CAMBRIA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

Board wants more public input to fill vacancy

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Whoever is the choice to replace Greg Sanders on Cambria’s services district board, the community should be more involved.

That was the top priority of directors meeting on the day before Thanksgiving to create a process for picking Sanders’ successor.

The board will interview applicants and hopes to choose a new director at a 10 a.m. meeting Monday, Dec. 4, at the Cambria Veterans Memorial Building. Applications are due by Dec. 1.

Board Vice President Harry Farmer said he wanted to “avoid what has happened in the past,” which he described as involving “a lack of discussion, a lack of considering a varied number of candidates, (and) a lack of public participation.”

To increase community involvement, the board adopted a process that will allow members of the public to submit questions for the candidates ahead of time, then make their own comments after applicants are introduced at the Dec. 4 meeting.

QUALIFICATIONS

Directors spent some time at their Nov. 22 special meeting discussing what qualities they’d most like to see in a new board member.

“Open-minded,” “collaborative” and “cordial and respectful” were among the qualities directors agreed they’d like to see in a successful applicant.

“We have to stop attracting people to the meetings because they’re looking for the soap.”

See CCSD vacancy, 5A

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Market on your calendar

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Crowds of visitors descended on Cambria Pines Lodge by the busload on Friday, Nov. 24, the day after Thanksgiving, for the opening day of the Cambria Christmas Market.

The event, which runs through Dec. 23, features lighted attractions on the Lodge grounds and at the nearby Cambria Nursery, as well as music, refreshments and vendor booths. Displays contain a total of nearly 2 million lights.

It isn’t dark yet, but that hasn’t kept throngs of visitors from lining up to sample food at the Cambria Christmas Market vendor booths Friday, Nov. 24.

For a full rundown of the opening night, see Stephen H. Provost’s column, Page 8.

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DAVID AMODEI leads a group of Coast Union basketball players up from junior varsity for the coming season. Page 24

CONNIE GANNON shares ways to practice gratitude toward the environment. Page 6

MARTHA GOMEZ MORA scored a pair of goals for the Coast Union girls soccer team in a 3-1 win over the alumni. Page 24

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THIS WEEK

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A replica of the Golden Gate Bridge is among the returning attractions at the Cambria Christmas Market.

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SHERIFF’S LOG

From Monday, Nov. 20, through Sunday, Nov. 26, there were 45 entries on the sheriff’s dispatch log for the Cambria/San Simeon area, with four reports written and no arrests.

Reports included an instance of vandalism in the alley behind the French Corner Bakery, in which someone spray-painted a racial slur.

Entries that don’t produce reports or arrests can range from assisting a citizen, checking an open door and traffic stops to assisting another agency, probation checks, foot patrols, checking suspicious subjects or vehicles, case follow-ups, responding to audible alarms and traffic or pedestrian stops.

This week’s reports include:

**Monday, Nov. 20**
2200 block of Center Street, 8:54 a.m. Report of vandalism.

**Friday, Nov. 24**
6700 block of Moonstone Beach Drive, 9:20 a.m. Report of grand theft; field interview and incident report.
5300 block of Guildford Drive, 12:17 p.m. Report of petty theft.

**Sunday, Nov. 26**
2200 block of Main Street, 10:21 a.m. Report of petty theft.
WEATHER

Gusty winds carry Cambria on toward December

BY KATHE TANNER
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A cold front whisked through the North Coast late Sunday and early Monday, Nov. 26 and 27, dropping widely varied amounts of rain, ranging from as mattering to 0.63 of an inch at the Walter Ranch on Santa Rosa Creek Road, about 9.5 miles east of Main Street, and 0.75 of an inch at Michele Oksen’s mountain cabin above San Simeon.

Sudden gusty winds of more than 40 mph (recorded at 50 mph or more on Marine Terrace and Piedras Blancas!) scoured some areas starting about 3 a.m. The sometimes-circular winds woke startled residents, tossed tree limbs as if they were pick-up sticks and dislodged some trees, including one that landed on a truck parked on Chiswick Way near Charing Lane in Cambria.

Cori Zinn wrote about the “crazy wind velocity” in a Facebook interview Monday morning. “No damage in our neighborhood,” she said, but neighbor’s RV skylight dome blew off the vehicle, “and it traveled and landed in OUR backyard! No sightings of any wicked witch underneath when it landed!”

No injuries or damage to homes had been reported to Cambria Fire Department by midday Monday.

Wednesday morning, PG&E meteorologist John Lindsey predicted that winds of up to 38 mph, perhaps with stronger gusts, would continue off and on through Sunday, producing “bone-dry weather with cold mornings and mild afternoons.” Temperatures in “the inland valleys will drop to freezing levels during the early morning hours” through Friday.

Weather-forecast computer modeling’s earlier suggestion of weekend rain apparently has disappeared. Lindsey wrote in his daily e-forecast, “In fact, dry weather is forecast for all of next week.”

Mailboxes are overflowing with pleas for year-end donations, so it can be difficult and emotionally painful to decide which worthy cause(s) to support.

To jog your memory, here are some local options that can help our own people in need and assist community causes dear to many hearts.

- Donations of new, unwrapped gifts for youngsters and teens can be deposited in Toys for Tots boxes. Some donation locations are at the Cambria Fire Department’s Burton Drive station, Cal Fire/Cambria station on Coventry Lane, Pacific Premiere Bank, 2255 Main St., and the Cambria Chamber of Commerce, 767 Main St. “Last year, we provided gifts to about 200 local children,” said Brian Griffin.

- Gifts of nonperishable foods can be placed in Season of Hope/Food Bank Coalition of San Luis Obispo boxes at the fire stations and bank.

Boxes at Cambria Fire were “filled to overflowing” Monday, Nov. 27, but many more donations (including money) are needed and very welcome, according to Fire Chief William Hollingsworth.

- Again, there won’t be Salvation Army kettles
Cambria Chamber board voting open through Dec. 8

BY KATHE TANNER ktanner@thetribunenews.com

Ballots are due by Friday, Dec. 8, to elect the 2018 board members for the Cambria Chamber of Commerce. Ballots were emailed to chamber members this month and are available at http://bit.ly/2BwDYNa.

Incumbent candidates include: Steve Kniffen, Sea Coast Oyster Bar/Parks Recreation and Open Space Commission/Sons of American Legion Post No. 432; Mel McColloch, McColloch Consulting/American Legion; consultant Jennifer Perryman; and Miguel Sandoval, San Simeon Beach Bar & Grill/Cambria Mimosas/La Terrazza.

Other candidates are: Melissa Avina, Pacific Premier Bank; Oz Barron, Ball & Skein; and Gail Robinette, Gail Robinette & Associates and a chamber volunteer.

Other current board members include: Sue Robinson, George Marshall, Gayle Jenkins, Fidel Figueroa and Marcela Ponce.

The new and/or re-elected board members will be installed during a Jan. 16 dinner at the Cambria Pines Lodge, the same event that will honor Cambria’s 2017 citizen of the year.

Mary Lou Linstedt

Mary Lou Linstedt, a resident of Cambria, passed away at her home, Oct. 6, 2017, at the age of 78 years, after a yearlong illness.

Mary Lou was born in Pikeville, Kentucky, daughter of Glenn and Bernice Campbell. She has three sisters, Nell, Judy, and Janet; and two brothers, Jim (deceased) and Gordon (deceased).

Her first husband, Richard H. Clark, and her second husband, Walter G. Linstedt, predeceased her.

Mary Lou is survived by her two children, Lisa Clark Verdon and Richard H. Clark Jr.; her three stepchildren, Adam Linstedt, Pam Linstedt and Laurel VarnBuhler; three grandchildren; and three step-grandchildren.

Mary Lou married her first husband and moved to Redondo Beach where they raised their two children Lisa and Richard. She then lived in Chicago, where she married Walter Linstedt. After several years in Chicago, Walter and Mary Lou moved back to California where they lived in Pasadena.

Mary Lou greatly enjoyed many friends and activities wherever she lived. She had an abiding appreciation of beauty, exquisite taste and found meaning in the visual aesthetic. In Pasadena, she was a member of the San Marino League, the San Marino/Pasadena Newcomers, a docent at the Huntington Library in the Japanese Garden, and was a member of the Ikebana class at the Huntington.

After Walter passed away, Mary Lou embarked on the next stage of her journey, moving to Cambria, where she could be equally near her grown children and their families. Mary Lou volunteered for many local causes and activities, including the Cambria Garden Club, the Allied Arts Council, the Cambria Newcomers Club, and was part of a book club and a bridge group. She was also a Master Gardener and volunteered in this capacity at the Piedras Blancas lighthouse. She found a group of friends who would be by her side and support her through her 16 years in lovely Cambria.

Widely traveled, Mary Lou enjoyed many trips throughout Europe, Asia and Africa. She was an avid reader and embodied lifelong learning. But perhaps most important to Mary Lou were her friends and family. The Cambria Garden Club gave Mary Lou so much joy, richness and a deep sense of belonging. Her friends and family were with her to the end, with such generosity of spirit. Mary Lou was loved by many and she leaves behind enduring friendships and memories from those whose lives she touched across this earth.

A memorial will be held at 2 p.m., Saturday, March 10, 2018, in Cambria. Please call 805-927-2450 for more information.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Cambria Garden Club, 6520 Buckley Drive, Cambria, CA 93428 for a scholarship in her name, or to Cambria Anonymous Neighbors, P.O. Box 1797, Cambria, CA 93428.

Sign her guestbook at sanluisobispo.com/obituaries.

Obituary policy

Cambrian obituaries are charged by the line and must be prepaid. Photos may be included for an additional fee.

The deadline to submit an obituary is noon Monday for a complete obituary published Thursday.

For details, call 805-781-7834 or 805-781-7816 during business hours.

For the record

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**CCSD VACANCY**

opera,” President Amanda Rice said.

Director Aaron Wharton suggested he would like to see applicants with a degree of institutional knowledge, while Rice suggested a background in public safety might be an advantage. Rice and Farmer both said they’d favor someone with an ability to understand and deal with budgets.

Director Jim Bahringer, however, said, “I don’t want a financial manager” and was more interested in considering “someone who believes in the good of this community.”

Bahringer also suggested that the board consider candidates who didn’t want to “go through a grilling” in order to serve. He specifically mentioned Steve Kniffen, who chairs the district’s Parks, Recreation and Open Space Commission and has been active in community activities ranging from blood drives to youth sports.

Kniffen, who ran an unsuccessful write-in campaign for the board in 2016, said he’d be willing to serve but would not go through the interview process.

Bahringer’s motion to consider Kniffen and other candidates not involved in formal interviews died for lack of a second.

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**RICE’S SUGGESTION**

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**To participate**

To apply for the vacant seat, visit the CCSD website, www.cambriacsd.org, and fill out an application, either on editable PDF or by hand, and return it to District Clerk, P.O. Box 65, 1316 Tamsen St., Suite 201, Cambria, CA 93428. Applications are due by 4 p.m. Dec. 1.

To suggest a question for the interview process, email board@cambriacsd.org.

To comment in person, attend the special meeting to interview applicants at 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 4, at the Veterans Memorial Building, 1000 Main St., Cambria.

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**2 Cambria stores cited in tobacco sale sting**

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Wo Cambria retailers and one Cayucos shop were among seven area businesses that sold tobacco products to minors, according to the San Luis Obispo County Sheriff’s Office, which conducted a sting operation between July and early November.

Cited in Cambria were:
- Cookie Crock Market, 1240 Knollwood Drive, Cambria. It was the second violation for the Cookie Crock, which was also cited in the summer of 2014.
- Bob & Jan’s Bottle Shop, 2292 Main St., Cambria. It was the fourth violation Bob & Jan’s, which was most recently cited in November 2016. A store clerk was also arrested there in May on suspicion of illegally furnishing or selling alcohol to a minor.

The Sheriff’s Office deployed a pair of “local decoys” to attempt to purchase tobacco at 50 retailers in unincorporated areas throughout the county, including Cambria, Cayucos, San Miguel, Santa Margarita, Los Osos, Avila Beach, Oceano and Nipomo.

California raised the legal age to buy tobacco products from 18 to 21 in 2016.

Cayucos Liquor at 75 S. Ocean Boulevard in Cayucos received its second violation.

Other stores were found in violation:
- Valley Liquor, 2199 10th St., Los Osos (first violation).
- Johnson’s Market, 1262 Pacific Boulevard, Oceano (second violation).
- Mesa View Market, 610 Mesa View Drive, Arroyo Grande (third violation).

Bob & Jan’s Bottle Shop was cited on suspicion of selling tobacco to someone younger than 21. The Cookie Crock Market (not pictured) was also cited.

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(Board members decided that one question will ask applicants they think Cambria should look like five or 10 years from now.)

- Directors will then take nominations and vote to select a new member.

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**RATE STUDY**

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7 ways to practice gratitude toward the natural world

Connie Gannon is the executive director of Greenspace — The Cambria Land Trust.

During this season of Thanksgiving and winter holidays, we hear a lot about the value of being grateful. Practicing gratitude, psychologists say, improves our social relations, our self-image, our mood and even our chances of being successful in life. We are encouraged to be thankful for our health, for our families, for our friends, for our bank accounts, for beauty and creature comforts.

But what about the hidden blessings all around us? The bacteria that break down compost to feed our gardens? The Monterey pine’s winged seeds that descend like tiny helicopters to the forest floor to create a new generation of trees? The fuzzy bees that pollinate our orchards? The dead branches that fall in Santa Rosa Creek and create nursery pools for tiny steelhead fry? How often do we stop and thank all the invisible workers that keep our local ecosystems functioning?

Oh, some might say, that’s just nature doing its thing. It doesn’t care if we notice or not. Maybe not.

On the other hand, 20th century physics tells us that every time something or someone interacts at any level with an object or being, even at enormous distances, it shifts the energy and the behavior of the other.

What if our gratitude is an action on our part that helps move the world around us toward healthy equilibrium? Especially now, when global warming, floods, fires and various forms of air, water and land pollution, overpopulation and misuse of resources smack us in the face daily as we watch, read or listen to the news.

How can we practice gratitude toward the natural world? Here are some ideas:

- **Compost.** Building a compost pile and then spreading the resulting loam on our gardens and around our properties helps increase the carbon sequestering potential of the soil, as well as giving a welcome meal to the microorganisms in the ground, which in turn help to convey moisture and nutrients to the roots of plants and trees.

- **Pick up trash,** especially along the creeks and on the beach. Around here, we call it “squibbing,” after Paul and Louise Squibb, retired educators who were tireless in their efforts to make Cambria a more beautiful and healthier place. Picking up plastics, metals and cigarette butts keeps this dangerous waste out of our forests and waterways, out of the habitats and diets of birds, fish and marine mammals. It may seem like a single dropped cigarette butt is no big deal, but this past September, on international Coastal Clean-up Day, 1,863,838 cigarette butts were collected. Here in Cambria, along Moonstone beach, Greenspace and ECOSLO volunteers gathered hundreds.

- **Grow a cover crop** this winter. If you’re farming, or even if you have a large family vegetable garden, plant clover, vetch, even peas, to help fix nitrogen in the soil and sequester carbon, increasing the nutrient load available for next year’s food crops.

- **Plant native plants** in your gardens. Not only will they save critically needed water, they will also provide havens for native animals and birds. Planting native perennials such as toyon, coffee berry, purple needle grass or locally sourced wildflowers connects us with the physical land we call home. Greenspace will be opening our new Native Plant Demonstration Garden at Pocahontas Park (Wilton Street just off Burton Drive) this coming year. The garden will offer opportunities to learn about using native plants for residential and commercial landscaping.

- **Become a beekeeper,** or plant native flowers that bloom sequentially throughout the year to provide food for pollinators. The Central Coast Beekeepers Alliance offers workshops and a website where you can learn the art of beekeeping and how to raise a bee colony and reap the benefits in honey.

- **Plant trees.** One of the single most important things people can do to offset carbon in the atmosphere is to plant trees. Yes, there is a certain cost in water to growing a tree, but here in Cambria, the native Monterey pines actually play a role in the water cycle. Their respiration increases ambient humidity, and they effectively use fog drip as a source of moisture in the summer and fall months when there is little rain.

You can plant your own, or join Greenspace volunteers in December to establish native pine seedlings on our reserve land.

- **Get involved** in Greenspace and other local organizations that work to protect the web of life in Cambria. Tree planting, trash removal, growing native plants, brainstorming other ideas to express our gratitude to nature — all of these things are a lot more fun done together in groups of friends and neighbors. In addition, helping to educate others in the community, especially our children and grandchildren, is a huge boost to feelings of hope.

What might happen in Cambria if we took some time to express our gratitude to the earth by building an active community of environmental restorers to counter climate change? Great things, I think. This little village could become a model of environmental resilience and a beacon of hope. Happy holidays, neighbors. Thank you for caring about small hidden wonders.

The Greenspace column appears quarterly and is special to The Cambrian. Email Greenspace at info@greenspacecambria.org or visit www.greenspacecambria.org.
VIEWPOINT  RON WALTMAN

Honor Flight Christmas Tree
to be auctioned one last time

Ron Waltman is finance officer
and past commander
of American Legion Post 432
in Cambria.

It all began in October 2014
when Cambria’s
two young enterpris-
ing cinematographers,
Kyle and Carlos Plummer,
then ages 18 and 13 re-
spectively, had just com-
pleted a Tour of Honor
with the newly formed
Honor Flight Central
Coast California. The boys
filmed all aspects of the
flight that transported
21 local veterans to Wash-
ton, D.C. Their docu-
mentary of the flight,
called “Tour of Honor,”
got on to win multiple
film festival awards.

For those of you who
may not be familiar
with the program, Honor Flight
is a national nonprofit
organization created solely
to honor America’s
veterans for their sacri-
fices. We transport
our heroes, at no cost to them,
to Washington, D.C. to
visit and reflect at their
memorials. Top priority is
given to the senior veteran
— World War II survivors
along with those
other veterans who may be
suffering from a terminal
illness.

The Honor Flight
Central Coast California
campaign was started in 2014.

Since that date, we have
done the proceeds to
Honor Flight. After cajol-
ing their parents to drive
them to Home Depot, they
sought out the store
manager and somehow
managed to get Home
Depot to donate a 7-foot
fully lit Christmas tree.
Once home, the tree was
decorated and entered
into the auction.

In December 2014 the
tree was originally pur-
chased by Cathy Wilson.
Once again, you would
think that would be the
end of the story. Nope.
After the holidays Cathy
donated the tree back so it
could be auctioned off the
next year. This pattern has
continued over the past
three years where it has
been purchased — some-
times by multiple patrons
on the same evening —
and then sent back to be
auctioned off again. Multi-
ple local veterans have
been recipients of what
the Plummer brothers
started in 2014.

We hope you will be
able to attend the Festival
of the Trees on Nov. 30
and marvel at the ever-
lastiing Honor Flight tree,
decorated once again
by Tina Quaschnick, for the
last time. We highly rec-
commend you purchase
your tickets in advance at
the Chamber of
Commerce. Admission
includes dinner, entertain-
ment, and of course the
auction.

Ron Waltman is treasurer
of Honor Flight Central
Coast California.

16 trees up for bidding in
Cambria to benefit charities

By Kateh Tanner
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This year’s Festival of
Trees Gala auction event
being held starting at
5 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 30,
at Cambria Pines Lodge
includes a buffet dinner
(served at 6 p.m.), compi-
lementary champagne,
o-host bar, a money-tree
drawing and live musical
entertainment by The
Belmores.

Oh yes, and a live auc-
tion of 16 holiday items,
including unique live
trees, fabulous fakes and
artistic creations, all deco-
rated and donated by
individuals or groups on
behalf of local nonprofit
organizations they sup-
port.

A special silent auction
of five cozy quilts will
benefit the Cambria
Chamber of Commerce,
which sponsors and man-
ages the entire event.

Midday Tuesday, Nov.
28, there were only a few
tickets left ($50 each) at
the chamber, (767 Main
St.). No tickets will be sold
at the door.

Ticket holders can park
at the lodge, 2905 Burton
Drive. However, chamber
officials are urging attend-
ees to carpool because the
Christmas Market will be
open that night, and hotel
guests and vehicles bear-
ing disabled placards also
will be parking in those
lots.

For details, call
805-927-3624 or email
www.cambriachamber.
org.

As of Monday, Nov. 27,
among the items up for
auction, and the nonprof-
its that will receive the
funds, were:

• “Tree of Life” by
Wendy Sheridan to ben-
fit Friends of the Elephant
Seal.

• “Peace on Earth” by
Brian and Wendy Sheri-
dan for the charity of the
buyer’s choice.

• “Santa Clause” by
Christel Chesney for
Cambria Rotary Club.

• “Ocean Art” by Pat-
rick Dennis for Cambria
Dog Park.

• “A Child’s Christ-
mas” by Ken and Gisela
Cooper for Homeless
Animal Rescue Team
(HART).

• “Home for the Hol-
days” by David Pierson
for Troop Support Ser-
vices.

• “Ocean Breezes” by
Tish Rogers for Santa
Rosa Church.

• “A Winter Wonderland” by Maureen Kasper
for Cambria Education
Foundation.

• “Seaside Serenity” by
Cyndi Whittmeyer for
Fiscalini Ranch Preserve.

• “Home on the
Range” by Elvie McDo-
ald for Future Farmers of
America.

• “A Fashionable
Christmas” by Mona
Sheppard and Keri Daniel
for high school arts pro-
gram.

• “Peace, Love and
Understanding,” by San
Simeon Equestrian for
Greenspace — The Cam-
bria Land Trust.

• “Cambria Beauty” by
local artists and ArtBeat
students to benefit the
ArtBeat program.

SAFE HARBOR
PRESBYTERIAN

ADVENT SCHEDULE
December 3 2:00 PM “A Knock on the Door”
December 10 2:00 PM “A Little Help from a Friend”
December 17 1:30 PM “Magnificent“
Special Musical Concert
Featuring Cyndi Culp and Tony Destro

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
11:00 AM followed by a Community Brunch

Welcome to SHELTERED HARBOR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Reverend Eugenia Gamble
Safe Harbor Presbyterian Church meets at
2700 Eton Road
(St. Paul’s Episcopal Church)
3:00 PM Coffee Fellowship follows the service

Welcoming, Loving, Accepting

To know and enjoy God forever
Opinion

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

2017 Craft Circle sale best ever

Thank you from The Cambria Craft Circle for the support from the community at our annual sale, held Nov. 11. It was our best sale ever and, because of this, we are able to divide the proceeds from the sale among 12 charities!

If you would like to join the craft circle, our first get together for next year is Tuesday, Feb. 6, at 10 a.m. in the fellowship hall at Community Presbyterian Church, 2250 Yorkshire Drive.

– Terry Castleberry, Cambria

Water, sewer more than just the SWF

Chris Lewi and his wife are to be applauded for their ongoing efforts to use and reuse water wisely and efficiently. If more Cambria residents followed their example, we could become the model community I envisioned when I first ran for office back in 2010.

The Sustainable Water Facility was proposed, and received a permit, for emergency use only for current residents, and not for growth. Unfortunately, the ongoing costs to do testing, to pursue decommissioning the impoundment basin as ordered by the Regional Water Quality Control Board, pay for the SEIR, and so forth, have amounted to more than $1 million this year alone. Meanwhile, the plant has not been in operation since December 2016, and likely will not be in operation for several months into the coming year.

The future of the SWF will be determined by various local, state and federal agencies, including the California Coastal Commission. And while its approval may appear to provide a feeling of water security for our community, the ongoing financial insecurity the SWF continues to pose is a concern that should not be overlooked. In addition, much-needed improvements regarding water storage and delivery, as well as at the wastewater (sewer) plant, have been deferred and pushed down the road by the board and general manager in response to budget challenges faced by the district, meaning the ratepayers of Cambria.

The situation regarding the water and sewer demands of Cambria, and the monies involved to fund all of the needs of the district and the community, is far more complex than simply being in support of the SWF. Decision-making by the Board of Directors and district management must take all circumstances into consideration as we move forward in these challenging and unpredictable times.

– Harry Farmer, Director, Cambria Community Services District

Presbyterian 50th anniversary soon

The Community Presbyterian Church of Cambria is celebrating its 50th anniversary at 2250 Yorkshire Drive. Before moving to its present location, the church owned and held services on Bridge Street at the church formerly referred to as “The Little White Church in the Pines.” Construction on that church began in 1874, when the Community Presbyterian Church was organized.

In March 1964, the Rev. P.A. Castellano was called to be pastor. The congregation was outgrowing the Bridge Street facilities, so a building committee hired Warren Leopold to prepare architectural plans. A total of $90,000 was raised from the sale of the Bridge Street property, and gifts and pledges from members and friends, and construction of the sanctuary began in
the Brambles on Burton Avenue at Rodeo Grounds Road, Coast Union High School or Cambria Grammar School.

I opted for the Brambles, because it was closest, and even though we arrived a half-hour early, we still had to wait for the third bus because of the crowd. To my delight, it was a “party bus,” with seats along the sides and plenty of legroom. This is important if you’re 6-foot-5.

Unfortunately, on the way back, we wound up on a school bus, with enough leg room for a middle school student. I didn’t fit into those seats even when I was in middle school; as an adult, I felt like a king crab trying to contort itself into a log position. Fortunately, the shuttle trip wasn’t too long, and the buses taking us back down the hill arrived and departed quickly.

THE MARKET

The market and light festival more than lived up to the hype. I visited two years ago, and it’s expanded since then, with more vendor booths and, organizers say, close to 2 million lights.

We thought we’d get some food first and then tour the lights, but a lot of other people had the same idea, so I wound up waiting in line for about 20 minutes. The lines weren’t well organized, and it wasn’t clear whether there was supposed to be a single line for two cashiers or two separate lines at the booth we chose. But it was just the first night, so some confusion is to be expected.

The market has a fun selection of vendors. We bought four wooden tree ornaments for just $22 at one booth (you won’t find prices like that at Disneyland, either!), and I picked up a scented horse-shoe-shaped, microwavable pillow for my perpetually sore neck.

THE ATTRACTIONS

A word of caution: Watch where you’re going as you pass through the attraction’s famous lighted tunnel. It’s a popular place for people to stop and take selfies, so it can resemble an obstacle course at times. (Some couples even stopped to get shots of themselves smooching, and we couldn’t resist doing the same).

My favorite experiences included:

- Walking through a short tunnel of white lights and dangling snowflakes, which seemed to mesmerize a few young children who rode through the section on adult shoulders.
- Stopping to listen to a three-piece instrumental group play Christmas songs and carols on the stage below the main path.
- The eggnog, plain or spiked (I’m a sucker for eggnog).
- And, of course, the lights.

The highlights of the Cambria Nursery section, across Burton Avenue, are reindeer cutouts the the size of a moose and a gigantic Christmas-themed shop with seemingly more Santas than there are elves at the real North Pole. (Yes, there really are a lot of elves at the North Pole, and if you care to deny it, I hereby sentence you to watch “Miracle on 34th Street” at least three times between now and Christmas.)

We stopped to take pictures in the giant wooden cutout Christmas cards, and walked the entire path – sometimes amid what seemed to be a winding river of human bodies. It really was busy, and it was a good thing we got there early. We arrived at 5 and didn’t end up leaving until after 8, less than an hour before the market. Arriving late is not an option I’d recommend, especially on a busy night.

Was it worth it? Let’s put it this way: Samaire loves Disneyland, and she thinks it’s better than that. Nuff said.

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A ceiling of white lights and snowflakes is among the dazzling displays at this year’s Cambria Christmas Market

A lighted elephant is among the new displays.

June 1967. The unique retaining wall around the sanctuary was built using stone donated by William Randolph Hearst.

The first worship service on the Yorkshire property was held on Sunday, Dec. 10, 1967. A celebration service will take place at 10 a.m. Dec. 10, 2017, exactly 50 years to the day later. The public is cordially invited to attend, with a luncheon following in the Fellowship Hall (reservation required).

– Debbie Soto, Cambria

Filling board seat shouldn’t be hard

Let me start by saying I no longer have a dog in this fight. My wife, Sally, and I moved to Arizona in 2012 after living in Cambria for 23 years. I served as a director on the CCSD board for five years in the early ’90s. During my tenure, the board moved a desal project all the way through the Coastal Com-

mission receiving a unanimous project approval. Unlike the current facility, the project was approved with an ocean intake and outfall.

The Cambria Community Services District must sell water to create a revenue stream sufficient to meet current and future obligations. Sally and I watch the CCSD meetings on a regular basis. As was mentioned during public comment at the Nov. 22 meeting, the board is not stepping up to address the task at hand. The board is overlooking the process and wasting hours of time seeking qualifications and backgrounds they themselves seemingly do not possess.

The selection of a new director is a simple choice: Choose a director who will seek and provide sufficient water to sell, which would provide financial stability to the district. Or, select a director who will seek status quo and search for answers in financial budgets showing disappointing cash flows.

– Patrick Child, Arizona
Fiscalanl Ranch Preserve Forest Loop Trail Walk
10 a.m.-noon. Walk the Forest Loop Trail of the Fiscalin Ranch Reserve with a FFRP docent. Enjoy our Monterey Pine forest as we learn about the plants, animals, human history and the trails. 2 hours, 2.5 miles long with very little elevation gain. Bring water, shoes that protect the toes, and wear long pants to help protect from possible poison oak. Children welcome with adult supervision. Rain cancels. Free. Directions: 805-400-5366.

Folk Music
2-4 p.m. 7:30-9:30 p.m. San Luis Obispo County’s official Town Criers and folksingers Bev and Jerry Praver will open the show with their close harmonies. The main act is Bob Reid and Judi Jaeger. Original songs and original interpretations of other people’s songs, accompanied on acoustic guitar and ukulele, with harmonies that will give you the shivers. Pewter Plough Playhouse, 828 Main St., Cambria. $20. 805-927-3877.

Life and Times on the Shore
2:30-4 p.m. Observe life on the shore and in the tide pools of Morro Strand to North Point. Learn about seasonal changes of the beach. Bring binoculars; wear sturdy beach shoes and layered clothing. Take Highway 1 north to Yerba Buena exit; turn west to meet at Morro Strand State Beach entrance kiosk in North Morro Bay. Moderate walk, 1 mile, 1.5 hours. No dogs. Free. 805-077-2269.

Monday, Dec. 4
Oil Painting with Jason Mayar
9 a.m.-1 p.m. Learn to paint still life in oil with Jason Mayar. Art Center Morro Bay, 835 Main St., Morro Bay. $30 MBAA members or $35 for nonmembers. 805-772-2504.

Tuesday, Dec. 5
Songwriters at Play Song Contest
6:30-9 p.m. Three judges award prizes for Best Song, Best Performance, and Best Overall. Each contestant does two songs. No cost to attend; contestants pay $5 entry fee that includes a glass of wine, beer or soft drink; entry fee goes toward $500 grand prize June 2018. Morro Bay Wine Seller, 601 Embarcadero No. 5, Morro Bay. Free. 805-204-6621.

Wednesday, Dec. 6
Benefit Yoga: Friends of Fiscalin Ranch
9:30-10:30 a.m. Join us for a one hour all level, slow and slow yoga class. 100 percent of proceeds benefit Friends of Fiscalin Ranch. If you have any questions, email instructor, Sheri Kosh, at sjkosh@gmail.com Tula Yoga, 614 Main St., Cambria. Donation based: $15 suggested. 805-909-2818.

Sunday, Dec. 3
Windy Cove Mud and Tide Pools
3-4:30 p.m. Windy Cove is a treasure for people with a love of nature and the outdoors. Learn about the tide pools of Windy Cove and the wonderful creatures that live within them. SONOMA Magazine will host a reception for the book “SONOMA’s Tidepools” from 3-4 p.m. at the artist’s gallery, 1265 Main St., Cambria. Free. 805-927-3131.

Sunday, Dec. 7
Hospitaility Night Cambria
5-8 p.m. Share the warmth of the holidays with neighbors and friends. Enjoy tree lighting, carolers, decorations, food, fun and festivities. Along Main Street and Burton Drive, downtown Cambria. Free. 805-927-3624.

Friday, Dec. 8
Zen Doodle
10 a.m.-noon. Art Center Morro Bay hosts a free drop-in adult coloring book session open to the public. Relax and unwind with the newest adult coloring books Friday mornings. For more info visit www.artcentermorrobay.org or call 805-772-2504. Art Center Morro Bay, 835 Main St., Morro Bay. Free. 805-772-2504.

Charlie Shoemake
6-8:30 p.m. Pianist Charlie Shoemake plays songs from the Great American Songbook. Harmony Café, 824 Main St., Cambria. 805-924-1219.

Reading & Book-Signing: Christmas Ghost Stories
7-8:30 p.m. Morro Bay resident Mark Onspaugh, known for writing dark fantasy, horror and science fiction, will share some tales from his book “Christmas Ghost Stories — a collection of winter tales.” Coffee, tea and treats. Onspaugh has published dozens of short stories in the past few years. In addition to the produced film Kill Katie Malone, he has several other screenplays in various stages of development, and he was also one of the writers of the cult favorite “Flight of the Living Dead.” Mark Onspaugh, 824 Main St., Morro Bay. 805-772-2880.

Fllobots in concert
7:30 p.m. Fllobots, a Denver collective committed to positive social change and activism, is comprised of a pair of emcees, childhood friends Jonny 5 and Brer Rabbit, who joined forces with classically trained violinist and vocalist Mackenzie Gault, guitarist Andy Guerrero, bassist Jesse Walker and drummer Kenny Ortiz. Their sound explores and expands the frontiers of live hip-hop, taking their cues from such bands as Rage Against the Machine, The Roots and Outkast. The Siren, 900 Main St., Morro Bay. www.fllobots.com.

Thursday, Nov. 30
Annual Winter Faire & Juried Craft Show
Noon-4 p.m. Holiday exhibition and sale of paintings, photography and fine crafts from traditional to contemporary. Crafts include fiber art, wood, glass, jewelry and more. Through Dec. 22. Art Center Morro Bay, 835 Main St., Morro Bay. Free. 805-772-2504.

Saturday, Dec. 2
Co-Dependants Anonymous co-ed meeting
1-2:15 p.m. Twelve-step recovery program for anyone who desires to have healthy and loving relationships with themselves and others. The Cambria Connection, 1069 Main St., Cambria. 805-203-5875.

Sea Shell Scavenger Hunt
1-4 p.m. Hunt for hidden sea shells. Morro Bay State Park Museum of Natural History. $3 adults; under 17 free. 805-772-2694.
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COASTAL RANCH
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1925 RICHARD, $898,000
This 4 BR, 2.5 BA house HAS IT ALL!! Views, quality construction, and extra elbow room. Situated on 4 street-to-street lots, the views are outstanding, all the way up to the Piedras Blancas lighthouse and Hearst Castle!

2850 ARDATH, $369,000
This charming 1 BR, 1 BA cottage is full of potential. It makes for a weekend getaway or the beginning of your transition to life on the wonderful Central Coast. The 5,250 SF lot allows for creativity and opportunity.

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CROYDEN LANE, $339,000
White Water Views! Build Now Water Meter! Sunny south-facing lot is ready for your new home. The slight upslope lot will allow you to build a one or two story home. See ocean from both levels.

5660 MOONSTONE BEACH, $899,000
This 2 BR, 3 BA, licensed vacation rental boasts impressive views of the ocean and estuary. The open floor plan is perfect for entertaining. Multiple ocean view decks. Close to the boardwalk, West Village, Shamel Park and The Ranch.

2086 Main St. $2,750,000
The Redwood Center offers multiple opportunities. At its current 100% occupied status, the Cap rate is 4.3%. 28 EDUs offers inerrant potential for future development.

2911 ERNEST, $497,000
2 bed / 2 bath home has decks, wrapped in sunny forest with wood vaulted ceilings, a new kitchen and more! Easy access to beach and town. Move-in ready!

4699 WINDSOR BLVD. $3,395,000
Virtually single-level, 4BR, 3BA, 2638 SF ocean front home on an 8600 SF lot. The house has been completely remodeled inside. The master opens up to the ocean.

ACTIVE Water Meter, $250,000
This listing is for an ACTIVE residential water meter ONLY. Neither the land nor the building is included. The land reverts back to the Seller, the Cambria Historical Society.

1648 RICHARD, $759,000
Ocean views from this Top of the World beauty! Updated with class throughout this 3 BR, 3 BA PLUS guest unit home. Fruit trees abound. Must see!

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This charming 1 BR, 1 BA cottage is full of potential. It makes for a weekend getaway or the beginning of your transition to life on the wonderful Central Coast. The 5,250 SF lot allows for creativity and opportunity.

BUILD NOW!
(Family Features) If you manage to avoid hosting duties this holiday season, you may be dodging some of the hardest work, but remember that being a good guest goes beyond arriving on time and taking your shoes off at the door. This holiday season, ensure your host gets to enjoy the festivities by putting these ideas to practice - it may earn you an invitation for years to come.

Make a holiday playlist. Offer to put together a holiday playlist for the host who will undoubtedly have his or her hands full preparing for the holiday celebration. Try to choose songs specific to the guests, host and overall theme. A good playlist can be a conversation starter for everyone at the party.

Don’t arrive empty-handed. Even if your host shrugs off an offer for help, a gesture of appreciation is always appropriate. It may be a bottle of wine, a seasonal flower arrangement or, better yet, an appetizer or dessert to share, such as this mouthwatering Slow Cooker Banana Cake. This crowd-pleasing cake is made using a Crock-Pot(r) Cook & Carry Slow Cooker, which has a locking lid and travel clips to help you get to your holiday celebration without making a mess. The 6-quart, removable pot can be used as a serving dish, and is dishwasher safe to make clean-up a breeze.

Stay off your phone. It may seem obvious, but these days, looking at your phone is almost as habitual as breathing, and chances are you don’t mean to appear standoffish or rude by sneaking a quick peek. However, playing with your phone can detract from time you get to spend with family and friends, many of whom you probably don’t get to see often. Tuck away your phone for the party and live in the moment.

Pitch in to help clean. No host likes to be stuck in the kitchen while the rest of the party carries on. After the meal, offer your help to clear the table, put away perishable items and get the kitchen back in order so your host can join the merry-making. If you’ll be opening gifts, grab a garbage bag and collect debris to help keep the mess under control.

Find more holiday recipes and tips at Crock-Pot.com.

Slow Cooker Banana Cake

Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: 4 hours
Servings: 12

Crock-Pot(r) Cook & Carry Slow Cooker nonstick cooking spray
3 cups flour
1 1/2 teaspoons baking soda
pinch of salt
3-4 ripe bananas
2 lemon wedges, juice only
3/4 cup butter, softened
3 eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 1/2 cups almond milk
cream cheese frosting

Grease slow cooker with nonstick spray. In medium bowl, combine flour, baking soda and salt; set aside.
In small bowl, mash bananas and lemon juice together; set aside.
In large bowl, use mixer to cream butter and honey. Add eggs and mix well. Stir in vanilla then milk. Gradually add flour mixture. Once combined, stir in mashed bananas.
Pour into slow cooker. Cover; cook on low 6 hours or high 4 hours, or until center of cake no longer looks gooey.
Uncover and let cake cool. Once completely cooled, frost cake and, if desired, top with sliced bananas and walnuts.

Notes: If adding bananas, do so just before serving or they will brown. If using a non-oval slow cooker, cook 1 hour less on high heat or 2 hours less on low heat.

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Source: Crock-Pot

Panoramic White Water & Coastal views from this RARE Pool home. 3 Bedroom, 3 Bathroom, Park Hill Dream home. Licensed Vacation Rental. The list of amenities associated with this home seems endless, so please visit www.315BristolStCambria.com

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Prepare Your Home for Holiday Guests

Prepare your home for holiday guests by ensuring they feel comfortable and welcomed. Here are some tips to help:

**Entryway**
The first step into a home away from home for the holidays can set the tone for the entire visit, so make sure that first impression is a welcoming one. Incorporate lively seasonal décor into the space to create a cheerful, festive atmosphere. Be sure the area is free of clutter and make space for your guests' shoes, coats and other personal items to send a message that they're welcome.

**Guest Bedroom**
For elderly guests, you may consider adding an adjustable base to your guest bed. Adjustable bases, including those available at Mattress Firm, are solid metal structures that fit twin- to king-sized mattresses and act as a movable foundation with the power to adjust the mattress into a variety of positions from reclining to inclining. These bases can be suitable for sleepers with chronic pain, sleep disorders inclining. These bases can be suitable for sleepers with chronic pain, sleep disorders such as sleep apnea or the average sleeper just a good idea to ensure there are ample flat surfaces and coasters available for beverages so you can comfortably visit well into the night.

**Guest Bathroom**
Although visitors are likely to carry their own toiletries, it can be awkward to discover any forgotten essential while in an unfamiliar home. Stock your guest bath with the basics to ensure guests have everything they need, such as extra toothpaste, shampoo, razors and deodorant. Also provide plenty of freshly laundered, fluffy towels and washcloths.

**Living Room**
Adding extra bodies to the household may put seating space at a premium, especially during the holidays when seasonal decorations take up extra room. Remove unnecessary items from the living area and add seating, if necessary, to ensure everyone can gather comfortably. It’s also a good idea to ensure there are ample flat surfaces and coasters available for beverages so you can comfortably visit well into the night.

**Kitchen**
For close friends or family, you’re likely to know their preferences and it’s easy to stock up on a few favorites ahead of time. If a new guest will be joining, be sure to ask about likes or dislikes as well as allergy or dietary needs ahead of time. Make a point to show first-time guests around the kitchen early in the stay so they can easily find anything they might need, such as a glass for water during the night.

For more tips and tricks on getting your home prepped for the busy holiday season, follow along with SleepGiving or visit MattressFirm.com/blog.

Photo courtesy of Getty Images #14068
Get organized. The secret to conquering the holiday season is having a plan. Take 10-15 minutes to update your calendar with all your holiday parties, family engagements, secret Santa exchanges or any other gifting commitments. Make sure to include dates, locations, times and even specifics, like themes, if they’re available. If you have multiple holiday events, you might even color-coordinate your planner for an easy visual reminder. Sync your events across all smart devices for an easy glance at the touch of a button.

Find your go-to gifts. As an adult, deciphering what kind of gifts a child wants in this digital age can be tricky. Some classics like brick toys are still a hit with kids of all ages. Studies show that 60 percent of children love playing with brick toys and more than half of parents love that their kids do, according to Mattel Global Consumer Insights. Try product lines like Mega Construx and Mega Bloks, which combine the fun of brick toys with popular franchises to create exciting products for kids. Find more holiday gift ideas at shop.mattel.com.

Wrap gifts early. Now that you have your plan in place, save time by purchasing all the gifts you will need for the holidays and wrapping them at one time. Prevent the stress of a last-minute gift wrap run by pre-wrapping gifts and simply labeling them with removable sticky notes.

Build a gifting closet. Once you have your gifts wrapped and ready to go, consider using an old crate or storage container and turning it into a “gifting closet.” Insert dividers to separate the gifts by age range and set aside your treasure trove in an easy-to-reach storage area. You can even use this closet year-round for birthdays and other gifting events. On the day of the party, simply open your gifting closet, grab a gift for the right age and head out the door.

Another option to save time and money this holiday season is to enter for the chance to win a gifting closet with $1,000 worth of Mega products to help you conquer the gifting season. To enter the sweepstakes, post an original holiday photo to Instagram or Twitter with a short caption that includes why the entrant likes to give or receive construction toys as gifts. For full details, visit rules.prizelogic.com/MegaSocialSweeps.

These four tips can help you conquer holiday gifting like a pro:

(Advertisorial courtesy of Family Features) While the holidays might be the most wonderful time of the year for children, the gifting season can quickly spiral out of control for unprepared shoppers.

In Cambria, currently there are 61 residences on the market ranging in price form $309,000 to $55,000,000 and 106 vacant lots for sale ranging from $7,000 to $5,900,000. There are 6 commercial/business opportunities listed between $275,000 - $2,750,000.

In San Simeon, currently there are 2 residences on the market ranging in price from $809,900 to $939,000.

Sold properties in the Real Estate Exchange were not necessarily the representation of RE/MAX Pines by the Sea.
6460 Buckley. Behind a gated entry, this private refuge is on 1.5 acres with a recently remodeled home and detached guest home. 3,100+/- sq ft home with 1/2 bath and 400+/- sq ft of private deck seating. Many upgrades including a beautifully remodeled master suite and bathrooms. $1,299,000

575 Weymouth. Contemporary beach home capturing a distinctive tone of quality living by the sea. 8 foot entry doors and a floating glass staircase 2,963 sq ft. 3 Bd, 4 Ba, formal dining and office. $1,075,000

1785 Hudson. Enjoy majestic views of the Santa Lucia mountains from the oversized picture windows in this newly renovated contemporary 4 Bd, 3 Ba home in the sunny side of Cambria. This is a licensed vacation rental. $748,500

612 Exeter. Sweeping ocean views, 4,200+/- sq ft. French Country style in Leimert Estates on over 1/2 landscaped acre. 4 Bd, 4 Ba PLUS 5th Bd or media/gym room. $2,395,000

1730 Spencer. Immaculate home located in a sunny microclimate with mountain and valley views. Features include a breakfast nook, dining area, Brazilian hardwood floors, fireplace and decks. $610,000

2171 Burton. Cozy Charmer. Beautifully situated on 5 lots full of trees. Living room with vaulted ceilings, kitchen and sleeping loft above. Master bedroom and bathroom. Large evergreen deck off living room for outside entertainment. $429,000

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2710 Marlborough. Beautiful sweeping whitewater ocean views! Charming 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath home. Vaulted cedar ceilings in the great room upstairs. Steps from Fiscalini Ranch. Make this affordable coastal hide-away yours! $719,000

348 Wellington. Spectacular whitewater views of Moonstone Beach! Beautiful kitchen remodel, 3 bedrooms - each with their own bath. Bonus room off the garage. $899,900

527 Warwick. Ocean view home on Happy Hill. Upper level living, kitchen, dining area and master suite. Kitchen with quartz countertops, hardwood flooring and updated appliances. $675,000

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This doesn’t have to be a season of disposable dreams

Returning from the great Northwest, our hearts full of family love, we had much time to reflect while driving down the interstate. Often on the brink of joyful tears as we recounted details of the visit, we were also comfortable in silence, just feeling it. But there was one stop to attend to and then there was … traffic!

It began when we stopped at the big outlet mall south of Portland. I do not frequent these places, but my companion had needed some shoes and, well, so did I frankly, so we had picked some up here before we get swallowed up! Why? Why do we continue to heap tons of plastic, short-life, non-enriching crap on each other? Even nice wool or cotton or wood items? I confess, I supported a tiny shop by the side of the highway in Oregon by buying some handmade items for gifts. Useable gifts, I believe, but … there you are!

“Look at how much trash is all along this road! Everywhere!” my companion exclaimed. Indeed, the entire artery of the West Coast (Interstate 5) was littered with mostly plastic bits, but there was the occasional recliner (out of someone’s truck loaded for a move?) and string of clothes (with a crushed suitcase connected to the presumed trajectory).

“I’m guessing that given the speed with which we travel on this road and lack of maintenance dollars, no one gives a hoot what happens here,” I ventured.

But that’s the point. Nobody cares about the cups and toys and tools and wood and plastic bags and bottles that fly out of or off of a vehicle because they will just get more/

Another!” Consume, consume. Mind you, a lot of this highway passes through some demographically financially challenged neighborhoods, so I’m guessing they have to work harder to acquire this stuff. But, no, it is mostly trash. Even glancing in yards and fields, there is a glut of seemingly worthless trash piled up high. It is not my place to judge, but, why do we get it in the first place?

Many of you have already gotten your Christmas/Chanukah list filled before Thanksgiving. But, if you haven’t please consider the impact of what you purchase. I know, I know, I harp on this every year. But, I am compelled to remind us all of the fact that we need to be more mindful of our purchases and actions.

How about homemade cleaning products or beauty products in reusable containers with the recipe to make their own that they may refill the containers. How about donations to their favorite charity (or yours if they don’t have one)? Gift certificates to local businesses — including thrift shops, mechanics and grocery stores — support our neighbors and are actually useful.

At least try to buy them only one thing instead of 12 hot-pink-fuzzy-wide-eyed-ugly dolls or yet another mug they’ve no room for or … whatever. I love the holidays, truly, I do! I lovevrvvvvie to give. I love to make. So, this is not about being a Scrooge. It’s about giving to the planet as much as to each other. Spend time together. Do things for each other. Spread love. That is the greatest gift that never goes out of season or fashion!

Dianne Brooke’s column appears weekly and is special to The Cambrian. Visit her website at www.ladytiedi.com. Email her at ltd@ladytiedi.com.

DIANNE BROOKE

Discarded items along the side of the highway can range from sofas to plastic containers to shoes, like the one pictured.

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WEATHER — WELLS

WEATHER Service forecast (as of Tuesday): Thursday: Sunny. Highs from the mid-60s to around 70 at the beaches, to the mid-70s inland. North winds around 15 mph. Lows in the 40s. Friday: Partly cloudy. Highs from the mid- to upper 60s at the beaches; low to mid-70s inland. Lows in the 40s to around 50.

**SUNSET**

- NOVEMBER 21: 5:30 pm
- NOVEMBER 22: 5:29 pm
- NOVEMBER 23: 5:28 pm
- NOVEMBER 24: 5:26 pm
- NOVEMBER 25: 5:24 pm
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- Cambria Chevron: $3.79
- Cambria General Store: $3.77
- Cambria Shell: $3.79
- Atascadero Klem’s: $3.09
- Cayucos Gas: $3.79
- Morro Gas: $3.03
- Paso Robles Fastrip: $2.87
- SLO Conserv Fuel: $3.09
Friday, Dec. 1
County Planning Department hearing officer. 9 a.m. Board of Supervisors Chambers, County Government Center, 1055 Monterey St., San Luis Obispo. 781-5600. www.slocounty.ca.gov/planning.htm. No Cambria, Harmony or San Simeon items on agenda.

Monday, Dec. 4
Cambria Community Services District Board of Directors. 10 a.m., Veterans Memorial Building, 1000 Main St. 927-6223. www.cambriascd.org. Agenda includes: Interviews of applicants for seat left vacant by the resignation of Greg Sanders; selection of new director to fill Sanders’ seat. On TV: Charter Cable Channel 21, 6 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. Saturday, 6 p.m. Monday and 9 a.m.


Tuesday, Dec. 5

Wednesday, Dec. 6
Table Talk with Harry Farmer. 10 a.m.-noon. Redwood Cafe, 2094 Main St. Cambria. All Cambrians are invited to discuss issues of concern regarding the Cambria Community Services District with CCSD Director Harry Farmer.
**Grand holiday meal at Hearst Castle will cost at least $1,000**

BY KATHE TANNER
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It’s a rare, expensive opportunity drenched in history, absolute luxury and a level of formality not often experienced on the North Coast.

In fact, it’s been three years since Friends of Hearst Castle last sponsored their Holiday Feast, a festively elegant, black-tie evening in the iconic Refectory of William Randolph Hearst’s former estate.

As of Monday, Nov. 20, only 25 tickets still were available for the limited-seating affair, set for 5:30 to 10:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9. Cost is $1,000 for Friends members and $1,350 for nonmembers, so it can obviously pay to join the group.

The evening begins with a luxury coach ride to the hilltop Castle that is the ultimate Christmas decoration, and proceeds through a sparkling-wine reception and a five-course gourmet meal. Each course is paired with notable local wines.

It will cost you either $1,000 or $1,350 to attend Friends of Hearst Castle’s Holiday Feast, set for Dec. 9.

The menu includes passed hors d’oeuvres of lobster, albacore, foie gras and oysters, and courses of cold smoked king salmon on a potato crisp, crispy duck confit with mushroom and goat cheese, braised beef short rib with mascarpone polenta and gremolata, and a dessert of molten-center chocolate soufflé cake with espresso ice cream sandwich.

**CHRISTMAS IN CAMBRIA**

Cambria prepares for Hospitality Night, rescheduled kids’ party

BY STEPHEN H. PROVOST
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**The Cambrian Trolley**

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Music, merriment and plenty of, well, hospitality are in store for Cambria residents and visitors on Thursday, Dec. 7, the date for this year’s Hospitality Night downtown.

Local businesses along Main Street in the East and West Villages — as well as along Burton Avenue and nearby in the downtown district — will welcome guests from 5 to 8 p.m.

The Cambria Trolley will run along Main Street throughout the evening.

Town Criers Bev and Jerry Praver will be on hand at 5:30 p.m. to kick off the festivities at the Cambria Chamber of Commerce, 767 Main St. in the West Village. Across town in the East Village, Santa will arrive via fire engine at the Cambria Historical Museum, Burton and Center Streets, for the traditional outdoor tree lighting ceremony at 6 p.m.

If you like music, you’ll have plenty of opportunity to hear songs from the season at a number of locations along the route:

- **Dancers By the Sea** will perform at 5:30 p.m. at the Historical Museum and again 20 minutes later at Arlington and Main in the East Village.
- **The Cambria Chorale** will perform at the Joslyn Recreation Center, 950 Main St., at 6 p.m., a prelude to the chorale’s show, “Ring Those Christmas Bells!” at 2 p.m. on consecutive Sundays, Dec. 10 and 17, at Community Presbyterian Church.
- **There will also be live music at the Chamber of Commerce, Pewter Plough Playhouse and Verde, all in the West Village.**

There’ll be munchies, too. Hot dogs will be available at the Chamber and Veterans Memorial Building, and you can make your own s’mores bars at Among Friends in the East Village. Various merchants typically serve treats such as hot spiced cider (Robin’s); hot cocoa and oat bars (Mojo’s). If you like cookies and other treats, you can find them at GOWA, The Painted Lily, A Matter of Taste or Robin’s.

In addition, you can make holiday friendship bracelets at Ball & Skein or watch a demo on clay tile carving at The Painted Lily, both in the East Village. In the West Village, you can get free massages at Therapy by the Sea or Verde, and take photos at the Love Story Project in the West Village.

Various merchants will be offering promotions:

- The Painted Lily will hold a drawing for an art piece.
- GOWA (Gallery of Wearable Art) at 4009 West St. has a 20-percent-off sale.
- Parts Unknown in the East Village will offer a gift with purchase to the first 30 customers.
- Ephraim Pottery in the West Village has a 10-percent-off sale and a raffle for a vase.

For more information, contact the Cambria Chamber at info@ cambriachamber.org.

**LIONS KIDS’ PARTY MOVES TO DEC. 9**

The Lions Club of Cambria has moved the date for its free holiday party for kids, which will henceforth be on the second Saturday of December. “Otherwise, it’s too close to Thanksgiving,” said Walt Thomason, chairman of the event that will be held this year from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 9.

The December party is equally beloved by the youngsters, their families and the people who provide it. The event — which the late Bud Goff called “the community’s party for all children” — happens at the Pinedorado Grounds, next to the Veterans Memorial Building, 1000 Main St., unless there’s rain that day. In that case, the celebration moves inside the hall.

Santa plans to arrive about noon for his meet-and-greet photo op with the youngsters. The Lions provide free food, rides on the kiddie-sized train, games and prizes, face painting, a visit with wild birds and a bounce house (weather permitting).

The club has sponsored the free event for more than a quarter-century.
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**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:** James Ely Lyon
**CASE NUMBER:** 17PR 0411

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of James Ely Lyon:

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by: Mildred Judith Lyon in the Superior Court of California, County of San Luis Obispo.

THE PETITION requests that Mildred Judith Lyon be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

The personal representative will allow the personal representatives of interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action. The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:
- **Date:** February 6, 2018
- **Time:** 9:00 AM
- **Dept.:** 9
- **Address of court:** 1035 Palm Street, Rm. 385, San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing.

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You may examine the file held by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 2950. You may examine the file and file a request for an opportunity to be heard.

For a CCSD application and more information please go to www.cambriacsd.org or call (805) 927-6223. No faxed or emailed applications will be accepted.

**Final filing date:** December 18, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.

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and bell ringers on the North Coast, because of a lack of a qualified coordinator and volunteers. Perhaps because of the lack of local kettles and the bell ringers who staff them, North Coast donations are down, but “the need for services is up,” Beth Quaintance, Salvation Army’s field rep in this county, said.

Donations can be sent to Salvation Army, P.O. Box 2654, Paso Robles CA 93447. She said those gifts do benefit people on the North Coast who need food or temporary financial assistance for housing and utilities.

For instance, Quaintance said the Army provided more than 20 turkeys to needy North Coast families this Thanksgiving. She also said that she’s still seeking bell ringers for Morro Bay sites. Anyone interested can call 610-0853.

- American Legion Post No. 432 has set up donation sites for its TS2 (Troop Support Services) program that sends supplies to active-duty service members, whose names are listed on the red-white-and-blue sign in the Cambria Veterans Memorial Building parking lot.

The post sets up donation-collection points at the post office on Monday mornings and Friday afternoons at the farmers market, according Post 2nd Vice Cmdr. Griffin. Donations (with “TS2” in the memo line) also can be sent to American Legion Post 432, P.O. Box 697, Cambria, 93428.

- Local food giveaway programs help needy families regularly and during the holidays. Among those programs are Cambria’s Anonymous Neighbors, Santa Rosa Catholic Church’s Loaves and Fishes Fund and Cambria Vineyard Church’s food outreach (some members from other churches also participate).

**OTHER CAUSES**

But those are far from the only reliable local organizations with causes worthy of support during the holidays and year-round.

In an informal online and in-person survey, these were among the charities and nonprofits mentioned by North Coast residents as being high on their “donate now” lists.

For details on the organizations, consult the club and organization pages in “The Original Community Directory for Cambria and San Simeon,” and websites for individual groups. They’re listed alphabetically:
- American Field Service international exchange program
- Arts associations, such as Allied Arts Association and Cambria Center for the Arts Theatre
- Beautify Cambria Association
- Cambria’s Anonymous Neighbors
- Cambria Community Council Open Heart, which gives grants to many of the others
- Cambria Connection
- Cambria Education Foundation
- Cambria Forest Committee
- Cambria 4H and FFA
- Cambria Head Start
- Cambria Historical Society and Museum
- Cambria Youth Athletic Association
- Camp Ocean Pines
- Coastal Discovery Center at San Simeon Bay/Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary
- Friends of the Cambria Library
- Friends of the Elephant Seal
- Friends of Fiscalini Ranch Preserve
- Friends of Hearst Castle
- Greenspace — The Cambria Land Trust
- Homeless Animal Rescue Team
- HomeShareSLO
- Joslyn Recreation Center
- Native daughters and sons of the Golden West (separate groups)
- Old Santa Rosa Chapel & Cemetery Committee
- Pacific Wildlife Care
- San Luis Obispo County Sheriff’s Office bicycle drive and Advisory Foundation
- Senior Nutrition Program
- Scouting groups
- School groups, such as Bronco Boosters (Coast Union High School)
- Service clubs, such as Rotary, Lions and Odd Fellows I00F No. 181
- Sports clubs
- University Women
- Woods Humane Society