

Carmel Valley Voice

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To preserve, protect, and defend the natural resources, beauty, and rural character of Carmel Valley



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CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

Easy Access Adventures

Point Lobos Bird Island

Nov. 5, 10 am - noon

Nov. 15, 10 am - noon

www.pointlobos.org

625-1470

Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Nov. 27, noon - 3 pm

CV Youth Center Hall

Senior Luncheon

Dec. 1, 11:30 am

CV Youth Center Hall

DECEMBER

First Saturday Series

Golf in Fact & Fiction

Dec. 6, 10:15 am

CV Library, 659-2377

Annual Tree-Lighting

Dec. 6, 4:30

CV Community Park

56th Annual

Santa Fly-In

Dec. 13, 10:30 am

Carmel Valley Airfield

Village Welcomes Business Diversity

By Luana Conley



Village Market's Ben stocks fresh produce daily
Photos by Luana Conley

store. Ryan was attracted by the peaceful atmosphere of the Valley after helping implement the Geek Squad for Best Buy and working for Apple. He was granted a high level security clearance when contracting for the Defense Language Institute to convert the institution to a Mac dual system. Take a look at the complete range of services and experience he offers on his website: <http://www.carmelvalleycomputerandphonerepair.com>.

Paul and Marcy Delbick's **Fro & Joe** refers to the delicious frozen yogurt and Carmel Valley Coffee Roasting Co. brew they serve. The healthy yogurt has probiotics but Marcy says, "It's the toppings that will get you!" A couple of their employees have barista experience, and you will find Paul and Marcy in the shop in the evenings.

Paul is the Special Education Coordinator for Monterey Bay Charter School, while Marcy tends the congregation as the rabbi at Temple Beth El in Salinas, so the care they exhibit toward the kids they attract to their bright shop comes naturally. The game is on the big screen TV, and since Paul grew up in L.A., and Marcy went to UCLA, they both speak "Dodger," with customers dropping in to check the score. They planned it for a fun hangout, and picked the location deliberately so kids wouldn't have to cross the street coming out of Tularcitos Elementary School. In winter, they'll be open at 8 am for the coffee dash, and on weekends, they have arranged delivery of local favorite Red's Donuts. They have

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President's Letter



Mibs McCarthy
our beautiful valley and our "rural" lifestyle.

We are all part of an inter-connected web and our participation is needed to preserve what

we have. We can't separate Carmel Valley from our surrounding area. We all depend on the air, water, roads, and neighboring economies of our peninsula, county, and state. When projects are proposed for Fort Ord, the coast line, Highway 68, or for fracking and more, we must pay attention or lose what we have.

Within Carmel Valley, I urge everyone to get involved in some way. I wish we would each pick at least one thing worth fighting for and follow through. We can't all be expected to agree, so there are a variety of organizations that serve some aspect of life here. Carmel Valley Association is the only one that has as its objectives in its by-laws, "To preserve, protect

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THE STRING ORCHESTRA OF HIDDEN VALLEY



PREMIER CONCERT

Saturday
Nov 22
3 pm

Music of Grieg,
J S Bach, Dvorak

Stewart Robertson
conductor

Roy Malan
concertmaster

Farkhad Khudiyev
guest soloist

TICKETS

hiddenvalleymusic.org
(831) 659-3115

Hidden Valley Theatre
Carmel Valley Rd at Ford Rd

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contributed to the local economy by hiring carpenters and electricians to do needed upgrades and repairs to the shop.



Ryan, Paul, and Marcy all expressed gratitude for the support of the building owner, John Church,

during the challenge of refurbishing the building and dealing with the county permitting process.

The Village Market has a whole new look. Employees Candace, Ben, Gina, and John are all long-time residents and add more than a measure of hometown flavor to the new look. Ben found Jim Poulous' 1965 Grand Opening newspaper advertisement and displays it proudly above the register. Candace, a lifelong horsewoman and artist, calls the merchandising part old-time mom & pop mixed with upscale. Special products are happily ordered by owner Alex Youssefi, and you will find Carmel Valley Olive Oil and honey, local heirloom tomatoes and pumpkins, seaweed snacks, but no boutique pricing!

Stroll a couple of doors west and poke your head in **Grapevine Liquors & Deli** if you've only been hitting the wine tasting rooms lately. Co-owner Brent Sierra has put aside his father Bob's personal investment in the decades-old floor plan and completely opened up the display space. Long-time customers have suddenly discovered a deli, now revealed, making great sandwiches to pack for an afternoon walk in the park. The place looks three times as big and bright. Who knew there were that many tequilas!

With the kids busy at their new hangout up the street, parents have something to do in the evenings, too, at the **Valley Greens Craft Beer & Gallery**, where the art



and the micro-beer are both an alternative to the ubiquitous wine-tasting rooms. Small-batch cider will go well with food the owners allow to be brought in.

There is a sign **Trailside Café** advertising for kitchen help. With the great reputation of the Monterey location, we're eager for

the opening, set for the end of this month.

The Red Pear owner Dianna Holubec-McArthur was just about to celebrate her fourth anniversary in the Village with the June opening of her new Center Street location. Instead she found herself picking up shards of glass and planter soil from every corner of the store after an errant driver smashed through the front window of her newly redecorated shop. She says everything that was broken is fixed up better than ever and she too is well on her way to complete healing of her own physical injuries.



She describes The Red Pear as embracing of what she feels is Carmel Valley, a "blend of rustic and contemporary." She has a gloriously textured array of art, home and garden accessories, exhibits a particular magic with natural branches and twig arrangements. Items are priced for a range of spending. Dianne is delighted with the friendliness of her new neighbors and expects to be "discovered" by locals who will find her now right next door to the Carmel Valley Market.

Customers and friends of Janet Cole are happy she's found a great new owner in Kenny Dozier for the **Carmel Valley Business Service**. For us, it means continued excellent service, and for Janet, it's time for her to enjoy life and help her husband continue his medical treatments. Kenny grew up here, and his wife Gracie operates the AlphaAbacus Learning Center in Carmel. Janet is helping with the transition, and Kenny has great plans for expansion, including some immediate equipment upgrades. Kenny will be continuing the local authors' section, and services will include packing and shipping as well as providing mailboxes.

A distinctive and very heartening similarity emerged among conversations with these local operators: an eagerness to partner and to find common themes, to mesh, to cross-pollinate, to learn from and share with each other in new non-competitive relationships of mutual benefit.

Some other long-time businesses are in the midst of changing ownership, so stay tuned for more.

DROUGHT THREATENS WILDLIFE

By Luana Conley

California hasn't been this dry for about 500 years according to the width of old tree rings, says B. Lynn Ingram, Professor of Earth and Planetary Sciences and Geography, UC Berkeley. We have been aware for some time that the endangered steelhead and red-legged frogs are in trouble. But what about the rest of the wildlife in Carmel Valley?

All wildlife is affected by diminishing habitat caused by a lack of water. Decreased food chain populations, from larvae in a pond to insects and birds and bees, have caused all wildlife populations to dwindle and become susceptible to disease. Nature operates with a carrying capacity, meaning just the right number of creatures can prosper in an area according to how much food there is for survival.



Bee drinking fountain

Loss of water is the greatest generator of habitat loss. When one part of an ecosystem falls short in its supply, there is a domino effect on the whole ecosystem.

For example, the deer population in California, although highly visible when searching residential neighborhoods for scarce food, has dropped from over two million in the '60s to fewer than half a million in recent years because of loss of habitat. In addition, some populations such as mountain lions may venture out of their customary habitat to search for prey. California wildfowl habitats have also been dramatically reduced in size. As a result, millions of migrating birds will be crowded into fewer habitats, significantly increasing the odds of disease. You can help by putting out water for birds and other wildlife.

Cindy Walter, local beekeeper and CVA board member, has this message: "Friends, I've been walking the dry river bed almost every day and seeing a LOT of bees down



Acorn Woodpecker enjoying a drink by Mibs McCarthy

there searching for water. I know of five wild hives within 1/4 mile of my home alone. You can help them by putting out a 'tray' of water with rocks or pebbles in it so they have something to grip and not fall in and drown. I use a flower pot saucer filled with small river rocks. Just a little water in it each day will help our wild hives survive the drought. Please think about it. You count on those little creatures more than you know."

Wildlife officials are asking the public to help watch for sick animals that may be suffering due to the drought. You can call the Department of Fish and Wildlife at 916-358-2790 to report a problem and ask for guidance.

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and defend the natural beauty, resources, and rural character of Carmel Valley, and in so doing give due consideration to the pertinent interests and rights of residents and property owners; and to encourage appropriate residential and commercial growth and development so as to preserve and/or enhance scenic values, air quality, water quality and availability, natural resources, traffic circulation and safety, and the general quality of life, specifically a) to monitor and influence, for the benefit of residents and property owners, the planning and provision of required services such as water supply, sewage disposal, refuse disposal, utilities, police protection, fire protection, roads, parks and trails; b) to disseminate information on issues affecting lives and property in the Carmel River watershed; and c) to provide a forum at Board, Committee and General Membership meetings for open discussion of pertinent concerns; and d) to coordinate CVA policies and activities with those of other organizations for the attainment of mutual

goals."

So, I am asking each of you to become a member of Carmel Valley Association if you're not already. You can do that on our website, www.carmelvalleyassociation.org or you can call me at 320-9914. Once you are a member, I invite you to attend our board meetings the third Thursday of each month, 4 p.m., at the Mid-Valley Fire Station. I also invite you to join our Land Use Committee, which meets on the fourth Thursday, 4 p.m., at the Mid-Valley Fire Station. Land Use is one of the most important areas of our work and study. A lot went into developing the Carmel Valley Supplemental Plan (the Plan) of the Monterey County General Plan. This is the framework within which all land use and development in Carmel Valley must take place. The county doesn't have enough employees to always see to it that the Plan is followed. So every week we check to see what permits have been applied for and what hearings are pending. We want to work with property owners

to see that the guidelines in the Plan are followed. There is a lot to learn and the work is interesting. We have committee members who are willing to mentor newcomers.

In addition to our monthly meetings, we have two annual meetings: one in the spring and the picnic in the fall. Our picnic this past September 21 was the best ever in my view. It was a beautiful day in the wonderful setting of the Trail and Saddle Club at the end of East Garzas Road. The Bolero Brothers serenaded us with their Spanish harp and guitar. The Kiwanis Club cooked great food, including roasted vegetables, and beer, wine, and soft drinks were served. Each guest received five tickets for drawings of very generous gifts provided by local merchants, and there was a grand prize of a \$200 shopping spree at the Crossroads. We remembered our former member and CVA president, the late Robert Greenwood. We also recognized the contributions of our "unsung hero," David Burbidge, who helps out wherever necessary. It was a relaxed, fun day all around.

THREE MULES ON CARMEL VALLEY ROAD

By Mibs McCarthy

On Sunday, October 5, I was driving east on Carmel Valley Road when I saw a man walking with two mules outfitted with packs that reminded me of an old miner. I stopped and told him that I thought he looked like a man with a good story to tell.

He said his name was “a mule” and his companions were “Lady” and “Little Girl.” That day he had walked from Salinas, over Laureles Grade, and he was headed to Highway One and Big Sur. He said he hadn’t slept inside for 30 years. He has been walking from north to south and back across the western United States and has been in California for about three years.

I noticed on the side of one of the mule’s packs, “3mules.com.” I went to that website and this is what I found:

“Who are we? Where are we from? We are mules. We are from the outside. We live outside all day, every day. Where are we going? Nowhere. We’re here: the outside, the web of life, the beautiful earth, a place like no other. We have come to this place, a place of golden sparkling light, a place for anybody and everybody. Give your faith, hope and energy to this place at which time you connect to it and receive the magic and endless possibility of infinity. As you walk in this place with these mules you spread the awareness that this beautiful earth, like no other, can only be protected by the way we live one day at a time.”

What a great message. It takes all kinds.



3 Mules by Mibs McCarthy



CVA 65th Anniversary picnic planners and guests by Mibs McCarthy



Paola Berthoin, author, *Passion for Place, Community Reflections on the Carmel River Watershed*, does plein air. By Rita Dalessio

Rosemary Matson Remembers César Chávez and his Stay in Carmel Valley

By Mibs McCarthy, assisted by Liz and Bob Fisher

Rosemary Matson and her late husband Howard, a Unitarian Universalist minister, met César Chávez in 1962 on a march from Delano to Sacramento when Chávez announced the signing of a collective bargaining agreement and the beginning of the United Farm Worker Union (UFW).

In 1970 Howard and Rosemary were in their summer home in Carmel Valley. A lettuce strike was going on in the Salinas Valley. Chávez was residing at a nearby mission but was being harassed. He asked the Matsons where he might reside incognito. They answered, "Why not our house? After all, we do have our permanent home in San Francisco." And the offer was accepted.

Rosemary recalls, "It was a time when Chicanos were not welcome in Carmel Valley Village except as menial laborers. But the only problem we experienced during the nine months we housed the UFW leaders was with our nearest neighbor, a prominent grower. He phoned us in San Francisco to object to our house being used by Chicanos. He did not know that César was there. I happened to answer

the phone. When Howard heard who was calling, he got on the other phone to listen. It was a strenuous conversation which lasted almost an hour. Our neighbor became quite threatening." "The good people of Carmel Valley will not let you get away with this," he said. César's reply to us when he

learned of this was to say that as long as we didn't particularly want to be friends with our neighbor, he wanted to stay on. He loved the place and lived with his life being threatened most of the time, anyway. We held our ground."

Joyce Vandevere remembers Rosemary Matson:

"Rosemary Matson of Carmel Valley died at her home on September 27 at the age of 97. Humanist, feminist, and long-time lay leader in the Unitarian Universalist Association, she

was a co-founder of the First Unitarian Fellowship of Honolulu in the early 1950s. Later Rosemary was part of the movement to rid her denomination of sexist practices by rethinking theology, correcting sexist language in hymns and readings, and exposing and transforming sexist attitudes regarding leadership capabilities. She was co-author, in 2004, of a curriculum entitled 'Unraveling the Gender Knot: Challenging the System That Binds Us.' Rosemary and her husband, Rev. Howard G. Matson, together founded the Unitarian Universalist Immigrant Ministry.

Both of them worked with César Chávez in the struggles to gain rights for Mexican Americans. Peace advocate and activist with Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, she formed an organization to 'Continue the Peace Dialogue' between women from the U.S. and the Soviet Union and led several trips to the Soviet Union for that purpose. She represented that organization in the Peace Coalition of Monterey County for many years. In 2011 she received an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from Starr King School for the Ministry. Rosemary was active with the United Nations, attending international conferences for women; the Humanist Association of America; the Carmel Valley Women's Network, among other groups. A great admirer of Eleanor Roosevelt and her development of the Declaration of Human Rights, Rosemary was much loved in this community and will be deeply missed."



Howard and Rosemary Matson with César Chávez

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Transportation Network Matches Senior Riders with Local Drivers *by Nancy Budd-Garvan, ITN Executive Director*

ITN Monterey County is looking for some good drivers with big hearts.

When Florence volunteers at Yellow Brick Road, Linda in Pacific Meadows drives her there. On John's way to Carmel Valley Ranch, he takes Florence back home. When Frances goes into Carmel for exercise class and lunch, Kathy from Mid-Valley takes her there; then Nancy takes Frances back home to Hacienda Carmel on her way to Del Mesa.



ITN Volunteer and rider

on September 21, so they could meet the people who need better transportation as well as the people who could provide it.

For a lot of older or visually-handicapped people, the bus is not an option. They need the extra help that personal, door-to-door service provides.

It only takes a few hours a week to make this work. People volunteer to deliver rides when it's convenient for them, and they receive

intangible benefits in return." There's no need for special insurance; drivers

and riders would be covered in case of an accident. ITN has delivered over 10,000 rides and driven over 100,000 miles without an incident.

For more information on getting rides or giving rides, go to itnmontereycounty.org or call 233-3447.

Independent Transportation Network Monterey County provides rides in private automobiles for Seniors 60+, and adults with visual impairment 18+. The service is unlike any other in our area because ITN drivers escort their rider from door to door. ITN representatives were at the CVA picnic



This rare and unwelcome guest was captured - by Mildred Price's camera

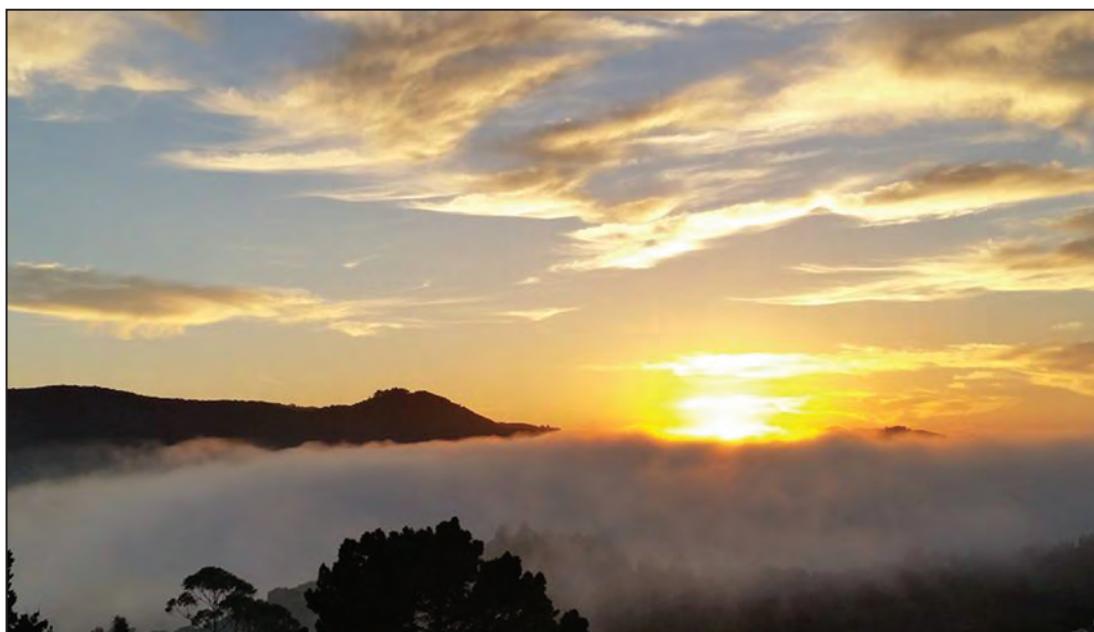
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