



“Because Community Counts” Newsletter – January 2026

Happy New Year!

We hope that everyone enjoyed the holidays and had quality time with your friends and family. I would like to encourage everyone to share the positive things happening in our community. Positivity feeds positivity, and we can all use it to better our lives. Let's create a strong and cohesive community!

TOWN HALL MEETING – Please make sure to join us for the next town hall meeting to be held on Thursday, February 5th at the Burney Lion's Hall at 6 pm. (I am still trying to confirm this date as it conflicts with the Lion's weekly meeting.) Take this opportunity to meet with our County Supervisor, Corkey Harmon and other staff members of Shasta County to create open communication between Eastern Shasta County and our representatives.

WINDMILL FUNDS – (Hatchet Ridge Wind Project) This subject was brought up at the last town hall meeting. Quoting directly from the Community Benefit Agreement,

“The Board of Supervisors shall have the sole authority to expend both the initial payment and the annual payments and shall use its best efforts to ensure that the funds are used for purposes that will benefit the community of Burney, which surrounds the Project.”

The initial distribution of \$1 Million was distributed as follows:

- \$400,000 – New Burney Library
- \$400,000 – Mayers Hospital Capital Campaign
- \$100,000 – for three years to support the Burney Sheriff's sub-station
- \$50,000 – for a Patrol Vehicle
- \$50,000 – for the Intermountain Fair Heritage Foundation for Community Promotion

Additional annual payments of \$100,000 are to be distributed to the Department of Resource Management every year for 20 years and shall be submitted to the Director of Resource Management. These funds are being distributed on an ongoing basis to Public Safety Costs.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

We would like to thank Donna Hamilton of Plumas Bank for her service with the Burney Chamber of Commerce as a board member for the 2024 & 2025 terms. She will be greatly missed as a valuable member of the organization.

We are seeking to fill Donna's position on our board of directors and would like someone to represent the Fall River Mills/McArthur area. If you are interested, please contact us via email at burneycoc@gmail.com

CHAMBER VOLUNTEER

We are excited to announce that Kim Beach will be volunteering some of her valuable time to the Chamber. Kim plans to work a couple days a month at the Chamber office to assist us with event planning and organization, and to greet visitors and community members.

SAVE OUR SMALL-TOWN WORKSHOP (CORRECTION)

The Chamber has partnered with Shasta EDC, Intermountain community members, and business owners to initiate positive action in our community. The group will meet again on **Wednesday, January 21**, in the Tri County Community Network meeting room from 6-8 pm. If you are invested in the Intermountain community and want to be part of the solution, please join us.

BURNEY BASIN DAYS MEETING

The first Burney Basin Days Meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 28th at 5 pm at the Chamber office. A representative from each local event organization and community members are encouraged to attend.

GENERAL MEETING

Lauren Farmer provided us with a wonderful presentation today about "Why Social Media Still Matters: Facebook, Instagram & TikTok in Today's Business World."

Our next General Meeting will take place on Tuesday, February 10th at the Chamber office at Noon. Our guest speaker will be Bill & Linda Murray of Burney Friends & Neighbors. They will be presenting information about their organization and the progress of their non-profit. If you would like to join the meeting via ZOOM, please reach out to the Chamber for the link by emailing us at burneycoc@gmail.com

EMPLOYMENT

The Pit River Tribe Tribal Employment Rights Office has coordinated a Workforce Development Day on Wednesday, February 11 from 11 – 3 pm at the VFW Hall in Burney to connect tribal and community members with employers, training programs, and workforce resources. For more information, contact Josiah Jacobs at (541) 977-1003.

Tri County Community Network maintains a monthly job listing on their website at www.burneytccn.org or there is a link on the Chamber website at www.burneychamber.com/jobshousing

UPCOMING EVENTS

- FOIL BOWLING TOURNAMENT – January 18th
- DENIM & DIAMONDS – January 24th
- FIREWORKS IN FEBRUARY – February 14th
- FALL RIVER BOOSTER CLUB CRAB & TRIP TIP DINNER – February 7th
- CHAMBER MIXER @ MAD MOUNTAIN WIRELESS – March 17th

To obtain more information about these and all community events, go to www.burneychamber.com/events-2 and scroll down to the **subscribe** button to stay up to date with what is happening in the Intermountain Area throughout the year.

Additionally, we have created pages with annual events that occur in the Intermountain Area throughout the year as well as a list of events that the Chamber has planned for 2026.