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CVFD Picnic Sets New Record!

By Tonie Hilligoss, CVFD Auxiliary

This is an amazing community! For the 26th year, residents came together to raise money to help support the Camptonville Volunteer Fire Department. In just a little over eight hours, we made a record profit of over \$6,500!

Chief Brandi Dudek recently completed training to become an advanced EMT, and those picnic funds will be used to purchase the equipment and supplies that will enable the department to provide Advanced Life Support services that aren't usually available in such a small town.

This year's picnic was loads of fun for everyone! The day was filled with smiles and laughter as we reconnected with old friends and made new ones. Thanks to the BBQ crew and the many volunteers who served food, 295 of us (another record!) got to enjoy an outstanding dinner while listening to talented local performers who played music throughout the day.

Later on, we danced to the songs of Sons of Boogie, the exuberant band whose music practically pulled us onto the dance floor.

Preparing for the annual picnic is a process that usually starts only a few months after the previous year's event, and we can't thank the people enough who make that happen. From soliciting donations to setting up for the picnic itself, dozens of people donate their time and resources to support a volunteer fire department that makes us all proud. If you would like to be part of this next year, give Rita Ortega a call at 288-3421. New people join in each year, and we'd love to have you.

Camptonville's Volunteer Fire Department firefighters make life safer for all of us, and the support demonstrated at the picnic was a great way to show our appreciation. Thank you, Camptonville!



A Big Shout-Out to Our Camptonville Volunteer Firefighters and Crew!

Photo by S. Dickard



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From the Editor

— Shirley Dickard

I recently found a blackened maple leaf on my lawn. Curious, I picked it up and turned it over.



One side was charred black, the other a faint, veined purple.

I imagined it floating up in the super-heated air from one of California's recent catastrophic wildfires, then drifting along in the currents high overhead, finally fluttering down on my lawn, halfway across the state.

We've had too many "big ones" this year to take anything for granted. My grab-and-go bag is by the door, we try to keep our car full of gas, and we've fire-safe cleared as much as possible. Up to now, it was mainly us mountain folks who prepared for fire evacuations. Now it seems no one is free of this threat.

On page 10, Mike Lee of the Yuba County Public Works Department sums it up: "With the recent string of wildfires throughout Northern California, reducing potential ignition points and maintaining forest health are more important than ever to ensure the safety of homes, property, and lives during what is now considered the *new normal* California wildfire season."

Community Center/Action Team Feedback Meeting – October 18th

By Jesse Golden, Secretary, CCC Advocates board



Join the Camptonville Community Center Advocates and Action Teams for a feedback meeting at the Community Center on **Thursday, October 18, 6:30 pm**. The Action Teams will report their recommendations on **Safety; Growing Membership and Volunteers; Activities and Use of Center; and Marketing and Promotion**.

Everyone is welcome to join in – especially if you didn't make it to the first "Future of the Center" meeting on August 16th. If you would like to participate in an Action Team, or help the Community Center in other ways, please call 510-288-5016 or email cvillecommunitycenter@gmail.com.

This Month at the Community Center

By Cathy Balan, Director

Now that the cool, inviting weather of Autumn is here ~ it's time to celebrate!



I am excited to announce the CCC's First Annual **OKTOBERFEST!** – a FUNdraiser for the Center.

The festival will be **Saturday, October 6th, 3:30 - 7:30 pm in the backyard of the Community Center**. There will be yummy German food, refreshing German drinks for sale, and Oom-pah music to elevate the festive mood. A family friendly event and **ALL ARE INVITED!** More details are on page 3.

The Gardeners' Market is finished for the 2018 season. Thank You to Christina Ledson for facilitating this community event every Saturday. We appreciate it!

Coffee @ The Center will be continuing on Saturdays from 10 am - 12 pm. Enjoy a cup of coffee, a yummy treat, and laughs with your neighbors. To host, call Jocelyn at 288-0619.

If you are interested in volunteering or have ideas or suggestions, feel free to email me, Cathy Balan at suncat13@me.com, text or give me a call at 530-434-3309.

Moonshine Potluck – October 13th

When is it ? Saturday, October 13th, starting at 1 pm.

Who is invited ? All of Camptonville.

Where is it ? Chris and Scott Pope's, 14106 Moonshine Rd.

What to bring ? A dish to share, a dish and utensils to eat with, and something to drink. (water will be provided)

What to do? Visit with neighbors, games for kids and adults including horseshoes and a net and ball, a short walk to our Middle Yuba River, enjoy the homemade food (partly made from our garden and orchard abundance).

Questions ? Call Carolyn 288-3424 or Chris 288-3346.

Hope to see you there!



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Oktoberfest in Camptonville – October 6th!

By Lisa Burns, CCSD

Get out your lederhosen, your beer stein, and celebrate the fall season German style.

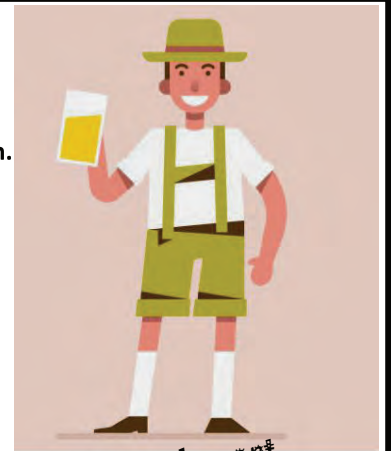
A benefit for the Camptonville Community Center will be held **October 6th from 3:30 to 7:30 pm.**

There will be an outdoor beer garden (weather permitting), German and domestic beer, soda and wine for sale, a dessert table with goodies to purchase, and a bratwurst, sauerkraut, potato salad plate for a \$10 donation. Throw in some Oom-pah music, the beautiful fall weather, and we'll have a fest for all to enjoy.

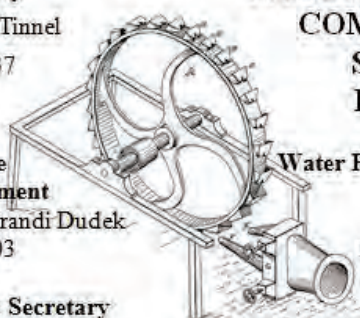
Free dessert for anyone bold enough to wear lederhosen! In Germany, Oktoberfest is one of the few occasions when lederhosen are worn. Now you have an opportunity to show them off right here in Camptonville.

If you wish to volunteer to help with the event, contact Cathy Balan at 434-3309, or if you would like to donate baked goods for the dessert table, please call Lisa Burns at 288-2875.

All proceeds from the event will go directly to the Center to help with its operation and building improvements. See you at the Community Center!



*Free dessert
for anyone bold enough
to wear lederhosen!*

Cemetery Wendy Tinnel 277-6737	CAMPTONVILLE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT	Water Plant Manager Mark Jokerst 288-9320 District Agent Tedd Sapp 288-3328
CV Fire Department Chief Brandi Dudek 288-3303		Emergencies Dial 911
District Secretary Pam Wilcox 288-3676	<small>Lester Pelton U.S. Patent 233,692 Oct. 26, 1880</small>	

Web Site Design and Management – Request for Proposals

By Mark Jokerst, CCSD

The Camptonville Community Services District (CCSD) is seeking consulting web site design and web site management services for a district web site. The proposed web site will include a home page linking users to one of the four CCSD departments (Fire, Water, Cemetery, and Community Center). Web pages will vary from simple to complex, and will include the ability to accept donations and online bill payment.

The consultant will be responsible for: 1) Maintaining the web domain in good standing with the domain host, 2) Developing the CCSD home page, 3) Developing web pages for three of the four departments, 4) Providing timely maintenance and updates to these web pages as requested by CCSD and, 5) Managing the district's officer email addresses. The consultant will invoice for time and materials and will be required to invoice each department separately for work completed. The district will only pay for authorized work.

Interested parties should submit a written letter of interest to CCSD explaining the consultant's experience and qualifications, including links to active web sites designed and maintained by the applicant, quoting billing rates for all services good for one year's time and including a maximum turnaround time for "ordinary" web site updates (an "ordinary" update might entail editorial corrections, changes of names, addresses, etc.).

Please send proposals via U.S. Mail to "Attn: Web Services, Camptonville CCSD, P.O. Box 327, Camptonville, CA 95922," or hand deliver to Mark Jokerst at 15347 Cleveland Avenue **by November 1, 2018.**

		
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Make an Informed Choice!

As the Camptonville area's only local newspaper, *The Camptonville Courier* invited the three candidates for Yuba County 5th District Supervisor to submit a letter of up to 350 words to the Camptonville community for this October issue, describing their stance and plans for issues relevant to the Camptonville area and to Yuba County.

You can read their responses on page 5. → → →

Vote Tuesday, November 6th, at Camptonville School.

Mail-in ballots must be postmarked on or by the 6th.

Hal Stocker Says "Hal Yes"

Write in Mistler Yuba County Supervisor 5th District

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*If voting electronically at the polls, touch the box that says "WRITE IN".
A keyboard will pop up. Type in "MISTLER", then press OK.*

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Vote Randy FLETCHER for Supervisor

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HistoriCorps in Camptonville

By Rod Bondurant

You may have noticed the fresh look on the cottages at the Ranger Station as you enter town. The non-profit HistoriCorps, which



Photo by Rod Bondurant

works to save buildings of historical significance across the U.S., has joined with the Tahoe Forest Service to paint them.

Our old buildings were built by the Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930's. This is one of the few remaining campuses of this type. If you would like to learn more about HistoriCorps and their other projects in the area, go to their website at historicorps.org.

John Mistler (Write-In Campaign)

Measure K is on the November Ballot, it will increase sales tax by 1% in the unincorporated areas of Yuba County. The tax is said to go to law enforcement but there is nothing in the initiative that guarantees that will happen. I have proposed that the county quit giving our property taxes to the Yuba County Water Agency (YCWA) in the form of \$400,000+ a year, the YCWA doesn't need it, and dedicate that money to law enforcement. Also we have paid approximately \$6,000,000,000 over the last 15 years. We should look at the YCWA returning that money to Yuba County and again dedicating it to law enforcement.

Our current Supervisor (Randy Fletcher) illegally stopped our right to vote on an initiative that would have allowed the citizens of Yuba County to share in the water sale proceeds from Bullard's Bar Dam. If elected I will correct that mistake. It's your water, it's your money and it's your right to vote.

I fell 14 votes short in the primary election. I believe the two issues that I have described above are far too important for me to walk away from and I have begun a Write-In Campaign. A Write-In Campaign is not scary. All you have to do is write Mistler on the write in line and connect the arrow like you do in all other votes. If I promise you to do something I will do all within my power to do it.



Alton Wright

Dear Camptonville Voters: Hello! I'm Alton Wright. Since February, you've helped me stay focused on the issues that matter most to you, your family, and your community. You've inquired about my life, business, and political beliefs. I believe I've answered your questions fully and eased all concerns.

You've asked that I present the facts about the current state of District 5. Like me, many see the need for significant change. You've inspired me to provide perspective, ideas, and vision, as well as to take bold positions – like, improving fire safety and emergency communications, mandating that our county government collects less and spends wisely, making sure elected officials are better connected to the people, and fairly resolving the unresolved Cannabis challenge.

You should now be convinced that I'm the right mix of practical, forward-thinking with a good dash of local conservative sensibility stirred in. You know that I have what it takes - from extensive business experience to "Hill People" roots, I have the abilities to work with everyone.

As your supervisor, your servant, over the next four years I will listen carefully, weighing all perspectives, following your lead and committing to be my very best for you. (Continued on Page 6)



Randy Fletcher

I'm honored to have the endorsement of our Assemblyman James Gallagher, Senator Jim Nielsen, the Yuba-Sutter Farm Bureau and over 200 foothill families. Thank you!

Since I took office, our District has been hit hard, experiencing the worst droughts and wildfires in recorded history. I strive every day to use my time to the fullest to help our residents recover and thrive.

I've focused on building relationships throughout our County and California. We've started a record number of road repairs, launched programs to better manage our forests, secured a new ambulance location to better serve the foothills and even got the National Guard here recently to shut down several large illegal drug cartel grows!

From the rice fields of District 10 to the pine trees in Brownsville, we have all worked hard to live in this part of Yuba County. We all appreciate the wonderful people, the peacefulness and the country charm. Kathy and I have lived in Browns Valley for 35 years and raised our children here.

My experience as a police officer, farmer, and small business owner prepared me to lead our District. I ask for your vote again.

Vote Randy Fletcher for Supervisor!
www.VoteFletcher.com



What's the Latest after the Fire at Burgee Dave's at The Mayo?

By Shirley Dickard

In the thirty minutes I spent interviewing Brian Price for this update, three different out-of-town groups drove up hoping to have one of his famous Ultimate Bloody Marys.

"Every day's a picture here," Brian told me, as he explained to them about the fire and how he's still in the recovery phase.

When's the Mayo going to open again? "As soon as I raise \$80,000. That's the reality." An architect is working on building plans for the back storage room and bathrooms, the wood floor has been replaced, and Lester Strohbin has milled local trees to go under the original bar top.

How can you help? Brian and Sandy are always grateful for continued donations. He invites everyone to come share a beer and a burger at his home. He is still sponsoring Open Mic on the 2nd and 4th Sundays, from 4-7 pm.

His next fundraiser will be on **Thursday, October 18th at Penny's Diner in Grass Valley!** Check his Facebook page for further updates.



Photo by Shirley Dickard

(Alton Wright, continued from Page 5)

I will consider every penny, your money, as more important than my own, always seeking efficiencies and cost-savings. I will be transparent, available, reasonable, and dogged to protect the rights of every citizen.

I don't profess to have all the answers. They are in your hearts and minds, the great people of Camptonville and throughout Yuba County. For more information, please visit my campaign website:

<http://www.altonforyubacountysupervisor.com/>

or my campaign Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/ForYubaCountySupervisor>.

Please email me with questions at:

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I humbly ask for your vote on November 6th. Thanks.

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Why You Should Care About Prop 3: The Water Supply and Water Quality Act

By Randy Fletcher, Yuba County 5th District Supervisor

What is Prop 3 and what does it mean for our community? It's a citizen's initiative water bond that will appear on the November, 2018 statewide ballot and would invest \$8.877 billion in California water infrastructure. The Yuba Water Agency could gain valuable grant funding for flood prevention projects as well as programs to restore salmon habitat and population. These endeavors are central to the agency's mission to protect our community from flood and maintain our water supply, while protecting and enhancing fish habitat and valuable recreation areas.

The Oroville Dam crisis brought the importance of managing flood risk to the forefront of our minds. If it passes, Prop 3 would appropriate \$50 million to be used as matching grants for improvements to existing dams that protect urban areas. Yuba Water Agency's Secondary Spillway at New Bullards Bar Dam would be an ideal project for this type of cost-share grant. The secondary spillway will lower the flood threat from releases at New Bullards Bar Dam by allowing for the release of more water earlier in a storm event, thereby reducing the flood threat and environmental impact downstream. The new secondary spillway will be constructed in a way that avoids the dangerous situation that occurred with the Oroville Dam in February, 2017. If the main spillway of the New Bullards Bar Dam sustained damage, a secondary spillway would allow the Agency to divert flow off the main spillway so that repairs could be made.

Proposition 3 also appropriates \$300 million for coastal and Central Valley salmon and steelhead fisheries restoration projects. Out of that funding, \$100 million will be spent on matching grants to local agencies for projects to restore habitats and improve passage opportunities on rivers in the Sacramento Valley that have dams which block the main stem of the river. The Yuba Water Agency has programs that would be eligible for grants, including the North Yuba River Reintroduction Program as well as other projects designed to balance the water needs of local residents and the salmon population.

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Monkey Mind: Scary / Scarier / Scariest

By Jesse Golden

It's October, a month where many scary things get trotted out. Per one Internet list, the top three things that scare us are:

1. Fear of spiders (arachnophobia)
2. Fear of snakes (ophidiophobia)
3. Fear of heights (acrophobia)

But for me the scariest is – **Voter Suppression**. The idea that there are smart and well-resourced people in this country and from abroad, working diligently to make sure that fewer people in the U.S. vote – very, very, scary!

Edward Burmila, assistant professor at Bradley University, lists many common tactics used to prevent or discourage voting.[1] Some seem familiar – voter ID requirements, reductions in voter services, and purges of voter rolls. Others were unpleasant surprises; for example, barring citizens from getting back their right to vote until all court costs, fines, and other forms of debt to the state are repaid, based on cascading systems of fines, court costs, and civil penalties. And then there are the campaigns on social media in recent elections to micro-target and discourage voters.[2]

The current voter-suppression tactics, beginning with the emergence of Voter ID laws during the George W. Bush years, have plenty of precedent. Burmila writes, "Over time, every effort to make voting more accessible has been contested, and often defeated, by the dominant political faction that felt threatened by the expanded franchise."

How to fight back?

- Encourage people to register NOW (sos.ca.gov/elections/voter-registration). October 22 is the deadline for the California November election.



People! No more lame excuses! "My vote won't matter" or "I don't want the government to know where I am" – say that to the face of Martin Luther King Jr., or John Lewis, or Susan B. Anthony, go ahead, I DARE you...

- Encourage people to vote by mail.
- Recognize that the threat to voting rights today is real and act to counter it wherever you find it.
- Elect people at the state and local levels who reject voter-suppression efforts.

[1] https://www.dissentmagazine.org/online_articles/how-to-fight-voter-suppression-tactics-2018-practical-guide

[2] https://www.salon.com/2018/03/20/trump-used-facebook-in-2016-and-why-that-tactic-is-coming-to-every-important-race-this-year_partner/

Meet Your Local Camptonville Community.... Traveling Cuisine and *Fatties Fine Food Vendor* – Eric Querequincia

By Linda Rose

Eric Querequincia has always loved to cook. Over the years, he was frequently “nominated” to cook at various local events. When he was 12, Eric’s family moved from his birthplace in Ojai, California to Chicago Park where he grew up and later attended Nevada Union High School.

Twenty-five years ago, while working at Mountain People’s Warehouse, Eric met the love of his life, Chelsi, who has lived in Camptonville all her life. Seventeen years ago, when he finally realized Chelsi would never leave her home town, he sold his home in Cedar Ridge and moved to Camptonville. They now have two boys, Ryder, 14 years, and Rocco, 12 years. Both sons are involved in football.

Continuing his passion for cooking, Eric started his food vending service five years ago, primarily appearing in his food vending truck at various local events. His style is to cook the way he likes to eat, which seems to work for his customers. His most popular menu items are the tacos. He offers pork, adobo chicken, and ginger beef. Until recently, he could be found at Rebel Ridge Organics on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 10:30 am to 3:30 pm, or until the food ran out, which frequently happens because of his growing popularity. While Eric does not formally advertise his food service business, he does post his schedule on Facebook. Word of mouth is the main source of advertising. He estimates typically serving 100 dishes per day. Some days he is sold out by 2 pm. Since football season has started for his boys, he is now only open on Fridays. He will continue to operate weekly at Rebel Ridge Organics until the weather becomes prohibitive.



Photo by Linda Rose



Photo by Shirley Dickard

Eric often caters private parties and events, such as the Downieville Brewfest, Miners Foundry, and Nevada Union High School in Nevada City, to name a few. He cooks all types of food except Italian, as he is not up on the various Italian sauces. He hopes to cater more events next year.

His dream for the future is to upgrade from a food trailer to a “rolling kitchen,” setting up a roadside restaurant. With more room to cook, he would be able to expand his menu to include “fancier” food, such as BBQ, pizza, tacos, soups, and various side salads. He hopes to accomplish this within two years. What he enjoys most about the food vending business is just visiting with people. When he’s open for business, it becomes a local hang out where people kick back, relax, eat, maybe have a beer and chat with other locals.

Eric has worked as a painter since his summer job in high school, and his primary occupation now is a painter contractor. He has been licensed for 17 years and owns his business, Querequincia Painting. His contract work comes to him by word of mouth. Currently, he only contracts during the winter months.

Eric volunteers his time coaching football and basketball at Camptonville School. He also teaches sport related elective classes and hosts open gym after school. For fun and relaxation, Eric enjoys fishing, boating, disc golf, and basketball. Spending time with his wife and boys and going on family outings are what gives him the most joy. The one thing he wants people in the community to know is that he is “a local for the locals” and “here for our community.” What he loves about living in Camptonville is that when he can, he is able to do absolutely nothing and it is alright.

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Yuba River Ranger District Report

By Izaya Lewis, Customer Service Representative



Our Bullards Bar Reservoir campgrounds will close October 15th, and the gates will be locked. The campgrounds along Highway 49 and in the high country will close October 1st; after that they become "no fees, no services." So don't forget that what is packed in must also be packed out.

Fire safety is still very important. Even though we are seeing cooler temperatures, the Forest is still in Fire Restrictions in accordance with Order No. 17-18-04 and you may only have wood burning campfires in the designated rings of established campgrounds. Please ensure there is a responsible person in attendance of the fire at all times. Never leave children around a fire unattended.

Fuelwood: For those preparing for winter and collecting fuelwood in the forest, be sure to comply with all permit regulations. 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 may cut dead standing hardwood until November 1st.

Seasonal Jobs: The Forest Service will be **accepting applications from September 17th to October 12th** for over 1,000 seasonal spring and summer jobs in California. Positions are available in multiple fields, including fire, recreation, natural resources, timber engineering, visitor services, and technology. Seasonal employment with the Forest Service is a great way to give back to communities, learn new skills, and perform meaningful work. Please contact Krystal Rasmussen at 288-3232 for more information about specific positions.

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Harvesting for Winter

By Katie O'Hara-Kelly, North Yuba Naturalist

Right now several species of the squirrel family (Sciuridae) are busy eating and harvesting local seeds and berries for their winter food caches.



Western Gray Squirrels are called "scatter hoarders" because they store small caches of food in many different places, rather than one main location. These caches are not what the squirrels solely subsist on in winter. They actively search for food in winter, foraging for pine nuts, acorns, tree buds, and mushrooms.

Unlike Western Gray Squirrels, **Chickarees** (also called Douglas Squirrels or Pine Squirrels) will store large amounts of green cones for the winter in only one or two main areas. During winter they will dig down through the snow to these caches, or "middens," and feast on the seeds in the cones. They will also forage for food such as nuts, acorns, berries, tree buds, fungi, and insects.



Chipmunks are storing up fat for their oncoming winter hibernation by eating lots of seeds, fungi, berries, and insects. They will also cache a great deal of food in their underground burrow. They do not sleep all winter long, rather they wake up every few days, raise their body temperature to normal, feed on stored food rather than fat reserves, and urinate and defecate.

Photos by Katie O'Hara-Kelly



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Yuba County's Roadside Fuel Reduction Program Provides Valuable Benefits

By: Mike Lee, Director, Yuba County Public Works Department

With the recent string of wildfires throughout Northern California, reducing potential ignition points and maintaining forest health are more important than ever to ensure the safety of homes, property, and lives during what is now considered the new "normal" California wildfire season. The Yuba County Public Works Department has maintained an ongoing relationship with the Yuba Watershed Protection and Fire Safe Council through our Roadside Fuel Reduction Program. This is a grant-funded program to assist with fuel reduction efforts along foothill roadways, as well as to educate residents on how to become fire safe communities and the importance of defensible space.

The Roadside Fuel Reduction Program makes it easier for firefighters to work by reducing wildfire ignition points and creating fuel breaks along many key roads in the Yuba County foothills. Fuel reduction decreases the amount of combustible materials, such as vegetation, in order to slow the rate of spread and the intensity of a wildfire.

Reducing fuels along these roads will ultimately help prevent the spread of wildfires from the road corridor into the forest and residential properties, as well as provide improved access for evacuation and firefighting efforts. It will also connect fuel treatment work already completed to establish fuel breaks around nearby communities and reservoirs.

The second component of the program aims to educate homeowners about creating defensible space around their home and other structures on their property. The Yuba County Public Works Department strongly encourages residents to get involved by attending Yuba Watershed Protection and Fire Safe Council meetings when they can and becoming community advocates for fire safety. The meetings often help residents with topics such as choosing the proper plants for a fire-resistant landscape, vegetation clearing methods, and best practices for building a fire safe zone around homes and buildings.

The next Fire Safe Council meeting will be November 14th at 9:30 am at the Alcouffe Center in Oregon House.



More information regarding the Roadside Fuel Reduction Program and the Yuba Watershed Protection and Fire Safe Council can be found at yubafiresafe.org.

Surveillance at the Community Center

By Richard Dickard, Community Center Advocates

So many folks have worked hard to renovate our Community Center. We want to responsibly protect that work, the building, and its contents. To do this, we are installing eight super high resolution, night vision security cameras, which will be watching the exterior of the Community Center. This system informs the controllers whenever there is an event and will play back everything that is recorded 24 hours each day, 7 days a week. The security cameras give incredibly clear images at night and are monitored and controlled remotely.



You too, can help! If you see any suspicious activity there, please let someone know. Call me at 288-3479,

or call any of the other CCSO board members that live in town: Tedd Sapp -288-3328; or Char Jokerst - 288-9320.

This security system was made possible by the generosity of the Camptonville Historical Society, which displays many of its artifacts there, and Jones Solar Electric. Tim Jones, one of our local electricians who has previously worked on the Center's electricity, installed the system. We value what so many of you have worked hard on. This will help us protect it.

Cooking in your Car?

By Rod Bondurant

Camptonville's own Carolyn Mumm along with her grandson Jonathan receives a medallion from Kenny Doris for her participation in the Solar Cook-Off at The Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints. She cooked vegetables on her car dashboard!



Photo by Rod Bondurant



Photo by Shirley Dickard

View over Bullards Bar Reservoir on a smoky August day.

Current Thoughts: Yuba County Water Agency Rebrands as "Yuba Water Agency"

By Brent Hastey, Yuba Water Agency Board Chairman

If you haven't already heard, Yuba County Water Agency is rebranding, changing our name to Yuba Water Agency, providing an easy-to-identify moniker and logo, as we strive to develop a stronger relationship with the people of Yuba County – the people we serve.

For those who know us, our decision to rebrand may seem confusing, as we've been around for a long time and are well-established in the community. But what we have found is that the majority of our residents don't have any idea who we are, and that needs to change.

Since our establishment in 1959, we have actively worked to reduce flood risk and provide a sustainable water supply for the people who live and work in the county. And while we've been quite successful, we've flown under the radar, and our vast accomplishments have gone largely unnoticed by the public.

We began this rebranding process by surveying local residents and found that many people had not heard of us, or were unclear about the water agency's roles and responsibilities and the many improvements we've made for the people of Yuba County. Many believed we were a department within the Yuba County government, or the people they pay their residential water bill to. We are not. We are a stand-alone government agency.

As a result, we decided to make our image one that people can easily connect with and identify out of the sea of government agencies and organizations that they come into contact with on a daily basis.

Now as Yuba Water Agency, we are committing to a more proactive effort to educate the public about who we are and what we do, and how the foresight of our founders all those years ago has led to a transformational time for Yuba County.

In 2016, our world changed. Our contract with PG&E that enabled the construction of our dams and powerhouses, known as the Yuba River Development Project, came to an end. That contract gave PG&E all of the power revenues for 50 years in exchange for paying all the costs to build, operate and maintain the project. Now the cost of running the project and revenues come to Yuba

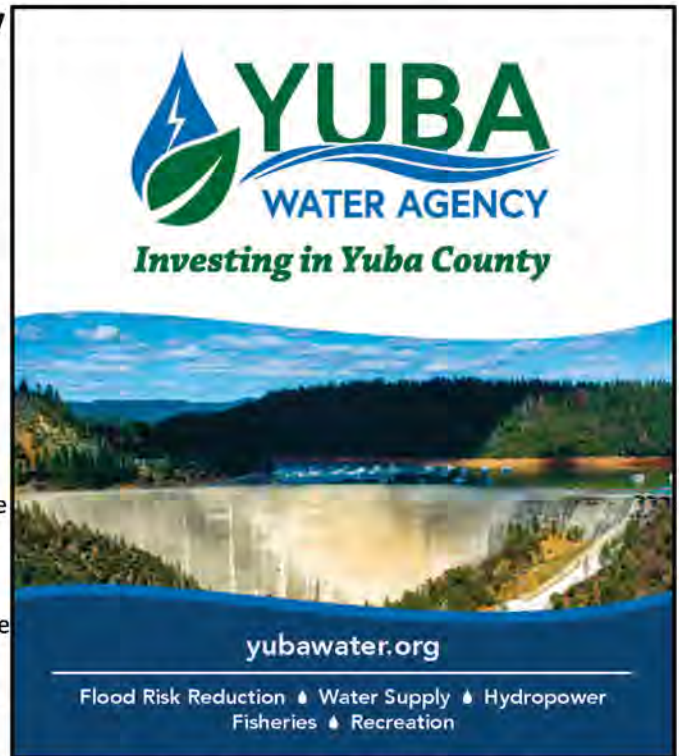
Water Agency, so we can reinvest the profits in Yuba County. We are now in a position to make an even bigger impact in the lives of the people of Yuba County by further reducing flood risk, maintaining water supply reliability and making other investments related to our mission areas, at a much faster pace, and I believe things in Yuba County are going to get much better in the coming years.

We've already made a huge impact on water supply reliability and public safety by significantly lessening the flood risk in Yuba County, which is going to have a big impact for economics. The next phase is finding ways to partner with foundations and industry to bring more jobs to the area.

It's more than just our tagline. Yuba Water Agency is truly investing in Yuba County's future. And our future looks bright.

News Flash!!!

Beginning September 24th, people traveling across New Bullards Bar Dam will see heavy machinery mobilizing in the parking lot on the east side of the dam, in preparation for exploratory work related to Yuba Water Agency's plans to design and build a \$160 million secondary spillway at the dam. More information will be in the next *Courier*.



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Autumn Haikus

By Marcy Risque

*Pears drop like sweet stones
In galaxies of bright suns,
A tree of apples*



*Greens, yellows and reds,
Smorgasbord of edibles,
Bountiful harvest*



*Warmth rises and falls
With Autumn's shimmering light,
As night's door closes*



Photos by:

John Deaderick – Veggies and Canning
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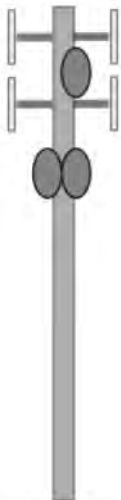


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Photograph of concerned Camptonville folks that was presented to the Yuba County Board of Supervisors at the 9/11 appeal to the decision for the Verizon Cell Tower.

Taken at the CVFD Picnic by Rod Bondurant.

Supervisors Decide on Verizon Cell Tower in Camptonville

By Cathy LeBlanc, CCP

On September 11th, Camptonville Community Partnership (CCP), accompanied by the Cell Tower Placement Committee, went before the Yuba County Board of Supervisors (BOS) to appeal the decision to allow a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for the construction of a Verizon Cell Tower on a parcel located along Marysville Road near its intersection with Jaynes Lane. This location is in a rural residential neighborhood.

CCP presented petitions signed by over 200 Camptonville residents stating reasonable community concerns, including the fact that this cell tower location was proposed to be adjacent to the Life Flight Landing Zone and that it would have absolutely no benefit to Camptonville's emergency response.

After our presentation, two representatives from Verizon spoke, including their attorney who reminded the Board in a variety of ways that they could be sued by Verizon if they did not uphold the earlier CUP decision. After a brief rebuttal by Camptonville representatives, the BOS in a 4-1 vote chose to uphold the CUP. Our Supervisor, Randy Fletcher, cast the one vote in our favor.

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Yuba Water Agency Dams Deemed Safe in Recent State Assessment

By Alex Boesch, Public Information Specialist

Yuba Water Agency's New Bullards Bar Dam, constructed in 1970, recently received the highest safety rating possible by California's Department of Water Resources Division of Safety of Dams.

A comprehensive listing of California's major dams issued this month notes that, once again, New Bullards Bar, the fifth tallest dam in the United States, and Yuba Water Agency's other dams (Our House, Log Cabin, and Lake Francis) received the "satisfactory" rating, which is the highest rating issued by the State.

The State assesses dam conditions based on annual physical inspections and comprehensive re-evaluation studies, as well as technical analyses submitted by the dam owners. Yuba Water Agency's dams have always received this high rating.

"There is nothing more important to us than public safety," said Brent Hastey, Yuba Water Agency chairman. "We invest heavily in maintenance and upkeep for all of our dams and are also upgrading New Bullards Bar with a new, additional spillway to provide the greatest measure of safety possible in future, large storm events."

The \$160 million secondary spillway at New Bullards Bar is the largest planned project for this facility. While the primary purpose of this facility is to significantly reduce flood risk downstream, this project will also substantially enhance dam safety by providing a redundant spillway that could handle a 1997-type flood by itself, if the main spillway became inoperable. This project is scheduled for completion in 2025.

Yuba Water Agency is also refurbishing the main spillway gate drive mechanisms to ensure reliable operation well into the future. This work includes replacing the 50-year-old motors, electrical wiring, and controls, and refurbishing some of the gearboxes that raise and lower the spill gates. This current phase is expected to cost approximately \$665,000.



This work is in progress and is expected to be complete by October.



YWA to Purchase 20 Acre Property in Dobbins

By Alex Boesch, Public Information Specialist

Yuba Water Agency approved the purchase of a property in Dobbins for approximately \$220,000 to further support agency operations.

The 20-acre parcel is located between Lake Francis and New Colgate Powerhouse and will be used to construct a new warehouse and an additional administration building for Yuba Water Agency employees. Escrow on the property is set to close on September 12th.

"This expansion is needed due to our growing workload and to ensure our reliability as a participant in the California wholesale electric market," said Yuba Water Agency Power Systems Manager Mike Kline. "Additional warehouse space is needed to grow the inventory of spare parts that support that level of reliability."

The next phase of the project, predicted to be complete by 2020, will include the design and construction of a 16,000 square-foot warehouse with yard facilities, including fire tanks, septic, water, power, vehicle fueling, and hazardous waste, and materials storage.

Phase three of the project will include the design and construction of a 12,000 to 15,000-square-foot administration building and will be complete by 2021.

The very preliminary renderings show a visual concept of what this facility might look like in the future.

Yuba Water Agency staff will hold public meetings to discuss the details and answer questions as the project develops. Meeting dates will be announced in the coming weeks and posted on www.yubawater.org.



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October School Calendar



- October 2 Picture Day
- October 9 Thelma Amaya Parenting Workshop
- October 10 Awards Assembly, 8:45 am
Staff Development Minimum Day, 12:45 pm dismissal
Kindergarten Schedule, 8:25 am-12:45 pm
- October 10 Cross Country Meet at Ready Springs, 4 pm (start)
- October 11 Miner Mile at NUHS, 4 pm (start)
- October 12 Salmon Rafting Trip, grades 3-5
- October 17 School Board Meeting, 6 pm
- Oct. 22-26 Fall Break (No School)
- October 29 Site Council Meeting, 3 pm
- October 30 Voyage of Explorers Field Trip, Antioch Harbor, Gr. 3-6th
- October 31 Halloween Parade and Classroom Celebrations,
1:30-2:30 pm
- November 1 Staff Collaboration Minimum Day, 12:45 pm dismissal
Kindergarten Schedule, 8:25 am-12:45 pm



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- Community Center Information — 288-5016
- 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

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- DVSAC Crisis Line (Nevada Co) — 272-3467

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October 6 Oktoberfest (pg 2 & 3)
October 13 Moonshine Potluck (pg 2)
October 18 Action Teams meet at CCC (pg 2)

October 18 Burgee Dave's Fundraiser at Penny's Diner,
Grass Valley (pg 6)

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

On-Going WEEKLY Events

Tuesdays: Community Lunch, 12–1 pm, NSJ Center
USDA Food Bank, Oregon House (see pg 15)
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 15)
Food Bank, 3rd Thurs, North San Juan Center (see pg 15)
Saturdays: Coffee @ The Center, 10am-noon, CV Community Center
Sundays: Open Mic, 4-7 pm, Burgee Dave's, 2nd & 4th Sundays