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1,2,3, Grow Moving Forward

By Yakshi Vadeboncoeur

Congratulations to our 3 fabulous preschool graduates:
Christopher Zerwick, Kellen DeMaranville, and Stefan Miller.
Kindergarten - here they come!

1,2,3, Grow is a free parent participation early childhood enrichment program for children 0-5 years old in our community. It is free to all interested families, but, of course, costs money to run. So where does support and funding come from? First of all, 1,2,3, Grow was envisioned, created and is run by the Camptonville Community Partnership (CCP). Perhaps, therefore, we should start with CCP.



Christopher, Kellen and Stefan



CCP is our local 501c3 non-profit organization with a vision of "rural people working together for a safe, sustainable, and healthy community." We are very fortunate, as it is quite unusual for a town our small size to have such an entity. How does it benefit us?

The image that makes its role come clear to me is that of a NET. A net is a bunch of strings connected together, organized, made stronger, made useful. A skillful fisherman throws one into the sea and brings back the catch. A tightrope walker can practice new and more difficult stunts without fear of injury. A Net connects and organizes the strings, a net collects and it catches. Without CCP we would be separate strings, there would be a hole where there ought to be knots. We couldn't cast our nets and haul in the catch. We couldn't catch someone falling who might otherwise hit the ground.

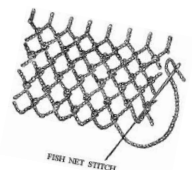


CCP brings the assets of our community (us) together, gives us a way to knot ourselves into the net of resources out in the wider world. And equally important, it gives agencies, foundations, and programs beyond our borders a way to connect and partner with our community.

1,2,3, Grow was created under CCP's auspices because families gave feedback in the late 1990's that they wanted nurturing activities for preschoolers. CCP continually casts its nets to find resources and funding to keep this program available for our children. It does the same for many other programs, events, and regional networks that support our community's health and well-being.

If you have a dream for our community, CCP is there for you to help connect your string to the people, knowledge, and resources that might make it a reality. As for 1,2,3, Grow, Camptonville School partners with CCP and provides the classroom. Families help with fundraising and activities. A grant from First 5 Yuba provides for a teacher, supplies and training. Our current grant cycle is ending now, and CCP is in the process of applying for a 1 year extension.

If you have ideas or resources to help 1,2,3, Grow be more self-sustaining and less dependent on outside grants, please tie your string into our net and make us stronger yet.



From the Editor

Shirley DickKard



This July Courier is the first of two abbreviated issues (the other being January), to give us a small break over the holidays and summer. These shorter issues will mainly contain ads, timely information, monthly articles required by grant funders, and calendar items. In August, we'll return to a wider, more creative focus.

Did you notice the new look on the front page? I gave the task of uplifting the stagecoach header to our daughter Mariah DickKard Lander, who graduated from Camptonville School and Nevada Union, then majored in art in college. Her graphic design business website is www.blueavocadodesign.net. Thanks, Mariah.

Heads up! The theme for August is **Summer Light**. From time to time, I'll announce a theme to inspire the creative juices in our community. To submit articles, or suggest an idea for one, contact me at: editor.CvCourier@gmail.com.

Yuba River Ranger District

By Betty Leffew

Due to the unusually dry fuels, the Cal Fire has implemented Fire Restrictions as of June 1, 2014. This affects the use of campfires, charcoal barbecues, smoking and the operation of internal combustion engines on National Forest lands. Persons with a valid 2014 Forest Products Removal Permit (firewood permit) will not be restricted under the fire restrictions, but permittees will need to call the North Yuba Ranger Station and abide by the daily activity level. Copies of the Fire Restrictions are available at the North Yuba Ranger District Office, which includes a list of fire safe recreation sites where campfires and charcoal fires are allowed. Campfires are no longer allowed for shoreline or boat in camping. There is logging going on on the Henness Pass/Pliocene Ridge Roads so watch for trucks.

Your cooperation with fuel reduction will make your property, your community, and the National Forest safer from wildfire. For additional information or assistance please contact Jessica Prince, Fire Prevention Technician, at the North Yuba Ranger Station - 288-3231.

No rainfall for the month of June so our season total is still 35.91 inches. For little to no rain for the last 3 months things are very, very dry. Please use extreme caution. Happy (and firesafe) 4th of July.

CCSD Board Enacts Drought Ordinance

By Mark Jokerst, Water Plant Manager



On June 16, the Camptonville Community Services District Board, in a Public Hearing, voted affirmatively to enact a "Drought Prepare" Ordinance. Importantly, the ordinance is passed but is held in suspension. In order to fully enact the ordinance, the board will need to meet again in a meeting open to the public and vote to fully enact the ordinance. If that happens, and it will only happen if the water system is clearly showing signs of being unable to meet the needs of customers, then the monthly allotment will be temporarily cut in half to 10,000 gallons per meter. This would only be in effect as long as the drought continues to impact our supply of water.

The board considered that our source of creek water, Campbell's Gulch, is rapidly showing signs that it will run either very low or dry by mid-summer and that, as in past drought years, we will be tapping our two wells to make up for the loss of clean surface water. In fact, since the June 16 meeting, the creek has fallen 30% in three days. Our wells may also be impacted by the drought, but we don't yet know how they will perform this summer. We just replaced the 20-year pump and controls for our main 30 gpm well. The 10 gpm well seems to be working well. We are also preparing to activate a third well for emergency use; more on that next month. If our wells hold up as in previous drought years, we will have enough water and may be able to avoid enacting the ordinance.

It goes without saying that as the drought continues to worsen, we must all begin to cut back and conserve our water. It is possible that before next month's Courier, things will have changed dramatically - if so, we will be posting letters on your doorstep explaining what is going on. If the ordinance does get enacted, there will be a three day notice of the coming special meeting. If it passes we will post instructions on your doorstep.

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New Water Rates Can Hurt - - there is relief for broken pipes

By Mark Jokerst, Water Plant Manager

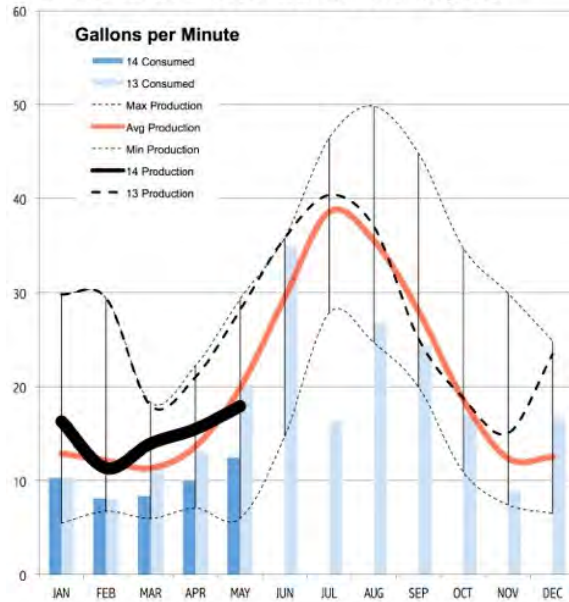
The new water rates in May raised the monthly fee to \$50 for 20,000 gallons, and charge users \$10 for each 1,000 gallons over the 20,000 gallon allotment. That gets expensive in a hurry, and some of our customer are feeling the pinch already.

The CCSD board recognizes that pipes break without warning, and if not caught early can lead to a lot of "lost" water and a huge water bill.



If you discover a broken pipe within your property and this broken pipe will result in a significant over-use charge on your water bill, we have a procedure: You can petition the board for relief from the charges, but you must notify the water manager immediately and have me come out and verify that there was indeed a broken pipe. Don't wait for the water manager to come out before you fix the leak!! But do call immediately so I can attest to the board about the incident. There is no guarantee the board will consent to the petition; the facts need to be pretty clear. To petition the board, send a letter to: CCSD Board of Directors, PO Box 327, Camptonville CA 95922, or give your letter to Mark Jokerst or to Pam Wilcox at the School in a sealed envelope with the words "Water Leak Petition" on the envelope. To contact the water dude, call me at 288-9320.

CCSD Water Production & Consumption



Thanks for Conserving!!

We read the meters every month, and keep track of water use. The graph above shows that current water use (thick black line) is trending below average (lighter solid line) and well below last year's trend (heavy dashed line). THANK YOU! We'll be showing this graph every month to let you know how things are going.



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Camptonville Biomass Project Gets Support From State Agency

By Chris Friedel

On June 12, the Governing Board of the Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) awarded \$68,590 to Camptonville Community Partnership for its Forest Biomass Business Center project - a project that will improve forest and watershed health, and provide for future economic development in the Yuba County foothills.


The SNC is a state agency whose mission is to improve the environmental, economic, and social well-being of the Sierra Nevada Region. The SNC has awarded over \$50 million in grants for projects to protect and enhance the health of California's primary watersheds by improving forest health, remediating mercury contamination from abandoned mines, protecting critical natural resources and reducing the risk of catastrophic wildfire. Funding for these projects comes from Proposition 84 passed by voters in 2006.

This support will enable the community to hire a consultant(s) to develop a feasibility study specific to the Celestial Valley site. It will also allow for community involvement to explore developing this project further. Excess biomass, or the small-diameter woody material, branches, and diseased or insect infested wood removed from forests, can be used to create renewable energy, while at the same time protecting forests and communities from large, damaging wildfires.

"The people of Camptonville and the surrounding community are excited to be moving forward with our plans to develop the former Sierra Mountain Mills site as a center for businesses that utilize woody biomass and small diameter logs," said Cathy LeBlanc, Co-Executive Director of the Camptonville Community Partnership. "We appreciate and value this effort for its potential to help reduce fire threat, protect the watershed and create local jobs."

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School Board Election

By Richard DickKard, CUESD board member



Three current school board members' terms will expire this November: Richard DickKard, Donna Tate and Candace DeMaranville. If you are interested in running for one of these positions in the upcoming November 4, 2014 general election, please register/declare your candidacy at the Yuba County Clerk/Elections Department, 915 8th Street, Marysville, CA between July 14 and August 8. For details about declaring your candidacy for a school board position, check the following website: <http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/cgi-bin/displaycode?section=elec&group=10001-11000&file=10600-10604>



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Community Center Update

By the Community Center Steering Committee



At the May 28 meeting, the Community Center Steering Committee continued to make progress. Because the Center will operate on a bare bones budget, it was agreed that regular and repair maintenance costs will be kept to a minimum by seeking support from the community before contracting with someone else. C'V residents built most of the Fire Hall with their own labor and donations, and have been impressively responsive to the need to maintain local resources.

The community center's name, as well as signage and donor plaques, were discussed and we all supported the idea of placing a suggestion jar at the Lost Nugget to gather ideas for names. There was strong support for the idea of recognizing donors with plaques on or near the building, with a special plaque for the Gene Hanson family for enabling the community to immediately act on transferring ownership without forcing us to first engage in fundraising to meet the initial expenses of that effort.

We worked on developing a rental agreement, which will establish guidelines for events. We also discussed ideas for creating a tiered membership structure that would include a rental discount for the higher levels and premiums, such as mugs, t-shirts and tote bags, bearing the center's name.

As proposed last month, the organizational structure will consist of three teams: Program, Administrative, and Operations. Barbara Ramirez has agreed to join the Program Team as the Program and Events Coordinator, which will give people who want to create a program someone to consult with regarding the guidelines currently being developed. We would also like to identify people interested in serving on a "fix it" crew that may be needed by the Operations Team if the building should develop any problems. Anyone interested in joining any of the teams can contact Tonie Hilligoss at thilligoss@mac.com.

Help Us Name the Community Center!

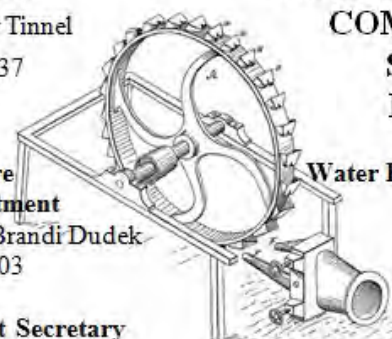
By the Community Center Steering Committee

The Masonic Lodge building that the Masons will be giving to CCSD deserves a name that reflects its value to the community. It seems appropriate to adopt Christina Ledson's suggestion to open up the naming process to those folks who will benefit from its presence.

Barbara Ramirez has decorated a jar to assist in that process and has placed it on the woodstove at the Lost Nugget. Now's the time to put on your thinking caps, jot down a name that you would like to see on the front of the building, and drop it in the jar **by July 31st**.




All interested Camptonville residents will be able to vote on the submitted suggestions from August 1st through the 31st at the Lost Nugget so that the Center will, from the beginning, be a grassroots enterprise. The winning name will be seen by all every time we drive up Cleveland Avenue, so put your brains in creativity mode and share your ideas. The more the better, so feel free to submit as many as you wish. Happy thinking!

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Fire Dept Picnic Sept. 6th. Save the Date!

by Donna Tate

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Survival Tip #4

By Camptonville Prepared!

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- We have several "GNGO" Bags already put together for a donation of \$5.00.
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July School Calendar

School staff will be in and out of the office weekly from July 1-July 24. Please call ahead if you would like to meet with administrative or office staff. We will check phone messages (288-3277) and e-mails (sross@cville.k12.ca.us or pwilcox@cville.k12.ca.us) regularly. The school office will be closed July 4th, and July 25-August 1. We are now accepting enrollment for students in grades TK-8 for the 2014-15 school year. The first student day is August 13, 2014.

July, 2014 Community Calendar

On-Line Calendar: www.camptonville/calendar/phb

JULY

- 1 WSMC Health Van, 10am-3pm, Masonic Lodge
- 7 CCSD Board Meeting, 7 pm, C'V School
- 21 CCP Board Meeting, 5 pm, Resource Center
- 21 CCSD Board Meeting, 7 pm, C'V School
- 31 Deadline to submit names for Community Cntr (TBD) July School Board Meeting

On-Going Weekly Events

- Mondays: Yoga/Pilates, 9 am, NSJ Center
- Tuesdays: Organic Lunch, 12 pm, NSJ Center
 Yoga, 5:30 pm C'V School Gym
 C'V Fire Dept Trainings, 6-9 pm, Fire Hall
- Thursdays: Community Lunch, 12 pm, NSJ Center
 Food Bank, Dobbins (except 3rd Thurs), 12:30-1:30 pm
 Food Bank, NSJ, 2nd Thurs, 8 am, NSJ Center
 AA Meeting, 6:30 - 7:30 pm, C'V Resource Center
- Fridays: Bingo, 1st & 3rd Friday, 7 pm NSJ Center
 USDA Food Bank, 3rd Fri, 9-10:30 am, Dobbins, LF Grange

Save the Date

- Aug 13 First day of school - CUESD
- Sept 6 Fire Dept Picnic, 2 pm, Lost Nugget Field

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