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Tanks A Lot!

By Mark Jokerst, Water Plant Manager

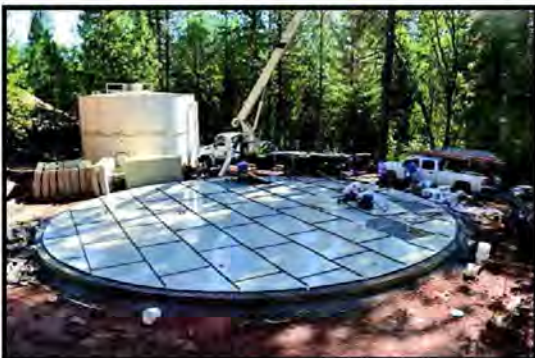
Waaay back in 2008, as the fire department was re-grouping and getting its feet on the ground, the CCSD Board asked the Fire Department "What do we really need to improve fire protection in Camptonville?" The answer was a curt "Water!" At the time - and to this very day - during a major fire emergency the water department was only able to supply maybe 30,000 gallons from its 64,000 gallon tank, but no more than that. And that was and is woefully not enough. Put a drought and fire together, and we've got water problems.

Seven and a half years, several feet of paper, and many gallons of blood sweat and tears later, we're proud to say that our new Phase 1 two-hundred and twenty thousand gallon water storage tank is complete and being filled. The chain of events leading to this day is long and far too dry to recall - but we must acknowledge those who paved the way: It was Regine Miller who spotted a possible grant opportunity. It was Dick DicKard who ran with the ball and managed to get Camptonville a seat on the "CABY" roster (Consumnes, American, Bear, & Yuba Rivers Integrated Regional Water Management Association) just when CABY was looking for a small, disadvantaged community to add to its Proposition 84 Grant application. It was Dick and Mark Jokerst along with Sauers Engineering of Nevada City who crafted the grant application and supporting studies to prove our case. It was the Yuba County Water Agency who gifted CCSD the \$45,000 needed to fund the grant application process. It was the fearless CCSD Board of Directors (Rita Ortega, Skip Ness, Wendy Tinnel, Tedd Sapp, Char Jokerst, and Richard DicKard) who gulped at the risks involved and voted to go for it. And it was the California Department of Water Resources who awarded CABY and Camptonville a Proposition 84 grant of \$789,341.00 to construct this new tank and make several major improvements to our Water Treatment Plant. It was the water customers of Camptonville who paid month by month to help build a reserve fund big enough to get us started. And it was the citizens of California who footed the bill. And it was assembled in only 6 days !!

The tank is scheduled to be completed and in service by early December. This tank, combined with the remaining 64,000 gallon tank and the 47,000 gallon Filtration Tank, give us a total storage capacity of 331,000 gallons of drinking water. In times of drought, this amount of storage gives us several days worth of water (During September of 2015, the entire town of Camptonville used as little as 12,000 gallons per day). In times of fire, there will never be enough water, but 220,000 gallons is a far far cry better than 30,000 gallons. You can see the new tank from the gate on Mackey Lane; it is an impressive sight for our little town. Our sincere thanks to all who have contributed to this project!



Photos: Mark Jokerst



From the Editor

- Shirley DickKard
Just Do It!



There comes a time when you just have to do it. Don't stop, don't think, or wait 'til the right time. Over-analyzing kills all sorts of plans and good ideas. Something needs doing? Just jump in and do it!

Had I mulled over volunteering to be *The Courier's* Editor as a way to revive it, I'd have easily talked myself out of the idea. But I loved *The Courier*, knew what had to be done, and knew I could do it. End of story. Our community is filled with such stories.

What I'm leading up to is that there's another valuable program that will go away unless someone steps in. **Camptonville Prepared!** was started by Judy Morris when a natural disaster revealed how unprepared our community was. With no experience, but great passion, Judy enlisted friends and the Red Cross to help us help ourselves (YOYO72 – You're On Your Own – 72 hours). When Judy passed away this year, *Camptonville Prepared!* was left without leadership. Yet disasters will continue. Don't think about it . . . just do it! Barbara Ramirez can give you more information – 288-3392.

In this issue, read how you can support local fundraisers on pages 3/4, The Community Center on page 10, and The Foothill Food Pantry with holiday help, page 12. In the December issue, we'll have an insert of the local non-profits where you can also donate money and your time.

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The Child's Gift of Gratitude

By Yakshi Vadeboncoeur

"Please" and "Thank-you" are certainly words that show good manners, and manners are certainly the lubricant for all our social interactions. Because we know this, we coax the magic words from our children's mouths starting at a very early age. Still sometimes, it seems that all we get for the effort are perfunctory "pleases" and belated, even begrudging, "thank-you's." Eventual good manners are worth the work, but even more important is fostering in our children a true and ever-deepening sense of gratitude, the kind that sustains our lives in good times and bad. It turns out that this kind of gratitude is one of the keys to our sense of wellbeing and happiness. But where does it come from?

Apparently, there are some fairly reliable pathways to that end. The first centers around that old adage "It's better to give than to receive." Including your children in the joy of giving, helping them make or letting them be a central part of choosing, preparing, and presenting gifts, is actually an investment in their future happiness. A relationship with the natural world is a second. And finally, a family tradition of helping others in which children regularly participate is a well-worn path to this sense of gratitude. So while we love to shower our little ones with gifts during the holiday season, remember to show them the gift of service to others from whom they can expect nothing in return. It turns out that it's a gift that keeps on giving the bearers a sense of well-being throughout their lives.

Here at 1, 2, 3 Grow, we are grateful for October trips to the Pumpkin Patch and for Halloween sweets and scary fun. In November we're looking forward to learning more about Numbers and Names. This includes naming our family members and friends, naming our feelings, and naming the things for which we are thankful.



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Get Ready for the Holidays!

Fall Brunch Fundraiser – November 8th

By Jessi Mullins, Christmas Club

The Camptonville Christmas Club will be holding a Fall Brunch on **Sunday, November 8th, from 10–Noon** at Rebel Ridge Organics, to raise money for Santa's visit in December. For information, see the insert or call Jessi at 288-3222.

Save December 12th for Santa!

By Jessi Mullins, Camptonville Christmas Club

A special guest will be coming to town on **Saturday, December 12th** at the Camptonville Community Center. Keep your eyes open for flyers and details on Santa's arrival. He brings a special gift for all the children of the community.

Holiday Ceramic Art Workshops start November 9th

By Linda Rose

Local ceramic artist, Linda Rose, will be conducting four, 4-day ceramic art workshops in her private studio between **November 9th – December 12th**. The \$100 cost includes all materials, tools, supplies, and kiln firing costs. In addition, time will be set aside for interested participants to make small items to donate to the Camptonville Christmas Club for the children's table at the Holiday Craft Fair. Come join in the fun and create unique gifts for family and friends, or something special for yourself. For information or to sign up for a workshop, contact Linda at 288-3347 or lindacrose01@gmail.com. Space is limited so you are encouraged to sign up early.



Christmas Craft Faire – December 6th

By Barbara Ramirez, CCP

Hi folks! it's getting to be that time of year again. CCP's Christmas Craft Fair is **Sunday, December 6th, 12–3 pm** at Camptonville School. If you are interested in having a space to sell your wares, please contact Barbara at 288-3392. There are just a few spaces left, so contact me as soon as possible. CCP will be selling See's Candy at the Christmas Craft Fair – one-pound boxes of milk and dark chocolate, suckers, and 4 oz. Christmas Bear boxes. Stock up locally for the holidays!



Music Fundraiser at Alleghany's Hidden Church – November 7th

By Rae Bell

The Hidden Church in Alleghany presents Juliet Gobert and Homer Wills on **Saturday, November 7th**. Doors open at noon, **program begins at 1 pm**. All proceeds benefit the historical church building. Reservations are required. Go to hiddenchurch.info for details or call 287-3223.

"He Hit Me, She Took My Toy" – November 17th

By Yakshi Vadeboncoeur, 1,2,3 grow

Nudge, squabble, pinch, tattle... almost every parent, grandparent, or caretaker of children has been privileged at one time or another (and sometimes at all too frequent intervals) to witness the endless creative depths to which children's bickering can go when playtime social order disintegrates. Sometimes it just means it's time for lunch, a nap, or for playmates to go home. But sometimes the habits become ingrained, the problem chronic, and the squabblers live in the same house, even sleep in the same room. Do not despair; Thelma Amaya is on her way here!



Thursday, November 17th at 9:30 am in the Resource Center, Yuba County Office of Education Behavioral Specialist, Thelma Amaya will be in Camptonville, offering us another of her free, practical, and insightful workshops. Don't miss *He Hit Me, She Took My Toy – Turning Conflict into Teachable Moments*.

It takes a village... But sometimes the adult villagers need a little encouragement and some tried and true strategies. It's free, and all people with young relatives or friends are invited to attend. And remember these conflict resolution skills work with our adult squabbles, too. For information, call 288-9355.

NSJ Methodist Church Christmas Craft Fair – December 5th

By Patty Inis

The North San Juan United Methodist Church is hosting a Christmas Craft Fair **Saturday, December 5th, 9 am–3 pm** at the North San Juan Fire Hall. There will be 20 booths selling quality crafts, hand painted glass, ceramics, jewelry, food, tie dyes, baked goods, and more!

This is a perfect place to do your special Christmas shopping. All proceeds go to the historical NSJUMC for ministry in our community. For more information, contact Jackie Milhous at 292-3118. Check out the new, relaxed, and friendly services Sunday morning at 9 am at NSJUMC on Flume Street. Everyone is welcome!

Help The Parents Club Reach Our Goal of \$5,050, and You Could Win Up To \$500!

By Christina Ledson

All you need to do is pick a square, or as many as you would like. The amount you pay is the number in the box(es) you choose. For every \$10 you spend you will receive one raffle ticket for the drawing that will be held once all of the squares are sold. For example, if you choose squares 42 and 85 your total donation would be \$127 and you would receive 12 raffle tickets. Once all of the squares are purchased,

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we will hold five \$100 drawings. To purchase your square(s) you can email cvilleparentsclub@gmail.com or call Chelsi @ 288-3230.

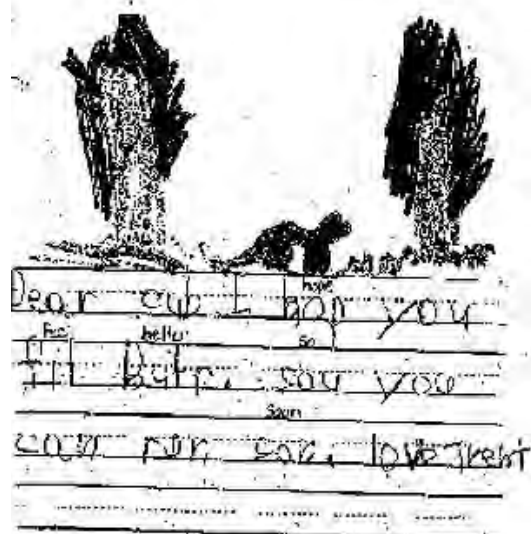
This is a Parents Club sponsored event, and this year we are raising money to pay for the Izzy Tooinsky assembly, contribute to the 6-8th grade class trip to Marin Headlands, and purchase organic beef for the cafeteria.

The Parents Club is always looking for new members at any level. Our goal is to raise money to help with the needs of our children at school. In the past we have provided financial support for assemblies, class trips, uniforms, educational programs, graduation, and much more. If you would like to be added to the email list to receive updates and information, please email cvilleparentsclub@gmail.com.

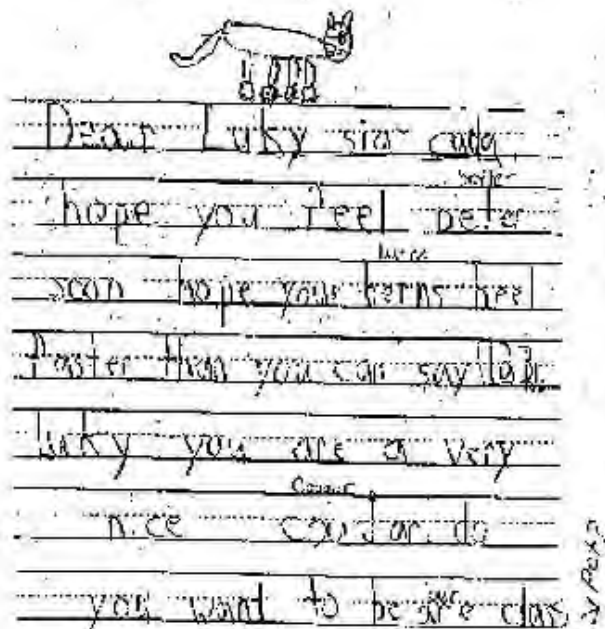
Fireclaw

Sandy Ross, Superintendent/Principal, Camptonville School

Students in Ms. Alison's K, 1, 2 classroom wrote letters to the mountain lion cub rescued from the Butte fire in September, wishing her a speedy recovery! While the cub was dubbed "Fireclaw," the students came up with their own names for her.



By Trent, Grade 2



By Char, Grade 2



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Meet Your Local Organic Garden Supplier – Jessi Mullins, Rebel Ridge Organics

By Linda Rose

Born and raised in Camptonville, Jessi Mullins is no stranger to gardening. Jessi’s parents, Pam and John Wilcox, moved to Camptonville in 1974 and rented a trailer behind the barn that became John’s saw shop. They later purchased the property. Jessi grew up gardening and fondly recalls how much she loved gardening with her dad. It’s in her blood. Her parents were role models because they were hard workers with good work ethics. They gave her the inspiration for being in business today.

While a student at Sierra College in Rocklin, Jessi took horticulture classes. She became hooked on environmental horticulture as she pursued her Associate of Science degree. Because she lived in Camptonville, she had a lot of down time between classes. Hired to work in the greenhouse, she gained a valuable educational supplement to her academic studies. After achieving her degree, Jessi worked at Peaceful Valley Farm & Garden Supply. When a life changing event left her with a “sad heart,” she knew she had to fulfill a dream. She built the nursery.

With tremendous love and support from her parents, John’s Saw Shop was converted to accommodate her nursery business. Wanting to avoid going into debt, she started with a small garden supply shop. As her business grew, she put her profits back into expanding the business. The four and one half acres now accommodate a larger nursery, greenhouses for veggie starts, bulk soil and ammendments, irrigation materials, Jessi’s special compost tea, and numerous other related products. With this growth, she has employed Stephanie Williams and her brother, Max, to assist in running the business.

Now a wife and mother of two children, Jessi has been challenged to juggle her business and family responsibilities. A devoted mother, she brings her children, Hank, 5 and Lilly, 3 to work every day. It is like a second home to them. Her parents and husband, Matt (who is the Engineer of the US Forest Service Fire Engine 331 at the Camptonville Station) are blessings in her life. Their help and support allow her to achieve balance between business and family.

Jessi’s future plans are to expand into a full blown nursery, propagate deciduous plants, and provide landscaping services, based on her dream model - the Bald Mountain Nursery. Later, she plans to offer the amphitheater, built for her wedding in 2009, for outdoor concerts, movie nights and various other ceremonies and events.

In addition to her busy life as business owner/operator, wife, and mother, Jessi volunteers to help keep Camptonville active and alive as a School Board member and leader of the Camptonville Christmas Club. She loves this community for the closeness, trust, and acceptance of each other, the support for our children (1,2,3 Grow, School, events, and activities), family and friends, and the daily exposure to nature. Camptonville is a “great place to raise a family.”



Photo: Linda Rose

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911 Reflective Address Signs – Order them Now!



By Brandi Dudek, CVFD Chief

In the past months, the Fire Department has had some frustrating calls! Not because of the time of day or what was needed, but because we had difficulty finding the person in need. The nature of the roads and terrain make it challenging for us to find people/places in the best conditions, but a driveway or property that has no address clearly posted makes it almost impossible.

When our Volunteer Fire Department gets dispatched, we usually only get a number, street name, and sometimes a cross street. The next time you are driving home, think about how you would find your place if you had never been there and had no address posted. And how about if time was of the essence?

To help with this issue, the Fire Department is offering 911 Reflective Address Signs for \$15 uninstalled and \$20 installed. Please consider this for yourself and any neighbors that may need assistance. Help us find you in time!!!

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Yuba Harvest Café Now at Lake Francis!

By Steven Dambeck

A perfect match. Lake Francis Resort needed a high-quality restaurant to serve the local community year-round. Yuba Harvest Café had out-grown its Marysville Rd location and was in desperate need of a real kitchen. As of November 1st, Yuba Harvest is providing the same kind of warm neighborhood service as the old Lake Francis Palace Restaurant, while keeping its focus on using ingredients from local farmers, ranchers, home-processors and wine-makers.

Dan and Laura Giddings of Dobbins are new partners in the enterprise and bring lots of experience to the kitchen. They are also providers of fresh eggs for the breakfast menu and fresh produce for lunch and dinner. Laura will also make pies from seasonal ingredients for enjoying at the Café or to take home.

Yuba Harvest will start with a simple, 7 day-a-week lunch of salad bar, soup, and a special. On weekends, the lunch will be more expansive, with burgers and fries and a few additional specials. The Café will start out serving breakfast – a full, all-American affair – on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday and add days as business grows. Dinner will be Friday and Saturday nights for a start, with a changing menu: we want the community to give us feedback and help us develop our more permanent offerings. At all meals, the ingredients will be locally-sourced as much as possible: and we are looking for additional local providers!

The “annex” to the dining room will be available for private parties, farm-to-fork dinners, and some sporting events. There is a large-screen TV on which we will show NFL games on Sunday and Monday night (with hand-made pizza to accompany the games). We are happy to make the room available on request for other sporting or cultural screenings, as well as for meetings.

Yuba Harvest will continue to offer retail sales of wine, olive oil, fresh bread, local produce, crafts, and other products.

Please help us build a true community hub! You can connect with us at 418-8240, check out our website at yubaharvest.com, or like us on Facebook. Or call me directly at 701-3577.



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The Storm

By Jeff Murphy



It was yet another beautiful day in our quiet paradise. Late in the afternoon I decided to take a stroll down our lower road, while above a single cloud drifted slowly by, pushed by a warm breeze you could barely feel. As I said, it was quiet – too quiet, like before the storm, as they say.

I began to step more slowly with softer steps, as the pine needles beneath my feet sounded like thick branches snapping with each heavy step. I made my descent without any trouble from the storm I knew somehow surrounded me.

Just as I crossed the levelish area where the road turns and steep treacherous terrain begins, I heard the quick snap of a branch – except this time, it wasn't beneath my own feet. It was before me about 35 feet and down an equal 35 feet.

In a flash, and I'm talking one-thousand-and-one flash, some *Thing* sat up from atop a large, four-foot round, fallen tree. I believe it was resting, bathing in the warm afternoon sun. Caught in my peripheral vision, it was the beginning of my milli-second-storm. As my eyes shifted for exact location, I saw what is now a snapshot etched in my mind forever. I know you're thinking Bigfoot - nothing that cool, unfortunately. It was large though for the creatures that share our home. About four feet long with a thin, one-foot-long tail about as thick as your thumb. Covering body and tail alike was a short thick fur much like a beaver or otter, but grey in color.

If I had to say it looked like a... ? I would say weasel, but it would be 30 weasels big. Guessing of course, I would say 35-40 lbs. from the solid sound of its landing. It dove from that sitting up with a start, head turned right to see what had entered his serene moment, then forward in a single motion. It reminded me of a person taking a fancy dive off the side of a swimming pool, short hands rising high as they would go, in this case to the front of his face. Up in the air taking the course of an upside down "U," he was off of the fallen tree very fast, smooth and graceful. The landing was not. It was loud and solid, then nothing – as if he went straight underground into the abyss. I could go on, but I'm late for work. Have a great day. Oh, and if you see him, let me know.

Our Impressive Senior Softball Stars

By Mel and Geri Pape, and Gene Hanson

Gene Hanson and Mel Pape, two local Senior Softball Players, have competed in tournaments in Sacramento, Las Vegas, and the Senior Games in St. George, Utah. These Tournaments are the most prestigious Tourneys to be in, let alone win, and at the ages of 74 and 75, Gene and Mel are still in great shape!



Mel is top row, 2nd from left

Mel pitched for *The Portland Fast Signs*. They won Western Worlds, U.S. Nationals, and the Triple Crown of Softball. The Triple Crown is the overall best teams competing from all over U.S. A team first qualifies by winning the Regionals (Western, Central, Eastern) softball tourney. This was played in Sacramento, where Mel pitched six games in two days and won all six. In Las Vegas they won the U.S. Nationals and the World Title, going undefeated in five games, hence the Triple Crown. He also won All Tourney in Vegas. Mel is a pitcher with a 13-2 record and has won four rings (for the Regional, US National and World tourneys, and an All-Tourney ring) as well as three shirts, softball cleats, and the bronze medal.

Gene and Mel are both locals with a family history that goes back to the 1800's. The Gene Hanson family has been here since the mid 1800's. Mel's Great Grandfather was a stage coach driver for Wells Fargo in the 1800's. His family came in the 1860's during the Civil War and remained in the North San Juan area until the early 1900's.



Gene is bottom row, 2nd from left

Gene played for *The California Oaks 70 and the 75's* teams in the Sacramento Western Worlds, Las Vegas World Masters, and the U.S. Nationals. He was the leading hitter in all the games, and it's pretty impressive that he played for two teams in the same day! *The Oaks* placed Third in Sacramento, Fifth in Las Vegas, and won Gold in the Senior Games in St. George. Gene is a short stop defensively.



Triple Crown Shirts

Indoor Youth Soccer Leagues Season Starts November 16th

By Yakshi Vadeboncoeur

Season #1 of Youth Soccer at Samba Sports Arena in Grass Valley begins on **November 16th**. Last year we had great fun with an Under 10 team, and Jocelyn Rapp is willing to coach a Camptonville team if there is continuing interest. Yakshi Vadeboncoeur is again ready to facilitate transportation and sign ups. There are co-ed teams for even year age groups from 8 to 14. (samba03@sbcglobal.net)

The question of the moment for Camptonville kids is: In which age group shall we field a team? Most, but not all, of the children who played last year would now be in the Under 12 age range. If your date of birth is before Jan. 1st, 2005, that is, anytime in 2004 or 2003, you would be on a U12 or older team. (continued next column)

Anyone with a birthdate in 2005 or 2006 would qualify for a U10 team, but could play up, that is, play on a U12 or older team. We will field a team that makes it possible for the greatest number of those children expressing interest to play. A U 10 team would have games on Tuesday. A U 12 team would play on Wednesday. Any overflow games for either age group would be played on Fridays. Please contact Yakshi or Jocelyn (288-0619) as soon as possible if you are interested in playing or for more information. And look for schedules and sign-up sheets being distributed at school.

Parents, if your child is interested in playing, but younger or older than the age group for which we are forming a team, there are town teams looking for players, and you can call Samba Soccer 274-3205 and ask to be put on one. Also, Jocelyn teaches Samba's training sessions on Monday afternoons for children Under 6 who are interested in getting started in soccer.



Flood Wall Street West: Art Activism vs. Climate Change

By Janie Kesselman

It was 1:30 on a sunny Sunday afternoon when Peter Galbraith and I arrived from Camptonville at the Greenpeace warehouse in Oakland. Outside, people were painting signs while others were working on a giant *Capitalism = Climate Chaos* banner.

Inside, there was a training for those willing to risk arrest through non-violent direct action at the "Flood Wall Street West" event on Monday. We were put to work fastening dozens of silk-screened banners to sticks for the procession through San Francisco's financial district.

Later that afternoon, arts activist extraordinaire David Solnit taught us how to paint a huge mural in the middle of a city intersection. We practiced by creating a smaller version right there, and then got our assignments: Peter would wheel the shopping cart with all the materials to the intersection, others would chalk the design onto the street, and the rest would distribute paint and brushes to willing marchers.

The next morning went as planned. With the help of a police liaison, our colorful contingent of 200 took to the streets! We wafted through the financial district with beautiful banners, signs, and flags, stopping at several corporate headquarters along the way. There were theater pieces, songs, dances, and speeches about how these companies contribute to the Earth's demise with their investment practices.

Inside the headquarters of Bank of the West, which invests heavily in fossil fuels, some protesters locked themselves together, disrupting building access. The march ended here. Under cover of the parachute that marched down the streets with us, the mural was chalked out with ease, and the painting was completed in less than 20 minutes! Afterwards we sat around it sharing stories, chants, and songs. An hour later the police broke up the demonstration, letting those who didn't want to be arrested leave.

The 15 people arrested were cited and soon released. The street art, with a message seen by workers in all the nearby skyscrapers, dried nicely in the intersection and will wash away with the first rain. I felt privileged to participate in this brilliantly organized demonstration, and look forward to more opportunities to use my newly acquired skills to communicate what I believe in.



Photo: Janie Kesselman



Photo: Janie Kesselman



Yuba River Ranger District Report

By Betty Leffew

Fall colors are rapidly leaving, though they weren't as colorful as usual.

Fuelwood cutting will be open until December 31st, but standing dead hardwood can only be cut until November 1st. You must still call in (288-3231) to see what the rating is before you go out to get your wood. Dooryard burn permits are still suspended until further notice.

All campgrounds above Camptonville went into winter status October 31st. They will still be open to use but with no services or fees. The campgrounds at Bullards Bar are closed. *(Private campgrounds remain open - Editor).*

It is Deer Season, so please use caution while in the woods, and wear orange if possible. The season closed in D3, 4 and 5 on November 1st.

We finally have some rain totals. As of October 19th we have 0.91 inches. Last year at this time we had 2.38 inches.



Bullards Bar Reservoir 10.24.15 – Photo: S. Dickard

What's Happening at the Community Center?

By Christina Ledson, Director

It has been a quiet month at the Center. How can you change that? you ask. Well, let me tell you: throw a party or host your next meeting in either the Community Room or the Lodge Room at Camptonville's very own Community Center. For more information on how to book the Center, please visit www.Camptonville.com.

We are still looking for people who would like to be a part of the Sub-Committee that handles concerts in the Lodge Room. Please contact Christina at cvillecommunitycenter@gmail.com.

Keep your eyes open for the construction of the new sign! Help is always greatly appreciated. There is more information on how to join in the fun in our *How Can I Help?* article below.

How Can I Help This Month?

By Tonie Hilligoss



The water pipe has been replaced, and a new electrical line has been added. Thanks again to Mark Jokerst for taking the lead on those projects. We ended up needing heavier equipment to prepare the site for the sign and, thanks to JD Dirtworks, that work is being completed as I type. Thanks again to Robert Mumm, who designed this wonderfully unique project.

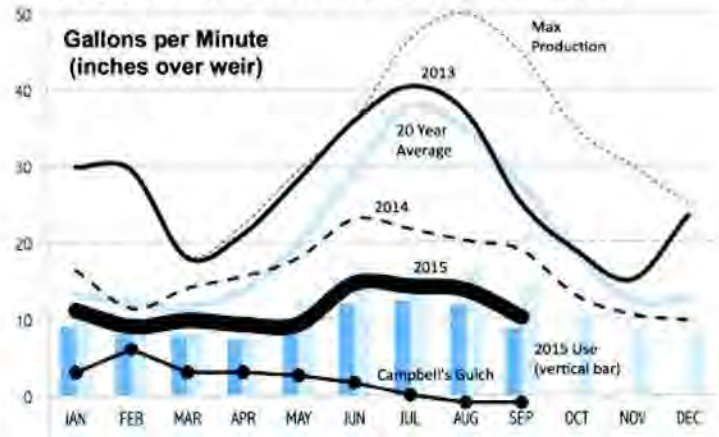
The pace of activity at the Center has temporarily slowed down a bit, so our requests for help are limited to the two major projects previously listed:

- Volunteers to work on renovating the building to incorporate the Leland K. Pauly Museum (awaiting approval of the final paperwork, with a start date soon after the holidays)
- Volunteers to help collect rocks for the hillside community center sign (date to be announced soon for a rock collecting party. We will be contacting those of you who already volunteered; everyone is invited to join in the fun. Watch for flyers with more information!)

Rita Ortega, our Volunteer Coordinator, can be reached at rtaortega4@gmail.com or 288-3421. Donations can be sent to CCSD, P.O. Box 327, Camptonville, CA 95922 with checks made out to Camptonville Community Center. All questions can be directed to Char Jokerst (rubbycj@att.net or 288-9320) or Tonie Hilligoss (thilligoss@mac.com or 288-3451).

Thank you all again for the greatly appreciated support the Camptonville community has provided to the Center.

CCSD Water Production & Consumption



Camptonville Water Situation Holding

By Mark Jokerst, Water Plant Manager

Cool weather, a little rain, and things are improving. Since the Drought Ordinance was put in effect, water customers have rallied across the board and water use has dropped such that the improved creek flow and vastly decreased water use have balanced out. We were able to run nearly 100% on creek water during October and still manage to keep water flowing downstream of our intake structure. Nonetheless, as of the writing of this report, the CCSD "Drought Restrictions" ordinance remains in effect, limiting water use to 10,000 gallons per month. Everyone's cooperation is very much appreciated!

Construction on our Phase 1 project is going full swing (see cover story) with scheduled completion in early December. The CCSD Board has elected to move forward with the Phase 2 project, and design work is just getting underway. Completion of Phase 2 is currently scheduled for December 2016, at which point, we will have two new well sources to use during droughts as well as the equipment to strip the well water of untasty iron and manganese, giving Camptonville a fine and thorough water treatment facility for 2017 and beyond.

Water use fell from 12 gallons per minute (gpm) in August to just under 9 gpm in September. That is remarkable! Campbells Gulch creek has stabilized at about 1" below the weir, with enough water leaking around the dam to keep downstream aquatic life living. As of this report, the creek is now almost 1 inch over the weir. Keep on conserving, keep your fingers crossed, and keep on with the Rain Dances!



Whose Gulch is it?

By Mark Jokerst, Water Plant Manager

The town of Camptonville is blessed with pre-1914 water rights to a blue-line (year-round) creek known today as "Campbell Gulch." We know this name from various maps, primarily the USGS topographic maps of the area. Current USGS "quads," from 1942 to the present, name this creek "Campbell Gulch." In fact . . .

Since its inception in 1890, the U.S. Board on Geographic Names has discouraged the use of the possessive form—the genitive apostrophe and the "s." The possessive form using an "s" is allowed, but the apostrophe is almost always removed. The Board's archives contain no indication of the reason for this policy. (<http://geonames.usgs.gov/domestic/faqs.htm>)



The United States Board on Geographic Names FAQ web page goes on to note: "The probable explanation is that the Board does not want to show possession for natural features because, ownership of a feature is not in and of itself a reason to name a feature or change its name."

The 1891 USGS "Smartville" Quad (now just don't get started on the whole Smartville thing) shows the creek name as "Campbells Gulch," including the possessive plural form but without the apostrophe. Apparently the USGS map makers did not receive the 1890 Board memo in time for this 1891 edition of the map.

So where do we stand? Do we toe the line with the US Board of Names and continue to use and enforce the verbally awkward "Campbell Gulch," and continue to pretend as if "Campbell" is an adjective like "Dark" or "Green," or should we acknowledge that there was once a person by the name of Campbell who in some way did something to make the rest of the locals refer to the creek as "Campbell's"?

I propose that we revert to the 1891 quad, really the oldest record of the area I know of, and give old Campbell the same courtesy we continue to give Bullard, Young, Weed, and all the rest. Go ahead, say it: Weed Point. It's demeaning!

So **CAMPBELLS GULCH** it is. Vive La Revolution !!




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Foothill Food Pantry Needs Our Support!

By Lisa Baker, Director, Foothill Food Pantry and Coordinator, Christmas Family Food Box Program

Hello everyone! It's getting to be that time again - chillier weather, the smell of Fall in the air, and thoughts of comfort food.

Here at the Foothill Food Pantry, we have been busy. In our last quarter, volunteers put in 1,135 hours and put together and distributed a total of 692 boxes! We have seen new sign-ups every week and know that, as fall/winter progresses, we will see more.

In our next upcoming project, we will collaborate with the Lake Francis CSG #745 (formerly the Lake Francis Grange) for the annual Christmas Family Food Boxes! Filled with traditional holiday menu items, such as turkey or ham (depending on household size), canned goods, rolls, etc., we are also looking at adding fresh milk, cereal, eggs, and fruits (among other things). My goal is to grow a little more each year until it gets to where there is a week's worth of food in each box. We generally rely on donations to help with this every year, so, if you are looking for a worthy cause, helping out our foothill families (including some from Camptonville) is right up there!

Financial contributions (for either the pantry or the Christmas Food Box program) can be made to:

The Lake Francis CSG #745

Mail to: PO Box 76, Dobbins, 95935

On the memo line, please write either "Pantry" or "Christmas Food Box." If you'd like to donate food items, call Lisa at 692-1250 to coordinate. Every donation helps, no matter the size.

Thanks much!

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Marijuana News

By Yana Slade

Federal news: A decision by US District Judge Charles Breyer protects medical marijuana dispensaries if they follow state laws. Read more at: sfgate.com.

State news: Governor Brown signed three bills to regulate the marijuana industry. Read more about it at sfgate.com. In response to these state bills, the California Political Action Committee created an alternative bill, called *Californians for Compassionate and Sensible Access*. Read it at: info@sensibleaccess.com.

Yuba County News: Although 1,500 signatures were turned in to the Yuba County Elections Office to recall 1st District Supervisor Andy Vasquez, there weren't enough to qualify for a recall. For local news, visit yubapatientcoalition.org.

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Report from the Fire Chief

By Brandi Dudek

The Camptonville VFD was paged out for 4 calls this month: 1 smoke check, 1 assist (tree down) and 2 MVA (Motor Vehicle/Motorcycle accidents).



We urgently need more volunteer firefighters! Our roster has dropped to 19 with 1 cadet. But only about 10 come to regular trainings, and only about half of those respond to emergency calls.

If you're interested in becoming a volunteer firefighter, trainings are Tuesday evenings from 6–9 pm. There is also one night per month that we go to NSJ for medical training. Stop by and check us out. We provide all the training.

We can also use non-firefighter volunteers for support staff, such as helping with paperwork, maintenance work at the station and any other non-firefighter projects. If interested in donating time and being part of a great team, feel free to give your chief a call at 288-3303.

Help & Hope

For Emergencies.....First Call 911

(All area codes are 530, unless specified)

Camptonville Fire Department	288-3303
Yuba County Sheriff Emergency	749-7909
Non-Emergency	749-7777
PG&E	800-743-5000
Red Cross of NE California	673-1460
Office of Emergency Services-Yuba	749-7520
Camptonville Resource Center/CCP	288-9355
KVMR 89.5 FM	265-9555
KNCO News Talk 830 AM	272-3424
AA in Camptonville	288-1001
CoRR (Community Recovery Resources)	273-9541
Domestic Violence:	
-Casa de Esperanza, Hot Line (Yuba)	674-2040
-DVSAC Crisis (Nevada Co)	272-3467
CA Rural Legal Assistance (Yuba)	742-5191
Legal Center for Seniors (Yuba)	742-8289
Mental Health 24hr Crisis Line (Yuba)	673-8255
NAMI – Support for mental illness	272-7863

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November School Calendar

- 3rd Healthy Kids Assembly (K-8), 1:30, Gym
- 4th Awards Assembly, 8:45 am
 Staff Development Minimum Day, 12:45 pm dismissal
 Kindergarten Schedule, 8:25 am-12:45 pm
- 9th Veteran's Day Observance, 1 pm, at the Camptonville
 Cemetery. Local Veterans are invited to attend
- 11th Veteran's Day *(School Closed)*
- 13th End of First Trimester
- 18th School Board Meeting, 6 pm
- 18-20th Minimum Days for Parent-Teacher Conferences,
 12:45 pm dismissal. Kindergarten Schedule, 8:25 am-12:45 pm
- 25-27th Thanksgiving Break *(School Closed)*

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Happy Thanksgiving

NOVEMBER 2015 Community Calendar
On-Line Calendar: www.camptonville/calendar/phb

- Nov 7th Music at Alleghany's Hidden Church
- Nov 8th Fall Brunch Christmas Club Fundraiser
- Nov 17th "He Hit Me, She Took My Toy" Parent Workshop
- Dec 5th - Christmas Craft Fair - NSJ
- Dec 6th - Christmas Craft Fair - Camptonville
- Dec 12th - Santa Comes to Town!

(Details are on Page 3)

On-Going MONTHLY Events

- CCP Board** - Meets 3rd Monday, 5 pm, Resource Center
 Contact: 288-9355
- CCSD Board** - Meets 4th Monday, 7 pm, Camptonville School
 Contact: 288-3421 or 288-3676
- WSMC Health Van** - 1st Tuesday, 10 am - 3 pm,
 Community Center. Contact: 289-3298
- School Board** - Meets 3rd Wednesday, 6 pm, at CV School
 Contact: 288-3277



On-Going WEEKLY Events

- Tuesdays:** Organic Lunch, 12 pm, NSJ Center
 Yoga, 5:30 pm, Camptonville School Gym
 Camptonville 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, Camptonville Resource Center
- Fridays:** Bingo, 1st & 3rd Friday, 7 pm, NSJ Center
 USDA Food Bank, 3rd Fri, 9-10:30 am, Dobbins Church
- Sundays:** Open Mic, 1st & 3rd Sundays at Burgee Daves, 4-7 pm