BECAUSE COMMUNITY COUNTS NEWSLETTER

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Celebrating our community, supporting local businesses, and keeping our neighbors connected.

COMMUNITY NEWS & FEATURE ARTICLES

Community Members Help Shape the Future of Washburn View Park

Written by Lisa Barry

Community members are helping shape the future of Washburn View Park, which is owned by the Burney Water District, as planning continues for a grant application through California's Proposition 4 Statewide Park Program.

Through park audits, Facebook comments, and in-person meetings, residents have shared ideas about improvements that would make the park more welcoming and useful. So far, this engagement has identified a combined theme of trees, natural surroundings, and local wildlife, with greens and browns reflecting Burney's forest setting.

The next step is a survey and meeting to prioritize recreational features and consider where they would fit within the park. Options under discussion include a playground, walking trail, amphitheater, Little League and T-ball fields, soccer/football field, Veterans Memorial corner, adult exercise stations, pickleball and basketball courts, a wallball court, picnic areas, and game tables. The existing dog park will remain.

Because space and funding are limited, community input will help identify priorities and explore possibilities such as shared multipurpose courts.

Participants will be asked to rate the importance of proposed features, select their top three priorities, and suggest additional ideas or locations. These responses will help guide the proposed project and document community involvement for the grant application.

Please watch the Burney Parks Committee Facebook page for opportunities to participate and help plan a park that serves residents of different ages, interests, and abilities.

The final survey will focus on safe public use and additional park beautification, followed by another in-person meeting to discuss community preferences. This will bring the total to five in-person meetings, with the goal of earning the maximum points available for community engagement in the grant proposal.

Each opportunity gives residents a voice in creating a safe, attractive, and welcoming park.

STAY CONNECTED!

Follow the Burney Chamber of Commerce Facebook page for community news, upcoming events, announcements, and local happenings.

Please support our local businesses, organizations, and community events. Shopping locally and participating in community activities help keep our Intermountain area strong!

A Weekend of Miles, Memories & Fall Colors at Burney

Written by Jenifer Rishel

Intermountain Endurance wrapped up another unforgettable Weekend at Burney, bringing together runners, volunteers, and a whole lot of trail-loving spirit for a weekend of miles and memories at Burney Mountain Guest Ranch.

The course was dressed in beautiful fall colors, making every loop a little more special. After a challenging first night, the weather turned absolutely beautiful, giving runners the perfect conditions to get back out there and keep chasing miles.

Saturday brought some extra excitement as the burros joined the runners on course, adding a little personality and plenty of smiles to the day!

The weekend was filled with incredible accomplishments, including multiple 100-mile finishers and an outstanding performance from our most-miles winner, who covered an impressive 161 miles! That's a whole lot of loops, determination, and grit.

But Weekend at Burney is about more than the miles. It's about the community, the volunteers who keep everyone moving, the friendships made along the trail, and the unique atmosphere that makes this event so special.

A huge thank-you to everyone who came out to run, volunteer, cheer, and be part of the weekend. And, of course, a big thank-you to Burney Mountain Guest Ranch for being such a beautiful home for our event.

Until next time, Burney! Here's to more miles, more smiles, and more unforgettable adventures on the trail!

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

NOVEMBER 2026

Wednesday, November 11 – Veterans Day

Take time to honor and thank the men and women who have served our country. We are grateful for their service and sacrifice.

Wednesday, November 11 – Save Our Small Town Meeting

- 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- Tri-County Community Center.
- Come participate and share your personal goals for the future of our community!

Saturday, November 14 – Gobble 'til You Wobble Bingo Night

- 5:00 p.m.
- Cassel Community Center.
- Come enjoy an evening of food, fun and bingo!

Saturday, November 21 – Burney Elementary School Craft Fair & Soup Kitchen

- 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- Come shop local crafts and enjoy some delicious soup!

Saturday, November 21 – Turkey Bingo

- Hosted by American Legion Post 369.
- Fall River Mills.
- Doors open at 6:00 p.m.
- Join in for an evening of bingo and community fun!

Thursday, November 26 – Annual Thanksgiving Dinner

- Hosted by the Burney Lions Club.
- Lions Hall.
- 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
- Everyone is welcome!

Saturday, November 28 – Small Business Saturday

Make a point to shop local! Our small businesses are the heart of our community. Please get out and support them so they're here when you need them. Every purchase makes a difference!

Saturday, November 28 – Community Christmas Tree Lighting

- Beginning at 5:30 p.m.
- Christmas Tree Lane (Mountain View Road, running parallel to Highway 299).
- Santa, Mrs. Claus, and Santa's elves will be there to celebrate with our community!
- Enjoy free cookies and hot beverages.
- Bring the family and join us as we kick off the Christmas season with holiday cheer!

DECEMBER 2026

Saturday, December 5 – Santa's Workshop

- 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- Ingram Hall at the Intermountain Fairgrounds.
- Bring the family and shop handmade goods and a visit from Santa!
- Concession will be available.

Thursday, December 10 – Christmas Mixer

- Mad Mountain Wireless.
- Time to be announced.
- Follow the Burney Chamber of Commerce Facebook page for additional details and updates!

Saturday, December 12 – Bill Baldwin Christmas Ham Dinner

- VFW Hall.
- 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- Join the community for a special holiday dinner.

Thursday, December 31 – Burney Chamber of Commerce New Year's Eve Celebration

- 5:00 – 9:00 p.m.
- Cassel Community Center.
- Tickets: $60.
- Western-themed evening featuring Western fare for dinner and live country music.

Celebrate the arrival of the New Year with friends and neighbors with a NY Ball Drop!