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Fire Is No Stranger to Camptonville

By Stephanie Korney,
Camptonville Historical Society

Several devastating and tragic fires have marked the history of Camptonville. Some reduced the entire town to cinders, others destroyed lives and livelihoods and left heartbreak behind.

The fire of 1889 consumed the greater part of the town, but it was "of course" built back up again, according to Acton Cleveland. The next big fire was in March of 1908. It happened on a day when a strong wind blew from the north. Acton wrote in his memoirs that the fire started in the post office when "someone took occasion to burn a quantity of waste paper in the stove." A burning piece of paper got onto the shake roof, and shortly thereafter a raging fire spread to neighboring buildings. In just a few hours most were destroyed, including the post office, the express office, the store, the saloon with the Masonic Hall above, a hotel, two stage barns, blacksmith shop, butcher shop, social dance hall, livery barn, and various out-buildings and dwellings, "with nothing being saved, a ruined, smoldering mass remaining." The only thing left standing in the entire town was the soapstone vault in Bill Meek's mercantile.

As most of the burned buildings were owned by Meek, Acton's intrepid pioneer grandfather, he began to rebuild as soon as the ruins cooled down. With the example of his soapstone vault as inspiration, Meek's reconstruction efforts involved large amounts of concrete, which he felt would minimize damage in future fires. Meek rebuilt the town saloon with thick concrete walls so that it would not be reduced to ash and rubble again. Meek named the new building "The Mayo" to honor the memory of his good friend Orin G. Mayo, who had died several years earlier. (Information corrected from August 2017 issue - editor)

When the reconstruction was completed, Meek organized a huge celebration that lasted several days. He set up a large area for dancing and served spaghetti and chicken to all participants. The fire at Burgee Dave's at the Mayo seems to have proved Meek right: the building still stands. The rebuilding of Burgee Dave's is in a good Camptonville tradition, and Bill Meek would probably have approved of the partying too!



"The Mayo" Being Rebuilt, 1908
Courtesy of the Leland Pauley Collection

Burgee Dave's After the Fire

By Cathy LeBlanc

A long held Camptonville tradition continues: rebuilding after the fire. It has been 109 years since the Mayo building was built with its thick concrete walls, and thank goodness for that foresight. Burgee Dave's at the Mayo, our favorite local bar and restaurant, suffered a major fire in the wee hours of the morning of July 20, 2017. The fire has not stopped the resiliency of Brian and Sandi and the Burgee Dave's team. Folks from near and far have come

to help out. As a result, the burnt back building has been removed and the fenced patio area has turned into a comfortable outdoor venue offering shade, BBQ, drinks, and occasional live music on the big stage.

Since they had no fire insurance at the time of the fire, Burgee Dave's will be holding fundraisers and will need many helping hands as they go forward. The next big project is to rebuild before the rains come. Plans are being drawn for this work, which will entail pressure washing the inside, repairing the ceiling, refinishing the bar, removing and repairing the antique back-bar (pre-1908), and rebuilding the bathrooms and rear prep area. Workdays will be planned as they move forward, so stay tuned to their facebook page, "BurgeeDavesAtTheMayo," or just stop by for more details.

We all hope the first benefit, *The Mermaid Resurrection and BBQ* held on August 26th (see photos on page 10), will significantly aid in the rebuilding efforts. There will be more fundraisers to follow, including a music extravaganza to be scheduled in mid to late September.

How can you help? Show up and give your support to Brian and Sandi by helping on a planned workday, attending the fundraisers, or going there for food and drinks. **Burgee Dave's is currently open Thursday through Sunday.** You can make a donation on line at www.gofundme.com/462gn7c. Donation checks can be mailed to Burgee Dave's at the Mayo, PO Box 328, Camptonville, CA 95922.

From the Editor

- Shirley DickKard

"Ralph Waldo Emerson once asked what we would do if the stars only came out once every thousand years. No one would sleep that night, of course. The world would become religious overnight. We would be ecstatic, delirious, made rapturous by the glory of God. Instead the stars come out every night, and we watch television." (Excerpt from Paul Hawken's Commencement Address, University of Portland, 2009).



Seeing the recent total solar eclipse was miraculous, in part because it was a once-in-a-lifetime event. People traveled great distances, described it as rapturous and life-changing. But what if it were just part of our daily rhythm? *Yep, 12-noon: time for the sun to go black for a few minutes.* How easily the awe inspiring would be reduced to the common place.

It's easy for me to get so distracted by the latest disruptive news or overwhelmed by self-imposed deadlines that I lose touch with the everyday miracles surrounding me, like the infinite shades of green in the forest outside my window and yes, the stars that twinkle like diamonds every night. That's the challenge, I guess – to be present, to pay attention, and to find inspiration in the ordinary.

Moonshine Potluck – September 16th

By Carolyn Mumm

Come say hello, visit with your neighbors, and share a meal with them. All of Camptonville is invited to our yearly potluck at Chris and Scott Pope's home at 14106 Moonshine Road on Saturday, September 16th, from 4:30 -7:00 pm. A net will be set up to play games, and the Middle Yuba River is only a short walk away.



For the potluck, please bring a dish to share and one to eat on. Do also bring your silverware and something to drink.

For more information, please call Carolyn at 288-3424.

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Come On Over for Saturday Coffee!

By Jocelyn Rapp



Coffee @ the Center has been flowing right along. Courtesy of some stellar hosts and generous coffee goers, we've had some great grub. I will be hosting on Labor Day and have decided to make it a Game Day with cards and board games. So bring your favorite game or learn to play a new one. Come on out to the Community Center Saturdays, 9-11 am.

It's free, it's fun, and there's food!

Coffee Hosting Schedule
If you can Host one of the (Open) Saturdays, please call Jocelyn at 288-0619 or email: jocelyn@theccp.org.
SEPTEMBER: (2-Jocelyn-Labor Day) (9-Jesse G) (16-Open) (23-Open) (30-Open)
OCTOBER: (7-Open) (14-Open) (21-Open) (28-Open)

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Are You Ready for the Fire Department Picnic, September 9th?



By Donna Tate

The 25th annual Camptonville Volunteer Fire Department Community Picnic is just around the corner: **Saturday, September 9th, 2-10 pm at the Lost Nugget Field on Highway 49.** The auxiliary and the fire department are geared up and ready to host a fun-filled day. There will be local entertainment throughout the day, a delicious barbeque dinner, amazing raffle prizes, t-shirts, glow sticks, and "Sons of Boogie" will rock us into the evening. Bring your friends and family and your Camptonville spirit to raise money and support our amazing fire department volunteers. If you can help serve dinner, please call Wendy at 277-6737. See you there!

How Your Support Helps the CVFD

By Brandi Dudek, CVFD Fire Chief

Please support the Camptonville Volunteer Fire Department (CVFD) by joining us for the 25th anniversary of our CVFD Picnic on **Saturday, September 9th.**

How does the money raised help us? CVFD operates on a small annual budget. Your financial support helps offset some of the annual costs for maintenance and repairs of our fire vehicles and fire house, and helps keep our protective gear maintained or even updated (it all has a shelf life). This year we hope to put in new windows, since many of them are broken. Our equipment is extremely expensive, so of course we would like to protect it. We also hope to finish the front of the station by putting up a nice sign.

Money raised also goes toward purchase of medical equipment for respiratory emergencies (oxygen masks), trauma emergencies (bandages, gauze), and glucometers for checking blood sugar. Other very expensive medical items we keep in stock are epinephrine auto-injectors for life-threatening allergic reactions and naloxone for opioid overdoses.

Last year your support helped to offset some of the costs of our new self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA). This equipment has a shelf life of 15 years, and is used for most fires, including structure and vehicle fires, to keep the firefighters safe from breathing toxic air. These SCBA's are extremely expensive at about \$5,000 a piece. We applied for and received a grant, but CVFD still had to come up with about \$25,000.

The year before, your support helped create a comfortable training room with a white board, tables, and chairs. We were also able to put in a concrete pad in the back of the building for washing our fire hoses.

CVFD has been very busy since July 1st. We were paged out for 20 calls including 4 in a 24 hour period. Calls included 4 motor vehicle accidents, 9 medicals, 1 commercial structure fire, 3 vegetation fires, and 3 assists. Our average calls per month is 7.

Our roster is at 12. Our two cadets are no longer cadets – they are now firefighters!

We are always looking for volunteers. Training is Tuesday evenings from 6–9 pm, with one Tuesday per month in NSJ for medical training. Stop by and check us out. All training will be provided at no cost.

Volunteers do not have to become firefighters; we also have need of support staff to help with paperwork, maintenance at the station, and 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.

How's Our Water Doing?

By Mark Jokerst, Operator and Manager, Camptonville Water Department



Our primary water source, Campbells Gulch, continues to flow strong but has begun to drop off.

Over the period from July 15 to August 15:

- Average water production was 26 gpm, same as last month.
- Peak Production was 30 gpm on July 23rd.
- Campbells Gulch downstream flow: 197 gpm, down from 280 last month.
- There are no drought restrictions in effect.
- Monthly allotment is 20,000 gallons.

A small drip may not seem like much, but try this experiment: Adjust your kitchen faucet to fill a gallon jug in *one minute* (takes a little trial and error). Not a lot of water, right? Wrong. Over a month's time that adds up to 43,200 gallons, compared to your monthly allotment of 20,000 gallons. Your water bill would increase by \$255 for the extra usage! Here's an easy test for leaks: Turn off all water faucets, hoses, etc. Go look at your water meter. If the little red triangle is turning, you have a leak.

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September School Calendar

September 7	1st Trimester Electives begin, 1:10 pm-2:10 pm
September 8	Run-Walk-A-Thon Fundraiser, Time TBA
September 13	Awards Assembly, 8:45 am Staff Development Min. Day, 12:45 pm dismissal Kindergarten Schedule, 8:25 am-12:45 pm
Sept. 13-15	Westminster Woods, 6th-8th field trip
Sept. 14-15	Donner State Park, 3rd-5th field trip
September 20	School Board Meeting, 6 pm
September 25	Site Council Meeting, 3 pm
September 27	Professional Development Min. Day, 12:45 pm dismissal. Kindergarten Schedule, 8:25-12:45 pm



My How They've Grown!

By Yakshi Vadeboncoeur, 1,2,3 Grow Teacher



Welcome back preschoolers and parents! What a difference one summer makes!

Change is the overriding feature of our lives, and nothing drives that reality home more soundly than little children. A summer break can mark a *sea change* in their lives. Some left in snuggly packs and came back on their hands and knees, some even on two feet. Some left in diapers and now only big kid pants are worn. Some couldn't get enough yogurt and now they won't touch the stuff. The steady growth and development, the cyclical changes in likes and dislikes, the periodic regressions - little children can embody the whole gamut of possibilities, sometimes all in the same week, sometimes even the same day. It can leave our staid adult heads spinning. But don't see a young child for a couple of months and wow! The big picture of growing up stands out in relief.

Try to savor all the moments: the spontaneity, the oversized emotions, impulsivity, sudden reluctance, more sudden absolute need, their insatiable curiosity, their hilarious explanations of why things are the way they are, their glorious pride in accomplishments. Remember it all passes so quickly, but the mirror we hold up to them as it passes impacts their whole life.

Acknowledge, honor and guide those big emotions, model the thoughtful behavior you want them to grow into, encourage their curiosity. And remember always to honor the vision, perseverance, practice, effort, and hard work that go into an accomplishment over the actual thing accomplished. Life will always bring us a new challenge. Curiosity keeps us facing it, and those hard-earned character strengths our families helped instill in us: those are what get us to the other side.

We're hoping this year at 1,2,3 Grow will offer our little ones a safe and inspiring place for their adventures to unfold, and a place where we adults can polish and shine the mirrors we hold up to them.



1,2,3 Grow is held on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, 9:30 am to 12:30 pm, located behind the school gym.

Tuesday is School Readiness for children 3 ½ to 5 years. Thursday is all ages and includes a trip to the school library.

Friday is for infants and toddlers, ages birth to 3 years.

For information, please call the Camptonville Resource Center at 288-9355.



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Introducing Daiquiri Aplington – New Science and STEM Instructor

By Sandy Ross, Superintendent/Principal

Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) is the hot topic in education. Not wanting to leave Camptonville students behind, the board chose to support the hiring of a 40% instructor to help teachers implement Next Generation Science Standards and incorporate STEM into each classroom. Fortunately, we were able to select a Camptonville Alumnus as our newest instructor.

I'm thrilled to introduce Ms. Daiquiri Aplington, who attended Camptonville School from kindergarten through eighth grade along with the majority of her siblings. Daiquiri earned her multiple subjects teaching credential through Cal State University, Chico, where she maintained her interest in science and mathematics. She will also be supporting our Special Education Program during 60% of her day. Daiquiri's enthusiasm is infectious and her love of and dedication to education is apparent. She has already proven that by borrowing a variety of STEM materials including Cubelets, Modular Robotics, and K'nex for the students to experience. She is very excited to join the team and we are delighted to have her back!

Meet Your Local.....Skyline Eco-Contemplative Retreat Center Proprietor, Diane Pendola

By Linda Rose

Skyline Ranch has always been a place for healing. Diane Pendola currently owns and operates Skyline Ranch as an "Eco-Contemplative Center." The Pendola family name is familiar to many locals from their presence since the Gold Rush when Diane's great grandparents migrated here from Italy. Because the Pendola family has contributed so much to our local history, we will write more on the Pendola family history in a future article.

First owned by the Ramm family, the original house on Skyline Ranch, built in 1880, is still in use. In the 1940's, it was purchased by Dr. Nieman from San Francisco. Nieman was a friend of Bill "W," one of the co-founders of Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) and a recovering alcoholic himself. He brought some of his alcoholic patients to the Ranch to live in a clean and sober environment. In this light, Skyline could be seen as one of the first recovery programs to use the AA model!

Diane moved to Skyline in 1977 after completing her BA in Religious Studies under the tutelage of her life-long teacher, Inter-cultural Philosopher Raimon Panikkar. She left for a while, first spending a year in a monastery and several years later obtaining her graduate degree in Theology and Ministry at Berkeley. She was involved in anti-nuclear protests in the early 80's, and an arrest gave her the opportunity to see the inside of the Santa Rita Jail. The experience was an "awakening" for her. She saw that the prison system was "diabolical," meaning that it was "fragmenting and wounding." Wanting to find a way to change it, Diane had found her life's work.

Teresa Hahn joined Diane in the late '80's and together they started their non-profit organization, "Skyline Harvest." (www.skylineharvest.org) Diane began visiting the Yuba and Sutter County jails twice weekly to meet with women inmates. She became a "loving and contemplative presence," listening to the inmates' stories of addiction and abuse. She successfully petitioned sentencing judges to allow the release of inmates to spend weekends at Skyline, where Diane and Teresa facilitated work on the first three steps of the 12 step program, as well as on issues of childhood abuse and neglect. After years of listening to these stories, Diane was inspired to write her book, "The Lioness Tale." The book, published in 2005, is basically a metaphor for all these stories.

In 2000, Diane and Teresa expanded their work, creating the "Skyline Eco-contemplative Center," which is available to groups and individuals for workshops, training, and retreats. These have included: meditation and spiritual groups, mindfulness, Enneagram, Gestalt Awareness Practice (GAP), and writer's retreats.

Based on her book, Diane developed the "Lioness Tale Prison Project." She implemented it in 2010 at the Central California Women's Facility in Chowchilla, California, with the focus on incarcerated women serving life sentences. She describes these women as the "forgotten members" of the prison culture, as there are few meaningful programs available to *lifers*. The main focus of Diane's program is for participants to discover purpose and meaning for life where they are. Over 300 women have taken the workshop and



Meadow at Skyline Harvest

Photo by Shirley DicKard



Photo by Linda Rose

100 more are on a waiting list. After the last graduation, Diane and the inmates received a "Certificate of Honor" from Lieutenant Governor Gavin Newsom, expressing congratulations and support. Sometime this fall, Diane will be interviewed on E-Town, an NPR radio program featuring people who have made a significant impact in their communities and beyond.

Diane's passion about her work is unmistakable. For her, it will not end here. Diane's hopes and dreams for this project are to go national and even worldwide, having an impact on the prison system. "Change happens, one person at a time."

To learn more, join the newsletter list, or make a tax-deductible donation, visit <http://ecocontemplative.org>. and <http://thelionessstale.org>.

Officers Down

By Randy Fletcher, 5th District Supervisor, Yuba County

Officers Down. As a former police officer, I assure you those are the two worst words you can hear. Just typing them now, I have chills. On August 1st those two words were said in our Yuba County foothills, in the 5th District I represent. Responding to an incident at an illegal marijuana grow site, two of our sheriff's deputies were shot and nearly died. This violent incident brought home the huge problem of illegal marijuana grows in our county. The hard part is keeping rage and finger pointing at bay while we muster the popular and political will to take whatever steps might prevent a repeat of this tragedy.

For those *in favor of marijuana*, wake up. The problem isn't about people getting high or cancer patients getting better by using medical marijuana. The problem is an escalating, devastating, illegal drug machine that refuses to comply with even basic regulations.

For those *opposed to marijuana*, wake up. We don't have the law enforcement funding or county resources to shut down all illegal growers. There is no "silver-bullet" county policy that will solve the problem. We are not in a bubble – neighboring counties are all dealing with illegal marijuana growers who have methodically targeted our rural, poor communities.

These large, illegal marijuana growers and property owners are often from out of town or even out of state. Make no bones about it: they are criminals who know the laws of Yuba County. They know outdoor growing is illegal and they do it anyway. Few bother to comply with basic rules. The violations are glaring: they steal water, illegally cut down and clear forested areas, build unpermitted greenhouses, and dump massive amounts of fertilizer and toxic chemicals. They have decided the risk of getting caught is worth the profits. They have no care for the environment and no care for our community. They are just in it for the money.

In February, 2015, I and other Yuba County Board of Supervisors voted to ban all outdoor marijuana growing and strictly regulate legal growers. Before then, Yuba County had one of the laxest policies on marijuana growing in the region. We allowed outdoor grows of up to 99 plants with little regulation or oversight. It was a welcome mat to illegal growers who literally entrenched themselves in our foothills.

I'm writing to ask, no, to plead with each of you, to consider that there has never been a time when coming together as a community was more important than right now.

I suggest that we need to:

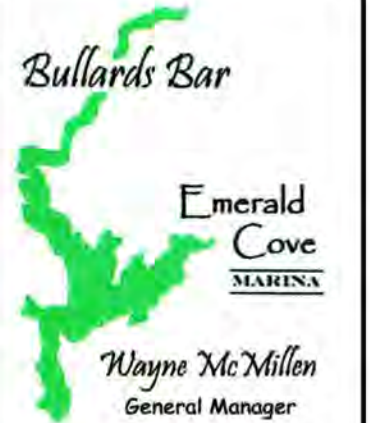
- Work with all interested counties to develop one clear and simple rural marijuana regulation policy that is easy for citizens to understand.
- Lobby as a group of rural counties to make urban areas understand the cost of their marijuana decisions on our rural communities.
- Support increased funding for law enforcement to deal with illegal growers.
- Ask citizens to start reporting every illegal diversion of water and large outdoor grows.
- Urge businesses to stop selling supplies to these illegal growers.

This incident was bad, but it can get a lot worse. It's going to take everything we've got and everybody's help to transform this violent shooting incident into a catalyst for positive change.

You may call me at 749-7510 or email rfletcher@co.yuba.ca.us.

I look forward to hearing your ideas.

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William Coligny Doub II

By Eric Doub

Bill "Terry" Doub died peacefully August 3, 2017 in San Francisco with family and friends by his side. He was born July 9, 1935 in Oakland, CA, to Mary Belle Moore Doub and William Kelsey Doub, and grew up in Piedmont. His maternal great-grandfather was William H. Williams, after whom the town of Williams, CA was named.

Starting at age 12, Bill rock climbed in the Bay Area and Yosemite, as well as climbed and skied elsewhere in the US and Canada. After Pomona College, he was drafted into the Army where, stationed in Germany in 1959, he married his college sweetheart, Nancy Platt Carlson of Queens, NY.

His studies of Chinese philosophy with a focus on Taoism took him to Stanford, where his daughter was born; to Taiwan, where his son was born; and to Kyoto, Japan, where the family lived three years. Bill was a professor in the East Asian Studies Department at CU-Boulder, 1970-80. In the early 1980s he worked at Eco-Cycle, helping start one of the nation's first postwar curbside recycling programs, and with Nancy for 12 years edited and published the Bulletin of Concerned Asian Scholars. From 1998 through 2015 he lived part time at the 45-acre property he and Nancy bought in Camptonville.

Throughout his life he engaged in many protests and nonviolent civil resistance actions against war and militarism, and for civil rights and the environment. Bill was proud to advocate for what was right for people and the planet. For similar causes, his daughter has been arrested some 75 times. Bill traveled through many worlds geographically, culturally, linguistically, and politically.

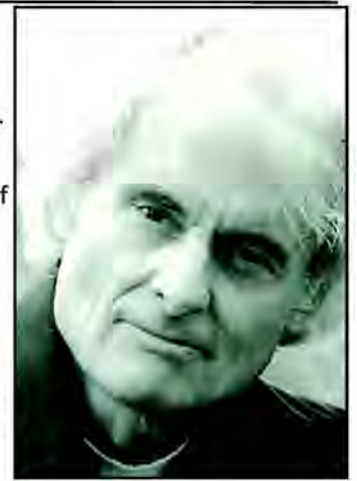
His three grandchildren, and their parents, were blessed with his and Nancy's help in raising them. Love, care, encouragement – all of his close family members have been beneficiaries of these qualities.

Bill is survived by his daughter Marian Doub and son-in-law Bob Thawley; son Eric Doub and daughter-in-law Catherine Childs; three grandchildren; and his partner Carolyn Mumm of Camptonville (2009 – present). He was preceded in death by his wife Nancy Carlson Doub in 2009 and his younger brother Phillip Moore Doub in 2015.

Donations may be made in Bill's honor to The Rocky Mountain Peace and Justice Center (www.rmpjc.org/donate/ or mail a check to RMPJC, PO Box 1156, Boulder, CO 80306), and to The Nuclear Resister (www.nukeresister.org/donate/ or mail a check to The Nuclear Resister, PO Box 43383, Tucson, AZ 85733).

Celebrations of Life will be held on September 3rd in San Francisco and on September 16th in Boulder, Colorado.

For details and for Bill's autobiography, a longer obituary, and a short film, please see WilliamCDoub.WordPress.com.



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Total Solar Eclipse – Oak Valley, 1930

By Stephanie Korney,
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In the spring and fall of 1929, astronomers J.H. Moore and Dr. D.H. Menzel of California's Lick Observatory scoured the area between the Sacramento Valley and the Feather River, looking for the best place to set up an observatory station with the best possible view of the annular total solar eclipse on April 28, 1930. They looked at several locations and decided upon Oak Valley, just northeast of Camptonville, as the optimal spot.

The scientists brought in specialized equipment and cameras designed to capture every second of the eclipse on film. There is some conjecture that famed photographer Ansel Adams was among the crowd that joined the astronomers in Oak Valley to capture the event. The scientists spent considerable time in Oak Valley and Camptonville prior to the eclipse, as they needed to set up, test, and store their equipment for the big day, and they became friendly with several area residents including Acton Cleveland, Bill Meek, and members of the Joubert, Ramm, and Bishop families. A strong storm that had threatened the project for days nearly scuttled the scientists' entire plan, but by 10 am on April 28th, "The clouds thinned, and patches of blue sky were visible. Fortunately for the astronomers, the sun appeared in one of these patches and remained visible until five minutes after the total phase of the eclipse ended. So the entire range of hoped-for observations was performed, much to everyone's relief," Moore wrote later. Details of the observations and techniques used by the astronomers to document the event are available online at adsabs.harvard.edu/full/1930PASP...42..131M



1930 Solar Eclipse

Fire Restrictions on the TNF

Submitted by Michael Woodbridge, Public Affairs Officer

The following **Fire Restrictions** went into effect July 25 within the Tahoe National Forest (TNF):

- No open fires, campfires, or charcoal fires are allowed on TNF lands outside of designated areas, even with a valid California Campfire Permit.
- Lanterns and portable stoves using gas, jellied petroleum, or pressurized liquid fuel are allowed, unless otherwise restricted, with a valid California Campfire Permit, available from Forest Service offices during business hours and at: www.preventwildfireca.org/Campfire-Permit.
- No welding or operating an acetylene or other torch with an open flame.
- No smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle, building, or designated recreation site, or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable material.
- Internal combustion engines are restricted to National Forest System roads, trails, and areas, as identified on the TNF Motor Vehicle Use Map. Motorized cross-country travel between roads, trails, and areas is prohibited.
- Those with a valid 2017 wood cutting permit may cut firewood in compliance with the terms of their permit.

Complete details regarding 2017 fire restrictions, including the list of designated recreation sites, are available on the TNF website at www.fs.usda.gov/tahoe.

Questions may be directed to the local Forest Service Supervisor's Office (530) 265-4531 and Yuba River Ranger District in Camptonville, 288-3231. Information about private land fire restrictions, regulated by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, is available at www.fire.ca.gov/.

Immersed in the Totality of the Solar Eclipse, 2017

By Shirley Dickard

"Beyond words; like being part of a universal clockwork." (Terry Riley)

"It was a mythological experience." (Shirley Dickard)

"Time was compressed. Within two minutes, we saw the beauty of the sunset, darkness with stars, then sunrise." (Janie Kesselman)

On August 21, 2017, several Camptonville folks traveled to witness the 2.25 minutes of the total solar eclipse. Terry Riley, Janie Kesselman, and Peter Galbraith viewed the eclipse from Oregon; Richard and Shirley Dickard traveled to Idaho.

On a scale of 1-10, experiencing a 99% eclipse was said to be like a "7." But totality? That would be a 1,000! As the moon slowly traveled between the earth and the sun, light changed from warm gold to thin silver to dark mist; the temperature plunged enough to need a down jacket; a few stars and planets twinkled; birds flew off in one direction; and all that was left of the burning sun was a black disc outlined by a ring of golden red fire. The first sign the moon was journeying past its alignment with the sun was a brilliant white flash at the edge, called the "diamond ring effect" – like a celestial engagement ring. I understand now why people become obsessed with following total solar eclipses as they occur around the world!



Light Before
and
During Totality





Updates from the Yuba River Ranger District

By Kevin Kidd, Visitor Information Assistant, Tahoe National Forest

The summer has been very warm, the Yuba River cool and refreshing, and the campgrounds full every weekend.

Reservations for campsites on recreation.gov end on September 26. Campsites can be used on a first come-first served basis after that.

Season: The main camping season in the Tahoe National Forest is from Memorial Day through Labor Day. Some campgrounds will remain open for public use after the regular season. However, water systems will be shut down at a future date to prevent freeze damage and garbage collection will be discontinued.

Pets: Pets are allowed in developed sites, but must be on a 6 foot leash. Please be considerate for your pet's safety as well as the enjoyment and safety of other forest visitors.

Site Capacity: In order to preserve soils and vegetation, the number of campers is limited to six people per individual site, except for group campgrounds or a single family comprised of parents and dependent children.

Fire restrictions: The Tahoe National Forest went into effect July 25, 2017. Campfires and Bar-B-Qs are not allowed except within the fire rings and grills provided in established campgrounds. See page 8 for more details or view the list on www.fs.usda.gov/main/tahoe/home. Please make sure your campfire is totally out when you leave your campsite. No campfires in the backcountry. Portable stoves can be used, but campers must have a valid campfire permit. Please remember that you are responsible for the safety of your campfire or portable device. By obtaining a campfire permit, you are agreeing to abide by all of the conditions on the permit. You can still stop by any Forest Service office to obtain your campfire permit in person. Campfire permits are valid through the end of the calendar year and can now be obtained online at: <http://preventwildfireca.org>.

Deer hunting season (rifle) starts September 23 through October 29 (archery ends September 10). Firearms cannot be discharged from a road, across a road, across a body of water, or within 150 yards of a campground or inhabited area. Always exercise caution when handling firearms. Keep in mind that other visitors, loggers, private land owners, or others with business in the Forest could be nearby, even if they are not visible. Have a safe and fun Labor Day!

Forest Biomass Business Center Update

By Regine Miller, Bioenergy Project Manager, CCP



Camptonville Community Partnership (CCP) continues to facilitate the development of the forest biomass power plant planned for the former sawmill in Celestial Valley. CCP expects the project's CEQA document, prepared by Yuba County, to be available for a 30-day public review beginning in early September, followed by a Planning Commission meeting October 18. You will be able to find the CEQA document on Yuba County Planning Department's website when it becomes available: www.co.yuba.ca.us/Departments/Community%20Development/Planning/.

CCP met with PG&E on several occasions over the past four months to discuss the power plant's grid interconnection technical requirements, with the support of a contracted electrical engineer. The end result of these meetings is that the power plant's interconnection cost has been reduced from \$5.3 million to \$3.5 million. While this is welcome news, CCP hopes that current discussions focused on interconnection policy change at the state level will further reduce the interconnection cost and improve the financial feasibility of the Camptonville project and other similar community-scale forest bioenergy projects across the Sierra Nevada.

CCP expects to have finalized its decision on the project developer by end of August. Once the project developer has been chosen, CCP will work with them to establish the power plant's legal corporate entity and lease agreement. The project developer will secure project financing and spearhead the power plant's engineering, design, construction, operations, and maintenance.

CCP is interested in working with anyone who would like to explore the possibility of establishing a value-added wood product manufacturing business or a business with a need for heat or refrigeration alongside the power plant. We can link you with resources to evaluate the feasibility of a potential business and determine the requirements to develop it.

Let us know if you have any comments and concerns on the project. Call 288-9355 or email regine@theccp.org. To learn more about the project visit <http://sites.theccp.org/fbbc/>.



By Sasha



What a Weekend!

Grand Finale of Terry Riley's
Sri Moonshine Music Series
Grand Piano Weekend
August 25, 26, and 27th
At the Camptonville Community Center



Terry Riley



Sarah Cahill

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Higbie Photos by Jane Higgins



Barbara Higbie



Catering Coordinator
Cathy Balan
with Rochelle Bell



*The Mermaid Resurrection
and BBQ Fundraiser*
for
Burgee Dave's at the Mayo
August 26th



Brian Price and Sandi Kubich



All Photos by Shirley DicKard except as noted

Things to Do!

Join Yuba County Water Agency for Informational Dinner – September 20th

By Alex Boesch, YCWA

The Yuba County Water Agency (YCWA) would like to invite Yuba County residents to an informational dinner on **Wednesday, September 20th, 5 pm, at the Alcouffe Center, 9185 Marysville Road, Oregon House.**

YCWA employees and board directors will provide information on the Agency's mission and what it does for the people of Yuba County, as well as an update on current operations and projects. YCWA is now well into the process of obtaining a new Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) license, which is a requirement for any hydropower project operating on public waters that impacts flood management, water supply, and recreation.

Agency staff will provide a brief overview of the FERC relicensing process and some of the measures that YCWA has proposed within its final license application.

Doors open at 5 pm, dinner will be served at 5:30 pm, and the presentation starts at 6 pm. If you would like to attend, please send an RSVP to aboesch@ycwa.com or call the Agency at 530-741-5000. We look forward to seeing you there.



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Chestnut Roasting - October 15th!

By Kathy Fletcher

Event: Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire & Wine Tasting

Where: The Chestnut Grove in Brownsville

When: Sunday October 15th, 2 to 5 pm

Cost: \$5 Admission

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Thanks from the Foothill Food Pantry!

By Lisa Baker, Executive Director

Recology: The Pantry goes through a tremendous amount of cardboard each week. Because we have tripled in size, the amount adds up fast! Many thanks to Recology's Jackie Sillman for offering a trial period of a large recycle bin/dumpster for it!

Yuba-Sutter-Colusa United Way Food Drive: On June 24th, our board volunteered their time at the YSCUW's annual food drive. It was a colossal coordination effort, with distribution to 11 recipient agencies (including us)! We are very thankful for those who put out such an effort to help those in need in our communities.

Cement Pad Project: Installation of a cement pad (under the carport) will begin soon. Plans were donated by Bryter Carpentry (Oregon House), who will also cover the labor/installation with help from volunteers. Financing and materials come through a Wal-Mart grant, Greg Holman/Fellowship of Friends, and our own Foothill Ace Hardware. Many thanks to them all, as we know they are constantly asked by community organizations for donations of various sorts. Mathews Ready Mix (Marysville) gave us the lowest quote on the purchase/delivery of six yards of concrete with fiber mesh - they appreciate our Pantry, and really came through for us on the pricing!

Backpack Blessings!



By Pastor Pinkie Varner, NSJ Community Church

What a wonderful month August has been – so fruitful and full of blessings! One blessing was a phone call from Bud Browning of the Roseville church called *The Rock*. He said he had been traveling Hwy 49 looking for someone who may be in need of backpacks for kids. He had stopped in at the NSJ Community Center, and while his granddaughters were playing on the playground, he read a flyer on our bulletin board about our program "Operation Number 2.0 Pencil" to raise supplies for local school children.

Bud called and let me know that he had extra backpacks filled with supplies to donate and would we like to have them for our efforts? Would we?! We rushed on down to Auburn to meet him and he donated 46 backpacks! Camptonville School said they only needed a few, so the rest went to Grizzly Hill School. James Berardi, Grizzly Hill Principal, looked at me kinda funny and I said, "It wasn't me – I'm only the delivery person!"

Blessings and opportunities at every turn. What will September bring – who knows? We'll be ready! North San Juan Community Church – The World is our Community! More information at (530) 415-9705.

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Important Information for Fire Season!

By Shirley DicKard

Forest Fire? Evacuation? Keep this important contact information handy for up-to-date news and instructions:


Yuba County Office of Emergency Services:

www.co.yuba.ca.us/departments/oes
 www.facebook.com/YubaCountyOES/
 530-749-7520



To get **Emergency Text Alerts** on your cell phone, register your mobile number at www.bepreparedyuba.org. Select "Stay Connected" to sign up.

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Camptonville:
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 - **Community Center Information** ----- 288-3655
 - **Elementary School** ----- 288-3277
 - **Post Office** ----- 288-3348
 - **Resource Center (CCP)** ----- 288-9355
 - **USFS (Yuba River Ranger District)** ----- 288-3231
 - **Vol. Fire Department** ----- 288-3303
- CoRR (Community Recovery Resources) ----- 273-9541**
Domestic Violence:
- Casa de Esperanza Hot Line (Yuba Co) --- 674-2040
 - DVSAC Crisis Line (Nevada Co) ----- 272-3467
- KNCO 830 AM (Nevada Co) ----- 477-5626**
KUBA 1600 AM (Yuba Co) ----- 673-5400
KVMR 89.5 FM (Nevada Co) ----- 265-9555
Legal Center for Seniors (Yuba) ----- 742-8289
Mental Health 24 hr Crisis Line (Yuba Co) --- 673-8255
NAMI -Support for Mental Illness ----- 272-4566
OES - Office of Emergency Services (Yuba Co) 749-7520
PG&E Outage Line ----- 800-743-5000
Red Cross of NE California ----- 673-1460
Road Conditions CalTrans ----- 800-427-7623
Sheriff (Yuba Co)
- Emergency ----- 911
 - Non-Emergency ----- 749-7777
- Supervisor Randy Fletcher (Yuba Co) ----- 749-7510**
 (Contact Editor for additions or corrections)



If you see a wildfire, report it immediately by dialing 911.

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Events and Programs ----- Barbara Ramirez
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Rental of Center ----- Char Jokerst
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Donations and Membership Forms can be sent to:
 CCC Advocates, PO Box 414, Camptonville, CA 95922

Please make checks out to:
Camptonville Community Center
 Membership forms can be downloaded at
www.camptonville.com

All questions can be directed to:
 Christina Ledson and Char Jokerst (see contact above)
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SEPTEMBER 2017 Community Calendar

- September 9** CVFD Picnic (pg 3)
- September 16** Moonshine Potluck (pg 2)
- September 20** YCWA Informational Dinner (pg 11)
- October 15** Chestnut Roasting (pg 11)



On-Going MONTHLY Events

- CCP Board** - Meets September 20, 1 pm Resource Center. Contact: 288-9355
- CCSD Board** - Meets 4th Monday, 6:30 pm, CV School Contact: 288-3421 or 288-3676
- School Board** - Meets 3rd Wednesday, 6 pm, CV School Contact: 288-3277

On-Going WEEKLY Events

CCC = Camptonville Community Center

- Mondays:** Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, Kids-5:30 pm, Adults-6:30 pm, CCC
- Tuesdays:** Community Lunch, 12–1 pm, NSJ Center
 USDA Food Bank, 3rd Tues, 9–10:30 am, Willow Glen, OH
 Yoga, 5:30 pm, Camptonville School Gym
 Camptonville Fire Dept Trainings, 6–9 pm, Fire Hall
- Wednesdays:** Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, Kids-5:30 pm, Adults-6:30, CCC
- Thursdays:** Yoga, 10 am, CCC
 Foothill Food Pantry, 12:30–1:30 pm, Lake Francis Grange in Dobbins (September 7, 14, 28; October 5, 12, 26)
 Food Bank, NSJ, 3rd Thurs, 8 am, North San Juan Center
 AA Meeting, 5:30–6:30 pm, C'ville Resource Center
 Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, 5:30 pm-Kids, 6:30-Adults, CCC
- Fridays:** Community Lunch, 12 pm, NSJ Center
- Saturdays:** Coffee @ The Center, 9–11 am, CCC
 Gardeners' Market 10 am–Noon, CCC
 Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, Kids-10 am, Adults-11 am CCC
- Sundays:** Open Mic, 1st & 3rd Sundays at Burgee Daves, 4–7 pm