

# Community News



Jada Hernandez-Poso, one of last year's "Smiles for Kids" patients, happily waiting to be seen by one of the dentists. She received a complete dental exam, x-rays, cleaning and fluoride treatment, along with a lot of patient and parent oral hygiene/dental information and education. *Courtesy Photo*

## "Smiles for Kids 2010"

Jackson Creek Dental Group will once again open their office to treat children, at no cost, who "fall between the cracks" in healthcare – children who would not otherwise receive dental treatment – on Sat, Jan 30, 2010 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. To qualify for treatment, children must be 2-18 years of age, qualify for free or reduced fee school lunches, WIC or CHDP, be a resident of Amador or Calaveras County, and they must not be covered by private dental insurance. A parent or legal guardian must accompany the child throughout the appointment. "We will also provide teeth cleaning, fluoride treatment and prescriptions, sealants, orthodontic evaluations, and other emergency treatment as time allows. All of the dental staff and volunteers who participate in Smiles for Kids feel very fortunate to be able to give back to the community and make an impact one child at a time." 223-2712 or visit our website at [www.JacksonCreekDental.com](http://www.JacksonCreekDental.com). 100 French Bar Road, Suite 101, Jackson, CA (209) 223-2712.

## NEW YEAR'S EVE CRYSTAL IMAGE HIPPIY PARTY

9 pm / live music, costumes, lights from the woodstock generation. The Red School House, 20153 Highway 88, Pine Grove 296-4894. Advance tickets recommended. \$15 at Sierra House Restaurant (Pine Grove) or Hein & Company book store (Jackson). The Amador Student Music Fund wishes you all a very Happy New Year 2010. Thursday, December 31, 2009.

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## ACRA CORNER

**Amador County Recreation Agency** *Where there's always something happening!*

Meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of every month, 2pm, at 810 Court Street, Jackson in the Board of Supervisors Chambers. [www.goacra.org](http://www.goacra.org)

### Beginner Guitar Lessons

Taught by ACRA employee Matt Nestor. \$10 for each weekly 30-minute group session. Amador County Health and Human Services Bldg, Room D from 6 PM to 8 PM. Info, call 223-6373.

**Beginning Photography Classes**, Mollie Joyce House off of Highway 88 in Pioneer. Classes start August 29th and the fee is

\$125 for 3 sessions. Open darkroom first Saturday of every month upon request. \$10 per hour. Contact Adam Lindsey 223-6373.

### Men's Basketball League

November - March 2010. \$750.00 per team. Games at Amador and Argonaut High Schools, 4pm Sundays. For more info, call (209) 223-6373.

### Disc Golf Course in Pioneer

ACRA is building a permanent disc golf course at Mollie Joyce Park in Pioneer. For just \$500, you can permanently display your business name year-round. Volunteer to help ACRA auger the baskets, make trails for the course, or clear brush. For more volunteer info: Matt 223-6373.

## Give Your Family the Gift of Culture This Holiday Season

Foreign high school students are scheduled to arrive soon for academic semester homestay programs, and the sponsoring organization needs a few more local host families. The students are anxiously awaiting news of their new families. This is the last chance for these young ambassadors to fulfill their life-long dreams. According to Pacific Intercultural Exchange (P.I.E.) President, John Doty, the students are all between the ages of 15 and 18 years, are English-speaking, have their own spending money, carry accident and health insurance, and are anxious to share their cultural experiences with their new American families. P.I.E. currently has programs to match almost every family's needs, ranging in length from one semester to a full academic year, where the students attend local public and private high schools.

P.I.E. area representatives match students with host families by finding common interests and lifestyles through an informal in-home meeting. Prospective host families are able to review student applications and select the perfect match. As there are no "typical" host families, P.I.E. can fit a student into just about any situation, whether it is a single parent, a childless couple, a retired couple or a large family. Families who host for P.I.E. are also eligible to claim a monthly charitable contribution deduction on their itemized tax returns for each month they host a sponsored student.

For the upcoming programs, P.I.E. has students from Germany, the Former Soviet Union, Venezuela, Argentina, Brazil, Hungary, Korea, Mexico, Australia, China, and many other countries. P.I.E. is also participating in two special government-funded programs to bring scholarship students from the Newly Independent States of the former Soviet Union as well as predominantly Islamic countries such as Yemen, Syria, Jordan, Morocco, Kuwait, Iraq and Qatar to the United States.

Doty encourages families to contact the program immediately, as it will allow the proper time for the students and hosts to get to know one another before they actually meet for the first time. Amador area families interested in learning more about student exchange or arranging for a meeting with a community representative may call P.I.E., toll-free, at 1-866-546-1402. The agency also has travel/study program opportunities available for American high school students as well as possibilities for community volunteers to assist and work with area host families, students and schools.

## Monday Night Casual

**Dinners**, 5:30-8:30PM, Sutter Creek Ice Cream Emporium on Main Street. A different Chef's Choice homestyle entree every week! Includes drink, bread and dessert for under \$10. No reservations required; call ahead for the weekly entree. Kids may order from the main menu.

## Clark's Corner, Ione.

Happy Hour, \$1.00 off any alcoholic drink, 3 - 6pm nightly. Red and white wines, premium beers. Reserve your glass in advance, take off an additional .50 per glass, 274-2233. 12 W Main Street, Ione, CA.

## Blue Moon New Year's

**Eve Bash** *Mick Martin & The Blues Rockers*. Amador County Fairgrounds, 9245-9273 Locust St, Plymouth, CA. (209) 223-6373. Gates open 6pm, dinner, dancing, fireworks! Fund Raiser for ACRA ( Amador County Recreation Agency)

## eBay's World of Good

is the world's first online marketplace that brings together "people positive" and "eco-positive" sellers and beautiful artisan products in one place, empowering you to shop in ways that align with your personal values. [www.worldofgood.com/globalgiving](http://www.worldofgood.com/globalgiving).

## AMADOR COUNTY LIBRARY

Lynda D. Laolagi  
530 Sutter Street (Hwy 49)  
Jackson, CA 209-223-6400

**JUST KNITS** – the second Monday of the month. Bring your projects, share new patterns, learn new stitches. Info, call 209-223-6400.

**BookEnds** - Dec 23, 5:30 to 6:30; meet and discuss *Devil in a Blue Dress* by Walter Mosley.

### On Display:

**Guest Speakers:** On December 15, 5:30pm, the Amador County Library is proud to present Ms. Analie Beldon, author of "Thoroughly Modern Dresden."

Ms. Beldon has taught and lectured at numerous quilt guilds in Northern California. She will be bringing various quilts that appear in her book and will discuss the design process and the journey of being published.

## Resource Center

### Opens in Mountain Ranch

The Mountain Ranch Youth Alliance located at 7869 Whiskey Slide Rd., next to the Mountain Ranch Community Park, will be open Monday through Friday, 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. The old school building has been refurbished; there's a room for social activities, refreshments, small library area, and high speed computer access.

There you can get a cup of coffee or tea, find a book to read, and meet friends. The second room is a multi-use room designed for small group activities and classes for all ages. Staff for the Resource Center will be L. Lee Davis and Margie Bush. They will be available to organize and schedule activities and classes. Small groups can contact them to arrange for use of the multi-use room at 1-888-754-4073.

Starting January 7, 2010, one of the first classes scheduled is "Energize with Movement" led by Vicki Laux on Thursdays, 3-4 p.m. This will be open to all ages. Tutoring for all ages will be available on Mondays from 2-6 p.m. by Linda Turner.

As other activities are scheduled, notices will be posted at various locations. For more information call 209-754-3905.

Frustrated at the lack of interest in his new toy invention, Charles Pajeau hired several midgets, dressed them in elf costumes, and had them play with "Tinker Toys" in a display window at a Chicago department store during the Christmas season in 1914. This publicity stunt made the construction toy an instant hit. A year later, over a million sets of Tinker Toys had been sold.