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## Happy Holidays from the Wine Country!

**T**hings seem very different around the house in Sonoma this year. There is only one boy living at home now! Kevin is a Junior at Sonoma High, Charlie is attending Universal Technical Institute in Phoenix, Arizona, and Pat is still going to Chico State.

Pat is in his Senior year (we've heard this before!) at Chico majoring in Civil Engineering and minoring in Manufacturing Management. He is hoping to finish up by next Christmas. This is a long road, but the light is at the end of the tunnel. Pat is still active in Scouting, attending summer camp with the Troop this year. The major project at camp this summer was reroofing a part of the large dining hall.

Charlie finished up his work on his Eagle Scout rank just before Christmas last year and this Spring he was finally awarded the badge. Charlie graduated from Sonoma High in June and is now studying Auto and Diesel Technology in Phoenix in a program that takes about fourteen months. He started at the end of September so he will be in Phoenix until next Christmas if all goes according to schedule. He is working part time for a U-Haul dealer and will not be able to come home for the Holidays. Grant and Linda plan to fly down to visit for a couple of days between Christmas and New Years.

Kevin joined the Sonoma High track team last Spring and competed in the mile and two mile events. He must enjoy running because he kept it up



*Santa is on the way. 'Be on the lookout for a round jolly elf driving without a license!'*

with the Cross Country team this Fall. In August, his coach took several runners to Arizona to run down into the Grand Canyon. The temperature was 115 degrees so they actually walked, but the trip was memorable! Kevin continues to play the tuba in the High School band and has joined Grant in the Sonoma Home Town Band where they both play tuba. Talk about heavy metal!! Kevin is getting close to earning his Eagle Scout rank. He is currently working on his service project which consists of controlling the growth of unwanted conifer trees in a local State Park. The Douglas Fir trees are shading out the native oaks and would naturally have been controlled by natural fires if they were allowed to burn. So his project amounts to a "mechanical burn" for the forest.

Grant, Linda and Kevin went to the Fort Jones area in August to visit Linda's Mom and two sisters. It was a quick visit followed by a couple nights

## Family Medical Report

**C**hicken pox strikes!! both Charlie and Kevin were laid low with chicken pox in the Spring and missed about a week of school each. You can imagine how pleasant the house was for about a month as two boys had the fading poxes!

Pat had an accident at Spring Break on the job and broke his right leg. He was working at Sonoma Train Town, which is a large scale model railroad, when he fell from a bridge. He spent the rest of his Spring Break in the hospital. His leg required a metal rod to hold the tibia together. The rod was removed the day before Thanksgiving. He was very uncomfortable while the rod was in place but is feeling much better now.

## The Homestead

**T**he old house needed some attention this year. New carpets and vinyl along with a new dishwasher and oven kept the Bodwells busy for the first part of the summer what with the painting and installation of new drapes and all. Then the crew moved outside to try to catch up on the yard. Old fences and an unused grape arbor were removed. A new fence was needed at the back because of the development going on out there. There will be about forty new homes built on the property adjacent to the

**For Sale Cheap:** several very old computers, some actually work! Others, well lets just say they are available and probably worth what you would pay.