



Lori Isley (left), distribution manager, and Elizabeth LaMar, program manager, with some of the mounds of food that was provided within 48 hours when the call went out that the Three Rivers Bread Basket had been burglarized. On Wednesday morning, the day before Thanksgiving, Bread Basket volunteers provided food to 56 families; 41 of which were served in the first hour of operation.

## ‘Tiny house’ living debuts in Lemon Cove

by JOHN ELLIOTT

In the U.S., where the average square footage of a new home being built is 2,600 square feet, why would someone develop a “tiny house” community? According to owner Dirk Dole, there’s a niche out there for the tiny house, which is typically about 150 square feet.

Here in tranquil Lemon Cove, on the site of the former Lemon Cove-Sequoia Campground, Dole explained that it’s all about location with Three Rivers and the national parks nearby, and the proximity to Visalia for shopping, restaurants, and retail services.

“Not everybody can afford to live in a 2,000-plus square-foot home nor does everyone want to when they cost upwards of \$300,000,” said Dole, an Atascadero real estate investor.

“There is an untapped niche here for singles, seniors, young couples, and those who just want the freedom to pick up and move their home somewhere new every so often,” Dole said.

Dole is calling his community

Lemon Cove Village and boasts that his all-tiny house community (no RVs allowed) is the first of its type in California and maybe in all of the U.S. He said that the no-RVs-allowed policy makes this property unique because all the other tiny house accommodations that he is aware of also allow RVs.

An open house was held this past weekend to allow prospective owners and others to preview the 55 lots on the 11-acre development and all the new amenities.

The entire property is getting a makeover including a new pool, recreation rooms, kitchen, playground, community garden, and coin-operated laundry — all to be shared by tenants living in a tiny house they own. There’s even an apartment on the top floor of the former campground’s main building where prospective tenants can live while they are building their tiny house.

One model, owned by B.A. Noorgard, was on-site during the recent open house and available for tours by the owner who



said her 150-square-foot model with some high end touches like

—see **VILLAGE**, page 8



## The thief who stole Thanksgiving. The community who brought it back.

by JOHN ELLIOTT

When Elizabeth LaMar, program manager of the Three Rivers Bread Basket, discovered that the food pantry at the Three Rivers Arts Center had been burglarized Saturday, Nov. 22, her initial reaction was shock. The thief’s timing — the weekend before Thanksgiving — couldn’t have been worse.

“How could someone steal Thanksgiving dinner from those who need it most?” she said later.

Not only were 15 turkeys and some fixings for 50 dinners missing, but a laptop that Elizabeth used to track all the transactions with the Visalia FoodLink provider was missing too. With a delivery to more than four dozen local families scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 26, Elizabeth was wondering what strings she might pull to have enough Thanksgiving dinners for that delivery despite the ill-timed thefts.

After reporting the break-in to Tulare County Sheriff’s deputies on Sunday, Nov. 23, she went to the regularly scheduled service at Community Presbyterian Church in Three Rivers. After the service, she made an announcement reporting the theft.

“It was uncanny,” she said. “Within minutes, one of our church’s newest members pledged to replace the 15 turkeys, and the incredible outpouring of support was on.”

By Monday, with the help of social media, news of the food pantry’s plight was broadcast and nonperishable and perishable food donations, checks, and offers to make the food storage locker at the Arts Center more secure came flooding in from locals and those from out of town as well, some of whom had never before supported the local food pantry.

In the meantime, Elizabeth changed the Bread Basket’s lock and began assembling the annual Thanksgiving feast for the 50 local households that have fallen on hard times and currently rely on a weekly pick-up.

“People often think that because we’re Three Rivers, we are all well-to-do up here,” said Elizabeth. “Not so. We have 50 households of mostly young families and seniors barely making ends meet.”

Elizabeth also said for the time being, thanks to the unbelievable

—see **FOOD**, page 8

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### WEATHER WATCH

Three Rivers has twice as much rain as was received last year at this time. On November 20, 2013, there was a total of 1.2 inches in the rain gauge at the 1,000-foot elevation level. On November 21, 2014, a whopping 2.3 inches of precipitation had fallen. Add to that another .20 of an inch on November 22-23, and the total is now at 2.5 inches for the season (July 1-June 30). The Thanksgiving weekend in the Sierra foothills will be mostly sunny while the Valley floor is socked in with dreary fog.



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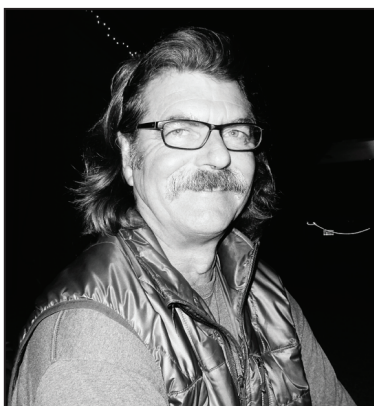
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**Breanna Davis**  
Cleaning crew (Lafferty  
Cleaning Services)  
Three Rivers

When I was eight, my grandpa got me a golden retriever puppy that I named Cooper. After my Grandpa passed away, when I was with Cooper, I often would think of my Grandpa and how much I missed him.



**Tom Baker**  
Retired veterinarian /  
ultrasonographer  
Three Rivers

When my daughter was very young she gave me a mobile made with hammered pennies. Every time I walked by it I would jingle the pennies with my fingers. She wasn't living with me at the time so it always made me think of her.



**Molly Lawson**  
Produce broker /  
business owner (Sage  
Roots)  
Three Rivers

The gift of higher education. My parents blessed me with the opportunity to go to Humboldt State. It led me to Three Rivers, and my roots were transferred from New Hampshire to California. Now my roots are Sage Roots.



**Alan Shere**  
Captain (Cal Fire)  
Exeter

It was my first Christmas with my daughter in 1989 — she was only one month old. On her 25th birthday a few weeks ago she informed me she's getting married. Raising good kids is the best gift of all.



**Floyd Ross**  
Engineer  
Redondo Beach

When I was eight or nine my dad got me a glider for Christmas. We put it together and went outside to fly it from a hill. It flew for about 10 seconds then nose-dived and crashed into pieces. I was sad, but I'll never forget the great time I had with my Dad.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

## Re: 'Loaded for bear,' Telling It Like It Is, November 14, 2014

Dear TKC:

I'm sure I am one of many Three Rivers residents who were disturbed or angered by the story of an incompetent bear killing. If it's really necessary to put down a wild animal that is not attacking someone at the time but is causing unacceptable property damage — in other words, it's not an emergency — then the minimum ethical standard is to have the skill and the firearm to do it without causing suffering.

However, I've lived in this community for more than three decades, and I'm convinced that the vast majority of residents enjoy the presence of wildlife — deer, coyotes, bobcats, cougars, raccoons, raptors and, yes, black bears. It's one of the reasons many of us located here.

There is an implicit contract in living amongst wild creatures: We use physical defenses to protect what we find essential

to protect — vegetable gardens, garbage cans, pets, livestock — and we accept the losses of what we don't protect. Living here also compels a certain empathy with other species; we're in the third year of drought and our fellow furred and feathered residents are in rough straights indeed.

I've traditionally run off the deer that would otherwise eat the landscaping I've worked so hard to grow. This year I'm letting them have what they need; it's only fair.

My view is that if you want to have chickens in this environment, then build a bear-proof coop. Dogs are almost never injured by bears unless they are incredibly stupid; they almost always run the bears off.

So far as trash cans go, invest in a few bungee cords. As a wildlife biologist, I know that a black bear is less dangerous to people than an aggressive dog, so fear of

the animal as a reason to kill it is unacceptable ignorance.

**Dave Graber**  
Three Rivers

Dear TKC:

Sarah Elliott asked some rhetorical questions that appeared to insinuate that all hunters callously maim wildlife for sport (e.g., "Do they want the animal to bleed out while alive so a kill-shot is avoided?").

I do not know if this sweeping generalization was her intention. I hope it was not. But because others may have had the same initial interpretation that I did, I ask that you consider the following.

There are many reasons why people hunt. Some simply like eating free-range, antibiotic-free, organic meat that did not require fossil fuels for its production. For many, including me, hunting is a deeply personal experience

that can only be described in the highest of terms: "spiritual" is the closest approximation I can think of. Regardless, respect for the dignity of life is a common attribute of all ethical hunters.

It may seem a contradiction that people who intentionally kill actually value and respect life. But hunters have contributed billions of dollars through the Pittman-Robertson Act (P-R) of 1937, a law in which hunters actually asked to be taxed on sporting arms for research and monitoring projects, habitat restoration programs, and land acquisition and easements.

P-R funds have been used to restock populations of deer, pronghorn, elk, goats, sheep, beavers, and bears. Today, P-R funds provide for the management of more than 40 million acres of state wildlife management areas and easements that might otherwise be strip malls,

to the benefit of game AND non-game species alike.

Hunters have proven time and again that they are effective stewards of our shared natural heritage.

If you are opposed to hunting, I will not try to change your mind. But I hope I can at least make you question if all hunters are really the blood-thirsty savages we are often portrayed to be.

**Daniel Gammons**  
Three Rivers

Dear TKC:

First and foremost, I send praises to Sarah Elliott for her coverage on the cruel and senseless killing of the black bear and the heart-wrenching account of the wounded bear's last struggling attempts to crawl away from the unceasing bullets.

—see LETTERS, page 3



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## LETTERS, continued from page 2.

For those of us who treasure wildlife, this death is hard to accept. Why not an alternative such as tranquilizing the bear and transporting it to the mountains? With our vast Sierra range, that should not be a problem.

Living in this oasis of hills and wildlife, can a solution exist that enables all to enjoy the beauty of life?

**Clara Remick**  
Three Rivers

Dear TKC:

I had an encounter with, possibly, the same bear at the Gallery. We had ripe grapes in the courtyard and found the bear on tiptoes, balanced on the edge of the pond, reaching eight feet to eat.

We watched, the dog barked, the cat arched, and the bear slowly moved and twisted down the pond. We were pleased, but I worried about his climbing the tower or raiding the kitchen, so we closed the walls, picked him grapes, and the next night he ate on the deck, neat and at peace.

I share Sarah's grief. I believe many people here have bear-encounter stories that are charming and even enlightening. Pass them around so we may be more bear aware.

And if you are bothered by a bear in your trash can, then don't put bear food in the can.

**Gary Cort**  
Three Rivers

Dear TKC:

Well, Ms. Lievfeld has certainly introduced us to a new low in the tone and style of writing letters to the editor [Speaking Out, November 21, 2014]. I'm sure

we will learn what background she has that gives her the expertise to issue her numerous "challenges" to the editor's comments.

What I find troubling about this issue is that the bear was shot by anyone.

We have lived in Three Rivers for over 40 years. It didn't take us long to realize that we were intruders in the land of bears, lions, bobcats, deer, etc. We had to change the way we lived in the city and learn to respect a different way of living.

We have had bears and bobcats on our decks. We lost a goat to a

lion and several chickens to raccoons. There have been skunks, opossums, and owls in the garage, and deer into everything that we try to grow.

Somehow, we have managed to neither shoot nor kill any of them. I don't get it. Why would a person move into a habitat like this and attempt to tame it?

I think it's pretty simple. All of us need to adjust to the environment rather than killing everything that wanders across the pasture.

**Kent Owen**  
Three Rivers



**BEARS OUT THERE:** A mother bear and her cub have been seen recently in the St. Anthony Retreat area. It is imperative that Three Rivers residents bear-proof their garbage and other attractants so this mom has the opportunity to teach her offspring how to survive in the wild. These bears have been frequenting property that is adjacent to the Skyline/Salt Creek BLM public lands area. Bear hunting season is ongoing through December 28 or until 1,700 bears have been "harvested" in California. It is illegal, however, to kill a cub or a female bear with a cub.

—SUBMITTED PHOTO

Dear TKC:

We recently visited friends up in British Columbia where the local ordinance is that if the bears get into your trash, YOU are fined \$1,000.

At our house, our trash can is secured to a post and with a sturdy black rubber bungee cord across the lid. An easy and effective fix.

We must appreciate that the local fauna are indigenous and we are the interlopers. It is our responsibility to secure our animals, plants, and trash so that our children can enjoy the pastoral beauty that brought us here.

**The Tomi family**  
Three Rivers

### Blood donors save lives

Dear TKC:

There are normally six blood drives in Three Rivers each year, organized by the Three Rivers Lions Club. We had our fifth one on Thursday, Oct. 2, with 29 people volunteering to donate blood (unfortunately, three were deferred for health reasons).

Blood supplies are almost continually critically low. The Three Rivers community needs to step up and help improve the supply.

Here is a list of those who volunteered on October 2: April Becerra, Jami Beck, Billy Bingaman, Brad Bloetscher, Darla Castro, Gregg Fauth, Kasey Fansett, Richard Fletcher, Nicole French, Julie Gray, John Griesbach, Margaret Hack, Billy Hancock, Rex Hildebrand, Terry James, Cal Johnson, George Kulick, Kathleen McCleary, Glenn McIntyre, David Rupp, Paul Schiele, Julius Sermuksnis, Cheri Smith, Paul Smith, Richard Smith, Cliff Stone, Jackie Tuttle, Tom Warner, Gary Wissink.

If you see any of these individuals, thank them for their donation to the Three Rivers blood bank. The next blood drive in Three Rivers will be from 2:30 to 6 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 4, at the Three Rivers Memorial Building.

For a good all-over feeling, take an hour or so and donate. You never know, you or someone you care about may need blood or blood products and you will want them to be available.

**Rusty Crain**  
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OBITUARY.

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William C. Brantley Sr. of Tulare died Friday, Nov. 14, 2014. He was 80.

Bill was born February 25, 1934, in Tulare. Since 1990, Bill worked for Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks. For the past 22 years, he was the link between front-country and back-country by providing park trail crews with their weekly resupply.

Bill was preceded in death by his wife, Verryllee Brantley; son Darrell Spurling; and sister Judy Alden.

He is survived by his sons, William C. Brantley Jr. of Fresno and Larry Spurling of Pryor, Okla.; daughter Glenda Singh of Stigler, Okla.; his brother and two sisters; seven grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Interment was at Tulare District Cemetery.

Burn permits now available

It's amazing what a couple inches of rain can do. After a long, hot, extremely dry summer, there is green grass growing and moisture in the vegetation.

While the potential of an El Niño-type winter that could result in more rain in California is still an uncertain element at this time, there has been an inch more precipitation in Three Rivers than at this time last year. El Niños are usually strongest from December to April.

Because of this, Cal Fire's Tulare Unit, which includes Three Rivers, has lifted the suspension of debris burning within its "State Responsibility Area" as of Monday, Nov. 24.

Burn permits are currently available at Cal Fire's Three Rivers station. The permits are free, but residents are asked to use caution while conducting debris burns as there is always potential for a wildfire.

Here are the requirements for

conducting a residential burn:

—Only dry, natural, vegetative material such as leaves, pine needles, and tree trimmings that originated on the property may be burned.

—Burning household garbage is not allowed.

—Piles can be no larger than four feet in diameter.

—Clearance around the pile must be provided that is 10 feet in diameter by removing all material that will burn.

—Have a water source on hand such as a charged garden hose or a minimum of a five-gallon backpack, pump-type water extinguisher.

—A responsible adult needs to be in attendance at all times.

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Burning must be completed in compliance with the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District's regulations. After acquiring a permit, residents can confirm the burn-day status by calling 1-800-SMOG-INFO (1-800-766-4463), logging onto [www.ValleyAir.org](http://www.ValleyAir.org), or using a smart phone to download the app that provides burn-day status anytime.

People You Should Know...



DONNA PERDEW

**FAMILY:** Donna Mae Perdew has lived in Strathmore off and on since the early 1990s. She has three children Erek, 26; Alisha, 24; and Micaela, 13.

**PLACE OF BIRTH:** Antelope Valley, Calif.

**OCCUPATION:** "I serve as Family HealthCare Network's community health representative for Three Rivers. Over the past year, I have been working hard here in beautiful Three Rivers, organizing health fairs and other events to bring awareness to health and wellness and the resources that FHCN provides our community. I have been working with FHCN since September 2013."

**FAVORITE FOOD:** "Sushi, shellfish, barbecue, Asian, Mexican, and all the rest."

**FAVORITE MOVIE:** "Powder. And I watch a lot of documentaries."

**FAVORITE BOOK/AUTHOR:** "Ann Rice's *Interview With a Vampire* and lots of nonfiction."

**FAVORITE MUSIC:** "Country, alternative, reggae. And I love Fleetwood Mac. Music is a spiritual experience."

**DIVERSIONS / HOBBIES / LEISURELY PURSUITS:** "Karaoke, motorcycles, traveling, and new adventures."

**YOUR BIO IN SIX WORDS:** "Descendent of Oklahoma-Arkansas dust bowlers."

**INTERESTING FACT:** "I lived in Idaho in the early 1980s for about a year. While there, I did a bit of hunting (didn't shoot anything but saw a lot of awesome animals!). I fished the Snake River and caught a six-foot sturgeon and a five-foot catfish. I also had the privilege to take a horseback trip into the Sawtooth Range above Boise."

**IN 10 YEARS I HOPE TO BE:** "Financially secure and debt-free."

**PET PEEVE:** "When people use filler words such as 'like' and 'you know' and when every other word is profane."

**ROAD TO THREE RIVERS:** "My family always camped here, at Lake Kaweah and in Sequoia National Park. I have always loved Three Rivers. Now, working with FHCN, I have the opportunity to spend more time getting to know the community. And it is a privilege to serve community members and to build relationships with local groups."

**ON THE JOB:** "The 2015 Covered California open enrollment period is now underway and continues through February 15, 2015. As a certified enrollment counselor for Covered California, I am here at the Three Rivers health center every Wednesday and Friday from 8 am to 5 pm to offer enrollment assistance for both renewal and new coverage options. Please feel free to stop in and meet me. Family HealthCare Network's Three Rivers Health Center is located at 41551 Sierra Drive. For more information, call FHCN's new Enrollment Line at 741-4366."

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# Park ranger goes to bat for bats

Article and photo  
by ASHLEY SORCI

Did you know there are 15 different species of bats in Sequoia National Park? This bat fact, among others, was shared with a captivated crowd of adults and children on Thursday, Nov. 13, at Three Rivers Library.

In an effort to shed light on the useful role of bats in not only the local ecosystem, but the world's, Lynne Firpo of Three Rivers, an interpretive ranger at Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, gave an insightful presentation that was all about bats. Bat myths were debunked and youngsters intrigued as all learned a valuable lesson on these interesting creatures.

"Bats get a bad bat-rap," Firpo said.

She clarified that she is not a bat expert, but just a ranger with a mission: to stop the misunderstandings associated with bats. Firpo wants to make clear that there is no reason to be afraid of bats, as they are harmless and incredibly beneficial to humans.

She explained to her audience that, in fact, bats are mammals and have a bone structure much like humans (they even have the same amount of "fingers" as humans).

"Insectivore bats, like the kind we have here in Three Rivers, eat

1,000 to 3,000 bugs per night," said Firpo.

Needless to say, this makes a huge impact in not only keeping the bug population under control, but also has many indirect side effects.

"The effects of bats are worth about \$4 million annually in savings for the farming industry," Firpo said.

Bats not only eat bugs that damage crops, but work to spread pollen, much like bees.

And will bats fly into your hair?

"Never," she said. "With their advanced echolocation, bats will never make the mistake of flying into your hair — they catch bugs using sound in the dark! They don't want to be around people."

Not only will local bats keep down the insect population, but their guano — yes, their poop — is an incredibly valuable source of fertilizer for gardens. Keeping bats around isn't such a bad idea after all, and Firpo herself knows a few things about housing bats.

"I found bats in the garage of my house," Firpo said. "My initial reaction was 'ew!' but after I learned a few things about them, I really want to keep them around."

Unfortunately, the U.S. population of bats is currently under threat. Currently contained to the eastern part of the country, there

is a disease that is wiping out bats by the millions. White Nose Syndrome is a fungus that kills bats by waking them up prematurely from hibernation, where they then fly out into the snow, use up their reserves of energy, and perish.

"It is quickly spreading across North America," Firpo warned.

In order to combat its spread here, there is a disinfecting mat at the entrance to Crystal Cave in Sequoia, and all the cave's visitors receive an informational talk on White Nose Syndrome before they can even buy their tour tickets.

Not only do humans need to recognize the valuable role bats play in the ecosystem, but everyone should be aware of how



LYNNE FIRPO and her bat props during a Three Rivers Library presentation earlier this month.

to prevent the spread of this devastating disease, for instance, by not going into multiple caves without the proper precautions.

And with the dedicated work of people like Lynne Firpo, Kaweah Country bats will have a chance.

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# Three Rivers Water Supply Study examines area's water use

by BOBBY KAMANSKY

With the impacts of drought gripping California for the third year, information about water is more important than ever. At the Three Rivers Town Hall meeting on Monday, Nov. 3, I provided an overview of the Southern Sierra Regional Water Management Group and its recently released water management plan, while California Department of Water Resources (DWR) engineering geologist John Kirk informed attendees of the Three

Rivers Water Supply Study, one of two projects currently being implemented by the RWMG.

As Three Rivers residents know, the southern Sierra is one of the more severely drought-impacted areas of California and is critically important to southern San Joaquin Valley residents and beyond. The region includes many of California's most precious natural resources: Sequoia and Kings National Parks; Sequoia, Sierra, and Inyo national forests; Devils Postpile National Monument; and the upper watersheds of the Kaweah, Kings, Kern, Tule, San Joaquin, Deer, and White rivers, in addition to several smaller watersheds.

**Southern Sierra Integrated Regional Water Management Plan**— The RWMG recently released its Southern Sierra Integrated Regional Water Management Plan, a voluntary, non-regulatory planning document that identifies consensus-based, multiple-benefit water resource projects and programs for the 6,200-square-mile region. Examples of multiple-benefit projects and programs include those that improve water quality, provide better flood management, restore and enhance ecosystems, and create more reliable water supplies. Such multiple-benefit projects are the best shot at managing California's erratic precipitation patterns in the face of increasing water demands and a changing climate.

**Three Rivers Water Supply Study**— The RWMG recently sponsored and received funding for two projects: the Long Meadow Restoration Project (Kern River watershed in Sequoia Na-

tional Forest) and the Three Rivers Water Supply Study.

In 2009, the RWMG identified a critical need for better information about groundwater in the southern Sierra. We worked with consultants to determine the scope of work and cost for water supply studies in at least five southern Sierra communities and, in 2012, I wrote a water supply study prospectus based on discussions with DWR and input from the region's stakeholders. In 2013, DWR's Fresno office agreed to support a pilot water supply study, selecting Three Rivers because of its central location and community interest in learning about the local and regional water supply.

The study seeks to understand the "water budget," or quantity and quality of the water in the Kaweah watershed as it flows from the Great Western Divide and nine smaller watersheds and into the underground aquifer. The study examines several aspects of the area: local geography, geology, land use, precipitation, hydrographs, and water demand. Geology plays an important role in water quantity and quality because much of the area's water comes from water stored in the fractures and fissures of the hardrock aquifer.

Precipitation is an obviously important factor in the water balance because of the snowpack that accumulates in the upper watersheds and the need for rain and snowfall to replenish river and groundwater levels. The study examined the logs for 500 wells (about half of the wells in the area), which offer valuable information about the geology where the wells are drilled and the water quality and quantity in the well.

**Three Rivers study findings**— The study also examines water demand and compares it to water availability at different times of year. The study identified that 54 percent of the land in the watersheds were in public ownership (National Parks and

## UP IN SMOKE



The Mosquito Prescribed Burn was ignited Monday, Oct. 20, and ignitions on the 1,485-acre managed fire continued throughout the week. INSET PHOTO: The helicopter that performed the aerial ignitions and a plume of smoke (SUBMITTED PHOTO). ABOVE PHOTO: As of November 17, smoke output continued in isolated areas but was minimal. The burn is located in the Mineral King area of Sequoia National Park.

**Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM)**— IRWM is a collaborative, cross-jurisdictional, and multi-benefit process for managing water. It works off the premise that outcomes are more sustainable when people from a diversity of viewpoints agree on solutions, when participants maximize multiple benefits, and when planning efforts transcend federal, state, county, and local jurisdictions. At a time when economic and human capacities are stretched thin, collaboration expands a region's collective resources to address local and regional issues.

**Southern Sierra Region Water Management Group (RWMG)**— The RWMG, formed in 2008, is recognized by DWR as the Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) group for the southern Sierra region. The RWMG is a voluntary collaboration of nonprofit organizations, agencies, local water/flood/conservation districts, and landowners. Its mission is to provide a forum to discuss, plan, and implement creative, collaborative, regional, integrated water/natural resource/watershed management actions that enhance the natural resources and human communities of the southern Sierra region. For the past six years, the group has convened public meetings to plan and implement creative water management solutions that enhance the natural resources and human communities in the expansive region.

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Bureau of Land Management), while 46 percent were privately owned.

The study area has a total of 1,575 parcels, 81 percent of which are smaller than 10 acres and located primarily along Kaweah River tributaries.

The water flow along the Kaweah River in Three Rivers is subjected to dramatic increases in March through June when abundant water flows from snowmelt and swells rivers and fills underground rock fractures.

The average precipitation in the Kaweah watershed ranges from over 55 inches at the crest of the Great Western Divide to a low of 14 inches at the base of the local watershed near Lake Kaweah with an average of 22 inches for the whole watershed.

The study estimates that the watershed recharges approximately an average of 4 inches of that 22 inches of average precipitation across the watershed and that Three Rivers residents collectively use over 300 acre-feet of groundwater each year.

With a population of more than 2,000 residents and approximate-

ly 1,000 households, annual use in Three Rivers is estimated to be 110,000 gallons (0.34 acre-feet) per resident. Three Rivers residents use 200 gallons per day in the winter and nearly 500 gallons each day in the summer.

Unfortunately, this greatest water demand occurs when the quantity of water in the river and in groundwater is lowest. In other words, demand is highest when supply is lowest.

In Three Rivers, 10 percent of wells surveyed were less than 50 feet, 22 percent had depths of less than 100 feet, but the majority of wells (68 percent) were between 100 and 500 feet. Half of wells had yields greater than 15 gallons per minute, 42 percent of the wells had yields between 2 and 15 gpm, and 8 percent of the wells yield less than 2 gpm. Interestingly, very few dry wells are reported from the watersheds around Three Rivers while hundreds of wells are dry in the Valley this year.

Water quality in the Kaweah watershed is best at the highest elevations where precipitation

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## Riata Ranch performs at Uruguay Ag Expo

by ASHLEY SORCI

The Riata Ranch Cowboy Girls have done it again. This time, the Three Rivers-based equestrian group was invited to Montevideo, Uruguay, to perform for not only hundreds of students, but diplomats, dignitaries, and Western enthusiasts alike at the country's National Ag Expo.

To date, the Riata Ranch Cowboy Girls have performed in 18 countries, including England, where they performed at the Queen's Jubilee. During this recent trip to Uruguay's capital city, which took place in September, the main focus was students, who are fortunate enough to be enrolled in a charter school funded by grants from the U.S. government intended to help augment education in Uruguay.

"It was really inspiring to perform for the students," said Jennifer Nicholson, Riata Ranch's owner and head trainer. "We were hired by the U.S. Embassy to perform for these charter schools that not only emphasize quality education in subjects like math, science, and English,

but really get the kids interested in learning. These schools even work to get parents involved, often by going door-to-door and educating the parents in how to provide a good learning environment for their children. It's a very personalized environment, the classes are 20 students max."

Jennifer said that the students were overjoyed to see the presentation.

"I think we were able to really inspire the kids," she said.

Jennifer emphasized that at Riata Ranch, it's much more than an equestrian program, it is developing diplomats for the Western lifestyle. And to be invited to perform in Uruguay was not just to be providing a Western presence, but to help forge a strong partnership with the country.

Jennifer, along with one of her Cowboy Girls, Spencer Rose, performed horseless for the students and then at Uruguay's Ag Expo.

"They hired us really last minute, but we were honored to have the opportunity to go," Jennifer said.

Evidently, Uruguay had been

wanting to bring down Western performers for quite some time. Jennifer and Spencer performed during the Expo's closing ceremony to deafening applause and countless cameras. They performed a 12-minute trick roping presentation and then signed autographs.

No horses, you may wonder?

"Going horseless helped us concentrate more on interacting with the community," Jennifer explained. "There was less to worry about in terms of which horses to use and how to get them there."

The Riata Ranch Cowboy Girls did have horses when they performed locally for two consecutive days as the opening act for the Three Rivers Western Film Festival earlier this month.

Riata Ranch's next big event will be their Christmas program, scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 20, at the ranch, which will include lunch and a performance by the world-famous Cowboy Girls. More information will be coming soon, but look forward to free training session certificates that will be a part of the raffle.



ABOVE: Jennifer Nicholson (back left), Riata Ranch owner and trainer, and Spencer Rose, Riata Ranch Cowboy Girl, perform trick roping for a group of Uruguayan schoolchildren in Montevideo.

LEFT: Jennifer (left) and Spencer at the National Ag Expo in Uruguay.

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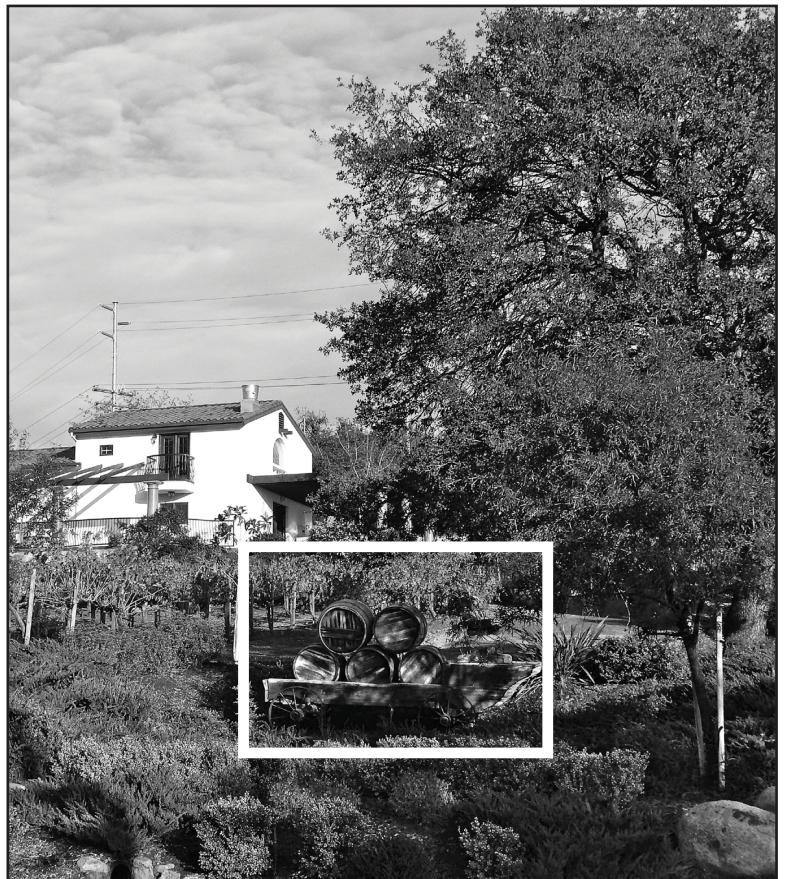
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# Water

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is greatest and recharge exceeds water demand, however, few people live there. In and around Three Rivers, a number of wells have poor water quality, including high salt content (exceeding drinking water standards), sulfur,

hydrogen sulfide, or bacteria.

**Pilot water study**— The information in the study is included in the IRWM plan and provides a pilot for other communities in the southern Sierra who wish to better understand their water supply. In the future, the area will need to plan land use and development patterns carefully so as not to negatively impact the water sup-

ply.

This study comes at an important time when a long-term drought is causing everyone to rethink water use and as the Three Rivers Community Plan Update nears completion.

Three Rivers residents cannot take water availability for granted nor assume that there will always be abundant supplies or good quality in the future. It is imperative that the community learns to plan carefully and conserve this precious resource.

Learn more about the Southern Sierra IRWM region and the Three Rivers Water Supply Study at [www.southernsierrarwm.org](http://www.southernsierrarwm.org).

*Bobby Kamansky of Three Rivers is a biologist and owner*

*of Kamansky's Ecological Consulting with over fifteen years of biological and ecological experience.*

# Food

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outpouring of support, the Bread Basket is well stocked for the holidays. But hunger isn't going away anytime soon and with the schoolchildren home for two-and-a-half weeks during the winter holiday, there's still an ongoing need.

"Now we're focusing on making sure these kids have plenty to eat for breakfast, lunch, and dinner and healthy snacks too,"

Elizabeth said.

Local drop-off points were made available this past week at Community Presbyterian Church, Three Rivers Historical Museum, Three Rivers Drug, and Bank of the Sierra; the Three Rivers Memorial Building walk-in refrigerator was provided to store cold items. Within two days, the food pantry was replenished and then some.

"This week was a tremendous outpouring of support and really raised community awareness of what we do here at the Bread Basket," said Elizabeth. "That's the Three Rivers community. Whatever the need or cause, you can always count on your neighbors to rally with some incredible acts of caring and community support."

# Village

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granite counters, composting toilet, and solar power would cost \$40,000 to build. The options, the owner said, are nearly endless.

The advantage in her project, she said, was that she did the majority of the construction herself. That sweat equity translated to a savings of nearly \$20,000.

Typically, the houses are situated on an 18 to 20-foot trailer. According to Dole, they can also be set up on blocks and landscaped, but they need to be able to be moved within 24 hours.

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# First-quarter awards presented at Three Rivers School

The first awards of the 2014-2015 school year were presented during an assembly on Thursday, Nov. 6. Students in fourth through eighth grades were given certificates for their achievements in academics and citizenship. Attendance awards were provided in each student's classroom.

**FIRST GRADE – KATIE ST. MARTIN**  
**Perfect Attendance—** Rory Bischoff, Ella Boiano, Mckenzie Clary, Audrey Das, Harmony Inong, Aiden McWilliams, Anna Villavicencio.  
**Good Attendance—** Vincent Bragg, Abigail Nesmith.

**SECOND GRADE – JAMI BECK**  
**Perfect Attendance—** Frank Ain-

ley IV, Baylee Ainley, Arlette Barajas, Brenden Doyle, Melissa Reyes, Julissa St. Martin, Lava Timpson.  
**Good Attendance—** Joseph Avilez, Bryan Glynn, Kaleb Green, Hannah Lafferty, Riley Lafferty, Caleb Powell, Liam Root, Aiden Schmidt, Zachariah Shumacher, Laci Stone.

**THIRD GRADE – LINDA WARNER**  
**Perfect Attendance—** AlizE Gonzales, Mason Hildebrand, Josephine Huntington, Ethan Jeter, Jasmeet Sall, Annabelle Savastio, Sierra Sherwood, Ella Shouse.  
**Good Attendance—** Jai Das, Jasmine Harrelson, Beck Holzem.

**FOURTH GRADE – LAURA HARRISON**  
**Perfect Attendance—** Cheyenne Ainley, Louie Avilez, Lucio Belman, Tate Champlin, Peyton Davis, James Hardin, Jonston St. Martin.  
**Outstanding Citizenship—** Cheyenne Ainley, Tate Champlin.  
**Excellent Work Ethics—** Cheyenne Ainley, Louis Avilez, Lucio Belman, Tate Champlin, Peyton Davis, James Hardin, Jonston St. Martin.  
**Principal's Award—** Lucio Belman, Tate Champlin, Peyton Davis, Lucas Fronce, James Hardin, Quintin Holzem, Brandon Huntington, Jonston St. Martin.  
**Superintendent's Award—** Luca Thompson.

**FIFTH GRADE – DIANE GARCIA**  
**Perfect Attendance—** Mia Bateman, Jennifer Caldwell, Nelissa Castillo, Josiah Champlin, Diego Chansler-Mestaz, Logan Evaro, Elizabeth Garcia, Grace Jeter, Leah Martino, Steven Mills.  
**Outstanding Citizenship—** Ne-

lissa Castillo, Erin Hirni, Grace Jeter, Leah Martino.

**Excellent Work Ethics—** Pheona Archer, Jennifer Caldwell, Logan Evaro, Elizabeth Garcia, Erin Hirni, Jackson Howell, Grace Jeter, Alexis Lafferty, Keith Mehrten.

**Principal's Award—** Jennifer Caldwell, Nelissa Castillo, Josiah Champlin, T.J. Irvin, Leah Martino, Keith Mehrten.

**Superintendent's Award—** Pheona Archer, Logan Evaro, Elizabeth Garcia, Erin Hirni, Jackson Howell, Grace Jeter, Alexis Lafferty.

**SIXTH GRADE – ISAAC WARNER**  
**Perfect Attendance—** Brodaeia Bischoff, Wyatt Frazier.

**Outstanding Citizenship—** Danica Belman, Brodaeia Bischoff, Hailey Castillo, Parker Davis, Wyatt Frazier, Anthony Hathcock, Skyler Higgins, Dominic Kiefer, Austin McWilliams, Nate Reeves, Caden St. Martin, Gideon Treece, Haley Vawter.

**Excellent Work Ethics—** Danica Belman, Brodaeia Bischoff, Hailey Castillo, Parker Davis, Wyatt Frazier, Anthony Hathcock, Skyler Higgins, Dominic Kiefer, Nate Reeves, Gideon Treece.

**Principal's Award—** Hailey Castillo, Parker Davis, Anthony Hathcock, Gideon Treece, Haley Vawter.

**Superintendent's Award—** Danica Belman, Brodaeia Bischoff, Wyatt Frazier, Skyler Higgins, Dominic Kiefer, Nate Reeves.

**SEVENTH GRADE – MEGAN THORN**  
**Perfect Attendance—** Kassidy Hildebrand, Sayem Hossain, Mitchell Parker, Elisabeth Reid, Clarissa Reyes, Avery Thorn.

## Three Rivers School AWARD CATEGORIES

**Superintendent's Award—** 4.0 grade point average (straight A's), awarded to students in grades four through eight.

**Principal's Award—** 3.0 to 3.99 grade point average, awarded to grades four through eight.

**Outstanding Citizenship—** Awarded to students in grades four through eight who show exemplary behavior by obeying school rules, are courteous, and display self-control.

**Excellent Work Ethics—** Awarded to students in grades four through eight who complete work on time, follow directions, use class time wisely, and do neat and careful work.

**Perfect Attendance—** No absences (grades 1 through 8).

**Good Attendance—** Absent not more than twice (grades 1 through 3).

**Most Improved—** Presented to students in grades 4 through 8 who made notable advancements in academics and/or citizenship.

**Outstanding Citizenship—** Carson Beedle, Ethan Fronce, Destiny Hendrex, Kassidy Hildebrand, Sayem Hossain, Brenden Pack, Mitchell Parker, Elisabeth Reid, Clarissa Reyes, Madysin Silveira, Elijah Wenn.

**Excellent Work Ethics—** Carson Beedle, Destiny Hendrex, Kassidy Hildebrand, Sayem Hossain, Madysin Silveira, Avery Thorn.

**Principal's Award—** Destiny Hendrex, Kevin Mehrten, Madysin Silveira.

**Superintendent's Award—** Carson Beedle, Kassidy Hildebrand, Sayem Hossain, Avery Thorn.

## EIGHTH GRADE – SUE SHERWOOD

**Perfect Attendance—** Trinity Bateman, Marie Garcia, Ann Hirni, Lauren Little, Kimberly Martino, Christopher McDermott, Dylan Mills, Jordan Price, Christina Sherwood, Callen Williams.

**Outstanding Citizenship—** Trinity Bateman, Ann Hirni, Lauren Little, Kimberly Martino, Christopher McDermott, Jacey Reisinger, Adin Ross, Star Serrano, Christina Sherwood, Callen Williams.

**Excellent Work Ethics—** Ann Hirni, Lauren Little, Kimberly Martino, Christina Sherwood, Callen Williams.

**Principal's Award—** Marie Garcia, Ann Hirni, Lauren Little, Kimberly Martino, Jordan Price, Callen Williams.

**Superintendent's Award—** Christina Sherwood.

**Most Improved—** Adin Ross.

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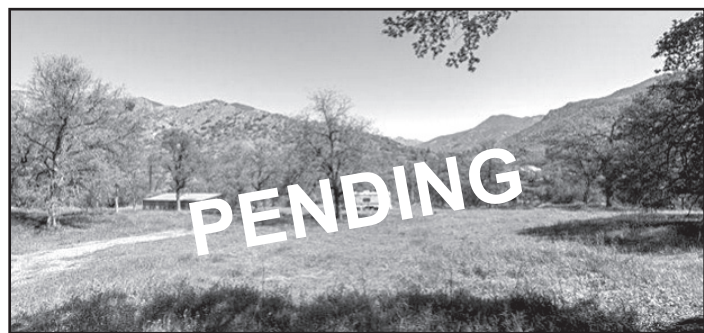
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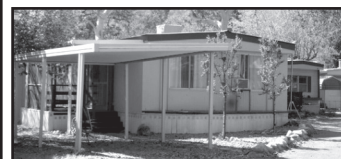
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**NEW LISTING** • La Cienega Dr., panoramic views from this private retreat, 3 bd., 2.25 ba., 2,800 sq. ft., beautiful pool and landscaping. **\$339,000.**



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**NEW LISTING** • Double-wide mobile home, 3 bd., 2 ba., 1,440 sq. ft., vaulted ceilings, central heat-A/C; washer, dryer and fridge. Minutes to Sequoia Nat'l Park. **\$30,000.**



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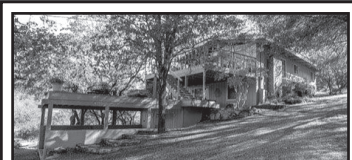
**SOUTH FORK DR.** • Beautifully maintained, 3 bd., 2 ba., 1,265 sq. ft., manufactured home, 1.35 ac., 2-car garage, RV facilities, quiet setting w/pond. **\$190,000.**



**NEW LISTING** • Cherokee Oaks, cute 3 bd., 2 ba., 1,205 sq. ft. home in very good condition with panoramic views. Hurry! **\$199,000.**



**NEW LISTING** • Mineral King Rd., custom home with river access, 3 bd., 2 ba., 1,296 sq. ft., 3.72 ac., built in 2000. Features panoramic mountain, river and valley views. **\$245,000.**



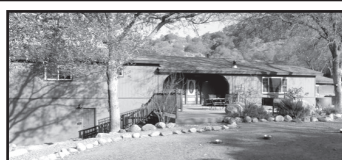
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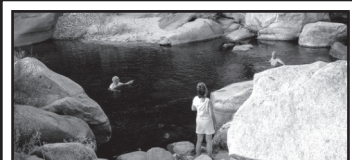
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**NEW LISTING** • Country living on North Fork Dr., 3 bd., 2.5 ba., 2,190 sq. ft. on 3.97 ac., 2-car attached garage. Suitable for horses and backs up to BLM land. **\$299,000.**



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**NEW LISTING** • Riverfront Cherokee Oaks, 3 bd., 2.5 ba., 2,366 sq. ft., great room, cathedral ceilings, 2-car attached garage, large rear deck overlooking river. **\$399,000.**



**NEW LISTING** • South Fork river frontage, 3 bd., 2 ba., 1,416 sq. ft. plus 1-bd. unit on separate parcel, excellent condition, total of 2.81 ac. w/300' of river frontage. **\$399,500.**



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Hammond Dr.	1.59 ac.	\$45,000	Mineral King Rd.	10.06 ac.	\$85,000	Silver City	.22 ac.	\$149,000	Buckhorn Trail	8.56 ac.	\$250,000
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# KAWEAH KALENDAR

ACTIVITIES, CLASSES, MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND VARIOUS AMUSEMENTS

For a KAWEAH KALENDAR event to appear in the current week's newspaper, the information must be received no later than **Tuesday** at 5 p.m.

## Let the holidays begin...

### THIS WEEKEND...

#### PERFECT GIFT BOUTIQUE

Friday-Saturday, Nov. 28-29, 10 am-4 pm, Three Rivers Arts Center. Eight artists will provide their specially made creations to start the holiday-shopping season off with one-of-a-kind gift options (gourds, weaving, candles, paintings, woodworks, natural skincare products, sculptures, pottery, jewelry). 561-4048.

#### CRYSTAL CAVE TOURS

Friday, Nov. 28— Gate opens at 11:30 am; tour times: 1 pm, 2 pm, and 3 pm. Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 29-30— Gate opens at 10:30 am; tour times: 12 pm, 1 pm, 2 pm, and 3 pm. Tickets must be purchased in advance at Foothills Visitor Center or Giant Forest Museum. The Crystal Cave Road junction is located 14.5 miles from the Sequoia National Park entrance station on the Generals Highway (and two miles from the Giant Forest Museum). From the junction, it's another 6.5 miles to the Crystal Cave parking lot, then a half-mile hike down to the cave entrance. 565-3759; www.sequoiahistory.org.

#### RIVER VIEW LOUNGE: LIVE MUSIC

Friday, Nov. 28, 8 pm-12 am: Confluence. Saturday, Nov. 29, 9 pm-1 am: DJ Dale. 42323 Sierra Dr.; 561-2211.

#### KAWEAH COUNTRY RUN:

**5K RUN AND WALK / 10K RUN**  
Saturday, Nov. 29, 8 am (10K); 9:30 am (5K), Slick Rock Recreation Area, Lake Kaweah. Annual Thanksgiving weekend run to burn off the extra calories. Registration form: www.kaweahcountryrun.com. Cost: \$30 (\$35 on race day); run both events for \$55. Children under 13 are half price with paid adult. Information/payment: 260-2909.

### COMING SOON...

#### THREE RIVERS WOMAN'S CLUB:

**CHRISTMAS MUSIC PROGRAM**  
Wednesday, Dec. 3, 1 pm, Three Rivers Memorial Building. The College of the Sequoias Chamber Choir will present its annual Christmas music extravaganza. All women of the community are invited to attend. 561-3601.

#### THREE RIVERS COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Thursday, Dec. 4, 2:30-6 pm, Three Rivers Memorial Building. Blood donation takes less than one hour to complete. Donors must be in good general health, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds, and be at least 17 years old. Senior citizens are encouraged to donate, as there is no upper age limit. Donors should eat a good meal and drink plenty of water within four hours prior to their donation. Donors can give blood every eight weeks, the time it takes for the body to completely replace a pint of blood. A Social Security number is required for registration and all donors must present photo identification upon registration. Administered by the Central California Blood Center; sponsored by the Three Rivers Lions Club. 561-4549.

#### LEMON COVE HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Friday, Dec. 5, 1-4 pm; Saturday, Dec. 6, 9 am-4 pm, Lemon Cove Memorial Building, 23958 Ave. 324. Fill stockings with locally made gifts and crafts from this annual event, sponsored by Sequoia Union School's Parent Teacher Club. Local artisans, baked goodies, classroom-decorated Christmas trees, tea and coffee, and so much more. Friday only: Santa will visit for family photos! 805-0978.

#### WOODLAKE CHRISTMAS

#### TREE LIGHTING

Friday, Dec. 5, 6:30 pm, Woodlake Fire Station, 216 E. Naranjo. Join Woodlake firefighters for hot chocolate and cookies while celebrating the annual tree lighting. Santa will drop in; holiday music by Woodlake Valley Middle School marching band and choir. Free; open to the public.

#### 1ST SATURDAY THREE RIVERS

Saturday, Dec. 6, 11 am-5 pm, throughout Three Rivers (watch for the purple/gold flags). This month's theme: Wild About White. For your shopping pleasure, there will be the Stocking Stuffer Boutique consisting of five artists; seven more artists at Three Rivers Arts Center; open galleries; and four open studios. Pick up free maps at Three Rivers Historical Society or Anne Lang's Emporium. Dozens of artists; specials throughout town, lessons, and demonstrations; discounts at galleries, restaurants, and on lodging; local art for show and sale. 561-3463; www.1stsaturday.com.

#### LEMON COVE WOMEN'S CLUB:

**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR / LUNCHEON**  
Saturday, Dec. 6, 11 am (Bazaar); noon (Luncheon), Lemon Cove Women's Clubhouse, 32792 Sierra Dr. (Hwy. 198). Annual holiday sale and gathering. Proceeds used for upkeep of the historic clubhouse (former Pogue Hotel). Luncheon: \$15. Reservations: 597-1416.

#### CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Saturday, Dec. 6, 5-7 pm, on the grounds of the Three Rivers Historical Museum, 42268 Sierra Dr. Sing holiday songs around a bonfire. Refreshments include S'mores and hot cocoa. Free; open to the public. 561-2707.

#### EXETER COUNTRY CRAFT FAIR

Sunday, Dec. 7, 9 am-3 pm, Exeter Memorial Building, 324 N. Kaweah (Hwy. 65). Toys, gifts, wood crafts, jewelry, art, apparel, dolls, Christmas decorations, jams and jellies, handmade soaps, and so much more. Free admission; free parking. Sponsored by American Legion Auxiliary Unit 94. (Tables available: \$25.) 592-2972.

#### THREE RIVERS SENIOR LEAGUE: HOLIDAY DINNER

Monday, Dec. 8, 6 pm (appetizers); 6:45 pm (dinner), St. Anthony Retreat, Three Rivers. Holiday entertainment provided by the 50-student choir from Woodlake Valley Middle School and Woodlake High School. \$10 for Senior League members; \$20 for guests. Make checks payable to Three Rivers Senior League and mail to P.O. Box 577, Three Rivers, CA 93271. Information/reservations: 561-3260.

#### THREE RIVERS COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE: PUBLIC MEETING

Monday, Dec. 8, 7 pm, Three Rivers Arts Center. County planners will conduct a meeting on the status of the Three Rivers Community Plan and receive input regarding local priorities for the future direction of the town. (To view plan documents: www.tularecounty.ca.gov/rma/index.cfm/planning/three-rivers-community-plan-update/) 624-7130.

#### SPECIAL PRESENTATION: THREE RIVERS LIBRARY

Thursday, Dec. 11, 6:30 pm, Three Rivers Library. William Tweed of Three Rivers, retired chief of interpretation of Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, will present "An Introduction to Geology of the Kaweah Watershed." Free; children welcome. 561-4564.

#### SQUARE DANCING CLUB

Thursday, Dec. 11, 7-9 pm, Three Rivers Arts Center, 41763 North Fork Dr. Bimonthly meeting to learn how to

square dance. Beginners welcome. Open to the public. \$5/person. Caller: Rick Hampton. 561-4270.

#### WOODLAKE CHRISTMAS PARADE

Friday, Dec. 12, 7 pm, downtown Woodlake. Be a part of Woodlake's newest holiday tradition, sponsored by The Homegrown Project. After the parade, stop by Santa's Workshop (8-11 pm) at Woodlake Transit Center. 804-5203; 909-2923.

#### SIERRA TRADITIONAL JAZZ CLUB: CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday, Dec. 13, 12:30 pm (doors open); 2 pm (concert); Three Rivers Memorial Building. Annual Christmas party highlighted by a performance by High Sierra Jazz Band. Bring a finger food to share. Admission: \$10 (free for STJC members and children 12 and under). 561-4549.

#### LIVING CHRISTMAS TREE

Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 13-14, 6 pm, First Baptist Church, 42013 Eggers Dr., Three Rivers. The 2014 Christmas musical will celebrate the season with a performance of "Three Gifts." Free (donations will be taken after each performance to benefit the Darcie Pena Cancer Treatment Fund); open to the public. 561-4228.

#### THREE RIVERS PERFORMING ARTS: WINTER MUSIC SERIES

Saturday, Dec. 13, 7 pm, First Baptist Church, Three Rivers. This month's concert will feature one of the finest tuba players on the planet, and the ensemble will premiere a new work by Three Rivers composer Ken Elias. Admission: \$12; children free. Tickets available for purchase at Colors Gallery, Mountain View Realty, and at the door. Information: www.threeriversperformingarts.org; 561-1100.

#### SEQUOIA-KINGS CANYON NATIONAL PARKS:

**FEE-FREE DAY**  
Sunday, Dec. 14. Entrance fees will be waived at the local national parks in honor of the Nation's Christmas Tree ceremony. 565-3341.

#### TREK TO THE NATION'S CHRISTMAS TREE

Sunday, Dec. 14, 2:30 pm, General Grant Tree, Grant Grove area, Kings Canyon National Park. Music by the Jubilation Singers, Tubachristmas Ensemble, and Sanger High School Choir. A non-denominational holiday message will be delivered. The General Grant Tree is also the nation's only Living Shrine so National Park Service representatives will place a wreath at the base of the tree in honor of America's war dead. Free (Sequoia and Kings Canyon entrance fees will be waived); open to the public. Bus service is available from the Sanger Chamber of Commerce. For bus options, bus prices, reservations, and information: 875-4575.

### ONGOING...

#### 'HIDDEN IN THE LEAVES' FALL ART EXHIBITION

Through Sunday, Nov. 30, during regular business hours, Sierra Subs & Salads, 41717 Sierra Dr., Three Rivers. Sponsored by Arts Alliance of Three Rivers. Open to the public. www.artsalliance.threerivers.org; 561-7718.

#### AMERICAN MARTIAL ARTS

Tuesdays and Thursdays, First Baptist Church, 42013 Eggers Dr., Three Rivers. Children (5-12 years): 4:15-5 pm; adults, 5-6:30 pm. Cost: \$25/month. Information: 786-4803; 623-1002.

#### SEQUOIA FIELD INSTITUTE: OUTDOOR SEMINARS,

#### LESSONS, AND PROGRAMS

Programs daily in Sequoia National Park with subjects from Astronomy to Zoology led by experts in their fields. Go to www.sequoiahistory.org for a complete list of educational programs. 565-4251.

#### EXERCISE FOR SENIORS

Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 9:30 am, Three Rivers Memorial Building. Sponsored by Three Rivers Senior League. Resistance training, balance, and weight workout. Open to members 55+ (\$15 annual membership fee).

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4th Annual **KAWEAH COUNTRY RUN**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29**  
10K Run 8 a.m. • 5K Run/Walk 9:30 a.m.

START AND FINISH AT SLICK ROCK RECREATION AREA

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**Cost: \$30** (through Nov. 28) • **Race Day: \$35**  
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