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Way to Go!

By Donna Tate, CVFD Auxiliary

Camptonville, you truly showed your spirit! The 25th annual Volunteer Fire Department Picnic on September 9th raised \$6,000 for our fire department.

The day of the picnic was definitely full of Camptonville spirit. Local entertainers and our "honorary" locals, *Sons of Boogie*, kept the feet tappers and dancers moving from beginning to end. The food was delicious, the giggles of our kids at play



Chief Brandi Dudek (3rd from L) with volunteer firefighters at the picnic

Photo by Shirley Dickard

echoed through the field, and we all shared smiles while we celebrated this amazing little town that is full of spirit and pride.

I hope all of you had an opportunity to read Chief Brandi Dudek's article in the September Courier. Chief Dudek reminded us how much the community support aids the department. Your generous donations fund needed improvements and upkeep on the station, purchase equipment, and help keep our brave volunteers trained and ready to respond to all types of emergencies.


Special thanks to all the volunteers, both the veterans and the rookies. Thanks for the generosity of our local and neighboring communities who provided us with amazing raffle prizes. This event would not be possible without your help. A special shout-out this year to Joey Kelsey and the Forest Service Recreation Crew for their invaluable help with setup and cleanup. And mostly to our Camptonville Volunteer Fire Department – thank you for all you do to keep our community safe. See you next year!

Sobering Words about October Fire Season - By Donna Tate


Though fall is in the air, cooler temperatures and shorter days do not mean an end to fire season. Some of our most catastrophic wildland fires in this area have occurred in the fall.

- October 20, 1999 the Pendola Fire started by lightning, burned 7,000 acres, and destroyed 76 structures.
- September 29, 1997 in our neighboring community of Dobbins, a motorhome generator sparked a 5,600 acre fire that destroyed or damaged more than 80 homes.
- I heard tell by long time locals that the town of Camptonville was threatened by a 12,000 acre blaze that started on October 31, 1959 (Halloween).

The message here is to keep your situational awareness up and don't let your guard down.

 **Fire season is not yet over!**

Kudos from the Camptonville Community

- Thank you firefighters! You are truly gems of the community. We all owe the safety of our homes and roads to you. Over the years, you have responded to two medical emergencies at my home and a house fire next door. We are so relieved to always be able to call on your very capable hands!
- Thank you for all of your sacrifice for the good of this community.
- In an emergency situation, the CVFD gives me comfort in knowing my well-trained neighbors have my back.
- To our wonderful, very fast firefighters, thank you from the bottom of my heart.
- Thanks for saving all our homes. You never think it could happen to you. God bless Brandi and her team.
- I'm thinking many of us would be without homes or just homeless if it weren't for all your efforts. Thank you for the security.
- You are so awesome! I am always so amazed at how quickly you respond to fires and other emergencies. You all put yourselves on the line for all of us! I feel so fortunate and blessed to be in this community for many reasons, not the least of which is knowing you are there to protect us and our property. Thank you, thank you, thank you! (Find more  throughout the issue)

From the Editor – Thank You!

- Shirley DickKard

There's a saying that *Gratitude is the Best Attitude*, so I thought high fire season would be the perfect time to express our gratitude to members of our volunteer fire department!

They are our neighbors – men and women who spend every Tuesday night training at the firehouse, honing their skills and updating their knowledge. On call 24/7, they may rush out of bed in the middle of the night to attend a fire or medical emergency, then go to work the next day, or as in the case of the recent "Pleasant Fire" in North San Juan, return to work at the fire.

Clipboard in hand, I spent a few days asking Camptonville folks to express their feelings about our volunteer fire department. Sprinkled throughout this issue are their words of gratitude.

Thank you Firefighters: *Autry Dean, Brandi Dudek, Mike Dudek, Jim Esry, Beau Harris, Owen Hedrick, Danny Jaynes, Char Jokerst, Matt Mullins, David Pratschner, Kai Pratschner, and Nick Saucedo.*

A huge thanks also to the Auxiliary Pink Ladies who raise money so our department can purchase needed equipment and maintain the firehouse and vehicles:

Jeannie Costa, Tonie Hilligoss, Beth Lopez, Skip Ness, Rita Ortega, Barbara Ramirez, Denise Stratton, Tudy Tardiville, Donna Tate, and Wendy Tinnel.



Pink Ladies at Fire Picnic Photo by S. DickKard

CCP's Make a Difference Day Flower Planting Party – October 28th

By Jimbo Garrison

Saturday, October 28th is National *Make a Difference Day*, and Camptonville Community Partnership wants to make a difference at the Community Center that day by hosting a flower planting party in conjunction with **Coffee @ the Center from 9-11 am**. We will have bulbs to plant, so dress accordingly, bring a bulb planting tool if you have one, and come *Make a Difference* by helping to beautify our wonderful town. See you there!



Join the Fun! Painting Day at the School Playground – October 7th

By Sandy Ross,
Superintendent/Principal



Please save the date to help support your local school on **Saturday, October 7th** when, thanks to the UC Cooperative Extension Sutter-Yuba County, Camptonville School's playground will get a facelift! In a collaboration between the school and UC Cal Fresh, we will be stenciling and painting fun physical activities on the playground, including a new 4-square court (in the shape of the *My-Plate* learning tool) for our younger students, an obstacle course, a training circuit, and many more great ideas generated by staff and students. Just show up any time from **8:30 am to noon** and join in the fun.

It is my hope that, by getting folks to join in, we will increase the community's ownership and pride for this public space. I would like to remind students, non-students, and everyone in our community that, while the playground is currently left open to enjoy, there has been a great deal of disrespect and vandalism occurring lately. It is disheartening to return to school on a Monday morning to find basketball nets ripped down, swings thrown over the top of the bars, playground safety rules torn off the fence, garbage, and animal feces. Our students love their playground, and the school staff works hard to maintain what we have. Please be respectful by following school rules, using equipment with care, and cleaning up after yourselves. We promise to do the same when we play in your yard!!

Christmas Club's Annual Fall Brunch

By Jessi Mullins

Keep your eyes and ears open for news on the annual Fall Brunch that the Camptonville Christmas Club hosts to raise money for Santa's visit in December. Date to be determined, but possibly the first Sunday in November.

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Come Roast Chestnuts! - October 15th

By Kathy Fletcher

Event: Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire & Wine Tasting

Where: The Chestnut Grove in Brownsville

When: Sunday Oct 15th 2 to 5pm

Cost: \$5 Admission

Wineries: Lucero's, Grant-Marie, Spencer Shirey, Hickman's

Entertainment: Amanda Gray, guitar and vocals



This Month at the Community Center!

By Christina Ledson, Manager

In April of 2015 I was asked if I would be interested in taking on the role as the Manager of the Community Center. I agreed because of how important I feel the Center is for our community. As we had hoped, it has provided a place for us to gather, get to know one another, and catch up with old friends. I take pride in how much has been accomplished in 2½ years with volunteers and financial donors.

My resignation: As we have seen with the Center, much can change in two years including things in my life. I have come to a place that I cannot give the Center as much attention as it needs. So with a heavy heart I have given my resignation effective November 30th. While I will no longer be involved in the day-to-day operations, I will continue to serve on the board for the Camptonville Community Center Advocates.

This is a great opportunity for someone to get involved with the Center. If you think you might be interested in the role of Manager, please email me at christinaledson@gmail.com.

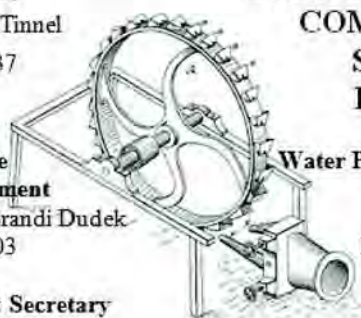
Renovations: As we wrap up the Center's spring and summer season, we look forward to continuing the renovations. We have a small stock pile of materials that we plan to use up. The first thing on the agenda is to sheetrock the remaining area of the kitchen expansion, put up trim, tape and texture, and finally paint the walls. We are always looking for volunteers to help get these projects done. Please contact me if you can help with any of this work: 288-3655.

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Coffee @ The Center is Going Strong!

By Jocelyn Rapp

Join your neighbors for coffee and conversation on **Saturdays, 9-11 am at the Community Center.**



Host are needed for the (Open) dates. If you can host, please contact Jocelyn at 288-0619 or jocelyn@theccp.org. See you there!

October: (7-Open) (14-Jesse) (21-Open) (28-CCP)

November: (4-Open) (11-Open) (18-Open)

(25-Thanksgiving Weekend)

Fall Pancake Breakfast - October 21st

By Lisa Baker, Executive Director

The Foothill Food Pantry is having their first Fall Fundraiser Breakfast on **Saturday, October 21st, 8:30 to 11 am** at the Alcouffe Community Center, 9185 Marysville Road, across from the thrift store/fire department in Oregon House.

We are serving an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast, with sausage and bacon, fresh fruit salad, and a beverage. Tickets can be purchased at the door: \$6 for adults and \$3 for kids 11 and under. All proceeds benefit the pantry. We'd love to see you there!

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Pendola Area Road Condition Report

By Lisa Burns

Last winter Pendola Road suffered major storm damage - slides, mud boils, and potholes - resulting in its closure by the county. The damage will not be repaired before the rainy season according to Mike Lee, Yuba County Department of Public Works (YCDPW). Federal FEMA funds were applied for but not yet received by Yuba County because the necessary paperwork has not been completed. With recent hurricanes in Texas and Florida, it's likely that FEMA funds will be unavailable for some time. The YCDPW will continue the FEMA grant process to obtain funds and will ask the Board of Supervisors for county money to begin some repairs. Unfortunately, this will not happen before the rainy season begins.

A request to reopen Pendola Road (citing public safety issues) was denied on 9/18/17, YCDPW stating there was too much liability on their part to reopen the road. With Pendola Road closed, the county will not plow it this winter, making egress and emergency response into the area via Pendola Road impossible in snowy conditions, except by helicopter. Power lines and phone lines cannot be accessed for service or maintenance.

Emergency response times are delayed over 20 to 30 minutes when Pendola Extension is used for access to Pendola, Garden Valley, Baker, Weeds Point, and Youngs Hill Roads, as well as to Mill Street and Camp Pendola.

If you live in this area, work, hunt, have a mining claim, gather firewood, or use these roads for access to the Tahoe National Forest and have concerns about this closure, file a complaint with YCDPW at www.co.yuba.ca.us. Click on "County Departments," then "Public Works Department." The complaint form is highlighted in blue. They can be reached at 749-5420.

Thank you, Firefighters!

By Diane Pendola

In these times of fires, floods, hurricanes, and earthquakes, our first responders represent the best of our human impulses and generous natures. As I watch all the heart-rending stories unfold on T.V. and social media, it is human kindness that brings tears to my eyes and opens my heart.

I remember the times that our Camptonville Volunteer Fire Department and First Responders have come down Pendola Road to my aid: carrying me out of the woods on a stretcher after a back injury; sitting by my side with oxygen and comforting expertise after an allergic reaction dropped my heart rate to near fatal levels; saving my home from the flames of the Pendola fire.

There seems to be no better time than the present to say *Thank You!* We would not be the amazing community we are without you.



Voice Your Concerns About Road Repairs

By Jesse Golden

A recent fire on Weeds Point Road in the Pendola area was contained quickly by the Camptonville Volunteer Fire Department, but it might have gone very badly if responders had not been able to figure out which route would avoid the area of washed-out road. Luckily, a firefighter lived in the area and knew which route would allow large fire trucks to pass. Had they made the wrong choice, it would have delayed getting to the fire by at least 45 minutes according to Chief Dudek.

As is always true, the more county officials hear from local residents, the more they are likely to keep our interests in mind. Do mention likely impacts on vital services such as ambulances, fire trucks, snow-plowing, and emergency exit routes.

You can make your voice heard by: using the complaint form online at the county site (here's a shortcut: bit.ly/Yuba_form) or by contacting Supervisor Randy Fletcher, 749-7510 (office), 693-7481 (cell), or rfletcher@co.yuba.ca.us.



Sending a huge Thank You to our volunteer

Angel Heroes!

Thank you for your dedication and fearlessness!

From Your Fire Chief

By Brandi Dudek, CVFD Fire chief

Thank you to everyone who supported us for the 25th annual Firemen's Picnic. Thanks also to the

Auxiliary Pink Ladies for putting this annual event together and to all the volunteers who came out to help set up, barbeque, serve food, sell tickets, and tear down.

Even though the weather seems to be cooling down, we are still in high fire danger. Please read the warning about October fires on the front page and please continue to be diligent. Remember: there are no open fires outside of designated campgrounds.

CVFD calls included five motor vehicle accidents (with three being mutual aid to Downieville), one medical, and one vehicle fire/vegetation fire. Our roster is at 12 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 need support staff to help with paperwork, maintenance at the station, and other non-firefighter projects. If you are interested in donating time and being part of a great team, feel free to give your chief a call at 288-3303.



Status Report for FEMA Road Repairs

By Randy Fletcher, 5th District Supervisor, Yuba County

Here is a summary of road repairs for Yuba County, and specifically for the Pendola area. This was provided to me by Mike Lee, Yuba County Public Works. Mike and I will have presented this at the September 25th Camptonville Community Services District meeting.

The County identified a list of 65 disaster sites (countywide) in need of repairs from the January and February 2017 storm events. Fourteen of these are considered major repairs (slip-outs and one bridge repair) requiring formal design by a consultant, including geotechnical borings and environmental analysis. The County solicited requests for proposals and entered into two design contracts for the major repairs. The two contracts total approximately \$2.3 million. The geotechnical borings have been performed, and the environmental process is underway for these locations. We anticipate the slip out construction repairs taking place in 2018 when weather permits. We have been told that FEMA will pay for winterizing these sites because of the lengthy process not allowing for immediate repairs. Winterizing will consist of placing Visqueen over the slip-outs to prevent further erosion.

We are currently soliciting construction bids for the bulk of the rest of the road repairs (primarily importing aggregate base and grading the roads). Those bids were opened on September 20th, and items were placed on the September 26th Board agenda to consider award of these contracts. Unfortunately, these projects have not officially been obligated by FEMA, so the work will be somewhat "at-risk." However, if we wait any longer, the work will not occur before winter.

Grading work in the Pendola area will have been considered by the Board on September 26th for Pendola Extension, Weeds Point, and Youngs Hill roads. Furthermore, the County has agreed to do the following work using our forces before winter: fix the mud bog on Pendola Road near the Ranch and spend \$100,000 paving a portion of Pendola Extension. We are proposing to start paving the Extension at SR 49 and systematically paving incremental pieces over the next several years. We are choosing to focus efforts on the Extension over Pendola Road because the Extension is a better suited road (not built on cedar logs, with steep canyons, and it is wider/safer).



Thank you Camptonville Fire Department EMTs - you came to help me and my family and were very helpful and professional. I feel so good to know you are there for emergencies.



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Can We Talk?

By Francisco Reveles, Yuba County Superintendent of Schools

"Dad, if I get put in jail, will you still love me?"

I was startled and taken aback by my seven-year-old son's question. I was sitting on the edge of his bed as I did every night preparing him for sleepy time. He slowly shifted and rolled onto his tummy for the obligatory back rub. He liked my rough hands. This ritual always followed his evening bath. He was dressed in his favorite Snoopy pajamas that still had the comforting fragrance of baby powder.

"I will always love you," I gently whispered. "My love for you is humongous. No matter what you do, I will always be there for you." I paused to let it sink in, and then I gently pressed him, "But I would definitely want to know why your were put in jail." He smiled.

The beginning of school brings countless family conversations surrounding teachers, lunch, friends, and homework. More challenging are our attempts to get our children to open up, especially when we sense that something's not right or that they're holding back. Indeed, the simple truth is that our children may never fully confide in us all that goes on in their lives. That's normal. Just think back when we were young. Truthfully, did we ever do something that our parents never found out about? And maybe to this very day, they still don't know?

Children are acutely perceptive. This comes as no surprise given that 90% of a child's brain develops by age five. They're like innocent little sponges as they explore their environment, trying to make sense of a complicated world. Add to this the sheer volume of stimuli that bombards their minds, arriving at the speed of light through electronic devices. Indeed, it's like trying to drink water from a fire hose. Some children may feel overwhelmed, withdraw, or timidly disengage from living. A key research finding in raising resilient children is the importance of fostering healthy communication channels that begin early in a child's development.

One such opportunity can occur during the proverbial bedtime ritual. In the safety and security of their rooms, children tend to naturally open up and ask questions that may seem awkward at any other time of the day. They may share their innermost anxieties and fears. In turn, we can reassure them.

And make no mistake, a consistent bedtime routine that includes heart-to-heart talks will pay off later as children mature into teenagers and begin navigating the many moral dilemmas, temptations, and stresses that are surely headed their way. I can still vividly recall when as a principal I was dealing with a major drug bust on campus and escorting a disheveled teenager into my office, followed by his weeping mother. In her desperation and anguish at seeing her son handcuffed, she implored him to speak to her and explain what happened.

"Why?" he coldly replied. "You were always too busy to talk to me when I was a kid. Why now?" And then he turned away.



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Forest Biomass Business Center Update



Regine Miller, CCP Bioenergy Project Manager

Camptonville Community Partnership (CCP) is eager to share that it recently confirmed Phoenix Energy as the forest biomass to energy power plant's project developer. Phoenix Energy is a California-based firm that commands expertise developing community-scale bioenergy projects using forest, agriculture, and urban feedstock. Phoenix Energy has worked on the Camptonville project in various capacities since 2014 and will, among other things, navigate the project through two of its greatest challenges: securing project financing and grid interconnection. CCP anticipates working with Phoenix Energy to establish the power plant's legal corporate entity and lease agreement later this fall.

CCP still awaits Yuba County's issuance of the project's CEQA document, which will be available for public review, followed by a Planning Commission meeting on October 18th. You will be able to find the CEQA document on Yuba County Planning Department's website when it becomes available: <http://www.co.yuba.ca.us/Departments/Community%20Development/Planning/>.

Regine Miller, the bioenergy project manager, gave a brief overview presentation of the Forest Biomass Business Center project to the Nevada County Board of Supervisors on September 12th as part of CCP's ongoing outreach. You can view the presentation here: https://sites.google.com/a/theccp.org/fbbc/Documents/FBBC%20Nevada%20Co%20BOS%20PP_9.12.2017%20.pdf?attredirects=0 or listen to it here: https://nevco.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=3.

We'd love to have your feedback on the project. Call 288-9355 or email regine@theccp.org. To learn more about the project, visit <http://sites.theccp.org/fbbc/>.

Use Your Words

by Yakshi Vadeboncoeur, 1, 2, 3 Grow



“Use your words.” It’s an oft-repeated refrain heard in preschool settings. As a poet as well as a teacher, the incredible power of language and its deep enmeshment in the developing mind is awe inspiring to me. So you can imagine how delighted I was to see the “bedtime story” article (pg. 6) submitted by Francisco Reveles, Yuba County Superintendent of Education, to this month’s Courier. It’s always wonderful to hear from new voices, and I absolutely love his reminder to us adults how important it is that we use our words.

The ability to use words is embedded in the newborn’s brain, and once survival needs are met, those newborns are actively trying every waking moment to figure out their world. The ability is embedded, but the content: the words, the structures, the responsibility, worth, and joy of using them, largely comes from us, their adult caregivers. We need to use our words and use our receptive listening silence from our infants’ first moments in order for our children to grow into the good communicators we desire them to be. And those powerful communication skills that we forge between us will enhance our family ties now, and will enrich every relationship they have throughout their lives. So with Superintendent Reveles, I encourage parents everywhere to invest daily in dinner time or bedtime rituals, and to keep honing those storytelling and story listening skills.

October School Calendar

- October 3 Picture Day
- Oct. 4 & 11 Child Behavioral Workshops, 10 am-Noon
- October 7 Playground Painting Project, Begin work at 8:30 am.
- October 11 Awards Assembly, 8:45 am
Staff Development Minimum Day, 12:45 pm dismissal
Kindergarten Schedule, 8:25 am-12:45 pm
- Oct. 16-20 Fall Break (No School)
- October 23 Site Council Meeting, 3 pm
- October 25 School Board Meeting, 6 pm
- October 31 Halloween Parade and Celebration, 1:30-2:30 pm



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Important Dates for 1, 2, 3 Grow!



By Yakshi Vadeboncoeur, 1, 2, 3 Grow

The first week of October is full and fast paced with a couple of scheduling twists, so pay attention and mark your calendars:

- **Tuesday, October 3 is School Picture Day!** This will be an ‘everybody’ day. Get the little ones all dressed up, spit and polished, and come on in and get their picture ‘took.’
- Equally exciting, **Wednesdays, October 4 and 11** will be out-of-the-ordinary days. Yes! Out of the ordinary because we’ll be meeting on Wednesdays. But also because the extraordinary, wise, and wonderful **Thelma Amaya will be here 10 am to noon to offer two free child development workshops to all interested parties in the community** (not just 1, 2, 3 Grow families). Please make every effort to take advantage of this opportunity. Thelma Amaya is the behavior specialist for the Yuba County Office of Education. Her knowledge of the ages and stages of child development and insights into the workings of young psyches are amazing resources for all of us. She shares her strategies for helping children (and parents) turn challenges into personal and family strengths in totally accessible and adaptable ways. She is a gift to all of us and a great communal resource.
- **Thursday, October 12** will be our annual **field trip to Bishop's Pumpkin Farm** in Wheatland. Stay tuned for more details as the date approaches.
- Finally, the first week in October, the First Quarter Milestone Report is due to First5Yuba. Please take the time to jot down a few lines recalling a child or family success story that we can share with First5Yuba along with the drier statistical data we are mandated to report.

We are so fortunate to have such a dedicated group of volunteer firefighters and first responders.

Thank you all!

Knowing you all are there gives me a secure bit of peace.

Thank you firefighters for your dedication and selfless willingness to help others. God speed.



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Remembering Former Camptonville Winemaker – Joel Shawn

By Dee Samuels

Joel Arnold Shawn died August 19, 2017 at home in Nevada City, at age 81.

Joel was born November 15, 1935, in Brooklyn, New York to Sophie Freedman and William Shawn. He received a bachelor's degree in engineering from City College of New York and a law degree from Hastings College of Law in San Francisco.

As a partner in Kipperman, Shawn & Kecker, Joel practiced civil and criminal law. After heading his own firm for a period, Joel and his wife, Dee, formed Samuels & Shawn. Joel handled many notable cases including a landmark selective service case in 1969 which the S.F. Chronicle reported "may throw the nation's whole Selective Service System into a cold sweat."

He and his first wife Carol purchased a home in Corte Madera, and with the help of friends and neighbors remodeled it. There, memories were made raising his four children David, Lisa, Matthew, and Erin.

Joel was active in Corte Madera politics, serving on the Corte Madera City Council and as mayor.

Joel had many interests: he was a history buff, an outstanding cook, read widely, studied Shamanic healing, loved movies, and had an encyclopedic knowledge of jazz. He was known for his sharp sense of humor.

Joel loved the outdoors and took his children and stepson Josh on many wilderness adventures. He shared his love of music, travel, and gardening with them. He and his family traveled abroad and took many RV trips. His family loves these activities to this day.

After retiring in 1998, Joel and Dee bought land in Camptonville and planted their vineyard with help from Camptonville folks. Their Sangiovese wine sold under the label Montana Rosa. Joel served on the board of the Camptonville Community Partnership and volunteered at the Forest Service. He was also a Clamper!

He is survived by his wife Dee, his children, David, Lisa, Matthew, and Erin, stepson Joshua, first wife, Carol, and four grandchildren: Ava, Sophia, Owen, and Ella.

A celebration of Joel's life will be held on Saturday, October 28, at 12:30 pm at Joel and Dee's home in Nevada City. All friends are invited. Contributions may be made to the National Kidney Foundation or to Hospice of the Foothills, Grass Valley.



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The Mysterious Case of the Feline Houdinis

By Linda Rose

Not too long ago, Fraidie, my beloved cat for 12 years, went to "the other side." When this happens, what are cat lovers to do? Find another feline companion, of course! When word got around, neighbor Stephanie Kourney told us she had two young kitties needing a new home.

Excitedly, Phil and I grabbed the cat carrier and off we drove to Stephanie's. Alas, as Stephanie was bringing them outside, the carrier door opened. Out jumped the kitties, escaping to who knew where. Stephanie sent us on our way until she could catch and confine them once again.

Within the hour, Stephanie beckoned us back. Concerned about their emotional stability, she rode home with us holding and comforting them during the transport until they were placed in their room. Several hours later, I opened the carrier door. Immediately they came to me, allowing me to pet and pick them up while rewarding me with their purrs.

As I left the room, I closed the door to confine them. A little later, Phil asked where the kitties were and why was the outside door open. I checked their room, finding it still secure. No sign of either anywhere. I looked under and behind everything, but still could not find them. It was as though they planned their escape as soon as I left them alone. The only explanation was that they must have climbed up on the open banister, jumping down the stairwell. The outside door, conveniently left ajar, allowed them to work the door open with their tiny paws. Devastated, we called and meowed, having no clue where they went. Exhausted from our search, we placed the carrier outside the open door, leaving food and water, hoping they would return.

Seeing no sign of them the next morning, we wondered what in the world we were going to tell Stephanie. Sadly, we went about our day. Later, during floor exercises I glanced underneath the treadmill and saw something dark. What was it? Looking more closely, it moved! I couldn't believe my eyes! It was one of the kitties! After talking to her, she moved towards me. Then I saw the other one! Thrilled and excited, I yelled to Phil, who quickly arrived with food. They had not escaped after all! It was just an illusion. They had never left their room, remaining quiet as mice. We petted, they purred. All was well. The next morning, a mouse gift appeared. We love our new kitties, Kit and Kat!



Photo by Linda Rose

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Yuba River Ranger District Report

By Kevin Kidd, Visitor Information Assistant, TNF

With the cooler weather upon us, it is a great time to visit the district trails. The Sierra Buttes area is beautiful this time of year, with fall colors starting to show.

Our campgrounds in Bullards Bar will close October 15, and the gates will be locked. Campgrounds along Highway 49 and in the high country closed October 1st. They then became "no service, no fees," which means: what you pack in, please pack out.

Backyard burn permits are still suspended until further notice in accordance with www.fire.ca.gov/fire_protection/fire_protection_burnpermits.

Be careful you don't start a fire with your chainsaw. Fuelwood cutting information is available at the Yuba River Ranger District Hotline - 288-3231 or 478-6176. Be sure to check the Project Activity Level for the day. You can cut dead standing hardwood until November 1st.

It is Deer Hunting Season, so use caution while in the woods. The season closes on October 29th in D3, D4, and D5.

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Indian Valley Outpost Resort Hibernates for the Winter

By Karla and Dave Gardner

On October 1st, our third Summer season came to a close. The Store, Restaurant, and Pub will only open for catering by reservation. Our large group cabin is available for rent all year. We are grateful for a good season that kept us afloat after all the rains. Many thanks to our Camptonville customers as well as the surrounding area folks. We look forward to a quiet cozy winter and seeing all of you once again in the spring. Check out our website in March for all of our 2018 recreational plans. Happy Trails!

Gold Seal for Our Camptonville Non-Profit

By Richard Dickard

In 1995, Camptonville residents started holding regular Town Hall Meetings to decide what would make Camptonville a better place to live. At every meeting, people said "having a Community Center, a place to connect" was a top priority.



The Camptonville Community Center Advocates (CCCA), a non-profit 501(c)(3), was created this year to support our new Camptonville Community Center. The Advocates aim to raise money from donations, events, and grants to support the renovation and maintenance of the Community Center and to expand and help fund Community Center programs and events. For more information or to become involved, contact Christina Ledson, 288-3655, or Richard Dickard, 288-3479.

The Camptonville Community Center Advocates was recently recognized for our transparency with a Gold Seal on our GuideStar Nonprofit Profile! GuideStar is the world's largest source of information on non-profit organizations. Now our community members and potential donors can find in-depth information about our goals, strategies, capabilities, and progress. We're shining a spotlight on the difference we help make in Camptonville. Check out our GuideStar Profile and tell us what you think: www.guidestar.org/profile/81-4073088.

How's Camptonville's Water Doing?

By Mark Jokerst, Operator and Manager,
Camptonville Water Department, CCSD



Campbells Gulch continues to supply all of our water and continues to drop off ever so slowly. Over the period from August 15 to September 15:

- Average Production was 24 gpm, down from 26 gpm
- Peak Production was 39 gpm, up from 30 gpm
- Campbells Gulch downstream flow: 182 gpm
- There are no drought restrictions in effect
- Monthly allotment is 20,000 gallons

At the time of writing (9/18), daily use is down to 16 gpm as the weather cools and we see weather systems laden with moisture passing through. Promise of a wet season on the way?

Reflections on Fire with Appreciation to Firefighters!

By Marcy Risque



Living with the ever-present threat of forest fire is almost a subliminal awareness for most, if not all of us, lurking in the background of our mind like a sixth sense.

Last summer at a Middle Yuba River swimming hole, a mile or so from our home, four guys started to build a fire, making a creative structure with sticks high up on a boulder, not far from dry oak leaves and the oaks overhead. I always wondered what might have happened that, thankfully, didn't. I implored them not to light it (crazy!). Something about my anxious expression must have made them think twice, so they didn't light it. Whew!

Being a survivor of the 1991 Oakland fire (in which 25 people lost their lives), my "fire radar" has a bit of a sharp edge. There are a few distinct memories that stand out. One of them is that on the day the fire broke out, a Sunday morning in October with warm air from the north and howling winds, there were absolutely no emergency personnel anywhere. No fire trucks, airplanes, or sirens, and no warning – it was truly surreal. I got out only when I saw fire in the trees on our street – it seemed like a good time to go! The city seemed to me completely unprepared for that event.

So I am always deeply grateful, relieved, and impressed in our area when I see those planes up in the air within minutes of a smoke sighting. And firefighters are on it! To all of you brave souls—including our own awesome local volunteers—who risk your lives for the safety of our community: *thank you thank you thank you!* You are our heroes; we are incredibly blessed by your protection. You are fire ninjas and warriors. Your prompt response to emergencies is epic. Your ability to work under extreme pressure is amazing! You are a team of noble souls, and this humble citizen of Camptonville takes her hat off to you – again and again and again.

North San Juan Community Church News

By Pastor Pinkie Varner

Blessings just keep coming our way! The River Baptisms on September 11 at Oregon Creek were phenomenal! We have set it on the calendar for every year on 9/11. Hope to see you next year!

We have yet another community outreach program forming for veterans in Nevada and Sierra Counties. Any homeless veteran can get a ride to the *Stand Down* on October 6 and 7 by signing up with Pastor Pinkie. *Stand Down* is willing to send the transportation to YOU on the NSJ Ridge! All you have to do is sign up. No DD-214? No problem – just go! Free sleeping bags, boots, clothes, bed rolls, back packs, tents, and more! We haven't forgotten about Halloween, either - we will be there with candy for the kids. Call 415-9705 for information.




Camptonville Veteran Needed!

By Pastor Pinkie Varner, NSJ Community Church

We need a Camptonville/Yuba County Veteran willing to help us get a head count of our local impoverished or homeless veterans in the Camptonville area. Yuba County's *Stand Down* was in August. If we have a head count and/or names of local veterans, we can help them out next year with rides, etc. Please contact me at 415-9705.

Connecting to Quit

Free Tobacco Cessation Classes. Quit: Smoking, Chewing, Vaping. 

Make a Plan that works for you! October Classes are from 4-5 pm at the Yuba County Library, 303 2nd Street, Marysville. For information or to register, call 749-6966.

Classes: Tues, October 10, Thurs, October 12, Tues, October 17, Thurs, October 19 (Quit Day), Tues, October 24, Thurs, October 26.

Yuba County Health and Human Services Department, Public Health Division, Tobacco Education Program. ©2014 California Dept. of Public Health Funded under Contract #CTCP 17-58. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the facility is wheelchair accessible and disabled parking is available. If you have a disability and need disability-related modifications or accommodations to participate in this event, please contact Yuba County Health & Human Services at 749-6366. Requests must be made at least two full business days before the event.

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Camptonville:

- AA ————— 288-1001
- 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

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Mental Health 24 hr Crisis Line (Yuba Co) — 673-8255

NAMI -Support for Mental Illness ————— 272-4566

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Oregon Creek Covered Bridge is Coming Back!

By Rod Bondurant

The Oregon Creek Covered Bridge reconstruction continues. To accommodate large heavy vehicles (think firetrucks), the approaches have been widened and the bridge framework has been rebuilt stronger than ever. After extensive work on the abutments using an amazing amount of concrete and rebar, the rebuilt trusses have just been put back in position. The original builders 150 years ago, who used hand tools and oxen, would surely be astounded by the new technology and the price tag – upwards of two million dollars!

OCTOBER 2017 Community Calendar



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Celebration (pg 7)



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, LF Grange, Dobbins
 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
 Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, Kids-10 am, Adults-11 am CCC

Sundays: Open Mic, 1st & 3rd Sundays at Burgee Daves, 4–7 pm

On-Going MONTHLY Events

CCP Board - Meets 2nd Wednesday, 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, at CV School
 Contact: 288-3277