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## November 2022



**Tuesday November 15th  
Update and Input from Butte Creek  
Canyon Citizens**

As part of seeking Resident/Citizen input on parks and programs, the Paradise Recreation and Park District will have a meeting at the Centerville Schoolhouse. Staff from the District will present opportunities on how to share input, as well as provide **updates on potential parks and programs in Butte Creek Canyon.**  
6:30pm at the Schoolhouse

### CALENDAR

**Saturday October 29th  
Halloween Potluck**

Hosted By Teresa and Walt : Our first official Fall Potluck...Don't miss out on some Halloween Fun!! Bring a potluck dish to share and your own plates, and utensils. Beverages if you like!  
6:30pm at the Schoolhouse

**Saturday November 19th  
Thanksgiving Potluck**

Hosted by Dave and Julia: you know the drill - bring a dish to share...Remember our fun dessert auctions? We are going to resurrect that canyon tradition...bring a dessert to auction if you like or just join in the fun of buying one... It's going to be a delightful event!  
6:30pm at the Schoolhouse

**Saturday November 26th  
Decorate the Schoolhouse for the  
Holidays**

Come join your neighbors for an old fashioned decorating party...  
Noon at the Schoolhouse

**Sunday December 11th  
Christmas Gift Sale**

Santa will be there! Come and shop for Christmas! Join your neighbors for CRHA sponsored Happy Hour from 3-4pm  
10am - 4pm at the Schoolhouse

**The Colman Museum is Open  
Saturdays & Sundays 1-4 pm**  
Come by for a visit & bring friends  
and family!



## CANYON CLEANUP

The Canyon Cleanup was a big success this year! Volunteers from the Canyon, Chico and from as far away as Palermo collected over 1,600 pounds of trash. A big thank you to our volunteers, the Paradise Recreation & Parks District, the Butte Environmental Council, and Waste Management for their support of our Canyon Cleanup.



Terrence Hoffman leads a group of college volunteers for our annual canyon cleanup.



4H helpers all the way from Palermo!

## VOLUNTEERING PAYS?

While picking up trash along Centerville Road just North of Cable Bridge Drive, local resident Tim Calhoon found a folded \$100 dollar bill beside the road. Strangely, the item was not turned into the lost and found.



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# CANYON SPIRIT

*by Terrence Hoffman*

I imagine everyone living in this canyon must be touched in some way by its beauty. And I also imagine that beauty is enjoyed in different ways by different people. If one lives on the creek, the sounds, sights and smells of water flowing by easily fill the senses in pleasurable ways. For others living along canyon walls and ridges, there are spectacular views and plenty of open skies. And I know there are neighbors who just plain relish the feel of country living, with plenty of dirt, rock, scrub brush, and fewer houses crowding in on the space around them.



And then there is the wildlife. We have the seasonal salmon, and the seemingly random comings and goings of a wide variety of birds, reptiles, fox, deer, bears, etc. remind us we have neighbors who live and thrive off the bounty of this canyon in their own intelligent ways, ways that may surprise us, and even leave us a bit awestruck.

Years ago, I read a book called, "A God Within", by the microbiologist, Rene Dubos. The book dealt with the relationship between people and the geographical area in which they lived. My takeaway from the book was that each place has a kind of vibe or spirit if you will, that in subtle ways has an effect on people's moods, attitudes, and behavior. And in turn, people will have an impact on that place. Before that last part just sounds too darn obvious, the additional point was that such an impact could either support a harmonious interplay between people and the rest of the natural world, or create a contentious struggle between the two.

As the natural world impacts our lives in increasingly dramatic ways, we are hopefully learning to respect its power, and in turn, live with a greater appreciation for the interdependent nature of the existence we share as fellow canyon creatures. And maybe it is in this spirit we call this canyon Home.

# COVERED BRIDGE UPDATE

*by Walt Schafer*

We continue to await news about our PG&E Camp Fire claim so we can move to Phase 2 of the Rebuild: deck and trusses. Meanwhile, we encourage you to stop by to see the new wedding arbor, funded by a Discovery Shoppe grant and designed and built by Steve Ferreira and crew. You will also see recent removal of dead trees in the picnic area and clearing along the creek bank. Welcome to the Covered Bridge Park and stay tuned.

# Butte Creek Canyon



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