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Fires in Camptonville!

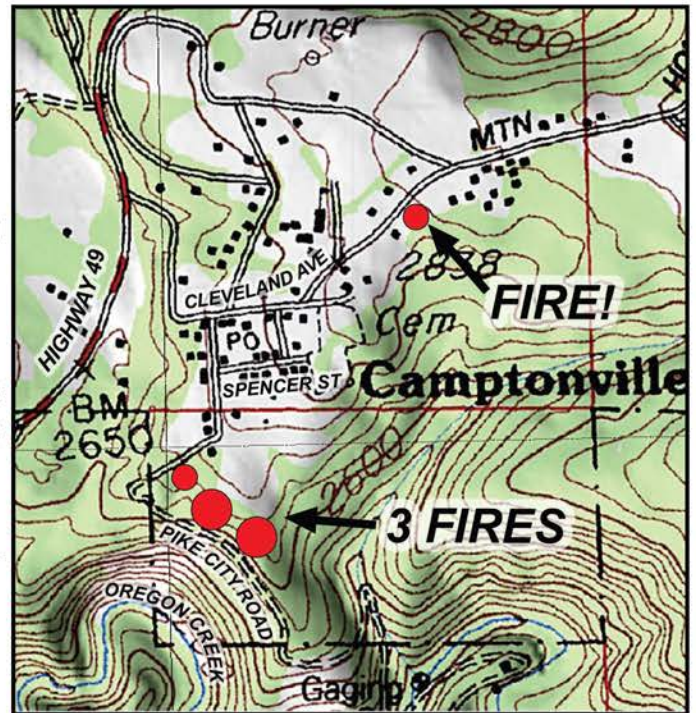
By Mark Jokerst

The Story: July 16, 2018

Shortly after 9 pm Monday evening, a report of a vegetation fire was broadcast over our fire radios. As Camptonville firefighters headed to the firehouse, pondering strategy for this reported Celestial Valley fire, additional 911 reports came out of a second "large" fire approaching houses in Camptonville, up the very steep and overgrown Pike City Road. At the same time, a third fire - right in the heart of town - was reported by a firefighter as she was leaving for the firehouse. Reports from campers on Oregon Creek stated it was "a fire larger than a house;" reports from Highway 49 were of the "whole hillside on fire." Clearly, stuff was hitting the fan.

The Cal Fire dispatchers in Grass Valley started a wildland response, sending a fleet of fire equipment towards Camptonville. Camptonville Engine 6371 responded to Pike City Road, assigned to protect houses nearest the fire's edge. Engine 6365 headed to Cleveland Avenue to find locals Ellen McCarthy, Gary Valenta, and Dennis Williams attacking the 20-foot long roadside fire with hoses and garden tools. The Engine 6365 crew knocked down the remaining fire on Cleveland Ave, then quickly headed down to Pike City Road, leaving the locals to mop up Cleveland. Other fire units went searching around town for more fires, thinking "arsonist at work." Fire Chief Brandi Dudek scouted out a vantage point up near the cemetery, made a quick size-up of the Pike City Road fire, and wisely requested a "strike team of engines for structure protection" from Grass Valley. All of this happened within minutes of the first reports.

The two largest fires were ignited on Pike City Road and spread uphill into steep, brush-covered oak woodlands, racing towards houses along the south edge of Camptonville. Looking at the burn scars days later, it was a fast, clean burn uphill from the road's edge; human caused, no question. Pretty much the very same scenario was discussed in training not two weeks prior - one of our worst nightmare scenarios. Camptonville Engines 6365 and 6371 set up defensive positions at the top of the fire. Bystanders pitched in, dragging hose and cutting brush with chainsaws ahead of the fire. Other townspeople spread the word to houses near the fire. With much grit, determination, and a few whispered prayers, CVFD and the people of Camptonville held the fire at bay until neighboring fire departments could arrive and help with the attack. (Continued on Page 9)



Acknowledgments:

The town of Camptonville wishes to express our thanks and praise for all who came together to put a happy ending to this story. Our highest praise and gratitude for the professional response from the Camptonville Fire Volunteers: **Chief Brandi Dudek, Assistant Chief Mike Dudek, Captain Jim Esry, Autry Dean, Char Jokerst, Lynn Coppock, David Pratchner, Owen Hedrick, Beau Harris (Thanks Kaleela!), and Nick Saucedo.** Lest we forget: Our appreciation to the **families** of these firefighters, for they all participate.

"Mutual Aid" in this over-grown jungle of a world is a beautiful thing. Our highest gratitude goes to the local **volunteer fire agencies from Pike City, North San Juan, and Brownsville.** Our sincere thanks to additional resources from **Marysville, Nevada County Consolidated, Grass Valley, and Cedar Ridge.** Thanks to all **Calfire Officers, Engines, and Dozers from Nevada and Yuba Counties.** Thanks to all **USFS Officers and Engines from the Yuba River Ranger District,** as well as a much needed and appreciated buggy of **Hot Shots.** Our thanks to a hand crew of **inmates from Washington Ridge,** and to the folks at the **Grass Valley Dispatch Center.** (Continued on Page 9)

From the Editor

- Shirley DicKard

You may notice there is generous coverage of the response to the recent fires in Camptonville. Thanks to former CV Fire Chief Mark Jokerst for giving us a "You Are There" view of what happened on July 16th. You can almost taste the adrenaline.

Multiply this massive response of personnel, equipment, and agencies times the number of fires in California so far, and it's mind-boggling how much human and monetary resources go into fighting fires. Records show that it's getting hotter and drier every year. We need to pay attention and be prepared.

Many communities have professional fire departments; we have volunteers: neighbors, friends, folks we may not even know, who go to work, show up for training every Tuesday night, then jump out of bed in the middle of the night to answer our calls for help. The Volunteer Fire Department Picnic is September 8th. Let's give them the support they deserve!



Photo by Carsten Sevier



Volunteer Firefighters Honored at 2017 Picnic

Show our Appreciation at the Fire Department Picnic – September 8th!

By Donna Tate, CVFD Auxiliary

Given our recent "close call" (vegetation fires in town), the community is so very thankful for our amazing volunteers who worked quickly and diligently to save our little town from what could have been a catastrophic event. The Camptonville Volunteer Fire Department Picnic is the perfect opportunity to come and show your appreciation and support to our awesome Fire Department Volunteers!

The Fire Department and the Auxiliary are all geared up and ready to host the 26th annual Camptonville Volunteer Fire Department Picnic. The event will be held at the **Lost Nugget Market Field on Saturday, September 8th, from 2 to 10 pm.** Dinner is served between 2 and 7 pm. We will be serving our traditional tasty menu of tri-tip, chicken, or burger, baked potato, salad, and bread, all for a \$10 donation. There will be entertainment and activities throughout the day, and when the sun goes down, put on your glow necklaces and your dancing shoes and get ready to rock the night with the *Sons of Boogie!* (See the insert for more information)

There will be awesome raffle items, including cash prizes and items from our local and neighboring businesses. Raffle tickets can be purchased at the Lost Nugget Market, Rebel Ridge Organics, Burgee Dave's, or at the Picnic. T-shirts and other items will be available to celebrate our community spirit.

The Auxiliary is always looking for volunteers to help serve dinner. If you are interested in helping, please call Wendy Tinnel at 277-6737.

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Cell Phone Tower in Camptonville?

By Jessi Mullins

Are you aware that Verizon is proposing to construct a cell phone tower in Camptonville? The location is a vacant piece of property in the Rebel Ridge area off Marysville Road and directly across from the little red store that is no longer in operation. If this proposal goes through, Verizon will construct a permanent 129 foot tall fake pine tree tower and an associated equipment slab contained in a 900 square foot equipment compound. The compound will be enclosed with a chain link fence and security wire.

The purpose of this article is to educate the community that this is in process, to update on what has already occurred, and to inform community members how they can provide input.

Verizon submitted a request to Yuba County for a conditional use permit (CUP). This is required because the private property is zoned Rural Residential. The County notified residents who reside within 1000 feet of this proposed site by letter, and published the project in the *Appeal Democrat* (which very few people here read), but no notices were put in our local paper, *The Camptonville Courier*. The letter stated that any opposition should be submitted by letter during the Public Comment Period, June 7-26th.

On July 12th, the Planning Department held the Development Review Committee (DRC) Public Hearing at 9 am at the Marysville Government Center. Concerned residents DID indeed attend this public hearing! They spoke about the letters they had submitted and their reasons for opposing this location.

Opposition included: Service will not extend to the town of Camptonville, service will not benefit our local Volunteer Fire Department, tower will only provide better service to Bullards Bar Reservoir, tower will be duplicating service that already exists, surrounding property values will be reduced, and it is a violation of the County's own zoning ordinance (listed below).

Studies show that the majority of people do not want to live or buy property beneath or near a cell tower due to health and safety concerns and aesthetics. There has to be a better location that would benefit the locals better – locations that are not right next to people's work and homes.

Yuba County Zoning Ordinance ARTICLE 4 CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT states: A conditional use permit shall only be granted if it is found that the establishment, maintenance, and operation of the use of the building or land applied for will not, under the circumstances of the particular case, be detrimental to the health, safety, peace, morals, and general welfare of persons residing or working in the neighborhood, or to the general welfare of the County. (Continued next column)



Cell Phone Tower, Continued.

Residents also expressed health and safety concerns. What about our exposure to the radio frequency electromagnetic fields (RF's) this tower will be emitting? What about our personal and moral beliefs, our general welfare? What about life flight helicopters that frequently land near the project site? A neighbor stated, "Research shows that you should work/live more than 300m (that's about 980 feet) from a tower, for health concerns." Environmental issues included a burial site on or near the property and concerns for migratory birds and other wildlife in the area.

In short, the DRC voted 2-1 in favor of honoring CUP #2018-0005 to Verizon. Although residents brought all their concerns to the DRC public hearing, very few concerns were answered or even discussed.

Camptonville Community Partnership (CCP) will appeal this decision to the Board of Supervisors (see article below).

Please contact the Yuba County Planning Department if this information is NEW TO YOU or you have questions or concerns (530-749-5470 or email planning@co.yuba.ca.us). Kevin Perkins is the lead planner on this project.

PLEASE keep your eyes open for a flyer from CCP to announce a community meeting where your input is welcome and needed. Remember our voice does count!

CCP Appeals Verizon Tower Decision

By Cathy LeBlanc, CCP Executive Director

On July 20th, Camptonville Community Partnership (CCP) submitted an appeal letter to the Yuba County Board of Supervisors, asking them to review the July 12th decision to allow a Conditional Use Permit to build the 129 foot structure and accompanying 900 square foot equipment compound that will be topped by razor wire.

The appeal will take place sometime between August 20 and September 20, 2018. As soon as we know the date, CCP will hold a community meeting to discuss the next steps. Watch for flyers. If you would like more information, please call Cathy at the Resource Center: 288-9355 or email: cathy@theccp.org.

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Jessi Mullins

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August at The Center!

By Cathy Balan, Director

- The Gardeners' Market begins August 4th and continues each Saturday behind the Camptonville Community Center from 10 am – noon. Local gardeners, artists, and vendors will have their goods to sell, including fresh local produce at great prices. Come and Enjoy!
- August 4th is the Community Center Members Dinner, at which we will update our members on happenings at the Center and thank them for their support. Becoming a member is a wonderful way to support the Center. Memberships start as low as \$25/year.
- August 16th at 6:30 pm is the community forum to create a shared vision for the Center's future. ALL are invited to participate, as it takes a village to make a community center that works for all. Bring a dessert potluck dish and your ideas. See article this page for details.
- Coffee @ the Center continues on Saturdays, 10 am – noon. Come on by for a visit!

Please give a call or email me if you are interested in becoming a member, want to volunteer, or have ideas or suggestions: suncat13@me.com. You can also text or call me at 434-3309.



Extension for the Gold Pages Business Directory – Now August 30th

By Melody Dilka, CCP



Advertise your local business and services here!



Camptonville Community Partnership is republishing the Gold Pages – Camptonville's local Business Directory. I wanted to let the community know that we have extended the cut-off date for listing in The Gold Pages to August 30th, because in order to afford to publish it, we need to have at least 20 business card listings with a suggested \$20 donation.

Please feel free to stop by the Resource Center (located in the back of Camptonville School) to drop off your business card and fill out an information form, or you can email me at melody@theccp.org. You may also call me with any questions at 288-9355. It's been ten years since the Gold Pages were published. Let's make this happen!

What's in the Future for Our Community Center? Come to Dessert and Discussion – August 16th

By Richard Dickard, CCSD Liaison to the Community Center

We've made some amazing progress both outside and inside our Community Center since taking ownership two and a half years ago. Now it's time for you to weigh in with your ideas on what works, what doesn't, and what we should do next.



Come on over to the Community Center on Thursday, August 16th, at 6:30 pm. Bring a dessert potluck item if you'd like, and your thoughts for where we go next with the design, construction, and activities at the Center and what we can practically afford in both volunteer time and money. Please contact me with questions and comments at 288-3479 or rjdickard@gmail.com. See you there!

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**Downieville Mountain
Brewfest - August 11th**

By Cherry Simi

We're back again for our 4th year hosting the Downieville Mountain Brewfest, **Saturday, August 11th, from 2 - 6 pm**, in beautiful historic downtown Downieville on Highway 49 where the Downie and the North Yuba Rivers meet. No better place to be on a hot August day!



If you're hoppy and you know it, drink craft beer! Come to taste some of the finest craft beer from Northern California and beyond, featuring 25 brewing companies pouring some of their tastiest brews. Enjoy the Chicago-style blues music of *Bob Mora & The Third Degree Blues Band* from Rough and Ready. Savor all the delicious foods that will be available to purchase.

For more information and a complete list of participating brewing companies, go to: www.downievillebrewfest.com, or visit the Facebook event page: Downieville Mountain Brewfest 2018 for all the latest updates. Tickets are \$30 and available through www.brownpapertickets.com or at several Downieville business locations. Tickets at the door are \$40. You must have a photo ID to taste, and there is no charge for non-tasters or designated drivers. Shuttle service will be available from the nearby campgrounds for \$5 each direction. Please no dogs.

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The Yuba County Water Agency Is Now: The Yuba Water Agency - with new logo

By Alex Boesch, Public Information specialist, YWA

The Yuba County Water Agency announced that it is rebranding as the *Yuba Water Agency*, to provide a simple, easy-to-identify moniker and logo, as the nearly 60-year-old organization seeks to develop a stronger relationship with the people of Yuba County.

The agency was established in 1959 to reduce flood risk and provide a sustainable water supply to the people of Yuba County. In spite of significant investment in the community, the agency is largely unknown by the people it serves.

"For the last 50-plus years, we have flown under the radar, largely unnoticed by the public," said Board Chairman Brent Haste. "We are in a position to make an even bigger impact in the lives of the people of Yuba County at a much faster pace and want to do a better job of educating people about who we are and what we do."

The agency surveyed Yuba County residents and found that many had not heard of it, or were unclear about the agency's roles and responsibilities. Many mistakenly believed the agency was a department within the government of Yuba County.

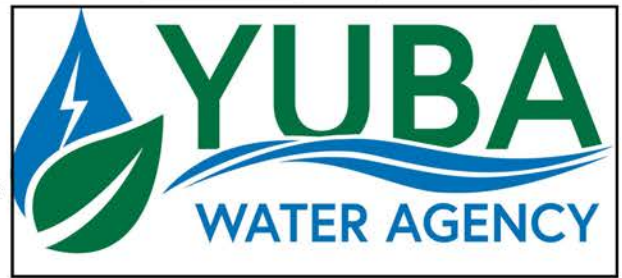
"Because of that, we wanted to use this time to make sure that our image is one that people can easily connect with and identify out of the sea of government agencies and organizations they come in contact with on a daily basis," said Haste.

The agency owns and manages the Yuba River Development Project, which consists of New Bullards Bar Dam and Reservoir, New Colgate Powerhouse, Narrows II Powerhouse, and the two small diversion dams, Log Cabin and Our House, which feed into New Bullards Bar Reservoir.

In order to sell the \$185 million in bonds to build the project, Yuba Water Agency entered into a 50-year contract with PG&E to purchase all of the power generated at New Colgate Powerhouse. PG&E made the loan payment for the bonds, and had all of the responsibility for the costs associated with managing the project.

In 2016, that 50-year contract came to an end. The project had been paid in full. The revenue from power sales is now being reinvested in Yuba County, through the agency's mission areas of flood risk reduction, water supply, fish habitat protection and enhancement, hydroelectric generation, and recreation.

The agency's website address will change to YubaWater.org. The legal name of the agency will remain unchanged as Yuba County Water Agency for contracts and other legal documents. The Yuba Water Agency is a stand-alone public agency governed by a board of seven elected officials to serve the people of Yuba County.



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Humboldt Lilies fill the Historic Camptonville Cemetery
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Meet your Local Camptonville Community . . . **Mom, Resource Extraordinaire, and Tooth Fairy** **– Rochelle Bell**

By Linda Rose

Rochelle has spent most of her life helping and caring for others and has continued to do so throughout the 30+ years she has been in Camptonville.

Born and raised in L.A., Rochelle always wanted to be a nurse. One day, she saw a group of “Candy Strippers” (volunteer aides) outside a hospital. She told herself, “That’s what I want to do!” In her senior year of high school, she applied but there were no hospital aide openings, only an opening in the dental clinic. Thinking she would still be able to wear the “Candy Striper” uniform, she jumped at the opportunity. While she didn’t get to wear the coveted uniform, she fell in love with dentistry. She enrolled in Dental Assisting School after high school and began her Dental Assisting career.

After marriage, divorce, and raising her two sons, she wanted to start a new life. A friend who lived in Camptonville suggested she check it out, saying she would “love it.” He was right! After a weekend in Camptonville, she fell in love with the area. What attracted her at that time were fewer people and no traffic. No one locked their cars or homes. She was also struck by the beauty of the trees, river, and wildlife, and lack of crime. It was an easier, slower paced way of life. A year later in 1985, she moved here and it was the best decision she ever made. Both sons soon followed: Andy lives in Grass Valley and Jeff lives in Camptonville.

Life got even better when she found the perfect dental office and became employed as a Dental Assistant for the DicKard and Creasy Dental Practice. Rochelle was involved in all phases of dentistry: private practice, public health, institutional, and teaching other dental assistants. Many people who attended Camptonville School may fondly remember Rochelle as the “Tooth Fairy.” For several years around Halloween, she wore her Tooth Fairy costume and visited classrooms with her tooth-capped wand reminding students to brush their teeth after eating candy! As the Dental Health Educator, she taught mothers of children ages 0-5 years how to raise children with no cavities. She retired four years ago after a “wonderful” 40-year career – her greatest achievement, she says.

Eighteen years ago, Rochelle and Rod Bondurant met and became friends while attending a sketching class at Twilight School. They have been together ever since. This relationship has become the most rewarding aspect of her life.

Over the years, Rochelle has volunteered in just about every Camptonville community event and/or activity, including the annual Gardeners’ Market, Cemetery Cleanup, and Volunteer Fire Department Picnic. For five years, Rochelle was co-editor of The Camptonville Courier with Rod Bondurant, and continues to volunteer with the paper’s monthly fold and distribution.

A Board Member of the Camptonville Historical Society, Rochelle is proud of how the History Museum has developed. For her, it was fun putting it together, discovering and learning about



Photo by Linda Rose

the history and people of Camptonville. She also enjoys the new Saturday Coffee @ the Center gatherings, where people now have a place to come together. Most Saturdays, you will find Rochelle and Rod schmoozing with other folks at the Center and sharing something fresh out of her oven.

Rochelle is motivated by her belief in “community” and the need to keep it a healthy place to raise families. With her involvement in so many aspects of community life and knowing most everyone in Camptonville, Rochelle has become the “go to person” for finding needed resources. She loves being “Mom” to young people new to the area who are in need of work, resources, or other connections in the community. She enjoys connecting people with people.

What she enjoys most about Camptonville is the people who care for each other and have similar interests in preserving our environment.

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Lost Love Letters from Myself

By Johannah Versie Duff

Please don't go, for the kiss you place upon my skin nourishes these cells deeply. You ask for nothing in return and shed your light unto every being, even those deemed 'crazy, dangerous,' even 'threats to society.'

Laughter and essence of which you embody, sweeter than Manzanita honey, driving life force. Your embrace offers warmth, unconditional acceptance, unbiased opportunity. Any and all are welcome to enjoy.

So why am I selfishly asking for you to stay, when you in return ask for nothing?

Through a rustling of the leaves, you reveal yourself lightly in a different form. Whispered softly through my hair, into my ears and upon the goosebumps of my skin, your message is translated from wind to words.

"Sweet daughter of All there is, I will love you longer than you have ever been loved, understand you deeper than you have ever been understood, and support you upon my shoulders for as long as you shall exist, with and without form.

"My acceptance will bring you to new heights, new experiences, and head spaces. I can promise they won't always be easy, in fact, up until this point most have not been.

"As long as the love and passion and fire inside of you is burning, you'll feel this infinite love. Even after the fire inside goes out, even if you choose to ignore it or the mindfulness slips away, you will be eternally loved, accepted, and supported.

"This love extends to every inch of the eARTh, engulfs the entirety of everything, and includes all. I am not apart from anything, for I am you and exist within every matter of this world.

"So child, please try not to fear, grieve, or miss my love, for it never left and is what makes up the very core of your being."

A deep gratitude fills my heart before the other thoughts begin to filter back in. I'm only human after all and for the first time, it actually feels *right*.

(Thanks to Johannah for submitting this while spending time with her family here in Camptonville - Editor)



Rainbow Trout (fingerling) - *Oncorhynchus mykiss irideus*

Photo: Katie O'Hara-Kelly

Rainbow Trout

By Katie O'Hara-Kelly, North Yuba Naturalist

I don't fish, but I went looking for them in the North Yuba River this week. I found a few "fry" (above) in the shallow, slow waters along the river. I also spotted a medium size fish in some shallow water, but it spotted me too, and zipped right out of that area before I got a photo. Rats!

Fish start as eggs which hatch into larvae. Larvae are not able to feed themselves and carry a yolk-sac in their bellies which provides their nutrition. At this stage they are called "alevins." When developed to the point where they can feed themselves (mainly on zooplankton), the fish are called "fry." When they develop scales and working fins, they are called "fingerlings." This juvenile fingerling stage lasts until the fish is fully grown, sexually mature, and interacting with other adult fish.

It seems like the most common fish in the North Yuba River are Coastal Rainbow Trout, which are native to California, but have been planted locally. There are also non-native German Brown Trout that swim up from Bullard's Bar Reservoir to spawn. On occasion, you might also find a non-native Brook Trout that has flowed out from a higher elevation lake during spring high water.

Maybe all these fish will attract a River Otter to our local stretch of the North Yuba River. I'll keep my fingers crossed!



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Fires in Camptonville!

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The Story, Continued:

And come they did! A total of ten agencies sent 13 engines, four water tenders, two dozers, two hand crews, and at least six chief officers. Fire crews worked into the morning hours before all fires were declared contained. No structures were damaged by the fire. No one was injured. Total size of the four burns was about one acre. According to the Cal Fire Incident Commander, work by locals halting forward progress of the fire was key.

According to Fire Chief Brandi Dudek, the cause of the fire remains under investigation. — Mark Jokerst



And Now, A Word from Our Fire Chief

By Brandi Dudek, CVFD Chief

If you have an emergency, please call 911, not me at my house! Although I love talking with everyone, the 911 dispatch is a much quicker way to get help as they can start a dispatch before your conversation is over. It takes longer if I have to self-dispatch for resources to get started.

The Camptonville volunteers had another very busy month with 11 emergency calls, including: 2 motor vehicle accidents, 2 medicals, 3 public assists, 1 structure fire (in Loma Rica) and 3 vegetation fires.

Our roster stands at 17 Firefighters, including two new recruits and three Probational Firefighters.

We are always looking for new volunteers! Training is Tuesday evenings from 6 – 9 pm, with every third Wednesday in NSJ for medical training. Please stop by and check us out. All training will be provided at no cost to volunteers.

You do not have to be a firefighter to volunteer. We also need support staff such as maintenance at the station, hose cleaning and rolling, 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.

Acknowledgements, Continued:

Thanks also to local support from **Tedd Sapp, Glenn Smith, Brian Price, Gary Valenta, Ellen McCarthy, Dennis Williams, and friends, Camptonville Water**, and many others - forgive me if I left out any names!

Our warmest thanks to **Gene, Scott, and the rest of "Family Hanson"** for maintaining a bonifide and reliable fire break on the edge of town over these past many years. It worked!

Our sincere thanks to **John Jaynes** for bringing his dozer and "digging in" until relieved.

Also, lest we forget: Our warmest regards to the **Camptonville Auxiliary "Pink Shirts"** for decades of support keeping the Fire Department alive and for the endless support of the people of Camptonville.

Finally, may we give thanks ... the winds were quiet that night.

— Mark Jokerst

Fire! What Should You Do?

By Mark Jokerst

I walked out my driveway in thongs and shorts to see a large patch of four-foot tall flames not 200 feet from my house heading towards Yakshi's place. In an event like the July 16th fire, things can develop quickly: perhaps a smooth transition into "containment" like this fire, or perhaps a spreading fire reaching into the heart of town with chaos building by the second.

Begin preparations today: Pack a "GO!" bag with some bare essentials. Have your valuables boxed and ready to grab and go. Do not panic. Breathe deep, move deliberately, focus on being calm and effective: family first, neighbors next. If asked to evacuate, please do so without delay, and listen carefully to the instructions on where to go: north, south, east, or west? Don't assume you know the safest route! ASK!

How can you help? The Fire Department appreciates and welcomes citizen assistance on a fire: dragging hose, backing up firefighters on the hose, passing around water and refreshments, spreading the word door-to-door of a spreading fire, assisting disabled or dog-tired firefighters, and assisting our elders and disabled neighbors to escape or seek shelter.

In spite of the heat, wear heavy boots, long pants, and long sleeve shirts. Bring gloves, flashlights, and lots of water. Have something to breathe through in heavy smoke. The list of things you can do to help is endless.

If you are requested to leave the front lines, do know it is only for your own safety (and realize that maybe things aren't looking too good at the moment). Cooperation, assistance, support. Do know the day will come when your on-the-spot assistance will be sorely needed and very much appreciated. Make spaghetti! Camptonville Prepare!

Always New Beginnings

By Yakshi Vadeboncoeur, 1, 2, 3, Grow



Wow, has summer flown! Hope yours was full of fun in the sun, garden abundance, a few lazy-late-abled mornings, hot afternoons at the river, and at least a bit of time for shared family activities or adventures. Hold on to your hats, because in two weeks' time Camptonville School will be back in session. Good idea to start now reestablishing those earlier bedtimes and school year rhythms.

Camptonville Community Partnership (CCP) is a nonprofit community organization with a mission to help empower our community to articulate and realize projects and programs that will improve the quality of life in our somewhat isolated mountain home. Its Family Resource Center and offices are located behind the school next to the playground. There, community members can go to use computers, printers, connect to the internet, or get referrals to Yuba County agencies for further services and support. 1, 2, 3 Grow is one of CCP's longest running programs. It is a free parent participation preschool for children ages 0 to 5 years. It, too, is located on the school grounds directly behind the Pelton Building. All parents are asked to please check in at the school office before heading down to a morning at preschool.

Parent participation means that parents are an integral part of the daily functioning of the program. They help provide classroom or snack supplies, they work in the garden, they take turns setting up for, or cleaning up after snack, class, and garden activities. Parents do not have to be in the classroom, but they are required to remain on campus. They are welcome to use the Resource Center computers, help out in an older child's elementary school classroom, get together with other parents for a fitness support group, a reading club, quilting or knitting activities, or anything that enriches their adult lives. CCP might even be able to help some of you realize that creative or crafty dream you've had in that regard.

We are in session three mornings a week from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. Everyone from Camptonville and surrounding communities is welcome and can fill out registration forms on their first day. We let the school get itself in gear for a week before our first class.

**1, 2, 3 Grow starts Tuesday, August 21st.
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 9:30 am to 12:30 pm
Come check us out!**



Welcome Back!

By Sandy Ross, Superintendent/Principal



I love summer vacations because they bring the forgiveness of a new school year drifting in on the hot lazy days of late July and early August. We end every school year reflecting and thinking deeply as a staff about the mistakes we've made (i.e. what we need to do better) before we break for the summer, and while that may seem gloomy, it's the only way to make the next year better. And yes, of course, we also celebrate our successes. A big part of this process is to take accountability and not pass blame onto each other, the students, the parents, the curriculum, the system...you see where I'm going with this. We know that we can't make others change, so we have to "Be the Change!" If we want kids to speak more kindly to each other, we have to speak more kindly. If we want to see more involvement, then we need to get more involved. If we want others to be honest with us, then we must be honest with them. Most importantly, if we want to teach the importance of forgiveness, we must forgive ourselves and make a fresh start.

Let's start the 2018-19 school year by noticing the changes that we can make to affect others in a positive way and offering everyone an unconditional "do over." Our teachers work every summer not only to improve their instruction, but also to make their classroom climates more engaging and safe for all students. As leaders, we are looking to understand the perspectives of others even though we might not always agree. My wish for our students is to accept themselves for who they are so that it is not necessary to feel stronger, smarter, or better at the expense of others. We can all do better when we feel accepted and understood.

My personal goal is to do better at listening and understanding in order to do what I can to create a more positive environment for others! Speaking of listening, I will be hosting Coffee with the Principal at the Center on August 4th (10 am - noon), and I'd love to take that opportunity to hang out with all of you! I'll have an oatmeal bar and goodies to go along with the caffeine! Here's to new beginnings!



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August 2018 School Calendar




- August 4 Coffee with the Principal, 10 am – noon, C'ville Community Center
- August 6-10 Office Hours, 8 am – 4 pm
Accepting new student registrations
- August 14 All Staff Work Day
- August 15 First Day of School, 8:25 am – 2:45 pm,
Kindergarteners start school at 10:15 am
- August 23 Minimum Day, All students dismissed at 12:45 pm,
Kindergarten starts at 8:25 am
Back to School Night and Dinner. Time TBA
- August 29 Minimum Day for Professional Development*
All students are dismissed at 12:45 pm,
Kindergarten starts at 8:25 am

* Additional minimum days have been scheduled this school year for Professional Development. Instructional staff will work in Professional Learning Communities (PLC) to build and provide Multi-Tiered Systems of Supports for all students.




Purdon's Crossing lively performance at The Center July 14th



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Covered CA Enrollment Assistance

From the Yuba River Ranger District

By Izaya Lewis, Customer Service Representative

Fire restrictions are in effect as of July 17th until further notice. Campfires are still allowed in designated campgrounds and the use of gas or propane BBQs or camp stoves is allowed in dispersed areas with possession of the CA Campfire permit which can be obtained at Yuba River Ranger District or at PreventWildfireCA.org.

Packer Lake Fishing Day: More than 131 kids fished at the 21st annual Packer Lake Fish Day on Saturday, July 21st, sponsored by the Tahoe National Forest, Sierra County Fish and Wildlife Commission, and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. The kids caught 67 fish, and three lucky children hooked themselves a tagged fish worth \$20 each. Smokey the Bear and Frank and Francis Fish visited the event, while the children made fish print T-shirts, saw displays of live reptiles and amphibians, and received raffle prizes.

Bears! People who live in, or visit bear country, need to remember to keep all garbage sealed in airtight containers. Never keep food in your tent, unless you would like a 200-400 pound visitor. Keep a clean camp by cleaning up and storing food and garbage immediately after meals. Never leave food items in your vehicle. If you put anything that has an odor in your car, be sure to use airtight containers and have the windows all the way up.

(Check out the photo on the outside cover - Editor)



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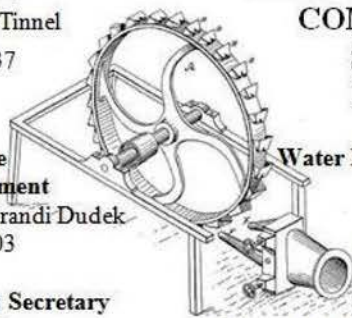
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CAMPTONVILLE MEMORIES

The Green Mailbox

By Don Kissig

Many years ago there was the famous Green Mailbox that stood in the area that would be near the junction of the Pendola and Youngs Hill Roads.



The Green Mailbox is now long gone but saved many folks many miles by them not having to travel over roads, then in poor condition, to individually pick up their mail at the Camptonville Post Office. Anyone from the area who was at the PO would pick up the individual packets of mail and drop them in the Green Mailbox for folks in the area to pick up.

Not only was the Green Mailbox a handy spot for many to pick up their mail, but it was the location where a great number of deer were recorded to have been shot each hunting season, as most hunters weren't willing to give away their favorite hunting spot!

Back when I was growing up, everyone began hunting when they were old enough to buy a license. Everyone hunted, even Judge Cleveland's wife, as did many of the women of the area – Lois Butz for one. Opening day might as well have been declared a holiday – even the mills shut down for the weekend. If they didn't, as one tried, no one showed up for work.

I wonder if there is another person alive that shot their buck at the Green Mailbox?



Carolyn Mumm hands Richard DickKard a \$304 check for the Community Center. Proceeds came from booth rentals at the plant sale.

May Plant Sale Proceeds Benefit the Community

By Rochelle Bell

The well-attended and enjoyable May Plant Sale resulted in gifts for two of our community projects. Thanks again to all who helped with the event!



Kenny Dorris presents \$186 to Carolyn Mumm for the Historical Society. Kenny grew special tomato plants from his and Leland Pauly's seeds. They were offered at the plant sale for donations.




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- Resource Center (CCP) ----- 288-9355
- USFS (Yuba River Ranger District) ----- 288-3231
- Vol. Fire Department ----- 288-3303

CoRR (Community Recovery Resources) ----- 273-9541
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- DVSAC Crisis Line (Nevada Co) ----- 272-3467

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Photo by Amy Morrill

A Camptonville bear smelled bread left by mistake in this car's trunk. Not having a can opener, the bear tried opening the bumper with its teeth!

(Read Yuba River Ranger District's bear warnings on page 12)



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AUGUST 2018 Community Calendar



The Camptonville Calendar is online at Camptonville.com.

To add local events to the calendar, send an invitation from your electronic calendar or email to calendarville@gmail.com with event title, date, time, recurrence, location, event description, cost, contact phone and email for more information. Or leave a message for Jesse Golden at 925-297-5375.

- August 4 Gardeners' Market Begins (pg 2 & 4)*
- August 4 Community Center Members Dinner (pg 4)*
- August 11 Brewfest in Downieville (pg 5)*
- August 15 First Day of School (pg 10)*

- August 16 The Center's Future Meeting (pg 4)*
- August 21 1, 2, 3 Grow First Day (pg 10)*
- August 30 Deadline for Gold Pages Business Directory (pg 4)*
- September 8 CVFD Picnic (pg 2 and Insert)*

On-Going WEEKLY Events

- Tuesdays:** Community Lunch, 12–1 pm, NSJ Center
 USDA Food Bank, Oregon House (see pg 13)
 Yoga, 5:30 pm, Camptonville School Gym
 Camptonville Fire Dept Trainings, 6–9 pm, Fire Hall
- Thursdays:** Yoga, 10 am, Camptonville Community Center
 Foothill Food Pantry, Dobbins (see pg 13)
 Food Bank, 3rd Thurs, North San Juan Center (see pg 13)
- Saturdays:** Coffee @ the Center, 10 am–noon, CV Community Center
- Sundays:** Open Mic at Burgee Dave's, 2nd & 4th Sunday, 4–7 pm



On-Going MONTHLY Events

- Call first to verify meeting times before attending
- CCP Board** - Meets 3rd Wednesday, 3 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