \$110,000 ~ Muscat ~ Reedley ~ 2.1 Acre Building Site

Country home site across from Navelencia School. District water on site. Farmable land zoned for home, horses, animals, and ag uses. great location to build your dream home.

~ \$95,000 ~ Primrose ~ 24 Acres ~ Land

Private and peaceful setting at the end of a cul-de-sac. Panoramic views in all directions from the hill top, with plentiful oaks and Manzanita trees. Abundant usable land for the home-site and out-buildings. Great exposure to the southern sky for solar energy.

5 Acre Land Parcels

\$25,000 - 4.8 Acre Lot on Chuckwagon

\$30,000 - 4.8 Acre Lot on Highoaks

\$32,500 - 5.1 Acre Lot on Sesame

\$49,000 - 4.0 Acre Lot on Fawn

\$59,900 - 5.6 Acre Lot on Puma (PENDING)

\$49,900 - 5. Acre Lot on Knollglen with 2 Seasonal Creeks

\$55,000 - 5.4 Acre Lot on Iris with Pad

\$55,000 - 4.8 Acre Lot on Rustic with 2 Pads and Well (NEW PRICE)

\$60,000 - 5.0 Acre Lot on Feather with 3 Pads and Well

\$62,000 - 4.5 Acre Lot on Chuckwagon with Pad and Well

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There is a general meeting every **4th Tuesday** of the month at the **Rodeo Grounds** @ 7:30pm everyone is welcome. (if people go to the web site it will say at the Bear Mt Library IT HAS CHANGED to the Rodeo Grounds)
Gymkhanas every 2nd Saturday of the month thru October. (contact Brandie Montgomery)



Family Play Days

Family Play Days for all age groups including adults
August 21st, September 18th,
and October 30th (Costume contest and trailer treating).

There are also non-horse events and horse events so if you don't have a horse you still can compete.
There are high point awards for day and end of the 3 events high point awards.

October 2nd is the Cowboy Ranch day (A day full of fun for families to compete with each other, some events are Ranch Branding, Cowboy Roping, Team Penning, Cattle Sorting etc.)

We will again have the royalty competition sign ups starting in Nov. and Dec.

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Johnny Appleseed *continued from cover*

He sold his trees for a few pennies each, accepting any of the coins current on the frontier. Some had no cash, and from those he accepted a simple promise to pay at a later date. Few failed to keep their word. He sometimes accepted payment in used clothing.

He preferred to walk, carrying his precious apple seeds and the simplest of camping gear on his back. He also used a boat, canoe, or raft to transfer larger loads of seeds along the many waterways. Customarily, he obtained his apple seeds every fall. At first, he went back to the cider presses in western Pennsylvania where he selected good seeds from the discarded apple pressings. He washed the seeds carefully and packed them in bags for planting the following spring. In later years, as cider presses were located in the new territory, he gathered his seeds closer to home.

There is no way to estimate how many millions of seeds he planted in the hundreds of nurseries he created in the territory lying south of the Great Lakes and between the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers. This was his service to mankind.

John Chapman never married, but he loved people and especially children. As the settlers moved into the wilderness, his lonely nights were fewer because he was a welcomed guest at every cabin. Many a night after the simple meal, he would hold them all enthralled with his stories or read to them from the Bible or from some of the religious material he carried.

It was with such friends that he spent his last night. He had been living near Fort Wayne, Indiana, when word came one March day that cattle had broken through the brush fence around one of his nurseries some twenty miles away. Although it was a raw spring day, he set forth immediately to repair the damage. On his return trip he was stricken with a disease known as the winter plague. He found shelter with friendly settlers but failed to survive the attack. A newspaper account gives the date as March 18, 1845, but other dates have been given. Such confusion is not at all surprising when one remembers that this kind and gentle man was known by the name of Johnny Appleseed to almost everyone, and only a few knew that his true name was John Chapman. Many of his young seedlings may have crossed the plains in covered wagons to produce their bountiful fruit in the western states.

Certainly, his fame did, for the name of Johnny Appleseed is known throughout all of the United States and elsewhere in much of the world. People continue to improve their environment in Johnny Appleseed's manner whenever they plant a new seedling!



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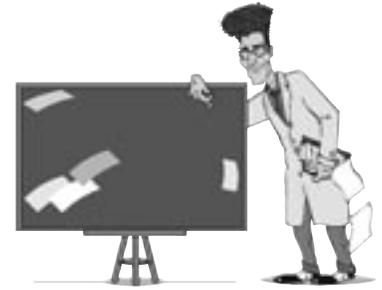
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- ☞ When Joseph Gayetty invented toilet paper in 1857, he had his name printed on each sheet.
- ☞ The original lion in the MGM logo was named Slats, then came Jackie.
- ☞ Google is actually the common name for a number with a hundred zeros.
- ☞ TIP is the acronym for "To Insure Promptness".
- ☞ Chicken is one of the few things that we eat before it's born and after it's dead
- ☞ Gerber's top selling baby food in Japan is sardine dish.
- ☞ Do you know the names of the three wise monkeys? They are: Mizaru(See no evil), Kikazaru(Hear no evil), and Iwazaru(Speak no evil).
- ☞ You burn 26 calories in a one-minute kiss. (Nice way to reduce calories.)
- ☞ A whip makes a cracking sound because its tip moves faster than the speed of sound (small sonic boom).
- ☞ The actual day you were born only comes once every seven years. For instance, if you were born on Wednesday, your birthday will only fall on that day every seven years. The other six years, you are actually celebrating your birth date.
- ☞ Mel Blanc (voice of Bugs Bunny) did not like carrots.

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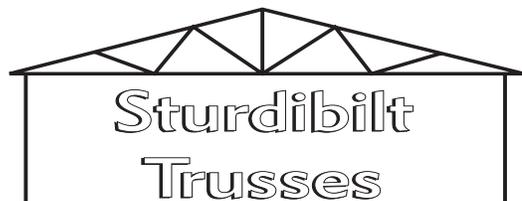


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None of our dedicated volunteers receive any compensation for their services! We are not tax supported, nor do we have any other source of regular income. We have an annual budget of about \$80,000.00 to pay for fuel, insurance, vehicle maintenance, equipment, and training. Insurance and fuel are our largest expenses by far, consuming over a quarter of the budget. All of this money is generously donated by you, the people we serve.

Mountain Valley Fire Department is the volunteer organization that responds along with CalFire when you call 911! In order to continue providing emergency services, we desperately need your generous donation! If we are to have adequate funds to meet our operating expenses this year, donations will need to average Seventy-five dollars per donating household.

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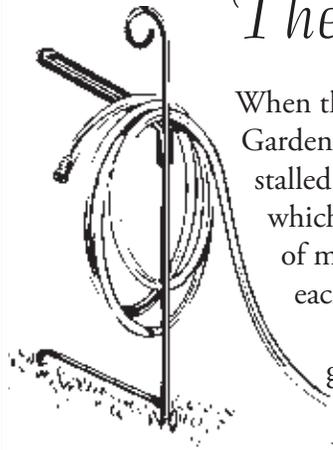
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2010-05-03	HS11364	PEBBLE/SAND CREEK
2010-05-05	DECEASED PERSON	HIGH OAKS RD, DUNLAP
2010-05-06	DECEASED PERSON	BRONCO LN, SQUAW VALLEY
2010-05-06	WI 5150	DAISEY LN, SQUAW VALLEY
2010-05-10	FIC	ENNIS/HUMMINGBIRD
2010-05-13	FIELD INTERVIEW	SILVER LN/CRANE LN
2010-05-15	FIELD INTERVIEW	ELWOOD/RECTOR
2010-05-24	PC484G	ARROWHEAD RD, SQUAW VALLEY C
2010-05-24	PC273.5	LELYER , SQUAW VALLEY
2010-05-27	MISSING PERSON REPORT	OTTER LN, SQUAW VALLEY
2010-05-28	MISSING PERSON (JUVENILE)	BRONCO LN, SQUAW VALLEY



The Four Seasons Garden Club



When the Nature Trail behind the Bear Mountain Library was constructed in 1995, the Garden Club assumed responsibility for its care and upkeep. An irrigation system was installed followed by the planting of over 100 trees. There are many species of trees, most of which were donated by garden club members, many in memoriam. To help with expenses of maintaining and improving the Nature Trail, the Garden Club has two big fund raisers each year.

At present the themed gardens in the Nature Trail include: A Mediterranean garden, a flower garden, and a succulent garden. In 2007 a large cement pad, the Educational Platform, was installed to provide a place for community events. We are now working toward installing a cover for the platform. In 2008 a Dry Creek Bed with various sizes of rocks was constructed. In 2009 a Compost Area was completed to make use of all the trimmings from the various gardens.

Each month a group of hard working volunteers, coordinated by Joe Bauernschmidt, meet on Tuesday morning to keep the Nature Trail in Good condition.

The Nature Trail is a lovely place for a morning walk and can be reserved for a special party or a garden wedding. Arrangements for a private event can be made with the Librarian. It is meant to be a community place and all are welcome to enjoy it.

This year the Crafts and Art Fair will be held on Oct 2 at the Nature Trail. There is something for everyone at this event. Vendors will have unusual and hand made items just in time for Christmas shopping. There will be a Plant Sale, a Raffle, Music, Food and lots of socialization. Booths can be reserved by calling Donna at 338 2025.

The second fund raising event is a garden tour. Each year different gardens in Squaw Valley, Wonder Valley, Dunlap, Miramonte and Pinehurst are featured. This is usually in the spring. It is not necessary to be a garden club member to be featured on the tour. If you have a beautiful garden and would like to be featured, contact 338 0335.

Remember, no Garden Club Meeting in August. There will be a meeting on the 3rd Thursday in September. See you there.

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August Crossword

Across:

1. Rodeo group
4. Permission or ?
5. Best foothill publication
6. Forty niner state
9. Oh helen
10. Big trees
15. Fire lookout
17. Finished running
18. Main drag
19. Smokey hill
20. Protected by...

Down:

2. Deep canyon
3. Profession of the past
7. Entrance to park
8. Type of lifestyle
11. Exotic creatures
12. Female indian
13. Hungry animals
14. Unusual annual food
16. Parked in the pasture



Answers on page 15, but NO peeking.

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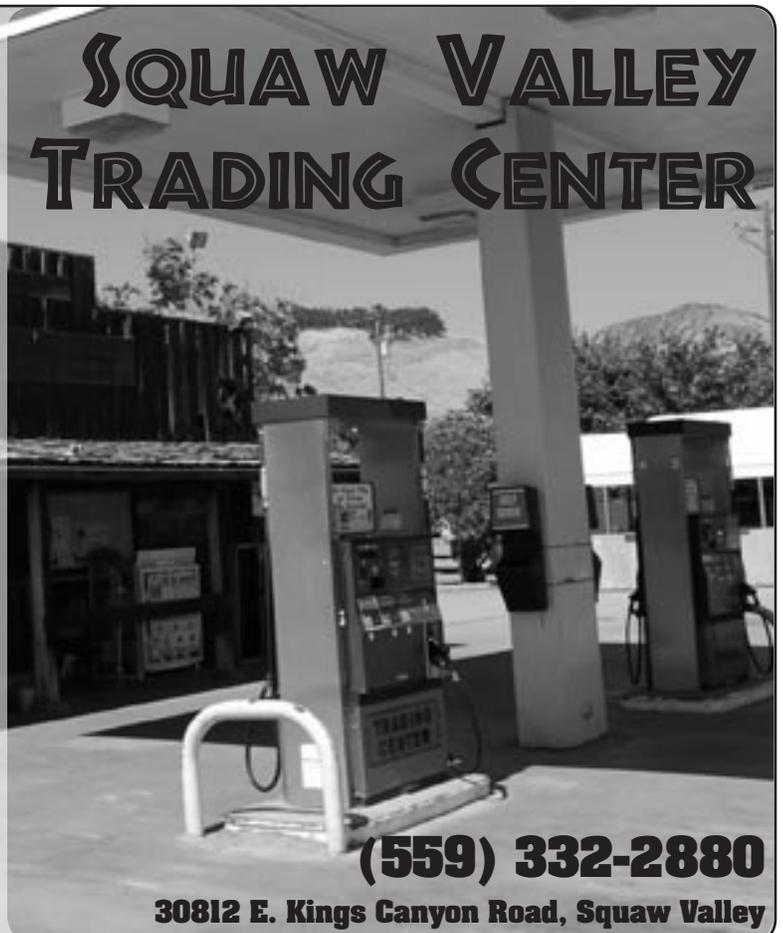
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The following is but a brief history of our Central Sierra Chamber of Commerce, *graciously provided by Kaysia Barr.*

The Central Sierra Chamber of Commerce had its beginning April 20, 1946 when a small group of citizens from Badger, Dunlap, Miramonte, and Pinehurst met around a dining room table at the Miramonte Store. Their stated aim and purpose was to create an organization that would serve to unite the communities of the Central Sierra in a common purpose. They recognized that minor differences and petty jealousies between communities served only to defeat the total well-being of the entire area.

In July of 1946, the by-laws were adopted, the name: Central Sierra Chamber of Commerce chosen, and Kyle Jones was elected president. Membership grew rapidly that first year. Meetings were held in member's homes or business establishments. By the end of 1948 there were 105 members (all men) from all parts of the mountain communities. It was during this time that a community hall was first proposed. This remained a dream and a goal of the Chamber from that time on.

To raise funds for the advertising program for the area and to eventually build a community hall, the Chamber began to hold annual 4th of July rodeos. The first was held in 1947 in the arena built by members on property loaned to the Chamber by Earl and Ruth Chaney. In 1953 property was purchased in Pinehurst and that is the present site of the Chamber building, as it is referred to now. A new rodeo arena was built and the annual 4th of July rodeos continued until 1965.

In the late 1950's women were invited to join the Chamber and have been a valuable asset. While many men and women have served their communities within the Chamber of Commerce, the dream and goal of one day building a community hall was kept alive by a few who worked long and hard.

In August of 1975 members saw the Chamber building start to take shape. The cement floor was poured. Upon completion of the building, an open house was held December 4, 1975 to show the community a building they could be proud of. It was then that the women of the Chamber decided to meet and work all year crafting and sewing, then hold a Christmas Boutique and have handmade items for sale. This was, and still is, the main fund-raiser which pays to keep the grounds and building maintained.

If you are in possession of any history that would be of interest to our citizens, please send to editor@mountainvalleygazette.com

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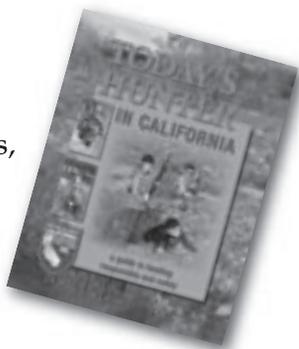
at 332-2455 for

more information and study guides.

Classes will be held at the Central

Sierra Chamber of Commerce building

located in Pinehurst on Hwy 245.



Answers to crossword puzzle:

Across:

1. SVMRA
4. Forgiveness
5. Gazette
6. California
9. Clingans
10. Sequoia
15. Buckrock
17. Dunlap
18. Highway180
19. BearMountain
20. Smithandwesson

Down:

2. Kings
3. Logger
7. Miramonte
8. Simple
11. Cathaven
12. SquawValley
13. Feed
14. Turkeytesticle
16. OldBus



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- ☹ I ordered a burger at McDonald's, and the kid behind the counter asked, "Can you afford fries with that?"
- ☹ CEO's are now playing miniature golf.
- ☹ If the bank returns your check marked "Insufficient Funds," you have to call them and ask if they mean you or them .
- ☹ Hot Wheels and Matchbox stocks are trading higher than GM.
- ☹ McDonald's is selling the 1/4 'ounce'.
- ☹ Parents in Beverly Hills and Malibu are firing their nannies and learning their children's names.

- ☹ A truckload of Americans was caught sneaking into Mexico .
- ☹ Dick Cheney took his stockbroker hunting.
- ☹ Motel Six won't leave the light on anymore.
- ☹ The Mafia is laying off judges.
- ☹ BP Oil laid off 25 Congressmen.
- ☹ Congress says they are looking into the Bernard Madoff scandal. Oh Great!! The guy who made \$50 Billion disappear is being investigated by the people who made \$1.5 Trillion disappear!
- ☹ And, finally... I was so depressed last night thinking about the economy, wars, jobs, my savings, Social Security, retirement funds, and our bleak future, that I called the Suicide Lifeline and was connected to a call center in Pakistan . When I told them I was suicidal, they got all excited, and asked if I could drive a truck.

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