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C'Ville VFD Picnic! September 19th

By Rita Ortega

It is almost time for the fun in the sun- the Annual Camptonville Volunteer Fire Department Benefit Picnic at the Rebel Ridge Market on Saturday September 19th beginning at 2:00-?

The day begins at 10:00 a.m. with the Gardeners' Market where you can purchase delicious locally grown fruit, vegetables, eggs and whole frozen chicken to be followed by food, drinks and loads of fun beginning at 2 p.m. The menu will include choice of Tri-tip, chicken, or hamburger served with salad, baked potato and bread, all of this for an \$8 donation to benefit our fire department! Veggie burgers will also be available for vegetarians. The raffle prizes as always are wonderful, including several cash prizes and donations for local and neighboring merchants. Raffle tickets are available now for \$1 each or 6 for \$5 at our local businesses. Tickets for the raffle will also be sold at the picnic! Children's games, music and a possible Smokey the Bear visit are planned.

Mark your calendars! Bring your sunscreen, grab your neighbor and come on out and show your support and appreciation for our awesome fire department!

As a side note the Camptonville water tender and volunteers were on the HOT fire line at the recent Yuba Fire which was a first for some of our volunteers. What a job well done!

Fire Adventure

By Assistant Chief Alan Kinne

Here is a short story about Camptonville's water tender experience at the Yuba Fire. I will elaborate more in next month's Chiefs Report:

The tender was dispatched on Friday, August 14th about 1 PM. The first crew with the tender saw a lot of fire and had some exciting moments. For the next 3 days, the tender was used to resupply fire engines that were fighting the fire. It was drive up service. They came to us and we refilled their tank. Each tender crew was on for 24 hours. Some got to go more than once. Although not in the thick of things for the most part, it was important work. Unfortunately, on Monday, August 17th, the tender suffered a rollover accident. No one was hurt and the tender did not suffer major damage. It will serve again as soon as possible. CalFire is going to pay for the repairs. Next month, I will go into more detail about some of the adventures we had.



Looking across Pleasant Valley around 8 p.m. on August 15. photo credit: Royce Hays

Yuba Fire Statistics

Information generously shared from
www.yubanet.com

Start date: August 14, 2009 12:28 pm (first report by the lookouts)

Cause: Fire investigators have confirmed the initial fire was started by a red-tail hawk that got into a power line, but another fire in the area remains under investigation.

Estimated containment date: August 23, 2009

Acres burned to-date: 3,891

Containment achieved: to-date: 90%

Firefighter injuries: 41

Structures destroyed: 2

Cost to-date: \$10.6 million

Gallons of retardant dropped on the fire as of August 20th: 317,116

Maximum number of firefighters assigned: 1,691 (on August 19, 2009)

Numbers of incident maps produced for firefighter use: 700 per day

Meals served in fire camp (as of August 20th): 12,124

Daily loads of laundry in fire camp: 340

Aircraft Facts and Numbers

At the height of the fire, ground crews were assisted by 16 helicopters and five tankers. The five tankers ranged from the S2T air tankers carrying a payload of 1,200 gallons of long-term fire retardant to the DC-10 Tanker 910 which can dump as much as 12,000 U.S. gallons of retardant in as little as eight seconds.

Gardeners' Market Update

By Rochelle Bell

If you haven't been there yet you have missed some good veggies and fruit. Also, the delicious crepes made by Jan and Stephanie sell out every week, Yum... We have a wonderful addition to the market this year, Soleil Farms, from North San Juan with humanely raised chickens and eggs. A jam session with acoustic instruments has started, so bring your music and join us for a fun visit with your local gardeners and buy their yummy produce. Saturdays 10am till noon at the Rebel Ridge Market.



Jimbo having fun selling locally grown fruit and veggies.



Stephanie K. making a crepe, proceeds to benefit the C'ville Historical society.

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Summer Travels in France

By Sage Po, local teen

Leaving Camptonville for 3 1/2 weeks this July, I had the opportunity to experience a very different town – Paris! From there I took the train to La Rochelle, a port city in western France, and after that to Rouffach, an Alsatian village where I attended MusicAlta Academy and Festival. Under the pretense of studying harp, I got to leave the United States for the first time, absorbing French culture, improving my language skills, and making new friends as well as perfecting my technique and working on major harp repertoire.

I visited Paris for a whirlwind three days, into which my “Aunt” Irene and I squeezed at least a week of sightseeing and food-eating! My favorite evening was spent at a concert in la Sainte-Chapelle, a 13th century chapel whose stained glass is awing. We listened to Pachelbel and Vivaldi as the setting sun illuminated the ancient windows all around us.

My stay in La Rochelle was completely different. Irene left me there with Madame Odile Godillon, a woman who had offered to share her harp and home with me for 10 days. She also showed me the countryside, introduced me to escargot and cooked melon, took me to a jazz harp concert (!), and immersed me in the French language. Having only taken one year of French, I found it incredible how much I began to understand what people were saying – I even had a harp lesson in French, with Odile’s teacher!

At the end of that leg of the journey, I didn’t want to leave! Even after just a week and a half there, I was going to miss Odile and life in La Rochelle a lot. Nevertheless, I was off to Rouffach and ready to enjoy yet another new experience!

At MusicAlta I had lessons every other day, was practicing all the time, and yet still ended up getting to know my fellow students and exploring the village, too! There were concerts all the time – one featuring a French fiddle player who had the audience hum (a lovely way to fill an eight-hundred year old church with sound) while he improvised on our drone – beautiful!

Finally it was time to fly back to California, to the relief of communicating fluently and the comfort of being back in the woods. Someday I’d like to go back to France, and travel to other parts of Europe and beyond... but for now I’m glad to be home.



Sage sitting outside of Le Centre Pompidou Modern Art Museum.



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We’d also like to thank Pascale Fusshoeller and Yubanet.com for amazing coverage and permission to use statistic information from www.yubanet.com. Please visit the site for more info and great photos of the fire. -Editor

Does My Child Need Preschool?

By Birdsong Sundstrom

I get inquiries about our program, and when parents learn that they need to stay at the school with their child who is participating in the program, they sometimes ask why they should come. After all, if they are home with their child, they can be getting that child ready for school themselves, so why go to the trouble of getting up early and getting to preschool classes on time? Well, that is a school readiness skill that families need to develop: learning to be organized – to have clothes, lunches, etc. ready every morning.

There are a few more important reasons though... Coming to preschool allows early childhood professionals help you gauge how ready your child is for school and what steps you can be taking at home to get ready. These include reading to your child EVERY day, making time for physical activities daily, and giving them access to lots of books and writing materials of their own. Point out printed words in your home and in the community as you go about your daily activities, sing songs and listen to music together, and encourage your child to become more independent, including in cleaning up and dressing themselves.

Research continues to show that those children who attend preschool the year before kindergarten tend to do better both academically and socially in elementary school, and are less likely to repeat a grade or require special education services. Preschool also promotes positive social and emotional development, through helping your child meet other children, work with new adults, and practice their sharing, group listening and cooperation skills. Here in Camptonville, we offer a parent participation school readiness program on the grounds of Camptonville School, funded in part by Yuba First Five. This program, called 1, 2, 3 Grow, meets every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM. Call 288-9355 for more information or to enroll.



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Roadside Spraying= Yuck!

By Rod Bondurant

A month or so ago, ugly brown stripes of dead vegetation appeared on the sides of Marysville and Moonshine Road. Our county road crew with the good intentions of keeping weeds & brush down along the roadside for visibility and fire prevention had sprayed herbicide as a lower cost alternative to mowing. Wow, it looked nasty & our local forest service people felt the band of dead brush and grass increased the risk of fire from hazards like a carelessly tossed cigarette butt.

So.... Several residents and the CCSD complained to our supervisor Hal Stocker. Very quickly the county came back and mowed the roadsides. It is still not looking great but it is much better & safer. Thanks Hal, for your concerns and help.

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Cancer & Recycling: What's the connection?

By Paula Goodman

Camptonville Buddies, our local American Cancer Society's Relay For Life team has been recycling the communities **CRV** bottles and cans for a little longer than 1 year. We want to thank Camptonville residents and visitors for donating their **CRV** bottles and cans. The monies we raise from these **CRV** bottles and cans helps the American Cancer Society to continue research efforts to find a cure for this disease -- **CANCER**. So you are helping clean up our community and the American Cancer Society, with your help, is cleaning up our health and reducing the incidents of cancer.

We have added a third blue bin at the Rebel Ridge Market hoping that you can help with the task of "sorting." Please put **ONLY CRV** items in the bins. The bins have been labeled for the specific items to be placed in each one: one for plastic water, soda & juice bottles, one for aluminum cans, and a third one for glass bottles. These are for beverage containers with a **CRV** value only. Sorry, but this does not include milk cartons, soap detergent bottles, motor oil or wine bottle containers. Large quantities of **CRV** donation pick-up service can be arranged: call us at 288-1228. Camptonville Buddies, Relay For Life, American Cancer Society reminds you -- "There is no finish line until we find a cure." If you have any questions, please call Paula at 288-1228 or email owlsneagles@inreach.com

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Dobbins Community Market By Stephanie Ruff

We received a call from Lew in Dobbins wanting to spread the news about the Dobbins Community Market which happens every Saturday from 10am-2pm at the Grange Picnic Area at 9765 Marysville Road. Not only can you buy organic produce; organic eggs, imported cheese and olives, goat and cow cheeses, crafts and flea market treasures are also available.

Spend a Saturday in the shade visiting old friends or making new ones while you shop, relax at the picnic tables and enjoy live music by Leticia. Booths are available for 20\$. Please call Lew at 692-9000 for more information. Lew hopes to continue the market year round as there are many wonderful winter crops grown in our area.

Advocacy Update

By Cathy LeBlanc

Hi folks. Camptonville Community Partnership advocacy staff has been working on fundamental steps to move forward the community goals as outlined in the Camptonville Community Health Action Plan (CHAP*). Below is a brief snapshot of the recent work we are engaged in.

Community Center:

I met with members of the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) to look at the property and the "little buildings" behind the white picket fence in downtown Camptonville as a possible site for a community center. I was invited on the tour that included USFS folks including District Ranger Jean Masquelier. The buildings, which at one time housed forest service personnel and their families, have been basically vacant since the 1980's. They have been registered as of "historical interest" with the USFS.

The engineer and historical representatives looked at the "soundness" and possible environmental hazard of the structures (these buildings are old and contain asbestos tiles in the floor and ceiling). We talked about possible uses for the site. James Prince, Camptonville Engine Captain, said there is a need for a warehouse and if it were located on this site it could be accessible to more USFS personnel. I added that a Community Center has been a dream of Camptonville folks for over 10 years and this site would be a desirable location, adding to downtown business. I explained to them our view of this community center (from the CHAP):

We envision this center as the hub that would attract revitalizing energy to our community. This facility would be appropriately sized for our small town, be a demonstration project for green energy/building practices, and serve as a lively hub for daily activities, organizations and businesses, and when needed, as an Emergency Shelter.

Because of federal regulations and bureaucracy it will be a long process (at least two years) to determine the final use of the property however it turns out. We'll keep you posted.



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Memories.....

BY Judy & Paula

Moonshine Road residents and extended families enjoyed the final potluck to be hosted by Chris & Dwayne Dobbins, at our very own campground. Neighbors and friends were able to swim in the Yuba, toss horseshoes, catch up with each other and enjoy lots of good food. The annual Moonshine Road potluck was attended by 40 plus new and old residents.

It's always fun attending these potlucks to find out where exactly your neighbors live on "The Road." We wave at each other in the cars as we pass by but never get to say hi; at the potluck we were able to put faces and names together. Of course with the economy as it is, lots of 'networking' took place, providing those neighbors with some added info to help them through these rough times. We are so grateful to Chris & Dwayne for opening the campground for this event, and providing a relaxing atmosphere. So now that we all have met some new neighbors, let's not be strangers -- come on by and say hi! Until next year's potluck... give a wave as you drive by each of us walking along "The Road."

Resource Center Hours

The Camptonville Community Partnership wants to let everyone know about changed office hours, now that summer is over and school back in session:

Monday through Thursday, 8 AM to 12:30 PM

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The **Emergency Preparedness Fair** at the LDS Church was a great success, with a large turn out of Camptonville residents. There were informational booths ranging from solar cooking demos to the Yuba/Sutter Domestic Animal Disaster Service. There was too much amazing information provided to list it all, including how to pack a 72 hour emergency kit, proper water storage and dry goods canning were among the many. Our Dist. 5 County Supervisor Hal Stocker was there as well as Sheriff Durfer and Sgt. Siler. There were 2 huge cakes thanking the emergency crews that do such a great service to our community. The above picture is Stephen Mortensen frying sausages on his super powered solar cooker. There was plenty of free food, folks mingling and much knowledge shared! Thank you!

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Yuba River Ranger District

By Betty Leffew

Not much news this time. Please remember that we are in **fire restrictions**. No campfires outside of designated campgrounds. Please make sure your campfire is totally out when you leave your campsite. No campfires in the back-country. Portable stoves can be used but campers must have a valid campfire permit. The restrictions also require motorcyclist and 4-wheel enthusiasts to stay on roads or trails.

Listed below are some important dates to remember.

- September 26-Opening day of deer season in D3 zone.
- November 15 -Sierra County rivers and streams close for fishing.
- November 1-Fuelwood season closes.

No rainfall for the month of August.
Have a safe and fun Labor Day!

News from the School Board

By Ruth Schwartz

We met on the first day of school and while the school board and the superintendent, Steve Kelly, have been working all summer creating our goals for the coming school year and started implementing them, the official review of those goals will be at our next board meeting on Sept. 9th.

The goals we have been discussing include all manner of improving communication and closeness between the community, the school and the staff as well as improving daily attendance. The board would love your input. Feel free to attend this next and any board meetings.

We also decided to start the following discussion topic in our next meeting:

- The future usage of school space, which includes discussions about 6-7-8 grades program, 123 Grow program, long range student population expectations, California budget concerns and all of the elements that will go into looking at a long range plan for the school.
- Expansion and changes to the bus route.

We have 50 students who arrived for the first day of school, 11 of them kindergarteners. We also have a new propane system, some doors getting repaired and a growing garden.

There are two openings coming up on the board. If you have students in the school, this is a perfect opportunity to be involved. Call me. I am happy to talk with you to explain and answer any questions. And, you are welcome to come to our next board meeting on Sept. 9. Go to www.cville.k12.ca.us <<http://www.cville.k12.ca.us>> to see the school board's agendas and report card.

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FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

By Assistant Chief Alan Kinne

With so many fire extinguishers to choose from, selecting the proper one for your home can be difficult. Everyone should have at least one fire extinguisher at home, but it's just as important to ensure you have the proper type of extinguisher. Fire protection experts recommend one for the kitchen, the garage and workshop.

Fire extinguishers are divided into four categories, based on different types of fires. Each extinguisher also has a numerical rating that serves as a guide for the amount of fire the extinguisher can handle. The higher the number, the more fire-fighting power. The following is a quick guide to help choose the right type of extinguisher.

- **CLASS A** extinguishers are for ordinary combustible materials such as paper, wood, cardboard and most plastics. The numerical rating on these types of extinguishers indicates the amount of water it holds and the amount of fire it can extinguish.

- **CLASS B** fires involve flammable or combustible liquids such as gasoline, kerosene, grease and oil. The numerical rating for Class B extinguishers indicates the approximate number of square feet of fire it can extinguish.

- **CLASS C** fires involve electrical equipment, such as appliances, wiring, circuit breakers and outlets. **NEVER** use water to extinguish Class C fires - the risk of electrical shock is too great. Class C extinguishers do not have a numerical rating. The C classification means the extinguishing agent is non-conductive.

- **CLASS D** fire extinguishers are commonly found in a chemical laboratory. They are for fires that involve Combustible metals, such as magnesium, titanium, potassium and sodium. These types of extinguishers also have no numerical rating, nor are they given a multi-purpose rating. They are designed for Class D fires only.

Some fires may involve a combination of these classifications. Your fire extinguisher should have ABC ratings on them. Here are the most **common** types of fire extinguishers:

- **WATER** extinguishers, or APW (air-pressurized water), are suitable for **Class A** fires only. **NEVER** use a water extinguisher on grease fires, electrical fires or Class D fires. The flames will spread and make the fire bigger.

- **DRY CHEMICAL** extinguishers come in a variety of types and are suitable for a combination of Class A, B and C fires. These are filled with foam or powder and

pressurized with nitrogen.

- **BC**-This is the regular type of dry chemical extinguisher. It is filled with sodium bicarbonate or potassium bicarbonate. The BC variety leaves a mildly corrosive residue which must be cleaned immediately to prevent any damage to materials.

- **ABC**-This is the multipurpose dry chemical extinguisher. The ABC type is filled with mono-ammonium phosphate, a yellow powder that leaves a sticky residue that may be damaging to electrical appliances such as a computer.

Dry chemical extinguishers have an advantage over CO2 extinguishers since they leave a non-flammable substance on the extinguished material, reducing the likelihood of re-ignition.

- **CARBON DIOXIDE (CO2)** extinguishers are used for Class B and C fires. CO2 extinguishers contain carbon dioxide, a non-flammable gas, and are highly pressurized. The pressure is so great that it is not uncommon for bits of dry ice to shoot out the nozzle. They don't work very well on Class A fires because they may not be able to displace enough oxygen to put the fire out, causing it to re-ignite. They have an advantage over dry chemical types since they don't leave a harmful residue - a good choice for an electrical fire on a computer or other favorite electronic device such as a stereo or TV.

- **HALON** extinguishers contain a gas that interrupts the chemical reaction that takes place when fuels burn. These types of extinguishers are often used to protect valuable electrical equipment since they leave no residue to clean up. Halon extinguishers have a limited range, usually 4 to 6 feet.

Even though extinguishers come in a number of shapes and sizes, they all operate in a similar manner. Here is an easy way to remember how to use one:

PASS: Pull, Aim, Squeeze, and Sweep

PULL: Pull the pin at the top of the extinguisher that keeps the handle from being accidentally pressed.

AIM: Aim the nozzle toward the base of the fire

SQUEEZE: Stand approximately 8 feet away from the fire and squeeze the handle to discharge the contents

SWEEP: Sweep the nozzle back and forth at the base of the fire. After the fire appears to be out, watch it carefully since it may re-ignite.

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Chief's Report continued....

It is vital to know what type of extinguisher you are using. Using the wrong type for the wrong fire can be life threatening.

July was a little busy for the department. We had 10 calls: 3 medical, 4 motor vehicle accidents, 1 illegal burn, 1 smoke check, and 1 assist to the Dobbins Fire Department. Next month, I will give an account of the Department's participation in the recent Yuba Fire once the dust has settled and all the paperwork is done!

The picnic is coming up on September 19th. Buy those raffle tickets. There are some great prizes available. Again, I would like to thank those who have been putting money in the boots at The Nugget and Rebel Ridge markets. The donations keep flowing in. A special thanks to Edward and Marcia Pollock, Robert and Ruby Harvey and the Dobbins family for their very generous donations! These have made it possible for us to plan the purchase of the Aspirator that our EMTs need. Thank you Camptonville for supporting your Fire Department the way you have.



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Jessi's Garden

Jessi's fabulous gardening article will resume next month. Stay tuned and remember "Good for the environment, great for your health-garden organic"

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Chicken Chronicles

By Stephanie Ruff

This month's article is all about food!!! For those of you that have been raising baby chicks this spring and early summer, the pullets should now be off their 20% protein chick starter feed. I raise laying hens, not broilers, so please use another information source for broiler nutritional needs as they can be different than layers.

After 10 weeks of age, your sweet layer pullets should be on a grower feed of around 16% protein. They are too young for layer pellets/crumbles as that feed has added calcium for egg shell development. Too much calcium at a young age can cause kidney damage.

Around 20 weeks of age they can be switched to layer feed at 16% protein with added calcium as they will be laying soon. What a grand day the arrival of that first egg is! Although you are feeding layer pellets/crumbles it is important to have free access to calcium via oyster shell available at the feed store. You can also feed the hens their crushed up egg shells-be sure to crush them well-as this can lead to egg-eating if the shells are recognizable. If your hens don't have access to the outdoors, be sure to add grit to their food to help them digest their food.

During this fertile garden season feel free to give your chickens extra garden produce- they love it and makes them and their eggs healthier! It's a wonderful way to use up the overgrown summer squash! I usually break it open and they devour it! Please don't rely on scratch for feed as it is lower in protein and higher in fat than prepared feed. It is a treat and should be used sparingly. You may make your own feed, but I would research thoroughly so you are getting the right balance of nutrients. A great high protein treat are the dead yellow jackets found in traps-restaurants are usually more than willing to give them to you! Most traps don't have poison in them contain pheromone lures. Just make sure the little beasts are dead before you feed them to your chickens!

Natural worming is always a concern for me as my hens are exposed to wild birds and soil which harbor parasites. I'm always researching. I don't like chemical products for my family or animals! A worming program should be about 14 days long to expel the adults as well as hatching eggs. Spring and fall is a great time for this. Fresh garlic is a known natural wormer as well as immune system builder. Raw pumpkin seeds have a coating that paralyzes the parasite so it can be expelled. Carrots are considered a mild wormer. Not only are they nutritious but the roughage aids in

expelling the worms. Fresh dandelions also aid in worming, as they are a strong diuretic which also helps in the expelling process. So for 2 weeks every spring and fall, add these dietary supplements to your chickens' feeding routine to aid in natural worm expulsion. Good luck and Happy Henning!

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Every Saturday, 10am-2pm Grange Picnic Area, Dobbins
Wed. Sept. 9th (2nd Wed. of month), 6:30pm C'ville School Library
Sat. Sept. 19th 2pm-? Rebel Ridge Market
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Tuesdays at 5:30 PM at the Camptonville School
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