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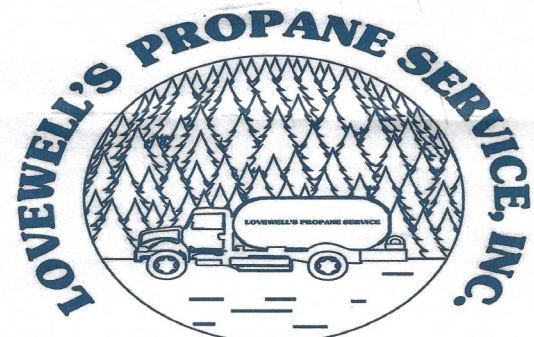
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Empress Mtn Cabin - 2 lots, 4br2ba cabin, 6,000ft elev \$ 425,000

2 story, 3/2 cabin w/ garage under plus 1/1 guest cabin on 2 lots with 2.16 acres. Both cabins on smaller lot w/buildable larger lot. Overlooks Sequoia Lake at 6,000 ft elevation. Private gated entry off of Hwy 180. Cabin is in great condition. All furnishings included.

Dunlap - Goat Rock Ranch - 382ac w/5br2ba MH - \$ 1,135,000

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New - Ennis - Nice 5 ac w/ secluded place to build, OWC **SOLD!!!**
Totem - Hillside 5ac, large pad, and new well OWC **\$ 92,000**
New - Ruth Hill - Nice hillside 6.7ac w/ 75gpm well lot OWC **Pending**
New - Neat 4.7ac hillside lot, very buildable OWC **\$ 45,000**
Cougar - Near Hwy 180, 5ac, well, valley view, OWC **SOLD!!**
SV Road - 2.66 ac w/ pad & drive & seasonal creek **\$ 39,000**
Chuckwagon - Nice 4.7ac w/ xln't well, tank & large pad **\$ 95,000**
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Buttercup - Near Hwy 180, xln't 5 ac, views, nice terrain OWC **SOLD!!**
Squaw Valley Rd - 2.3 ac, well, septic, power, & more **Pending**

New - Totem - Private 5ac w/ 21gpm well, very unique **\$ 117,000**
New - Hickory - Hillside 5ac near Hwy 180, OWC **Pending**
Empress Mtn - 4 ac lot at 6,000 ft w/ spring & forest **SOLD!!**
Fawn - Ridgetop 5ac lot and pad, near Hwy180OWC **\$ 50,000**
Wonder Valley - Pinto - Large 2.67 ac lot, great views OWC **Pending**
Sesame - Mountaintop 10ac in 2 lots, well, MH, views OWC **SOLD!!**
Bramble - Ridgetop 10ac 75gpm well, valley views OWC **\$ 105,000**
Fawn - Hillside 5.ac near Hwy 180 w/pad, huge views **Pending**
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Elder Tree

By Cristine Hunter



6. The-elder (Sambucus nigra)

The Elder tree is an American native tree or shrub that is commonly found here in the foothills of the High Sierras. They can reach heights of 30-50 ft. and as I write this in May, they are covered with yellow creamy flowers and can be seen dotting the hillsides, alongside the native Buckeye tree, also in full bloom.

The Elder tree has a mystical reputation and a lot of folklore associated with it. One is that the tree offers protection from evil or ill-intending spirits if planted near home. The branches and flowers were also placed in windows to keep the occupants inside protected. Another belief was on Midsummers Eve you might catch the little people or fairies dancing under the branches. Just don't fall asleep under the tree or risk

experiencing vivid dreams of the fairy realm and the possibility of being banished to the underworld forever.

The medicinal uses of this tree in the past are many, today we know that the Elder's dark berries are rich in anthocyanins, vitamins A, C, and B6, and antioxidants which help combat inflammation and stimulate immune responses. Clinical studies show its potential to inhibit flu strains and shorten cold symptoms. It has antiviral properties and is used to help the body combat viruses, including cold sores (herpes simplex). A simple syrup can be made from the berries to help strengthen the immune stem and reduce the symptoms and length of a cold or flu. The berries are widely used to make jelly, jams and wine.

WARNING: Elderberries contain cyanogenic glycosides, a toxin. Elderberries are made safe through the process of cooking. Never eat raw or unripe berries.

The Elder's flowers contain triterpenes and flavonoids and are used for helping the body fight fever, sinus congestion, sore throat and headaches. The flowers also improve circulation and act as a diuretic to help flush toxins out of the body. The dried flowers are best used for this purpose as a hot tea and drunk throughout the day. The flowers also lend themselves well to being used for a delightful cold tea perfect for summer days. Used cosmetically, the flowers are great for use in a facial steam to even skin tone and reduce wrinkles. Use in a bath to help soften skin and fight aging. Although it may sound romantic to throw flowers in a bath, you will be cleaning them off your skin and bathtub. A better idea is to make a strong infusion, pour boiling water over fresh or dried flowers, steep for 20 mins. Add to bath water.

The bark has properties that are both beneficial and toxic. If misused it can cause sickness and even death. For that reason I advise not to mess with the bark medicinally or ingest it.

The Elder tree is one of our most useful native plants and with more research will undoubtedly prove to have even more benefits in the future.

Elderberry Simple Syrup

Remove all stems. Cook berries in a stainless steel pot and mash to release juices. Strain through cheese cloth or sieve, Add honey to taste. Store in the refrigerator for up to 3 months. Take a tablespoon a day for the immune system, 3 tablespoons a day for cold or flu.

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Crossword 26

ACROSS

- 1 “__ of Jeanie...” (2 wds.)
- 7 Sorts
- 11 Be down in the dumps (2 wds.)
- 13 Sound miserable
- 14 Bad-luck inflicter (2 wds.)
- 15 Choir accompaniment
- 17 Actor Chaney et al.
- 18 Sphere
- 20 Inspector Clouseau’s valet
- 21 Recline
- 22 Small lacquer box
- 23 Polar transport
- 24 Douse
- 26 Diamond figure
- 28 Ram’s sound
- 29 “Hello Mary __”
- 30 First of the Stuart monarchs (2 wds.)
- 33 Kerchief that covers the hair (hyph.)
- 36 Decorated a cake
- 37 Went swiftly

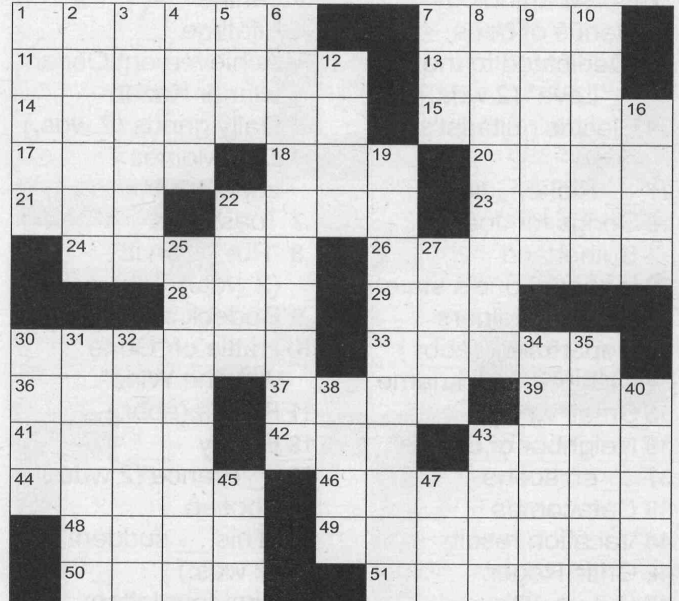
- 39 Web address, for short
- 41 African federation
- 42 Poet’s “always”
- 43 Sheltered, to a sailor
- 44 Loafs
- 46 Teach
- 48 Scottish monastic isle
- 49 Yummier
- 50 Chip in
- 51 Almost all

DOWN

- 1 “If __” (Beatles classic, 2 wds.)
- 2 Empty
- 3 Director Rob
- 4 Added additions
- 5 Lincoln, for short
- 6 Tuna salad ingredient
- 7 __ Jima
- 8 Blue flower
- 9 Rwanda capital
- 10 Actor Christian
- 12 Author Earl __ Biggers
- 16 Stem part

- 19 It was renamed for Herbert Hoover (2 wds.)
- 22 “__ a Teenage Werewolf” (2 wds.)
- 25 Like a good dog
- 27 Frame of mind
- 30 Guitarist Hendrix
- 31 National Park on the Maine coast
- 32 Financier Andrew

- 34 Café __ (2 wds.)
- 35 Hansel’s sister
- 38 Actress Amanda
- 40 Cautious
- 43 Play parts
- 45 Oil can letters
- 47 GI’s social club



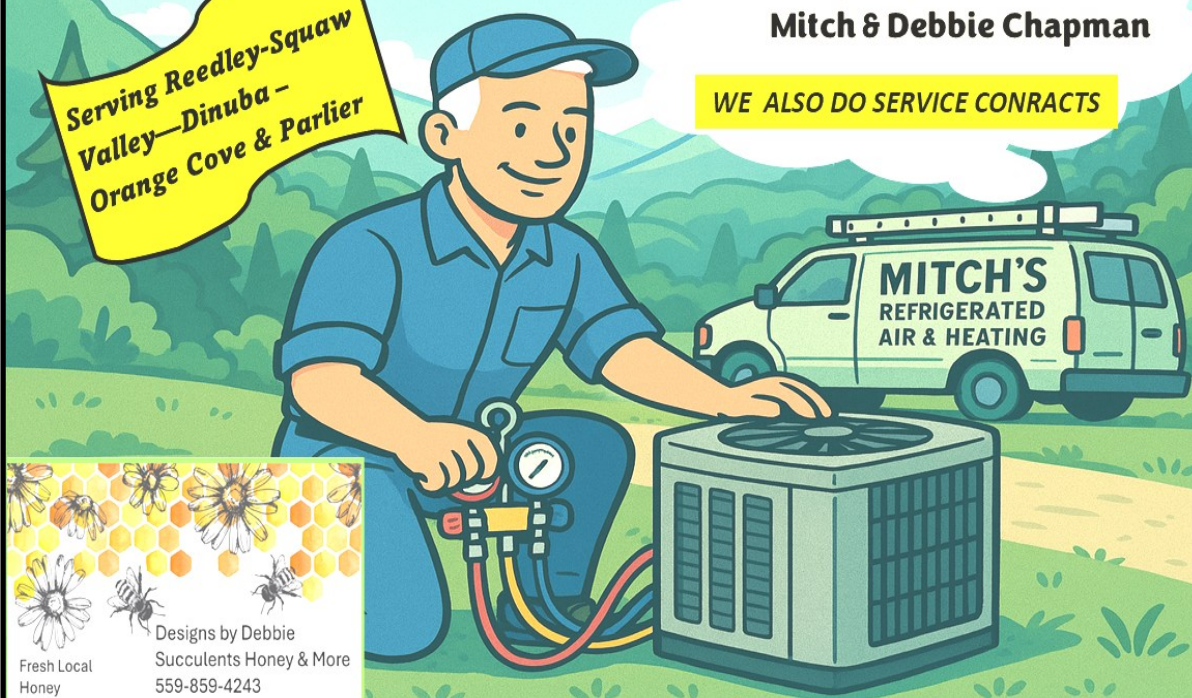
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The Honorable Vince Fong
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Dear Congressman Fong:

This responds to your recent letter to Postmaster General David P. Steiner, regarding the Squaw Valley Community Post Office (CPO). We realize that your constituents have questions about this decision, and we appreciate the opportunity to provide you with the facts.

As you may know, the U.S. Postal Service occasionally augments local postal services by competitively contracting with a business or individual to provide postal retail services through operation of a Contract Postal Unit (CPU). A CPU is a supplier-owned or supplier-leased facility operated by the supplier, under contract to the Postal Service, to provide postal services to the public at Postal Service prices. A Community Post Office (CPO) is a CPU that is usually located in a small, rural community and provides a full line of Postal Service products and services to local Postal Service customers. A CPO bears its community's name and ZIP Code as part of a recognized mailing address. CPOs usually provide Post Office Box service and may also offer general delivery and left-notice article services.

Unlike our own Post Offices, Stations, and Branches, CPUs are run by third parties, generally as an adjunct to another offering or service, who have entered into a mutually beneficial agreement with the Postal Service on set terms.

As tools to help us provide retail service, CPUs' primary advantage is flexibility. Unlike a Postal Service-operated retail facility, we can quickly put a CPU in place with minimal capital outlays or additional employees. Conversely, our third-party providers can quickly add a new service, a new revenue stream, and a new draw for customers. Crucially, for both parties, if business conditions change or if either party no longer wishes to continue, the CPU agreement allows either party to terminate the relationship with a 120-day notice. In this case, the Squaw Valley CPO was terminated effective April 30, at the request of the contractor.

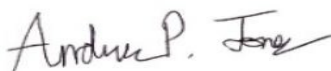
As a federal establishment that must cover its expenses through the sale of its products and services, the Postal Service approaches its contracts as a similarly situated business would. We continually evaluate whether we are receiving good value and return for our contract dollars and whether fluctuating business conditions have altered our operational needs. California 3 District officials have reviewed the CPO and local conditions and judged that there is no longer a compelling business or service rationale to establish a new CPO contract.

While each situation is unique, in the case of the Squaw Valley CPO, there is another Post Office in the surrounding area. The Dunlap Post Office, located at 39400 Dunlap Rd in Dunlap, is 9 miles or an 11-minute drive away from the former Squaw Valley CPO, while the Orange Cove Post Office, located at 550 Park Boulevard in Orange Cove is 11 miles away. There is currently no business rationale to continue to pay for third-party contract service given our ample retail capacity in the area.

While we appreciate our long relationship with the operator of the Squaw Valley CPO, at this time it is the proper business decision not to establish a new contract. We look forward to serving our customers at our numerous retail facilities, where we have ample capacity without having to pay for a third-party contract.

I trust that you will share this information with your constituents. Thank you for writing, and please let me know if I can be of assistance with other postal matters.

Sincerely,



Andrew P. Jones
Government Relations Representative

Dear Sir,

My name is Paulette Dakuras. This letter is in response to your letter to Vince Fong's Office about the closure of the Squaw Valley California Post Office, 93675.

It is disappointing that your office has not advocated more effectively for the residents of Squaw Valley throughout this process.

As you know, the United States Postal Service is a quasi-governmental entity with a public service obligation, not simply a private business operating solely on profit and loss considerations. From the community's perspective, the effort made to preserve local postal services appears to have been minimal.

I understand the explanation provided regarding the Community Post Office model. However, I question whether USPS decision-makers fully understood the unique circumstances of our community. Squaw Valley's population is approximately nine times larger than that of Dunlap. Furthermore, Dunlap does not serve as the area's commercial center. Residents routinely come to Squaw Valley for fuel, groceries, and other essential services.

The Postal Service made little effort to support the long-term viability of the Community Post Office. For example, no point-of-sale card reader was provided, leaving customers limited to cash transactions. It is hardly surprising that the business case for continuing operations appeared weak under those circumstances.

The contractor operated this facility faithfully since the 1980s, first as an employee and later as a contract operator. Yet when closure became imminent, she received little guidance from USPS regarding the transition. In fact, it was not until approximately two weeks before the closure that meaningful communication occurred. At that point, she had already discussed with me the possibility of my assuming the contract. Shortly thereafter, the facility closed.

The transition has created significant hardships for local residents. Individuals who wish to establish street delivery are now being directed to obtain proof of address from Fresno County. Many affected residents are in their 70's, 80s and 90s, and have maintained PO Boxes in Squaw Valley for decades, and do not use computers. They are now expected to travel approximately 40 miles (one way) to Fresno and navigate a bureaucratic process that could have been handled more efficiently.

Having spent 31 years with the United States Postal Service, including time in Address Management, I am familiar with the procedures involved in delivery conversions and address activation. Based on that experience, I can state that USPS did not manage this transition effectively.

The Community Post Office closed on April 30, 2026, yet customers never received the required 120-day notice. Additionally, USPS communications created unnecessary confusion. Residents were informed that their mail would be available at the Dunlap Post Office and that their addresses would not change. Recognizing the potential for misunderstanding, I contacted the Orange Cove Postmaster and suggested that the district revise the language. I was informed that the notice originated from the district and could not be modified.

As a result, many residents submitted change-of-address requests. However, because Address Management had not activated the necessary street addresses, those requests could not be processed properly, creating a cycle of confusion and mail delivery issues. I understand these problems because I worked in the very department responsible for such transitions.

This situation represents yet another failure by the United States Postal Service to adequately serve a rural community. It is also disappointing that greater effort was not made to understand the historical and practical significance of this facility. I previously provided documentation demonstrating that the original facility in this community was an actual Post Office, along with historical information from descendants of the area's Postmaster, dating back to 1923 who still reside here today.

At a minimum, USPS could have installed community mailboxes in Squaw Valley rather than requiring residents to make an additional 20-plus-mile round trip over winding mountain roads simply to retrieve their mail.

The residents of Squaw Valley deserved a better-planned transition, clearer communication, and stronger advocacy on their behalf.

To Email the people in this conversations regarding the Squaw Valley Post Office:

Matt.Bauer@mail.house.gov (Vince Fong's Office)

Andrew.P.Jones2@USPS.Gov (Government Relations USPS Washington (California Rep)

Kristopher.W.Summers@USPS.gov (Orange Cove Postmaster)

America
She bowed her head
Her tears flowed out with grief

Watchers and saints
Nowhere to find
They were sound asleep

Enemies took advantage
of her openness and love
Until the help much needed
was sent from above

Invaded, chained up, threatened maligned
Freedom was at war

Our enemies hadn't counted
on God in heaven above
to guide, respond and send his angels
waking up the saints

Lady liberty needs saving
It's very plain to see
False accusations flying
For all the world to see

She's been so kind to many
Helped those from other shores
Given quite the life to all
That walked right through her doors

So now let's pray and rally
Believing God above
Will save HIS lady liberty
With power and with love

The light has shown the truth
Our enemies exposed
I have no doubt, that soon well shout
A mighty victory

Our heroes and our babies blood
Have cried out for to long
Causing heavens angels and armies to respond

I cant wait to see the Glory
The way that this is won
Until then, I will be at peace
Depending on the son!

Lift the blinders Father
Unite us like before
America, America God shed HIS GRACE, on thee.....

-Diana Nickell

Poetry Corner

Walking Meditations

I wonder if they wonder
if this will be the time
to channel the reptilian mind
into the swinging of fists?
Blunt force. Scanning the ground
for baseball sized rocks
to crack the thin layer of white
beneath the scalp—grey matter
into scrambled eggs sizzling
on asphalt. Do they avoid
eye contact while sizing me up:
Tall, broad shoulders—strike
at the knees—shove into the wall—
pull them down with their bag.
Kick the ribs. Kick the ribs. Kick the ribs.
Will it hurt? Will there be blood?
Do they secretly—like me—want it
to happen? A chance to spar and grapple.
Evolutionary test of willpower. Or will
personal convictions stay our hands?
A spiritual test of sorts, passive
conscientious objector.
The monk with the sword in their belly—
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Bear Mountain Happening at the Library Orange Cove

June is a busy month at the Library as our Summer Programs begin...
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Election Day in Activity Room
Tuesday June 2 @ 7:00am to 8:00pm –

Thursday June 11 @ 2:00pm – Dana's Book Club

Monday June 15 – Library Reading Challenge begins

Tuesday June 16 @ 3:30pm – Xtreme Science Magic show

Tuesday June 23 @ 3:30pm – E & M Reptiles show

The Library will remain open during the Election.

The Friends of the Library are on hiatus until September 10

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Crochet is still Thursdays at 6pm For Summer At Your Library (SAYL):

June 16th @ 1pm Xtreme Science Magic (Family program)

June 18th @ 5pm Family Movie Night (Orange Cove Library Event Only)

June 23rd @ 1pm E & M Reptile (Family program)

June 24th @ 3pm Robo Races (teen program)

June 25th @ 2-4pm Senior Bingo (Older Adults)

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Solstice, Meteor Shower, and a Rare Planetary Gathering

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On June 15, Mercury reaches its greatest eastern elongation, placing it at its highest and most favorable position in the evening sky for the year. Look low in the western horizon shortly after sunset to catch a glimpse of the elusive planet. From June 16 through June 18, a beautiful planetary lineup will grace the western twilight. A slender waxing crescent Moon will appear alongside Venus, Jupiter, and Mercury, creating a striking mini “planet parade” visible shortly after sunset.

Summer officially begins on June 21 with the June Solstice. The event occurs at 1:25 a.m. Pacific Daylight Time and marks the longest day and shortest night of the year in the Northern Hemisphere.

The month concludes with the peak of the June Bootids Meteor Shower on June 27. While normally producing only a modest number of meteors, the June Bootids are famous among astronomers for occasional unexpected outbursts that can dramatically increase meteor activity.

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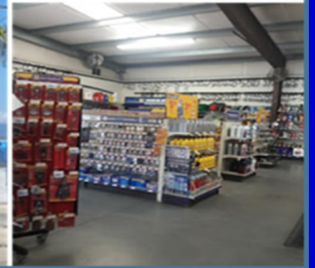
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I was born and raised in the United States of America.

I thought I'd start with that because, frankly, I don't recognize this country anymore. There is so much division today—against immigrants, against political parties, against laws, and against our President. I'll take these issues one at a time.

Immigrants

My grandparents were immigrants. They came to America from Greece in the early 1920s, passed through Ellis Island, and became part of this wonderful and growing country. They kept their traditions, their food, and their religion, while also embracing life in America. We lived in a city filled with different neighborhoods, ethnicities, and religions. For the most part, people were tolerant of one another. Voting was considered a privilege. In the country my grandparents left behind, participating in government elections could be dangerous. They always voted and worked hard because they believed America was a place where, if you worked hard enough, you could achieve the American Dream.

Political Parties

That brings me to political parties. As a child, politics was rarely discussed in our home. Looking back as an adult, I can see there were probably political disagreements, but they were handled privately. I remember going with my parents to the voting booth and watching them close the curtain and pull the levers. I once asked who they voted for, but neither of them would tell me. Today's division feels different. It goes beyond politics and often seems to have turned into outright hatred. Social media and artificial intelligence have made it easier than ever for misinformation to spread. The question is: where does it end?

Laws

As I mentioned, my grandparents were legal immigrants. I remember having a friend in grade school whose mother lived in the Philippines while her father lived here. When I asked why, she explained that her mother had to complete her training and earn her credentials as a dental assistant before she could immigrate. At the time, I didn't understand. Now I realize that many immigrants were expected to demonstrate that they could contribute to the country and support themselves before becoming American citizens. I couldn't tell you exactly when immigration laws changed over the years, but I can understand why such requirements existed.

The President

This brings me to the President. Love him or hate him, many of his supporters believe he is attempting to reestablish and enforce existing laws. No one says we have to like every law, but the level of anger and hostility displayed today is astonishing. There have been plenty of presidents throughout our history who were disliked. I would even wager that some were not nearly as admirable as history sometimes portrays them. Yet today, social media, endless news cycles, and the influence of money on everything—from what we eat to how we vote—have amplified every disagreement. At some point, something is bound to break.

Election Integrity

I worked for the Postal Service for more than 31 years. During that time, I handled mail for many elections and processed countless ballots.

From my own experience, I can say that mistakes happen. In 2020, I received an entire tray of ballots addressed to names and addresses that **did not exist**. I verified the issue with both the county and the elections office. Their response was simply, "Okay, send them back."

I also witnessed thousands of ballots addressed to people who no longer lived at apartment complexes where they had once resided. I know not all of those ballots were returned.

And I didn't work in a major metropolitan area. *Imagine what that might look like in a large city.*

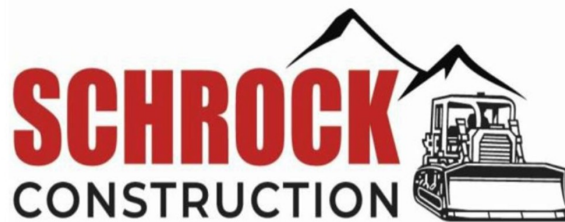
For those who believe voter fraud is impossible, I would suggest that errors, outdated records, and vulnerabilities do exist. The bigger question is not whether problems can occur, but how we can improve confidence in our elections while ensuring every eligible citizen has the opportunity to vote.

That is a conversation worth having—without hatred, without division, and with a genuine desire to strengthen the country we all share.

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Improved Lots for Sale

\$127,500 37632 Mistletoe Rd. Nice property on 2.4 acres. Shared Well and Power. Septic and propane in. Property is in the process of being cleaned up. All personal property and trailer will be removed by close of escrow. **CASH ONLY**

\$135,000 **Lot 533 Mound Lane 4.99 acres** Nice lot located on cul de sac. Lots of useable land with views, road, fence & good 30 GPM well. Plenty of trees for privacy, several nice building sites. Power at the street.

\$150,000 **Lot 3 Sage Lane Beautiful 4.84 acres**, gently rolling, nearly all usable land. Improved with Well at 100 ft. deep 100 GPM, power at street. All fenced.

Lots for Sale

\$55,000 **Lots 6 & 7 Hwy 245 13.2 acres** Very buildable lot with lots of trees, not far from the Pinehurst Lodge and about 6 miles from the park entrance. Easy access on one section of Hwy 245 to be able to put in a driveway off the Hwy. **Sold**

3/20/26

SAL'S SPECIAL SOLUTIONS
CUSTOM WELDING & FABRICATION
 EQUIPMENT REPAIR - PROTOTYPING
805 286-1504

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS
Fresno Co. Sheriff Dept- Squaw Valley
 station : **(559) 332-2226**
 Non- Emergency number: **(559) 600-3111**
Cal Fire- Squaw Valley Sta: (559) 332-2325
 Sign up for Emergency notifications At
<https://plan.readyforwildfire.org/en>
Fresno County Humane Society:
559-600-7387

Squaw Valley
Cemetery
District
 If you have any questions, or need more information. contact: Albert Schrock @ 559-240-2039

June 2026

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|---|---|--|--|---|--|
| 31 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| County Elections | | | | | 10am - Jus' 4 Kix | 10am - Jewelry |
| 7am - Activity Center | 7am - Activity Center | 7am - Activity Center | 7am - Activity Center | 7am - Activity Center | 12pm - Senior | |
| County Elections Activity Center Closed for Club Use | | | | | 7pm - AA @ Bear | |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 7am - American | 10am - Art Club @ 6pm - TOPS - Pat @ | 10am - Jus' 4 Kix 4:30pm - Yoga- 6pm - Isaiah 61 | 10am - Flying 6pm - Walking Thru | 9am - Friends of 10am - Living Lighter 12:30pm - Senior 6pm - Bear Mountain | 10am - Jus' 4 Kix 12pm - Senior 7pm - AA @ Bear | 9am - Community 1:30pm - Bear |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 4:30pm - American | 10am - Art Club @ 6pm - TOPS - Pat @ | 10am - Jus' 4 Kix 2pm - Fresno County 6pm - Bear Mountain | 10am - Flying 5:30pm - American | 10am - Living Lighter 4pm - Lego Club - | 10am - Jus' 4 Kix 12pm - Senior 7pm - AA @ Bear | 12pm - BUSY 12pm - Busy 5pm - SFCC |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 10am - Bear | 10am - Art Club @ 5pm - Firewise @ 6pm - TOPS - Pat @ | 10am - Jus' 4 Kix 2pm - Fresno County 6:30pm - Mountain | 10am - Flying 6pm - Walking 6pm - Walking Thru | 10am - Living Lighter 1pm - Scenic 180 @ | 10am - Jus' 4 Kix 12pm - Senior 7pm - AA @ Bear | 9am - Four Seasons 1:30pm - Bear |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 10am - Bear | 10am - Art Club @ 6pm - TOPS - Pat @ | 10am - Jus' 4 Kix 4:30pm - Yoga- | 9am - Four Seasons 6pm - Walking Thru | 10am - Living Lighter 1:45pm - Fresno 6pm - Bear Mountain | 10am - Jus' 4 Kix 12pm - Senior 7pm - AA @ Bear | |

For information on activities at the Bear Mountain Activity center go to **Bearmountainactivitycenter.org**

Wonder Valley Ranch



This 4-bed, 2 bath estate combines the quiet serenity of mountain living with high-end custom finishes, and energy independence. Featuring fully owned solar, a primary well and a backup well.

7197 PerlmanDr, Sanger, CA93657
\$549,000
Lot Size Approx 2.72 Acres
MLS#648121

Scenic Sanctuary



This custom 3-bedroom, 1.75-bath foothill estate offers peace, privacy, and panoramic views. Features include a private well with large storage tank, spacious and functional interior, plus a two-story barn and workshop.

34141 BroncoLn, Squaw Valley, CA93675
\$435,000
Lot Size Approx 4.62 Acres
MLS#648532

Dinuba 55+ Gated Community



This remarkable 3-bedroom, 2-bathroom residence offers a rare sense of space and privacy. Outside, your private oasis includes an inviting 12x10 pergola, wrap-around cement walkways, and lush landscaping.

337 Village Dr, Dinuba, CA 93618
JUST REDUCED \$327,900
Lot Size Approx 5,280 Sq Ft
MLS#643366

Private Get-Away



The terrain is sloping to hillside and is equipped with newer water well. Follow a beautifully crafted, dirt road that meanders down to a large open level area where nearby evidence of spring activity can be found.

0 Ruth Hill Rd, Squaw Valley, CA93675
\$225,000
Lot Size Approx 47 Acres
MLS#616689

Tranquil Foothill Lot



This property is ready for you to build your dream home and create a sanctuary of your own. Utilities are already in place from the previous home that once stood here, but the condition of utilities is unknown.

38938 Pepperweed, Squaw Valley, CA93675
JUST REDUCED \$89,000
Lot Size Approx 4.88 Acres
MLS#637049

Lot with Major Creek



Gorgeous undeveloped 2+- acre lot with major creek running through it. Buyer to verify if lot is buildable and check with Fresno County for use potential. Exact property corners are unknown.

0 Live Oak Dr, Sanger, CA93657
\$30,000
Lot Size Approx 2 Acres
MLS#647876

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