



Boulder Creek Tree Lighting Ceremony Dazzles

Historic Boulder Creek Welcomes Santa and Promises a Sparkling Evening to Remember

By Julie Horner

Many delightful surprises are in store as San Lorenzo Valley residents gather together in good cheer on this wondrous annual evening of thanksgiving and magic. Everyone is invited to help welcome Santa to town and witness the lighting of the town tree in the spirit of the holidays!

Photos with Santa, live music, local shopping, activities for the kids and much more.

When: Friday, November 24th

Where: Downtown Boulder Creek

Time: 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Presented by Boulder Creek Recreation and Parks and the Boulder Creek Business Association. Contact: bcrpd.org | bcba.net 🌲



SLV Steve

Chicken Soup to Feed the Firefight

Local artists help nourish Bear Fire heroes

By Inez Liu

Cooking for someone outside the family is a habit I have over the years of teaching and taking classes. I used to host private tutoring in Cupertino, where students came to my house for art classes. Occasionally, I'd give students dumplings, tomato soup, cream cheese with salmon on crackers, deviled eggs, or just a bowl of rice crackers on the table. We eat and chat and draw, of course, during the class. I cooked for my Kung Fu teacher, too. Now, I moved here, six years ago when Apple expanded – price and rent – everything was so expensive! So, when the Bear Fire happened, I saw people posting about giving cookies to the firefighters. I felt the chicken soup will provide more energy for their job, and their thirst.

That morning I went in Johnnie's, I asked Haley Brewer and Zach, my long-time friends from BCE (our daughters were in the same classes for many grades). When I asked if Johnnie's can donate the containers, she told me they'll pay for everything I buy for making the soup! "Grab whatever you need, it's about time to give some nutritious food for our firefighters, not cookies and donuts," they said. I smiled and grabbed ingredients generously! We have a wonderful community.

Then I made six big pots of chicken soup with...you know the general ingredients for it...chicken legs and thighs, corn, celery, carrots, onions, brown mushrooms, tomatoes, potatoes, ginger, bay leaves, sea salt, black pepper. I used all the ingredients (but kept



Photo by Sean McLean

three chicken legs for our dinner). I started after dropping off my daughter to school. So 9:00 am to 6:00 pm, a long time of chopping, cooking, standing, packaging.

I chopped the veggies in chunks, long pieces, because lots of veggies to chop, and I thought, if the firefighters were eating on the site in the woods, they could just hand pick the ingredients without using forks. My right shoulder got numb, and I have the stinging

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pains from the frozen shoulder I started to have a while ago, I guess. But I had the adrenaline!

The first load of 22 quart-sized containers of soup were delivered by my hubby around 1:00 pm to Cal Fire in Felton. Thanks for Facebook communication, people commented where to drop-off. Later, I delivered the second load of 28 containers around 5:30 pm. I realized they rejected cookies because there were too many of them, but they said the chicken soup was what the firefighters needed, so the soup was welcome. And they asked my name and thanked me, I thanked them, and the firemen put out the fire!! I know they were tired by seeing them in the fire trucks outside my studio back and forth that day. Some tried to get some sleep while sitting up, with their faces and bodies covered with dust and black charcoal marks, with greasy hair and sweaty faces...they looked soooooo exhausted and fatigued from saving the BC forest.

Inez Liu and her husband Jorge Delgado are the artistic genius behind ARTterie, 13151 Highway 9, Boulder Creek | www.facebook.com/artterie 🌲



Photo by Deb Jones



Photo by Deb Jones



Photo by Inez Liu



Photo by Inez Liu

When Least Expected

A glimmer of hope in the valley when life as we know it goes sideways

By Julie Horner

This year I was hugely humbled by the generosity of the folks at Valley Churches United Missions. What started out as a date with a friend to help him stock up on day-old baked goods and a bag of donated groceries turned into an unexpected "we can help you, too."

As some know, I lost my high-tech job back in February and have had trouble finding a replacement 'over the hill.' I applied for unemployment insurance for the first time in my life. Months passed, and another friend started a GoFundMe campaign to help save my mortgage. I took in a renter to try to keep head above water while I con-

tinued to look for a replacement position that would return me to accustomed financial comfort.

I was in disbelief. Suddenly jobless and financially bereft. No one knew me. I'm the one who donates to things I feel passionate about. I'm not the one who asks for help. Now the fork was on the other plate.

While I filled out a simple form and answered a few questions about my circumstances, a team of cheerfully quick volunteers packed two paper bags with donated dry goods, canned food, and fresh produce. They handed me a stack of grocery store gift cards and let me know that I can apply for food stamps and emergency mortgage assistance. They

reassured me that there is nothing to be ashamed of. Everyone has a story to tell. And no one is alone.

Valley Churches United Missions is here to help keep mountain residents from becoming

homeless. If you have a chance, please consider donating money or groceries and pet food to San Lorenzo Valley's wonderful Valley Churches. If you live in SLV and need a hand to see you through, please know that you are welcome. www.vcum.org/ 🌲



The 2018 Race for California Governor Comes to Santa Cruz

By Chris Finnie

It's more than a year away, but candidates are already running for election as California's next governor. One of them is John Chiang, currently the state treasurer. On October 23, he came to Santa Cruz to talk to local Democrats. Here is some of what he said.

POLITICALLY SPEAKING

"I believe in the transformation of communities to create a greater good. I'm the only person in California who has been elected to all three financial offices [Chair of the State Board of Equalization, Controller, and Treasurer]. I've worked really hard to make sure that we uphold our values by paying for the things that are important to us. Because, if you can't pay for the things we want, it's an empty promise."

He also believes in community investment. "If you want a successful California, no community can be left behind. No individual can be left behind. Income and wealth inequality holds back too many Californians. We are the wealthiest state in the nation. Yet one in every five of us lives in poverty. If you look at the number of college students who are food and housing insecure, those numbers are devastating. These students are the seed corn for California's greatness. But they're struggling

with student debt."

He's been the state leader on pushing for more affordable housing - it was the top priority payment when he took office as state treasurer. "I've increased financing for affordable housing by 80%. We're a million and a half units short. Economists say we can't hire enough good people because there's not enough affordable housing."

And he worked to find funding for community clinics. "It passed the Assembly and the governor signed it. Because I want to protect the one out of every seven Californians who go to them. They're shutting down because of president Trump. But I'm finding the money, so we can keep them open in California." It's not just talk, but action that fights for our values. "We send a powerful signal about America's values, about our diversity, about bringing back hope to people all across the country who have lost hope. We're going to show that you can have a clean economy, that you can provide health care, that you provide the best jobs—and once again, the best education. California is going to lead the way."

With a law degree and a degree in finance, Chiang worked as a tax law specialist with the Internal Revenue Service and later served as an attorney in the State Controller's Office. He also worked on the staff of California Senator Barbara Boxer. Some of



the achievements he points to during his time in elected office include:

- Took on Governor Schwarzenegger by refusing to implement an order to cut the salaries of state workers to the minimum wage in order to balance the state budget
- Cut-off corrupt Wall Street banks—like Wells Fargo—from their most profitable lines of business with the State of California to protect residents from their predatory practices
- Increased transparency in government by making pay and benefits of all state and local public employees available online
- Led the effort to reform the State's Unclaimed Property Program and helped return \$3.1 billion in unclaimed property to Californians
- Preserved our state's credit rating during the Great Recession to ensure we met our commitment to our schools and saved taxpayers millions of dollars
- Sponsored bills to increase transparency in campaign finance and lobbyist activity with the state
- Served as a leader in pension and corporate governance reform, helping curb pension-spiking and address unfunded liabilities
- Created a program through the Treasurer's office providing millions of dollars to help build and finance thousands of affordable housing units

"I want to lead California because California always leads."
– John Chiang

More information: www.johnchiang.com 🌲

Mountain Community Theater Presents "The Ultimate Christmas Show (Abridged)"

MCT's Christmas Pageant Gone Awry...

The fruitcakes of Mountain Community Theater invite you to take an irreverent, comedic, yet heartwarming trip through the holidays in their upcoming comedy production of Reed Martin and Austin Tichenor's *The Ultimate Christmas Show (abridged)* playing Nov. 24 through Dec. 17, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 PM, and Sundays at 2 PM at Park Hall in Ben Lomond.

It is festive, funny, physical and fun as some of your favorite MCT comedians poke fun at many holiday traditions, while stepping on more than a few sacred cows. There's lots of singing, a live band,

and you can even bring a wrapped holiday gift of \$5 value or less and participate in the audience gift exchange! Delicious holiday desserts will be served, as well as inspired madness! This hilarious show promises to boost your spirits and bring gales of holiday belly-aching laughter!

The show stars Santa Cruz area favorite comedians Karin Babbitt, W. Scott Whisler, and Jackson Wolffe, and is directed by MCT veteran Kathie Kratochvil, with musical direction by Mazera Cox, and choreography by Shannon Marie Kerr.

Audience members will enter the world belonging to the "Saint Everybody's Non-Denominational Universalist Church" who are currently hosting their annual "Multicultural Interfaith Holiday Variety Show and Christmas Pageant." Scheduled to perform are groups such as: The Holy Strollers (Holiday toddlers perform the Nativity story); as well as The Christmas Boys' Choir from our Our Lady of Eternal Suspicion Catholic Church. Unfortunately, it is a dark and stormy night in the San Lorenzo Valley and all the roads into the

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The Enduros

by Lisa Robinson

As far back as the early 1900s the San Francisco Motorcycle Club ran Enduros – motorcycle endurance races. In 1916, two of the participating riders were arrested for speeding on the Santa Cruz –Watsonville road during the run. They were each fined \$5.

SLV HISTORY

In 1919, the run was to be “the greatest motorcycle endurance run ever put on in California.” The run was to be the big sporting feature of Washington’s birthday. The motorcyclists were to make two round trips on the Saturday and two on the Sunday over a course from San Francisco, down the narrow, treacherous wagon road along the coast to Santa Cruz, then over the mountains to Los Gatos, and back up the peninsula. Twenty seven riders took part and Loes Alzina, cousin of Santa Cruz Deputy Sherriff Enoch Alzina won first place with a perfect score. It took three hours and forty minutes for him to drive down the coast. The road between Pescadero and Santa Cruz was described as “very heavy” and the going “very sloppy.”

By the 1950s, there were four Enduros being run in the Santa Cruz Mountains:

- Frisco Enduro
- Tin Hat Derby San Jose
- Palo Alto Yellow Jackets
- Santa Cruz Stunt Jumpers (Stumpers)

As many as 40 to 50 riders would compete in the 120- to 150-mile events starting from their clubhouse and riding up into the mountains and out to Pescadero on a maze of fire roads, old wagon roads, and trails that wound around the Big Basin State Park area. These events were always run in the winter months. The more rain – the better.

The noon checkpoint was always Boulder Creek, a one hour stop for gas, food, and rest before going back out to finish the event.

Pictured in Boulder Creek outside Boulder Burger is Stumper Keith Cornick on his BSA Gold Star Motorcycle. Keith was the winner of the 1958 Yellow Jackets Enduro.

From 1955–60 Keith competed in most of the Enduros, but by the early 60s the roads and trails were being gated by State Parks



and private property owners, and the Enduros stopped being held here in the Santa Cruz Mountains.

Keith Cornick still lives in Santa Cruz and at the age of 85 still rides an off-road motorcycle.

Stop by the Museum before December 3 to see a McCall Helmet, the first full coverage

helmet which was worn by Jim Lambert, one of the 20 members of the Stunt Jumpers Club in 1955 and a Stunt Jumpers Vest worn by Keith Cornick in the 1950s, just some of the local artifacts in the Smithsonian Hometown Teams Exhibition. San Lorenzo Valley Museum: 12547 CA-9, Boulder Creek | www.slvmuseum.com

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Achieving a Good Night's Sleep



overproduce cortisol, which interferes with the production of serotonin. Take holy basil if you're under a lot of stress to deactivate excess cortisol. Ashwaganda helps manage cortisol so that evenings are restful, so we have energy when we wake up.

Eating carbohydrates at night is a good way to allow tryptophan to get clearer passage to the brain. Cherry juice and bananas are high in tryptophan and are good to have a half hour before bed.

It's important to make sure to get out into the sunlight during the day to help us become less sensitive to the blue light emitted from our electronic devices. The blue light stimulates the brain (something we don't want right before bed) and we're less sensitive to it if we get sufficient natural light from being outdoors. A rule of thumb is to not be on the computer or the phone for at least an hour before going to sleep.

Staying asleep and getting into deep sleep can really make or break the next day. We want to keep blood sugar consistent through the night because when blood sugar dips, the body tends to produce adrenaline to offset, and this wakes us up. So, it's important to have a good dinner – not a huge dinner that will keep us up trying to digest it – but one that is going to give us suf-



ficient fat and fiber to keep our blood sugar stable through the night. Pesto with whole grain noodles, potatoes with butter or coconut oil, chicken soup with lots of fiber rich veggies, and baked winter squash with olive oil are good choices to try.

I also like to take a nighttime tincture combination of valerian, which helps increase the production of GABA (a substance that normalizes nerve impulses in our brain), California poppy, skullcap, and wild milky oats which is restorative to the nervous system. We have some great combination tinctures at New Leaf. I take the tincture 5 to 20 minutes before bed since tinctures are fast acting. This usually shortens the time it takes

for me to fall asleep and I usually sleep through the night. If I do wake up in the middle of the night for some reason, I will just take more and that will usually do the trick. Going to bed at a decent time is imperative, and waking up early will help make sure we will be drowsy by bedtime. Exercise is super important as well for helping us sleep better and for overall wellbeing and detoxification. Just don't exercise too late at night as this can be too stimulating. Early in the morning is perfect. And it's best not to ingest caffeine after 3:00 pm because it tends to interfere with sleep. It's taken me years to figure out how to get good sleep. A good night's sleep on a regular basis will change your life!🌲

Health Tidbits

By Marcey Klein

Deep restorative sleep is imperative to good health. The brain and the body detoxify during the night, our cells regenerate, our digestive systems rebuild, and we physically take a rest. Some have a hard time falling asleep, staying asleep, or getting into that deep sleep.

To fall asleep, we need an adequate supply of serotonin to convert to melatonin, our main sleep hormone. To have enough serotonin, we need the amino acid tryptophan which converts to 5HTP and then to serotonin. The body also needs vitamin B6 to make melatonin. You can take 5HTP and B vitamin supplements to help with this. You should also watch your stress level, because under large amounts of stress our bodies

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Valley have been closed (sound familiar?). Fortunately, the costume trunks and props from all the scheduled performing acts arrived before the big storm. Unfortunately, the scheduled performers can't get into the Valley. So, the evening's hosts must perform the show themselves! Join us as Mountain Community Theater rekindles the joy, inner-child and familial dysfunction inside us all! This show is recommended for ages 12 and older.

THE ULTIMATE CHRISTMAS SHOW (abridged)

By Reed Martin and Austin Tichenor

Directed by Kathie Kratochvil

Music Direction by Mazera Cox

Choreography by Shannon Marie Kerr

Live on stage at Ben Lomond's Park Hall, November 24 – December 17

Tickets: <https://ultimate.brownpapertickets.com/>

Mountain Community Theater (MCT) is the longest-running community theater in Santa Cruz County, started in 1982 by a collective of actors. MCT is a member-run non-profit organization that relies on support from its performances, season subscribers, and royalties from its own company-created script, *Miracle on 34th Street*, the Play. For information: <https://mctshows.org/our-miracle/> 🌲

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A Simple Aesthetic

Local Artist, Nicky Gaston, Reimages the Aesthetic at Steel Bonnet Brewing Company

By Julie Horner

The community packed the Boulder Creek Brewery Outpost on its final Friday to wish the business bon voyage as it prepares to move operations north of town. Local brewers, Donald and Susan Cramb, owners of Scotts Valley's Steel Bonnet Brewing Company, were in attendance along with local artist, Nicky Gaston, their new beer label designer. Long a tasting room loyal, Nicky recently began work designing hand-illustrated labels for each of Steel Bonnet's handcrafted brews. With a major artistic appetite, the labels are part of his freelancing efforts late into the night after his 9-to-5 in Santa Cruz.

A full-time graphic designer currently working for NHS distribution, the parent company of Santa Cruz Skateboards – and a

voracious skateboarder himself – he'll stop by Steel Bonnet on his way back to Boulder Creek and "get a beer...maybe two!" With an impressive graphic art portfolio in hand, Nicky remembers his initial meeting with Don: "After about five minutes, Don said, 'when can you start?'"

He began work about six months ago producing the labels in batches of four. "Don trusted my creative judgement." It was Nicky's design for Hop the Heck IPA – his favorite of the brews at Steel Bonnet – that inspired the aesthetic for the other labels in the series. "There are roughly five colors per graphic," he says, and each graphic is reflective of the theme of the beer itself, rich in finite detail and saturated hues that you would find in nature. Hop blossoms are naturally green and yellow, for instance, and he's matched the color of the real thing as closely as possible on the label. Likewise, the color of a Hawaiian sunset for the Pau Hana brew, or the tones of the forest for Bear Creek Brown, the nano brewery's tribute to Bear Creek Road in Boulder Creek; stomping grounds for the Crambs.

Already known for his graphic artwork for Alice's Restaurant and for the Parks Project, among others, and enthusiastic about continuing to build his freelance opportunities, the labels he's created for Steel Bonnet will also translate to tap handles, T-shirts, and other merchandise. For Nicky it's all about mutual respect and keeping it local. "Their beer is good, I support what they're doing and how they make their beer. Not only do I want to work with them, I love what they do."

Nicky just finished the last of the 14 labels, which was in honor of Donald and Susan's new grandbaby, Connor. "The beer is entitled 'Conski Cream Ale' and the graphic consists of an illustrated image of Connor after a full messy meal." Ironically, the graphic was completed on the day of Steel Bonnet's recent 2nd year anniversary, "which was a wonderful way to finish up all 14 images," Nicky says. "Steel Bonnet does an excellent job at both perfecting their crafted

beers and staying innovative with new limited releases of seasonal offerings."

"Stop by Steel Bonnet's wonderful Scotts Valley location and grab a pint of some of the best beer around!" And while you're there, check out the new beer labels created by San Lorenzo

Valley's Nicky Gaston.

Nicky Gaston: www.instagram.com/nickygaston | <http://ng-creativeco.com>

Steel Bonnet: www.facebook.com/SteelBonnetBrewing
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The Recipe Box by Quail Hollow Kitchens

November was a time when my great-grandparents would close the New Jersey farm for winter and travel to California to live with my grandparents and sometimes my parents until spring planting. They would bring suitcases full of corn-fed venison, cured meats, and what I thought was pumpkin. Later, as I grew older, and became the family baker, I found out that this lovely golden-orange squash was really cooked, Hubbard squash. How I loved my great grandmother's pies and dishes that she would make with that lovely blue-skinned squash. Hubbard squash never turned green when made into pies like some fresh pumpkins do. This recipe uses Hubbard squash, but you can substitute cooked pumpkin. Try this Autumn dish at your Thanksgiving gathering rather than just pies. It uses sourdough, Hubbard squash and those wonderful fall spices: Cinnamon, nutmeg, and ginger. May you, your family and friends be blessed a Happy Thanksgiving.

Sourdough Hubbard Squash Cake Roll

- 3 large eggs (beat 5 minutes until thicken and lemon colored)
- 1 cup sugar
- 2/3 cup cooked Hubbard squash or pumpkin
- 1/2 teaspoon orange zest
- 1/2 cup starter



Gradually beat into eggs: sugar; then beat slowly into egg sugar mixture squash, orange zest and starter.

Sift together dry ingredients listed below:

- 1 cup sifted all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/2 teaspoon grated nutmeg
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

Add sift dry ingredients gradually to squash mixture. Beating just until batter is smooth. Pour into jelly roll pan (see below for pan preparation), spreading to corners. Bake at 375° for 12 to 15 minutes until toothpick inserted comes out clean. Sprinkle powdered sugar on a linen cloth or tea towel and immediately loosen cake from sides of pan and turn the cake out onto the cloth carefully removing paper. Fold in the hems of cloth over edge of cake and gently roll cloth with cake in it. Cool on wire rack, seam side down. When cool, about 30 minutes, unroll, fill, and re-roll cake, trimming off stiff edges of cake if necessary. Decorate with whipping cream and nuts (see filling below).

To prepare oven and cake pan:

Heat oven to 375° F. Line a 15x10x1 – inch pan with waxed paper, foil or cooking parchment paper; generously grease paper with shortening and dust with flour.

Filling and topping:

Whip until light: 1 cup heavy cream, 4 tablespoon powdered sugar 1 teaspoon vanilla. When cake has cooled, fill with 1 1/2 whipping cream and 1/2 cup chopped pecans. Turn seam side down and top with additional cream and nuts.

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For more information on Patricia Davis' sourdough cooking classes go to: www.QuailHollowKitchens.com or follow on social media at www.facebook.com/quailhollowkitchens or www.instagram.com/quail_hollow_kitchens 🌲

San Lorenzo Valley & Scotts Valley Meal and Food Programs (November 2017)

Tuesdays through Saturdays (also 4th Mondays). Valley Churches United, Food Pantry and Food Distribution programs. Tues-Thurs 9-11:45 and Saturday 10-11:45. 1st and 3rd Fridays 9-11 are for seniors only. USDA Distribution on 4th Monday 10-1. For SLV, Scotts Valley, and Bonny Doon residents. Ben Lomond, corner of Highway 9 across from Ben Lomond Market, 336-8258. Closed Nov. 20-26.

Tuesdays, noon. "Free Lunch Tuesday." Felton Presbyterian Church, 6090 Highway 9, across from Rite-Aid, 335-6900.

Wednesdays, 12-2. Food Distribution. San Agustin Catholic Church, 257 Glenwood Dr, Scotts Valley (next to the fire station), 438-3633. Nov. 22: Regular distri-

bution 12-2 plus special Thanksgiving Meal distribution 10-12 (advance sign-up required, this is not a served meal).

Thursdays 10:30-1:30 (doors open 9:00-3:00). "Thursday Lunch." St. John's Catholic Church, down from Rite-Aid, Highway 9 and Russell, Felton. 335-4657. Special schedule on Thanksgiving, Nov. 23: Open 11-1 only.

Thursdays, 11-12. Food Distribution. Mountain Community Resources (a Community Bridges program), 6134 Highway 9, across from Rite Aid, Felton. 335-6600. Closed Thanksgiving, Nov. 23.

Thursdays, 5:00-6:30. Food Distribution. St. Philip's Episcopal Church, 5271 Scotts Valley

Drive, Scotts Valley. 438-4360. Special schedule: Tuesday, Nov 21, 5:00-6:30 pm. (closed Thanksgiving, Nov. 23).

Fridays, 5-5:30 p.m. "Fridays at Five" food distribution. Gate-Way Bible Church, 5000 Granite Creek Road, Scotts Valley, CA 95066. 438-0646. Closed Nov. 24.

Sunday, Nov. 12, 12:30-2:15. Thanksgiving Lunch. Redwood Christian Center, 6869 Highway 9, Felton (at Fall Creek Dr., near San Lorenzo Valley High School). 335-5307.

Sunday, Nov. 19, 2:00. Thanksgiving Dinner. SS Peter & Paul Orthodox Church, 9980 Highway 9, Ben Lomond, north of town, 336-2228.

Meals on Wheels (a Community

Bridges program), hot meals at dining centers in Ben Lomond (M-F, 336-5366) and Scotts Valley (Wednesdays, 438-8666). Reservation required, \$2.50 requested donation, for age 60+ (limited exceptions). Meals delivered if eligible, 464-3180.

Grey Bears Brown Bag Program, weekly bag of produce to be picked up in Ben Lomond, Felton, or Scotts Valley. Delivery available for homebound seniors. \$30 annual membership fee, for age 55+. www.greybears.org (479-1055).

Except as noted, all programs are free of charge -- Schedules are subject to change.

Submit Changes / Additions to slsvsmeals@gmail.com 🌲

SCM COMMUNITY CALENDAR

November-December 2017

For more events, visit our Community Calendar online: www.santacruzmountainbulletin.net/On Facebook: www.facebook.com/pg/SantaCruzMountainBulletin/events/

Friday, November 10

A Stellar Experience: Star Gazing at Quail Hollow

6:00 pm – 11:45 pm, Quail Hollow Ranch Regional Park, 800 Quail Hollow Rd, Felton.

Bring your telescope or just stop by and look through the members' telescopes. Santa Cruz Astronomy Club will take you through time across the galaxy. (831) 335-9348

Saturday, November 11

Harry Potter Art & Craft at ARTterrie Studio

10:00 am – 1:30 am, ARTterrie, 13155 Hwy 9, Boulder Creek

Harry Potter Art & Craft Session: Nov. 11th: Wizard Wands | Nov. 18th & 25th: Monster Book (2day-class) | Dec. 2: Potion Bottles. All ages. \$80/session, materials included. Reservations: www.facebook.com/artterrie | (408) 390-8866

Bonny Doon Holiday Craft Faire

10:00 am – 4:00 pm, Bonny Doon Elementary, 1492 Pine Flat Rd

Local handicrafts, chili tasting, bake sale.

Boulder Creek Art & Craft Fair

12:00 pm – 5:00 pm, Saturday and Sunday. Boulder Creek Recreation Building, 13333 Middleton Ave | Odd Fellows Hall, 152 Forest St. Two days, two locations, over 30 vendors selling amazing art and crafts. (831) 338-4144

Veterans Day Dinner

6:00 pm, Scopazzi's 13300 Big Basin Way, Boulder Creek

Dinner recognizing our Veterans and Active Duty Military Personnel. Please bring your memorabilia and memories to share with our community. Cost: \$45 General, \$35 Veterans and Active Military Duty Personnel, \$50 at the door. Reservations: (831) 338-4444

Sunday, November 12

2nd Annual Holiday Market at Camp Harmon

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm Easter Seals Camp Harmon 16403 Hwy 9, Boulder Creek

20 vendors showcasing their craft and business from the San Lorenzo Valley. Support local independent

artists, designers, crafters and home businesses. Free admission.

Friday, November 17

Book Making at Art Lab with Ruth Dailey

3:30 pm – 5:30 pm. Art Lab 13124 Highway 9, Boulder Creek.

Dates: 11/17, 12/1, 12/8, 12/15 | Cost: \$120/4 week session (classes 2 hours) To enroll: bcartlab@gmail.com | 831-227-3311

Saturday, November 18

Pies Made Easy!

9:00 am – 12:00 pm, Quail Hollow Kitchens, Ben Lomond. Let us help you create some truly delicious fall treats. This course teaches the fundamentals of pie baking. Reservations: 831-609-6226 | <http://quailhollowkitchens.com>

Santa's Shelves Craft Faire

9:00 am – 4:00 pm, Saturday and Sunday. Felton Fire Protection District, 131 Kirby St, Felton

The Felton Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary presents its annual fair to help raise funds for the fabulous Felton Volunteer Fire Department. (831) 335-4422

Seasonal Craft Cocktail Fixin's for Gifts and Guests

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm. Mountain Feed, 9550 Highway 9, Ben Lomond

Join us for a timely and boozy exploration of the craft cocktail and all its fixin's. \$25/per person. Tickets: www.mountainfeed.com

Kirking of the Tartans

6:00 pm – 9:00 pm. Saint Andrews Episcopal Church, 101 Riverside Ave, Ben Lomond

Celebrate the Feast of St. Andrew, the patron saint of Scotland, with song, dance, food, bagpipes, and kilts. Bring your tartan to be blessed (and sport your kilt). Shepherd's Pie, Salad, Bread, Dessert, Coffee, Tea. Suggested Donation: \$10 (adult) | \$5 (seniors and Kids under 12) All proceeds will benefit Valley Churches United Missions. Reservations: (831) 336 - 5994

Sunday, November 19

Camp Joy Annual Wreath Sale

11:00 am – 3:00 pm. 131 Camp Joy Rd, Boulder Creek

Annual Open House and Harvest Celebration: Dried wreaths, garlic and onion braids, candles, honey, and other goodies for sale as well as yummy treats to sample. Support Camp Joy with your holiday shopping and enjoy an autumn afternoon on the farm. This event is a fundraiser for the farm. <http://campjoygardens.org>

From Flume to Rails Historical Talk

3:00 pm – 4:00 pm. Felton Community Hall, 6191 Highway 9, Felton

Presented by Derek R. Whaley author of Santa Cruz Trains: Railroads of the Santa Cruz Mountains. Free, donations accepted. (831) 335-5621

Thursday, November 23 - Thanksgiving

Friday, November 24

Santa Comes to Town & Tree Lighting Ceremony

6:00 pm – 9:00 pm. Downtown Boulder Creek. Join the fun as the community gathers to welcome Santa to town and celebrate the lighting of the town tree in the spirit of the holidays! Live music, nibbles and sips, antique fire engine rides, photos with Santa, local shopping and activities for the kids. Free. bcba.net | bcrcp.org

The Ultimate Christmas Show (abridged)

Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00 pm, and Sundays at 2:00 pm. Park Hall 9400 Mill St, Ben Lomond

Mountain Community Theater invites you to take an irreverent, comedic, yet heartwarming trip through the holidays. Champaign reception Nov. 24. Tickets: <https://mctshows.org/>

Thanksgiving Family Camp

November 24-26. YMCA Camp Campbell. Strengthen your family's resiliency in one of our teambuilding activities, appreciation for nature in one of our staff led hiking programs and creativity in our Graham Cracker House Creations. Registration: www.ymcacampcampbell.org

Saturday, November 25

Small Business Saturday

Local businesses throughout San Lorenzo Valley and the Santa Cruz Mountains appreciate your support by shopping locally this holiday season!

Felton Toy Train Days!

Weekends, November 25 through December 31. Saturdays 10:00 am – 6:00 pm, Sundays 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm. Felton Presbyterian Church, 6090 Highway 9, Felton

Amazing toy trains rolling along three giant, beautifully decorated train layouts. Refreshments, photo booth, holiday music, train tables and more for children of all ages! Admission and parking free! (831) 335-6900.

Santa Cruz Mountains Holiday Maker's Market

10:00 am – 5:00 pm. Felton Community Hall, 6191 Highway 9, Felton

Supporting the community show-

casing local artists, crafters, culinary creators, and musicians. Benefits local non-profit, Mountain Community Resources (MCR). 4th annual market features music by AJ Lee and the Naked Bootleggers. Free admission. www.scmakersmarket.com

Holiday Lights Train 2017

Weekends November 24 & 25, and December 2 & 3, 9 & 10, and 16 & 23 Vintage excursion cars, adorned with thousands of colorful lights, roll through the streets of Santa Cruz. Departs from the Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk. Reservations: www.roaringcamp.com

Thursday, November 30

Irish Christmas In America

7:30 pm – 10:30 pm. Kuumbwa Jazz Center, 320-2 Cedar St, Santa Cruz

Produced by Sligo fiddler Oisín Mac Diarmada, the hugely popular Irish Christmas in America show features top Irish music, song and dance. Advance \$26 | Door \$30 | Celtic Society members receive \$2 discount. Reservations: 831-464-9778 | Tickets: www.celticsociety.org

Saturday, December 2

Artisanal Sourdough Bread Making Class

9:00 am to 12:00 pm, Quail Hollow Kitchens, Ben Lomond. \$65.00. Reservations: 831-609-6226 | <http://quailhollowkitchens.com>

Thursday, December 7

Winterdance Celtic Christmas Celebration with Molly's Revenge

7:30 pm -11:00, Flynn's Cabaret, 6275 Highway 9, Felton

Molly's Revenge, Christa Burch, The Rosemary Turco Irish Dancers \$18 adv./\$22 door cash only. A seriously joyous, masterly musical experience. Tickets: <http://www.donquixotesmusic.info>

Valley Churches Annual Holiday Gala

5:30 champagne reception, 7:15 dinner. Scopazzi's 13300 Big Basin Way, Boulder Creek

Tickets: \$70 single | \$130 couple available at VCUM Monday-Friday 10:00 am-4:00 pm. Call 831.336.8258 x227 for more information. All proceeds benefit VCUM's food distribution, emergency, and holiday activities for the community. www.vcum.org

Thursday, December 14

Chanukah Train

Share the Light of Chanukah Aboard Roaring Camp Railroad's New Chanukah Train! Gather at the Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk for the lighting of the menorah at 6:15 pm, and then set off on an incredible 1-hour

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train ride on Roaring Camp's vintage excursion cars adorned with thousands of shining lights and Chanukah decorations. Departs from the Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk. Reservations: www.roaringcamp.com

Wildcat Mountain Ramblers Christmas Special

6:00 pm – 8:30 pm, Summit House, 23123 Santa Cruz Hwy, Los Gatos Bluegrass, Christmas carols, Gospel music, sing-alongs and lots of joy make this free event special every year. (408) 353-2700 | mayclinr@yahoo.com

Ongoing

CERT Boulder Creek

1st Thursdays | 7:00 pm | Community Emergency Response Team. Learn to be prepared for any disaster. | Boulder Creek Fire House | 13230 Highway 9, Boulder Creek | www.facebook.com/groups/1608769342722133/

First Friday Boulder Creek

6:00 – 9:00 pm | Downtown Boulder Creek shops display local art | live music.

www.facebook.com/firstfridayartwalboulder creek/

First Friday Felton

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Made in the Mountains – Third Saturdays

Local art on display throughout downtown Boulder Creek - and for sale!

3:00 – 6:00 pm | Businesses in Downtown Boulder Creek

www.facebook.com/boulder creek made in the mountains/ 🌲

The SCM Bulletin's Mountain Concert Calendar

November/December 2017

Submit your local show: julie.mountainpublishing@gmail.com

Flynn's Cabaret (formerly Don Quixote's)

6275 Highway 9, Felton | www.flynnscabaret.com

11/10 – Jeffrey Foucault co-bill with Kris Delmhorst | 7:00

11/11 – Tom Petty and the Heartbroken

11/15 – Baby Gramps with Hot Damn Scandal | 7:30

11/17 – August Sun, Light the Band, Urban Theory | 8:00

11/18 – Solo Flight Swing | 8:00

11/19 – Tish Hinojosa | 2:00

11/19 – Incendio | 7:00

11/21 – Mark Olson & Ingunn Ringvol | 8:00

11/22 – The Meditations Live! | 8:00

11/24 – Giving Thanks with Random Rab | 8:00

11/25 – Naked Bootleggers with Windy Hill | 8:00

11/30 – Petunia and the Vipers w/ Miss Lonely Hearts | 8:00

12/01 – Trace Bundy | 8:00

12/02 – Shady Groove + Real Sarahs | 9:00

12/04 – Nora Jane Struthers | 7:30

12/07 – Winterdance Celtic Christmas | 7:30

12/09 – Fleetwood Mask | 8:00

12/13 – Mike Renwick's Holiday Deluxe | 8:00

12/15 – Soohan + Kr3ture

12/20 – Star La'Moan & The Kitchenettes with Tammi Brown

12/21 – Wheelhouse | 8:00

Henfling's Roadside Tavern

9450 Highway 9, Ben Lomond | <http://www.henflings.net>

11/10 – Bliss Ninnies | 9:00

11/11 – The Nightdrivers | 9:00

11/12 – Blue Chevrolet | 5:00

11/16 – Supernaut | 8:00

11/18 – August Sun | 9:00

11/19 – Lil' Pea and the Third Degree | 5:00

11/24 – Moonshine Wonderland | 9:00

11/25 – Mike PZ | 9:00

11/26 – Beach Cowboys | 5:00

11/30 – Jesse Daniel | 8:00

Joe's Bar

13118 Highway 9, Boulder Creek | www.joesbc.com All weekday shows at 8:00 pm unless noted. Friday/Saturday shows 8:30 pm.

11/10 – Scott Walters

11/17 – Live Oak Jam

11/18 – Sleepless Knights

11/24 – Santa Comes to Town!

12/01 – Whiskey West

12/02 – Kevin Hamm Band

12/08 – One Country

12/09 – Aftershock

lille aeske

13160 Central Avenue (Highway 9), Boulder Creek | www.lille-aeske.com

All shows 8:00 pm (Doors at 7:30 pm) unless noted.

11/10 – And Play

11/11 – Joshua Lowe with Alex Jones + Curtis McMurtry

11/16 & 11/17 – Matt the Electrician

11/18 – Torio Van Grol, comedy

11/24 – Black Friday Boutique and Art Sale, 11:00 am – 4:00 pm

12/21 – In/PLANES + Willy Tea Taylor & Pottery Pop-Up Sale!

11/25 – Shop Local Saturday, 11:00 am – 4:00 pm

Steel Bonnet Brewing Company

20 Victor Square, Scotts Valley | (831) 454-8429

12/08 – The Rough & Tumble – 5:00 🌲



Boulder Buck Challenge 2017!





SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

NOVEMBER 25

9AM—6PM

- ♦ Shop in Boulder Creek on Small Business Saturday from 9AM to 6PM on Saturday, November 25th, at any of our Boulder Creek businesses.
- ♦ As you shop, collect your receipts to total \$50 or more.
- ♦ Take your receipts to one of two drop-off locations at lille aeske or ARTterrie.
- ♦ Fill out an entry form available at those two locations. There are no limits to the number of entries. Entries must be submitted by 6PM on Nov 25.
- ♦ Three winners will be chosen at random. Notification of winners will be the week of November 27th. Each winner will receive a \$100 gift certificate for a Boulder Creek business of their choice—courtesy of the BCBA!





Mr. Astrology–December 2017

On Thursday, December 21, 2017 at 8:28 AM PST, the Winter Solstice occurs in the Northern Hemisphere. During the Winter Solstice, the North Pole is at its furthest distance from the Sun, and the Sun is at its lowest point in the sky. It is both the shortest day and the longest night of the year.

The word solstice comes from the Latin sol (sun) and sistere (to stand still). At the solstices, the Sun's movements as seen from earth seem to come to a stop before reversing direction. The darkening days then give way to a time of increasing light and warmth, greater energy and vitality, and a renewal of our spirit and aspirations.

The solstice was a significant event in the calendar cycle even during Neolithic times. The axes of Neolithic and Bronze Age archaeological sites such as Stonehenge in England and Newgrange in Ireland have been precisely aligned to point toward the winter solstice sunrise (Newgrange) and the winter solstice sunset (Stonehenge). These ancient cultures quantified and celebrated the rebirth of the Sun.



Scorpio Oct. 23-Nov. 22 Mars enters your 1st house of self on the 9th, giving you energy, self-confidence and drive. Keep things in balance by taking some time to relax. On the 25th gracious Venus enters your 3rd house of communication. You are especially adept at smoothing over any ruffled feathers during this influence.



Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 On the 2nd your ruling planet Jupiter harmonizes with Neptune. Your creative capabilities seem unlimited and opportunities seem to blossom for you everywhere! The Moon enters your 1st house of self on the 17th. As is your desire, so is your will. As is your will, so is your deed. As is your deed, so is your destiny!



Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 The Moon is in your 2nd house of resources on the 3rd, introducing a new phase in your financial life. On the 25th Venus teams up with your ruling planet sober Saturn. The energy you have given to solidify a partnership has been well worth it. The key to lasting success is for you each to be accountable for your share of the relationship.



Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 19 On the 9th assertive Mars enters your 10th house of career. It was not by gold or by silver, but by labor, that all wealth of the world was originally purchased. The Sun creates an advantageous alignment with your ruling planet unconventional Uranus on the 16th. Your spirit yearns for fresh new experiences!



Pisces Feb. 20-March 20 The Sun enters your 11th house of community on the 21st. Over the next four weeks, discover new parts of your community. You can gain valuable insights. On the 27th Mars forms a harmonious configuration with your ruling planet Neptune, inspiring your instincts, empathy, and hopeful yearnings.



Aries March 21-April 20 On the 6th your ruling planet Mars forms a harmonious configuration with Saturn. Projects that seemed stuck in first gear begin to increase speed! The Sun enters your 10th house of career on the 19th. Congratulations on a job well done! New starts can take place in your profession that can effectively modify its path.



Taurus April 21-May 21 Your ruling planet Venus is in a beneficial alignment with Uranus on the 20th. You enthusiastically welcome all that is new, exceptional and uncommon during this time. The Moon enters your 2nd house of resources on the 3rd, providing opportunities to reflect on your skills and talents. Explore investments or other methods of creating supplemental resources.



Gemini May 22-June 20 Your ruling planet Mercury is in an advantageous arrangement with Mars on the 6th. Trust your instincts! This is a good time to devote your energy to nurturing things that signify long-term security. On the



17th the Moon illuminates your 7th house of partnerships, sowing the seeds of a new relationship!



Cancer June 21-July 21 On the 3rd your ruling planet the Moon lights up your 12th house of solitude. Take rest; a field that has rested gives a bountiful crop. The Sun enters your 7th house of partnerships on the 21st. A new page is turned in your relationship life. You want to take it to the next stage or lessen your obligations.



Leo July 22-Aug. 22 Mars enters your 4th house of home and family on the 9th. Clearing up miscommunications with relatives seems to be important. On the 21st your ruling planet the Sun joins up with serious Saturn. You are reaping the rewards of your labor! Rededicating yourself to old aspirations and bearing obligations could support your need for order and stability in your life.



Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22 On the 10th your ruling planet Mercury enters into a beneficial configuration with unique Uranus. Your mind is razor sharp! Under this influence perceptions arrive seemingly from out of the blue! The Sun enters your 5th house of creativity on the 21st. People are likely to be drawn to you emotionally, and you are inclined to reciprocate the good feelings!



Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 22 Mars enters your 2nd house of resources on the 9th. What gives you contentment, your sense of security, and what you attach importance to are emphasized during this period. On the 10th your ruling planet Venus squares off with Neptune, cautioning against oversensitivity and undisciplined thinking.

The winter solstice suggests a point in time of respite before journeying down new paths. Stillness, introspection and intimacy are also some of the themes of this period. Release the past and make way for the future! Have a great month, and always remember: keep looking to the stars!!🌲!

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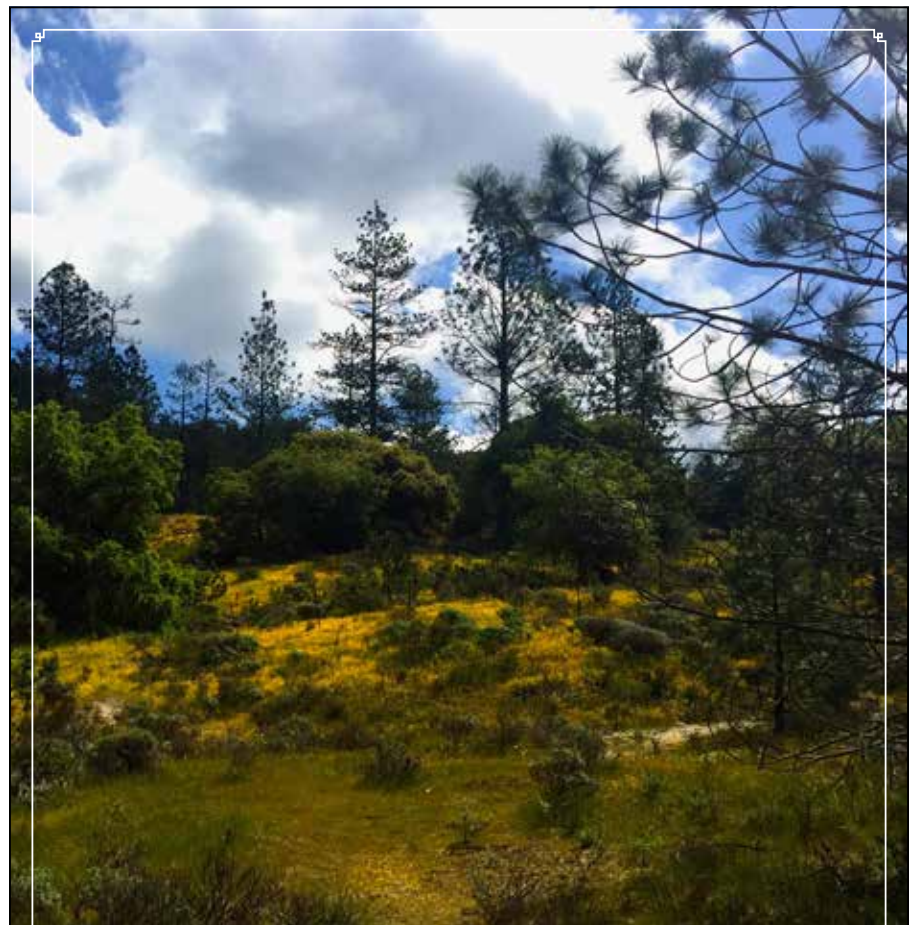
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