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The cast of "Scrooge, the Musical." Front: L-R. Kristina Van Horst, Kaitlyn Dorff, Samantha Grofsky, Cassandra Janisse, Katia Miller, Hannah Miller, Megan Wise and Brent Molina. Back row: Jacq Rondeau, Mia Skye, Brian Potter, Melissa Strauss, Ivie Alcorn, Scott Strauss, Ritchie Ferris, Korey Emslie, Grant Measures, Own Smith, Mike Firek, Betsy Couturier, Angela Robbins, James Godbolt, Bonnie Hart and Scott McClay. Not pictured: Brooke Bauersfeld, Callie Dorff and Patrick Hart.

Don't Miss "Scrooge, The Musical"

Discover The Big Oak Theatre in Chatsworth

By Sandra Siepak
Entertainment Editor

There is a gem of a small theatre located in Chatsworth called the Big Oak Theatre. It's quite an amazing showcase to discover here in the North Valley. With an invitation from owners/producers Patrick and Bonnie Hart to visit, I was intrigued not only by the rustic, yet comfortable 55 seat theatre itself, but also by the number of talented performers the couple has developed and nurtured through their various stage productions for the past 15 years. Owner and Director Patrick Hart is a long-time actor of stage and screen with more than 40 years experience as an actor, producer, and director who is dedicated to bringing quality community theatre to the area. Along with his wife Bonnie, who serves as producer at The Big Oak

Theatre, both are committed to bringing local talent and popular stage productions together for audiences to enjoy. Patrick Hart, who handles much of the production and directorial duties for each show, including the newest holiday presentation, "Scrooge, The Musical," is eager to get the word out about his theatre company.

"I would love to get more people from the local community involved. I really enjoy discovering new talent. We welcome newcomers to come out and audition and be a part of our productions. Our theatre com-

pany gives many of the people here, especially the younger people a place to develop their acting skills. I have a great deal of respect for the stage and take great pride in what I do here. Introducing local residents to the theatre is not only important it's really a great experience." said Hart.

With a large cast of professional and community players, "Scrooge, The Musical," will kick off the holidays at The Big Oak Theatre in Chatsworth with performances on December 3, 4, 10, and 11th. The

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Our Person of the Month

There's Something Special About Peg

By Nancie Pike

In 1963, Roy and Peg Tamberella welcomed their fourth child into the world. Her name was Joan and she was born with mental retardation. When Joan started school at age five, Peg became a Parent Group volunteer, but her work with disabled children had started much earlier.



Peg Tamberella

While Peg was a student at Boston University, Sargent College of P.E. for Women, part of her practice teaching was spent at Perkins Institute for the Blind. Peg was overwhelmed by the students' enthusiasm for learning! She had just finished an assignment coaching girls at a local high school who had little interest in sports and complained about "breaking a nail or getting sweaty." Working with the visually

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Peg Tamberella with daughter Joan at the Tri-Valley Special Olympics.

Do You Agree With Your Neighbors?

Sherman Releases Survey Results

Congressman Sherman has released results of a survey of constituents about various issues including the Middle East conflict, Social Security, Medicare, reproductive rights and international trade.

continue to fight for their needs in Washington."

Among the findings of the survey, only 8% of our community thinks that NAFTA and our trade agreements have had a positive effect on the national economy.