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CMWC

TEMPORARY ROAD REPAIRS

On Friday, January 24, Shane Killian Construction (SKC) was hired to do temporary repair patches on our roads. SKC subcontracted Cal Paving to assist in the repairs.

Seventeen tons of hot mix was used between Prohibition Creek at Cascadel Road and Cascadel Drive South to the archway.

The volunteer Flaggers for this job were Ken Trapp, Susie Odry and Carol Eggink. Stan was the relief Flagger.



FIREWISE BRIGADE

The Brigade members met for a meeting on January 18 as planned to discuss schedule of events for this year.

Inventory of Fire Boxes was completed in January by Fire Brigade member, Simon Elman and resident property owner Mark Jordana.

The Firewise Committee Chair has applied to The National Fire Prevention Association (NFPA) for their annual Fire Preparedness Day Grant of \$500. If awarded, the Brigade will begin the clearing of our Shelter in Place and roadside easement clearing and brushing in preparation of the coming wildfire season. The grant is to be used on Wildfire Preparedness Day, May 2. Property owners and residents of our beautiful community are invited to participate. There will be notices in your newsletter to remind you along with more detail on the day's event.

CAL FIRE GRANT

According to our Grant sponsor Justine Reynolds, we will not hear news on our application until March of this year. We will keep you posted on this one when we hear more news.

WARNING: COYOTE MATING SEASON



Coyotes are on the prowl for food and a mate once mating season started in late December. However, the peak breeding time is late February to March.

Dan Cosgrove Animal Shelter wrote, "Dogs should not be left outside alone in an electric fenced in area. Coyotes will jump over even high fences, so please alert your neighbors that they should not feel overly comfortable just because they have a fenced in yard."

The Humane Society of the United States tells pet owners to follow two simple steps to prevent coyote attacks.

"Coyotes may mistake small, unattended pets as prey or attack large dogs they view as threats to territory or dens".

To keep your animals safe, take two simple steps:

1. Watch your pets. Keep cats indoors, and never leave small dogs outside unsupervised or let any dog out of your yard off leash.
2. Secure food sources. Store garbage in wildlife-proof containers and feed pets indoors.

CELEBRITIES IN THE WOODS STORIES BY CAROL EGGINK

TOBY DELANEY



In January, Sierra News Online News Media ran a story from The New Yorker. They posted a story which included our local Bass Lake Forks Restaurant.

Michael Delaney, a Cascadel resident, posted about this on FaceBook. In the comments I noticed Toby Delaney was mentioned as initially designing the logo way back in the 1980s. This hand-drawn illustration is used on T-shirts, mugs, magnets, pins and cups sold at the restaurant. It is still in use today. I just had to get the story.

Years ago, 1980 to 1997, Toby owned a graphic design firm, Eskola Design. That is how she met back up with Michael; they went to Bullard High School at the same time. Eventually Toby joined his marketing firm, Delaney Matrix.



Thirty five years ago, while Toby had her own firm, one of her clients was Sharp Ideas, an ad specialties company. They hired her to create the illustration for Forks Restaurant.

I asked Toby if she received free hamburgers... she said "They don't even know who I am!"

Toby specializes in illustrations, hand lettering, calligraphy, and logo design. Several of her other art designs have also stood the test of time and can be found around Fresno on signs and vehicles! When we see company logos we don't usually think about how they were made!

I thought sharing this information would be fun because we all know and love The Forks Restaurant. And for those who know Toby, we can now connect the art with the artist!

CONGRATULATIONS TOBY!

NATE HODGES

YOSEMITE AXE THROWING

In the past, a few write-ups of the Timber Sport Champion and Cascadel Woods's resident Nate Hodges have appeared in *The Woods*, the CWPOA's monthly newsletter.

Last month, Nate opened a new business in Oakhurst called Yosemite Axe Throwing. This entertainment venue offers professional instructions on axe throwing and opportunities for individuals, small groups, and private events to practice and develop their own axe throwing skills. Exciting axe throwing games is also available.

It is clear Nate cares for the environment by the way he has recycled the lumber and bark material used to create this special place. For example, the bark on the backdrop of the target lanes and lane separating studs are from trees killed by the bark beetle. The targets were made from a tree that snapped and fell in Nate's yard. The beautiful tables and counter tops are made from wood salvaged from the Rail Road Fire of August 2017.



Just before going to press on this newsletter I found an article in the Sierra News online website that I wanted to share with our community due to the importance of the event. The story follows.

Yosemite Axe Throwing and the Hamilton family are hosting a fundraiser on Feb. 9 to help save the life of seven-year-old Kalel Hamilton. Kalel, who lives in Ahwahnee, suffers from a terminal muscle wasting disease known as Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy. His father Rick's marathon-running efforts to help raise funding for Duchenne MD research was featured in a recent Sierra News Online story. The all-day fundraiser will happen at Yosemite Axe Throwing, located at 40761 Hwy. 41, in Oakhurst.

Check out their website to see more detail on the fund raiser and schedule some time to throw an axe with your family, friends or co-workers and to keep up on their events. www.yosemiteaxe.com

CONGRATULATIONS NATE!



Ron Thiesen
NOV 12, 1949 - JAN 01, 2020

It is with great sadness that we must say good bye to our long time resident and friend, Ron Thiesen. Ron's wife, Ava, has written something for us.

In the last night of 2019, my strong and wise and creative and devoted Husband, and Lover, and Friend...and Papa Ron to two generations of Grandchildren who meant the world to him as he provided and received in that same Light, peacefully passed away at Home from a Life well lived, with family in hand.

We came together on Easter Sunday in 1987, a 42 year old Grandmother and a 40 year old Bachelor, and we stayed together for almost 33 years, learning for, about, and from each other, what we had been experiencing in our lives before we met.



I experienced with him what it was like to be in



the High Country and along the Seashore as a way of life by walking and exploring for days and days at a time, and over the years.

And then how it was

to design and build our own Home in the Woods, hand in hand and heart to heart, from the start to finish, including the journeys of carrying out the quartz rocks in our backpacks that he, the Stonemason, could build our Fireplace in the process.



He experienced, and came to



cherish in this life, what I had been doing before we met, that was raising generations of Children, by Living and Learning, providing and receiving, in each day, from an open heart and a deepening commitment and respect for life....as Papa Ron and Gramma Ava.

CSA-21 to NEW PARK DISTRICT

On January 7, 2020, the Madera County Board of supervisors passed a Resolution to dissolve County Service Area (CSA) – 21 and simultaneously create an Independent Park District.

After some discussion and questions to Dave Braun, Executive Officer of Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO), it is our understanding that a governing Board of Directors will be chosen by election of the property owners. If at some point in the future there were no members willing to run for this Board, then the County would appoint a Board to govern the Park District.

Since this is a legal Board of Directors, Liability and Directors & Officers Insurance would need to be purchased. One option might be to have the CWPOA as the Board to govern the new Park District since they already have these types of insurances and this would save about \$ 5,000- \$7,000. Since the total assessments equal \$15,000 a year, that would be a substantial savings.

According to Dave Braun, there would be a public hearing, then a protest hearing and finally an election to approve and elect Directors to the governing Board.

The assessments would be as it is today; \$100 a year and it would be as an assessment on your property tax bill.

The elected Board of Directors from the community will have the responsibility over the funds for the maintenance and upkeep of the grounds and clubhouse as directed by the property owners who are assessed.

All stipulations for the creation and acceptance of this Park District will be documented in the resolution to create.

This process will most likely be 4 – 6 months in the making. More questions need to be answered. We will let you know how this progresses.

EVENTS AND MEETINGS

- **Feb 14 – CMWC Board Meeting 4:00PM CDC Conference Room**
- **Feb 15 – Firewise Committee Carol Eggink's Home at 10AM**

NEXT MONTH

- **Mar 14 – CWPOA Board Meeting 10:00AM CDC Conference Room**
- **Mar 21 – Firewise Committee Possible work day – To be determined**

FROM THE EDITOR

We hope you enjoyed The Woods Newsletter. Send submissions for the March Newsletter by Feb. 24, 2020 to Carol Eggink at egginks@netptc.net.