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## TREE DOWN ON WATER CO. ACCESS ROAD

On January 18, 2026, a call came in regarding a fallen tree on one of the water co. facilities access roads. This



situation was made worse in that two people could not

get out of their driveway. We placed a call to Nate Hodges and Jacob Paquette to help Stan Eggink clear the road. Kenney Scharffenberg was on site helping as well. The men had the road cleared in about 2 hours. Thanks to these men for taking care of business.



## CMWC NEWS

The votes are in. The Restated Articles and Bylaws have passed with only two opposing votes. Many thanks to all who participated in counting the ballots and making sure we had the necessary votes for a legal quorum. The Articles will need to be sent to Secretary of State to be recorded. The county will be notified when everything is in place as they have requested. We will update everyone as things progress on the transfer of the properties into the Water Co. for the property owners in Cascadel Woods.

## THE CLUBHOUSE IS BEING USED AGAIN

Since the community Christmas Potluck Party, the clubhouse has been used twice and is scheduled for use in February. If you would like to schedule a personal event to be held at the Clubhouse, please contact Carol Eggink at [egginks@netptc.net](mailto:egginks@netptc.net) or text at 559-676-3783 for availability. The Board will be finalizing the rules and regulations, pertaining to renting the clubhouse for private events, at the February 13<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. You are welcome to come and voice your opinion.

## VALENTINE'S DAY EVENTS

Several venues are hosting Valentine's Day events and dinner for you and your loved ones to enjoy this year. The Studio in North Fork, Bass Lake Resort, Chukchansi Resort and Casino, and Table Mountain are offering many dining opportunities to choose from. You can Google them to make reservations.



## GROUNDHOG DAY

Groundhog Day originated from ancient European weather lore, particularly German traditions for Candlemas Day (February 2nd), where animals like badgers or hedgehogs predicted winter's length.



If the animal casts a shadow, that means there will be six more weeks of winter. If there is no shadow, Spring is on its way. German immigrants brought this custom to Pennsylvania, substituting the native groundhog for their familiar animals, with the first official celebration in Punxsutawney in 1887.

## DID YOU KNOW BY MICHAEL DELANEY

### COYOTES AND THE BOOMERANG EFFECT



Removing coyotes from Cascadel Woods, CA would likely have significant ecological consequences, as coyotes are considered a keystone species in many California ecosystems. Their absence can disrupt the balance of local wildlife populations and plant communities.

Coyote populations increase after culling because coyotes are "compensatory breeders," meaning they respond to population loss by increasing reproduction and immigration.

Coyote packs respond to culling by adapting in ways that often counteract population control efforts. When members of a pack—especially dominant breeding pairs—are removed, subordinate coyotes quickly begin breeding at younger ages, and females produce larger litters, leading to a rapid increase in the local population. This compensatory breeding and early maturity mean that culling often results in more coyotes, not fewer, over time.

Removing coyotes from Cascadel Woods would likely lead to increased rodent and mesocarnivore [raccoon and skunk] populations, overgrazing by herbivores, and reduced biodiversity, with complex effects on both wildlife and human interests.

Without coyotes, populations of prey species like rabbits, squirrels, and deer may increase, leading to overgrazing which will cause damage to native vegetation.

*Sources available on request*

### EVENTS AND MEETINGS

- **Feb 2 – Ground Hog Day**
- **Feb 13 – CMWC Regular Board Meeting**  
Cascadel Clubhouse at 3 PM
- **Feb 14 – Valentine's Day**
- **Feb 16 – President's Day**
- **Feb 18 – Ash Wednesday**

### NEXT MONTH

- **Mar 8 – Daylight Savings Time Begins**
- **Mar 17 – St. Patrick's Day**
- **Mar 29 – Palm Sunday**

### FROM THE EDITOR

We hope you enjoyed this month's edition of [The Woods Newsletter](#). Send your submissions for the March edition to Carol Eggink by Feb 25, 2025, at [egginks@netptc.net](mailto:egginks@netptc.net) or call/text at 559-676-3783