

Readers' Choice AWARDS

Sutton Construction builds more success among homeowners

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FAIRFIELD — The process of building or remodeling a house can be a daunting task.

But with the help of the right professionals, it can be an enjoyable experience. That's what Lisa Sutton, her husband, Steve, and their business partner, Tim Senior, hope for all their clients.

Sutton Construction Company, Inc. does it all — from remodeling to adding on rooms in residential homes to building custom homes. The company, which has been in business since 1978, takes pride in its customer service.

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through the entire process," Lisa Sutton, part owner of the business, said. "Months will go by without us even breaking ground."

That's because the people at Sutton walk their clients through the entire process.

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Jerry Strong of subcontractor T.E.H. Construction works on a home by Sutton Construction, which was named the best construction company.

Sutton: Readers love this construction company

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"Homeowners hire us," Sutton said. "They come in and they are in the process of buying land and they are totally unaware of what's ahead. We refer them to an architect for drawings and then we develop a team for a common goal."

Jim Kellogg and his wife, Wendy, turned to Sutton after hearing of the company's reputation through word of mouth.

"There was no question who we were going to go with," Jim said. "Everyone was very polite, a total class act. From the electrician to the plumber. I can't say enough good things about them."

When clients are looking to remodel, the company sets up meetings with the appropriate people, goes over plans for redesign and helps them get permits through the county and city.

"We really get to know the people from the start," Sutton said. "My husband takes pride in customer service and devel-

What is the best construction company?

WINNER:

Sutton Construction Co.

4171 Suisun Valley Rd., Suisun Valley
422-8242

Hours: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; after 5 p.m. by appointment only.

RUNNERS-UP:

2. Gary Gress General Contractor
3. Hearn Construction
4. Thomas Newkirk Construction
5. Korfi Construction
6. All Pro Construction
7. S.T. Construction

8. Tom Dodge
9. Carle Recknagel General Contractors
10. (tie) Fisher Construction; Farallon Builders; West Coast Contractors; Williams Construction; Mark Scott Construction; CW Construction

oping good relationships."

Steve Sutton, a Holy Spirit and Fairfield High grad, started his company as a door shop. A general contractor, he started by putting up patio covers and decks. The company grew to three partners and now has four full-time employees, one part-time person in the office and often hires high school and college students in the summer to help out.

The company primarily

works on homes in Solano County, Lisa Sutton said, because they have never needed to venture out.

"We work on homes in Green Valley, Eastridge and the Vacaville area," Lisa said.

Lisa said that because remodeling is not something that people think about doing everyday, sometimes, there are skeptics.

"We go over all the options," she said. "For instance, with

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Sutton Construction owner

doors, do they want them stained or painted? We guide them all the way through. I don't want to say we hold their hand, but we have to have that nature."

Kellogg, who has lived in his Vacaville house for about a year, said he would go with the company again if he had to.

"In a heartbeat, without batting an eyelash, I would go with the same crew," he said. "They are incredible."

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Marie Callender's serves up tasty pies, good service

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FAIRFIELD — It's not just about the pies, what Marie Callender's manager Linda Mattos describes as "the mouthwatering pies."

"People like the atmosphere, this feeling a lot like grandmother's house," Mattos said. "We also have a lot of longevity in the staff. Each server has their own following."

But it's the pies that most of the customers who come through Marie Callender's Restaurant and Bakery ask for when they come through the front door.

The restaurant regularly gets calls from long-time customers asking what the upcoming month's pie-of-the-month

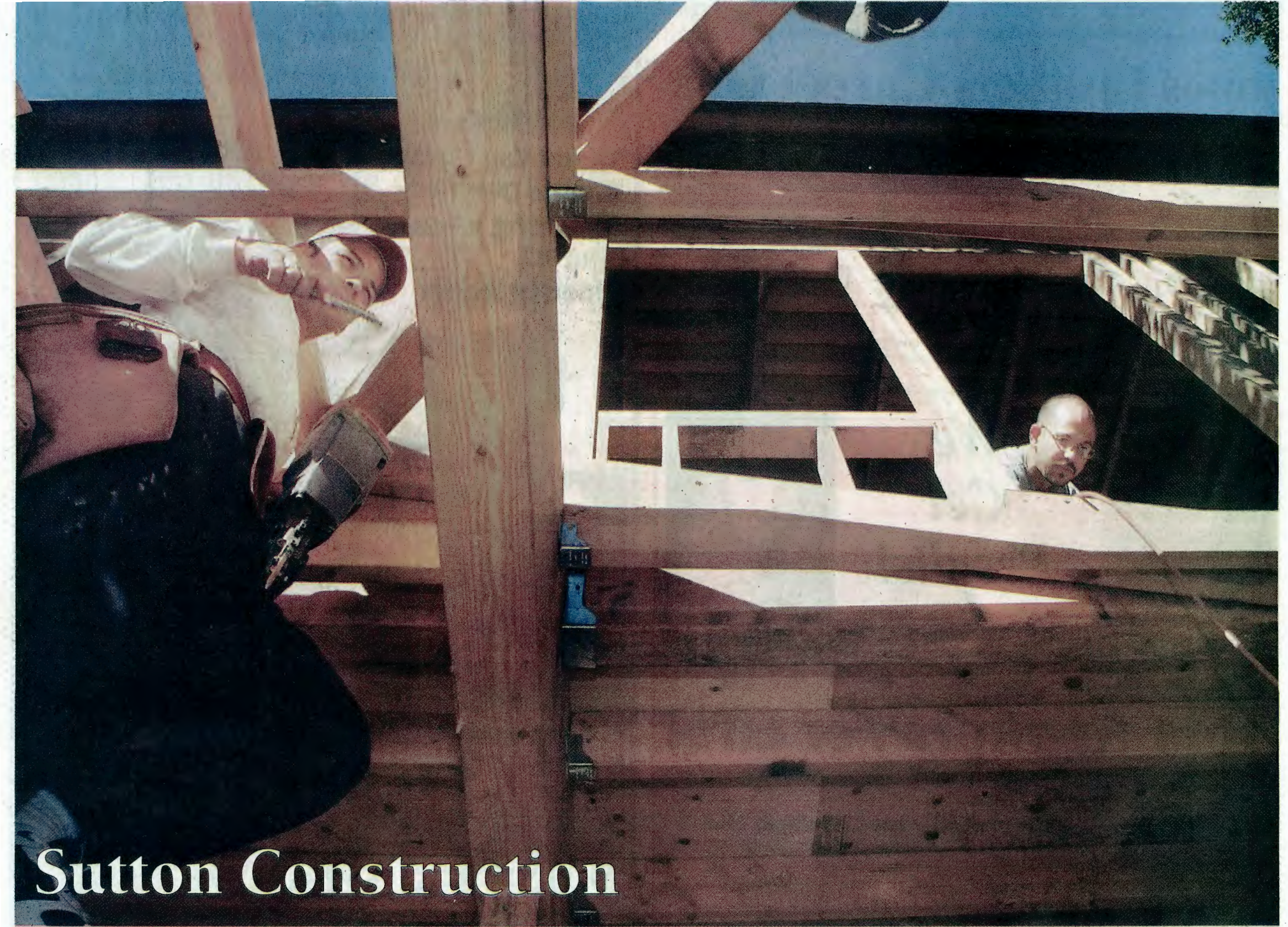
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will be. At Thanksgiving, the line of people waiting for their pumpkin pies goes out the door.

"I have never eaten a pie at Marie Callender's," Robert Doan of Vacaville said. "I always call to place an order from where I work in Richmond, pick it up on my way home and

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Jerry Strong, left, and Israël Francisco, of T.E.H. Construction, a subcontractor of Sutton Construction which won the Readers' Choice for Best Construction Company, work on a home renovation in Green Valley. *Photo by Judith Sagami*