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CVFD Recruits Take on First Blaze

By Caleb Garling

On Thursday August 6th, at 12:30 am, Andrew Wessen and Hugh Cruickshank responded to their first wildland fire calls as Camptonville Volunteer Firefighters. Now known as the Fawn Fire, the blaze kindled north of town and burned about two acres before being extinguished.

"I was a little delirious as I threw my clothes on," Wessen, who moved to Camptonville six years ago for 'an old house in nature to disappear to,' recalls. "I had also eaten three bowls of pasta before bed and was mad at myself. But in the end, it was a bit of a saving grace."

He and Cruickshank found a serious but calm vibe at the station. Mike Gray, Geoff Burke, and captain David Pratschner, with decades of firefighting experience between the three of them, were already at their lockers pulling on wildland fatigues and lacing up their boots.

"Everyone was efficient," Cruickshank, who moved to Camptonville last summer and lives at the Doolan winery, says, "Each person doing their own thing mentally preparing." From there the crew loaded into the CVFD wildland engine and sped towards the blaze. Coming around a corner in the dark they found acres of glowing ground and flames climbing toward the canopy—Not to mention the dozers cutting line, sawyers dropping snags, people yelling, radios blaring—a chaotic scene.

"We worked as a CVFD crew with Forest Service crews either side of us," Cruickshank explains. "Digging out burning roots and stumps, breaking apart and scattering fuel, turning the ground so nothing's holding heat in the duff.... It's slow and unglamorous but it's the whole reason a fire stays out."



Fawn Fire photo by Hugh Cruickshank



Captain David Pratschner and Andrew Wessen on the Wildland Engine

Photo by Mike Grey



Hugh Cruickshank Working the Fire Lines.

Photo by Andrew Wessen

Come Support the CVFD at the Picnic on September 12th, 2-10 pm at the Lost Nugget field.

From the Editor

By Wendy Tinnel

I just want to give a huge shout out to our amazing firefighters! This issue brings awareness and honors those who risk their lives to save others. We are blessed to have so many skilled people in our community.

When wildfire threatens our homes and beautiful landscapes we don't backdown, we move forward to create a safe environment through prevention and awareness. By working together, creating a strong community, and showing compassion towards others we can change the world.



A Look Back

By Jesse Golden

25 years ago in *The Courier* (September 2001):

- Katie O'Hara-Kelly reports installation of a model of Camptonville during the 1920's and 30's on display at the Forest Service office at Marysville Road and Highway 49, led by her with the contributions of local resident historian, Leland Pauly, funding from the Yuba Watershed Alliance, and student creators Ruby Cook, Hannah Olson, Nate Cowell, Jessi Wilcox, Andrew Lewis, Kitty Riley, Jesse Parker, Michael Lewis, Jessa Pederson, Josiah Parker, Lydia Olson, and Iris Van der Meer.
- Camptonville Action Teams shared news of their projects, including Shirley DickKard's "Camptonville Tree" presentation, Rita Ortega on the upcoming Fire Department Picnic, Bob Mumm on the Pelton Green Energy Festival, and Stephanie Korney on the progress of the community website camptonville.com.

10 years ago in *The Courier* (September 2016):

- Regine Miller writes about a free workshop offered by Camptonville Community Partnership on opportunities to start your own business in Yuba County. and on entrepreneurial opportunities with the Forest Biomass Business Center (FBBC).
- Rochelle Bell shares her experience hosting Coffee@the Center: The energy was invigorating and friendly."

- Linda Rose profiles "Your Local Painting Contractor, Daniel Tinnel," and also shares "My Personal Experience with the Defensible Space Assistance Program." [learn about current programs at yubafiresafe.org]

5 years ago in *The Courier* (September 2021):

- Christina Dondono welcomes the new school year and 1,2,3 Grow kiddos Sasha, Olivia, Ayda, Jasper and Ruby; Patrick Brose celebrates the first "real" start to a school year after a year of distance learning due to COVID, including ringing the historic bell to start the day.
- Alix Lamb reports on the first day of school: "Boy, is it smoky and a dash of hectic," and explains what school costs, per student and for the entire year's budget.
- Shirley DickKard describes four national awards won by her novel HeartWood – Four Women, for the Earth, for the Future.
- Donna Tate sadly announces cancellation of the 2021 Volunteer Fire Department picnic due to the local uptick in COVID and the unhealthy air quality from all the smoke.

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CanWORK comes HOME (Reprint)

By Cathy LeBlanc, Reprinted from the October 2001 *Courier* about her being in Washington DC on 911 to advocate for welfare reform

Yay! First of all it's so good to be home. We had quite a journey. Mariah Sullivan, Jenifer Bliss and I were glad to breath Camptonville's air after a four-and-a-half-day journey aboard the Greyhound Bus. There's no place like home. September 11 was such a tragedy, felt very deeply. We were close, six miles away from the Pentagon, near the Capitol.

Here's a little of the story from our trip:

We flew in from 34 states, 52 Organizations (53 counting us) to the seat of our National Government, WASH DC to speak in one united voice. Our yellow buttons read "GROWL "Grassroots Organizing for Welfare Reform our motto is "Hear our Voices: Reduce poverty not caseloads. 2/3 of those on welfare are children".

This was an unprecedented event, a true grassroots effort, a policy briefing on welfare reform.

When Tuesday morning came we gathered and loaded into Taxi's. We arrived around 9 AM. The first planes had crashed, unbeknownst to us. We prepared the room, stratagized, seated people, and greeted the press. THEN Boom- one of the reporters came to us apologizing he had to leave. He told us about, The World Trade Center, The Pentagon... Out in the hall confusion, frightened faces, the sound of high heels clicking fast on floors. Across the way at the "International Policy Council" meeting room a TV had the news on. We could see the World Trade Center on fire; see the 2nd plane crash-see the first tower dissolve into rubble.

Back inside our meeting room, our moderators attempted to continue on. We tried to send out our message, END DISCRIMINATION, SUPPORT FAMILY DIVERSITY, PROMOTE EDUCATION AND TRAINING TO END POVERTY. We were just introducing the mothers who would tell their stories about what it is really like to be on Welfare under TANF (Temporary Aide to Needy Families). We realized that our audience was filing out and that we were to be evacuated soon. The security people came "Come on, get out, everyone else is gone." they said. We were all ushered out one door, into the open, cars in gridlock. We felt lucky we're on foot. We could see the smoke from the Pentagon. We walked carrying the cases of water and the meeting supplies. Because of the security, we had to take a circuitous route it took us two hours to reach the hotel.

Tragedy struck and we were far away from home. After rescheduling our flight twice, by Thursday we realized, we were holding useless airline tickets. There were four of us, along with Jen, Mariah and I, Sarah Frohock a former welfare mom from Chico joined our team. We were determined to get home. The only option, the only thing that was running, was Greyhound Bus. Believe me we knew that this was not going to be a "Picnic." We were told we would be home Sunday morning 5:30 am. This would mean four days on the road. We packed up, fortified ourselves, extra sandwiches, \$40 worth of non-perishable "goodies" off we went.

The journey was exhausting. We slept sitting up, we watched our ankles swell, and we tried to keep our sense of humor. We were not alone. There were many travelers, used to the expediency of air travel on board with us. We became like an extended family all moving west. We met Susan a former Clinton Aide who was on her way to her nephews' Bar mitzvah in Denver. Jackie a woman from Australia on Vacation who was in New York staying in a hotel near where the tragedy struck. She told us how awful it was there. How you could not even find any healthy food to eat because everything was permeated with smoke and dust. Finally, Sunday afternoon September 16th, 5:20 pm we arrived in Sacramento, by 7:30 we were home. Yay!



Water System At Risk: Delinquent Accounts Cause Major Revenue Shortfall

By Richard DicKard and Jody Deaderick CCSD

Due to an increasing number of delinquent accounts and the previous water rates not keeping up with increased cost of operations, the Camptonville Water system has been operating at a loss each month. This has created an accumulated backlog of approximately \$29,000 in unpaid expenses. Over the last year the CCSD looked at ways to reduce the Water Department's overhead expenses, reducing its annual budget from \$113,000 to \$77,000, along with implementing a rate increase as of June 1st, 2026. As of August 8th, the total owed from accounts with a balance over 60 days past due was \$12,500, with another \$3,350 over 30 days due. If users decide to pay their overdue balance and continue to pay current charges on time, we are hopeful the Department can pay off its debts, operate with a positive cash flow, and continue to provide water to the Camptonville community. However, the amount owed by delinquent accounts is putting the entire system at risk of insolvency.

At our August Community Services District meeting, the board reviewed California state law and updated our policy regarding collecting on delinquent accounts and steps to shut off water to users who continue to carry a large past due balance. Accounts with an unpaid balance will first be contacted in writing with an opportunity to make payment arrangements. Shutting off water is a last resort but one we will be taking in an attempt to keep the department operational.

At the September CCSD meeting, if the board determines that revenues continue to fall short of expenses each month, the CCSD will consider submitting an application to the California State Resource Control Board for Emergency State Operations Funding. A state-appointed administrator would take over the managerial, technical, and financial control of our Camptonville Water District. They would step in to fix low collections rates, restructure the budget, and aggressively apply for state grants without adding costs to our local budget. This is not a step the CCSD would take lightly, since continuing to operate at a loss is unsustainable.

Payment arrangements can be made by contacting Elizabeth Zapata, Administrative Assistant, at **530-513-1834**, or email camptonvilleassistant@gmail.com.

A Balance of Day Demands and Dreams: Wordsmiths & Music Makers September 27th

By Yakshi Vadeboncoeur

Come one, come all! **Wordsmiths & Music Makers** celebrates the Harvest Season **Sunday, September 27th**, at the **Camptonville Community Center** where equilibrium between the demands of the workaday-world and our creative energy finds expression in poetry, stories, great guitar licks, and song. Take a break and come join friends and neighbors to partake in community, creativity, and the culinary gifts from kitchen and garden.

Doors open at 3; the show starts at 3:30. Don't be late! Besides the usual chat and snack of that half hour, there will be a special musical offering by one of Camptonville's own to soothe our transition into autumn. Featured Musicians include: Singer-Songwriter, poet, guitar and harmonica master, Nory Fussell from Nevada City, Quantum and Jhon Renoir, Erin Long, and Manda Yager. Wordsmiths are Will Staple and Momo (both from the Ridge), Storyteller Claudia Tonge from Sonora, and Ginny Berry will bring us Mark Twain.

Your \$5 ticket supports the Community Center and includes snacks and a full-on pozole feast at the end. Audience members who would like a chance to perform one song, poem, or five minute story can write their name on their ticket and drop it in the golden bucket. If you would like to be a featured artist at a future event, please let Yakshi know. See you there!



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CCSD Board Opening for Water Liaison

By Jody Deaderick, CCSD Board Member

The Camptonville Community Services District is looking for residents who are interested in serving on the Board. We are currently looking for a new board member with interest in being the Liaison to the Water Department. The role of Liaison helps facilitate communication between the department and the board.

If you think you may have some time to devote to CCSD, please consider attending a meeting or two to get a feel for the work of the board. Agendas for regular meetings are posted at the Post Office and the Community Center at least three days in advance.

Our next regular meeting will be **Wednesday, September 23rd, 6:15 pm, at the Community Center**. Hope to meet you there!

Please reach out to Jody Deaderick, Board President, with any questions! jodead@gmail.com or 530-559-5474

Letter from the Book: "Postmarked Vermont & California 1862-1864"

Transcribed by Jennifer Nelson, Camptonville Postmistress

Camptonville, Cal. May 22d, 1864

Dear Addie,

This is my birthday. Am 25. Have been thinking of my birthdays as far back as I can remember. When I was 17 father gave me a colt, and the lightning struck it. My 18th, 19th, and 20th I was home spending summer vacation. My 21st was the last day of examination of Spring Term in West Rutland, and last day of school. My 22nd was teaching in Pittsford. 23rd teaching in this town. 24th and 25th riding Pony Express over these hills. I did not think of writing you a history of my birthdays and I am well aware it does not sound very well for one to say so much about oneself but as there is no one else I can write to hope you will pardon my egotism.

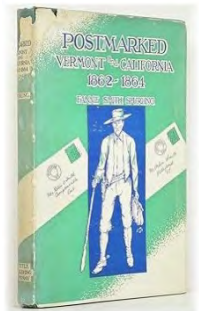
On Thursday we attended the ball at Indian Hill. It was to benefit an unfortunate man who had lost both his eyes in a premature discharge of a blast. He has a wife and family in the States and the money is raised to send him home. Tickets and subscription papers were sent all around the country and tomorrow he is to be presented with the effects - five hundred dollars.

If this country has a tendency to make men rough and reckless it also has a strong tendency to make them feel for an unfortunate fellow creature and do something for his relief. We have changed our mode of living. Four of us have hired a Chinaman to do our cooking. We like this better than boarding or baching and call this mode "messing". He cooks very well, and we fare better than at the hotel. Wonder if you ever saw a Chinaman. This one is quite young about 20. Speaks good English and looks like all other Chinamen. If you ever saw a picture of one you know just how they look better, then I can tell you. His name like others of his race is rather queer - Ah Sing. All their names have only one syllable. There is a rich Chinese merchant in Indian Valley named Hop Sing. He is one of my best patrons and calls me "Express" with a peculiar kind of brogue. I do a considerable amount of business sending gold and money to San Francisco. We charge a good percent on that kind of work. They are so much abused and cheated by the Americans that they do not like to trust them. Do not think anyone else could do that kind of business for him if they would do it for nothing.

They use a great deal of opium. Hop Sing has two small packages of it come every month - about four hundred dollars worth in each package. When his pack train is not in town, or he himself, he has me take it. Says, "some bad Mexican man catch um opium. No catch Express."

They are great cowards but will make money where a white man would starve.

Hoping to hear from you soon, I bid you adieu. Yours with love, Rollin C. Smith



We Cleaned Up at the Cemetery

By Rochelle Bell

Enthusiasm reigned on Sunday the 9th of August at the Camptonville Cemetery. Corri Jimenez, an expert with 30 years of experience in preserving headstones across the country, filled us with information and inspired us to get to work restoring stones. She gave us over five hours of her time and our group of 13 people organized by the Camptonville Historical Society got busy scrubbing. We were all amazed at the difference the cleaning made. Thank you, Corri and all those who came to the class.



Photos by Rod Bondurant



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Camptonville Community Center
September 22nd, 2026 at 5:30pm

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YubaFireSafe.org

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Blackberries

By Liz Barnhart-Usedom

Needles pierce my flesh as I reach for these perfect gems.

They demand a penance-blood sacrifice for their sacrifice of life.

I humbly pay this and offer skin for stain.

All in the quest for delicious mountain bounty.

As I fill my cup, I adoringly bow.

Until next time, friendly foe.



Harmony Health's Clinic on Wheels



By Jesse Golden

What's a clinic? I thought a "health clinic" was specialized and offer a limited range of care, but I found that Harmony Health Medical Clinic's mobile clinic on Wheels (COW) is quite full service! The mobile Clinic will be at the Camptonville Community Center on **Friday September 4th and 18th, 10-12 and 1-3:15**, and also at the North San Juan Family Resource Center on **Tuesday September 1st and 15th**, and at the NSJ Community Center on **September 8th and 22nd** – how about that, healthcare that comes to you! Plus, they're open seven days a week in Marysville and Yuba City! For more information, visit:

myharmonyhealth.org and click "Clinics and Hours," or call **530-743-6888** for more information.

Cancer Screening

In September, the bottom* line is this: If you're 45 or older, or at higher risk due to family history or other factors, talk to your healthcare provider about getting screened for colorectal cancer. Screening is one of the most effective ways to prevent colorectal cancer and protect your health. Colorectal cancer is highly preventable.

Screening can find and remove precancerous polyps before they turn into cancer. When colorectal cancer is found early, treatment is often more successful, less invasive, and survival rates are much higher.

Most people have no symptoms in the early stages. Don't wait for pain or other symptoms—screening is designed to detect problems before you notice them. (*ok, dumb joke)

A Quick Note on D.N.R.

By Mary Abbott, EOLCCA

Bereavement Program Coordinator



The Pre-Hospital Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) Form tells emergency medical personnel not to perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) if a person's heart stops or they stop breathing. It does not apply to other types of medical treatment when a person still has a heartbeat or is breathing.

In California, DNR instructions are documented on a Prehospital DNR Form or an approved DNR medallion. To be valid, a Prehospital DNR Form must be signed by a physician and you (or your healthcare decision maker) for emergency medical personnel to follow it.

An approved DNR wrist or neck medallion can be obtained through a supplier approved by the California Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA). The supplier requires a completed DNR Form, enrollment form, and fee. If all these conditions are met, then EMS personnel will honor the medallion. Two approved DNR identification vendors are MedicAlert Foundation (**800-432-5378**) and StickyJ Medical ID (**727-823-9500**).

Keep your signed DNR form in a visible and easy-to-find location in your home. Take a copy with you or wear your approved wrist or neck medallion when outside your home, including when you travel.

For more information about the Prehospital DNR Form from the California Emergency Medical Service Authority, go to **www.emsa.ca.gov/caemsa?id=dnr_info** or email them at **HealthInformation@emsa.ca.gov**

For additional resources about the Prehospital DNR Form and end-of-life planning support at no cost, call End of Life Choices California at **760-636-8009** or visit its website at: **endoflifechoicesca.org/**.

Making Your Home Safer from Wildfire: A Community Responsibility

By Mike Wilson, Camptonville Fire Department Asst. Chief

For residents of Camptonville and the surrounding foothill communities, wildfire preparedness is more than a seasonal reminder—it is an important part of protecting our homes, families, neighbors, and the community we call home.



Living in a rural, forested area brings many benefits, but it also means that homeowners need to take an active role in reducing wildfire risks around their properties. Firefighters work hard to protect communities when a wildfire occurs, but the preparation done before the fire starts can make a tremendous difference.

One of the most important steps is creating and maintaining **defensible space**. We recommend beginning with the first five feet around a home. This area should be kept as ember resistant as possible, with leaves, pine needles, dead vegetation, wood piles, and other combustible materials removed. gravel, concrete, or other noncombustible surfaces can provide an additional barrier.

Beyond those first five feet, homeowners should continue reducing vegetation and creating separation between trees, shrubs and other fuels. Annual grasses should be kept short, and dead branches, leaves, and accumulated needles should be regularly removed. CAL FIRE identifies 100 feet of defensible space as the standard required by California law in applicable areas.

Home hardening is equally important. Wildfire often reaches homes through wind-blown embers rather than a wall of flames. Residents should inspect roofs, gutters, vents, windows, doors, decks, and siding for vulnerabilities. Cleaning gutters, installing ember-resistant vents, and keeping combustible materials away from the structure can reduce opportunities for embers to ignite a home.

In communities such as Camptonville, Dobbins, Oregon House, Brownsville, and other nearby foothill areas, preparedness should also include keeping driveways and access routes clear for emergency vehicles, clearly displaying addresses and having an evacuation plan for family members, pets, and livestock.

For wildfire preparedness information and home-hardening guidance, residents can consult <https://yubafiresafe.org/>

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What a Mitigation Review is...and Isn't!

By Beverly Cameon-Fildes, Yuba Watershed Protection & Fire Safe Council

When Foothill residents schedule a **Wildfire Mitigation Review** there are often questions about the information we collect on their properties. Some are question about how long the review will take or questions about what aspects of the home/property we will be looking at during the review. More and more of the questions are ones of distrust about what the Fire Safe Council does with the information that we "collect." We provide a concise response to the questions particularly the ones that seem to come from a place of concern.

To allay those fears and concerns, and to promote the benefits of a review, I'd like to run through what a review is and even more, what it isn't.



Photo By Beverly Cameon-Fildes

What a Wildfire Mitigation Review is:

1. It is designed by our Fire Safe council team to provide fire safe education to the home/property owner, by helping them recognize defensible space and home hardening issues that make a residence vulnerable to wildfire. It also helps the homeowner prioritize the work that would improve the home's survivability.
2. It is the first step in accessing financial support for defensible space work through either the Yuba Watershed Protection & Fire Safe Councils' Cost Share program and/or the Special Needs Defensible Space grants.**
3. It is a necessary document (locally) for any home/property owners who are attempting to form a Fire Wise Community.

What a Wildfire Mitigation Review isn't:

1. A review isn't a "got'cha." The Advisor who does the review isn't going to report any of their findings to your insurance company or any other agency, so you won't be facing a fine or any other repercussion.
2. We don't give a copy of the review to anyone but the homeowner. The YWP&FSC keeps a copy to serve as documentation that you had the review done. The review is good for two years.

If you have any questions about reviews, contact the YWP&FSC office **530-645-2236**.

**** Defensible Space grants should be available again after October 1st, 2026.**



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Moonshine Road Firewise: Communicating During Emergencies

By Shirley DicKard, Moonshine Firewise Co-Coordinator

What happens when a fire or other emergency wipes out power, cell towers are down, and there's no way to find out what's happening or communicate with your neighbors? The Moonshine Road Firewise USA Community has a plan in the works. At our monthly "Sunday at the Station" meeting August 16th, Mark Triolo from Nevada County "Amateur Radio Emergency Services," talked with us about starting our own amateur radio system. Mark will be working with a small group of Moonshine residents to acquire the appropriate radios and learn how to use them effectively to communicate vital information during emergencies. Radios are battery operated and tuned to emergency services such as CalFire dispatch. News can then be texted to Moonshine residents via our new WhatsApp group. Mark will work with any neighborhood with a minimum of five volunteers.

Would you like to start a Firewise USA group for your neighborhood? (minimum of 8 residences on a road, neighborhood, or geographical area). Learn more about how to get one going at the **September 22nd Community Roundtable, 5:30 pm at the Camptonville Community Center**, put on by Yuba Watershed Protection & Fire Safe Council. Or contact us at moonshinefirewise@gmail.com. See Roundtable article on page 11.

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YFACA Homesteaders Rabbit Hide Tanning

Sunday, September 20

2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Alcouffe Picnic Area
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We have a stockpile of rabbit hides ready to put to good use — come learn the craft.

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Hands-on homesteading class



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These Boots Are Made for Walking Women's Wellness Walking Group

By Amber Mehrmann, CCP

Please join us for the Women's Wellness Walking Group. Below is an idea of how each month will go, and the schedule for September. Snacks and beverages will be provided at each meet up!

We will begin on **Thursday September 3rd, at the Camptonville Community Center at 10 am** for a walk around Camptonville.

September 10th, at 10 am. We will be doing a 1-hour Yoga session with Amber Mehrmann at the Community Center.

September 17th, at 10 am. Meet for a trail hike at Rebel Ridge - Bullard's Bar Trail.

September 24th, at 10 am, meet at the Camptonville Community Center for a final presentation/group discussion based on family and wellness.

All women of any age are welcome to join us for walks and yoga. The men of our community are invited to join us for the presentation/group discussion. We will be offering child care during yoga and the group discussion. I am really excited to be able to present this to our community! I hope I will see you there to come and walk and talk with us! If you have any questions, please reach out to Amber Mehrmann at the Camptonville Community Partnership:

amber@theccp.org 530-288-9355



Camptonville Community Roundtable Brings Neighbors Together September 22nd

By Mariah Hunt, Yuba Watershed Protection & Fire Safe Council

The Camptonville community is invited to join us on **Tuesday, September 22nd, 5:30-7 pm, at the Camptonville Community Center.** This gathering is a chance for neighbors to have an open conversation with local agencies about wildfire resilience in Camptonville and across Yuba County, and to learn about the Fire Safe Council's programs to support community preparedness.

We'll have several panelists, including Yuba County Supervisor Jon Messick, Oscar Marin with Office of Emergency Services (OES), the Camptonville Fire Department and more. They will share information and answer questions on how we as a community can be more prepared for wildfires.

Whether you've lived in Camptonville your whole life or are new to the area, we hope you'll come out and be part of the evening. These gatherings are a great way to stay connected, learn what's going on locally, and get to know the people who make our community special. And together we can better prepare and be fire safe together!

Bring a neighbor, bring your questions, and come enjoy an evening with the Camptonville community learning how we all can be better prepared. Everyone is welcome!



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**Highlights of our community-driven activities
in the Yuba County foothills:**

- Youth enrichment and skill building projects
- Family Resource Center
- Community Health Action Plan
- 1, 2, 3 Grow Parent participation child enrichment for 0-5 year olds
- The Camptonville Courier

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Thank You for Making "Preschool Popsicle" Possible

By Tyann Jordan, CCP



Thank you to everyone who helped make "Preschool Popsicle" such a wonderful kickoff for our early learning community. We are grateful for the families, staff, volunteers, and neighbors who showed up, helped out, bought raffle tickets, shared smiles, and supported a joyful start to the new year for our youngest community members and their families.

A special thank-you goes to Melody Dilka for organizing the 1,2,3 Grow Basket Raffle. Melody's time, care, and coordination helped bring the raffle together and made it possible for the community to participate in such a meaningful way.

We are so thankful for the continued support of our community. Your participation helps strengthen programs that welcome children and families, build connections, and create playful learning opportunities close to home.

This year, **1,2,3 Grow meets Monday and Wednesday from 9-11 am, and 3,4,5 Go meets Tuesday and Thursday from 12:30 pm to 2:45 pm.** Volunteers are always welcome, and donations of craft supplies are greatly appreciated.

1,2,3 Grow is a parent participation program sponsored by the Camptonville Community Resource Center. For more information, contact 123grow@theccp.org or call 530-288-9355.

Try This Frozen Treasure Hunt with your child

Create a cool summer sensory activity by placing small toys, beads, buttons, or marbles in cupcake tins, covering them with water, and freezing them. Once frozen, pop the icy treasures out and place them on a tray or towel for your child to explore.

What to do:

Offer popsicle sticks and washcloths to help your child search for the hidden treasures. They can rub, tap, scrape, and melt the ice while discovering what is inside. As your child plays, talk together about what feels cold, slippery, hard, soft, frozen, and melted. This kind of simple play builds curiosity, fine motor skills, problem solving, and language.

Keep the conversation going:

Ask questions like, "What do you think is hiding inside?" "How can we help the ice melt?" or "What do you notice changing?" Simple questions help children observe, predict, and share their ideas.



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The 1st and 3rd Friday, 12:30-2 pm

September 4 & 18

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Pizza Burgers

By Debbie Seyms

All measurements are just an estimate.

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1 pound ground beef

1/3 cup grated Parmesan cheese

1/3 cup finely chopped onion

1/3 cup chopped black olives

1/2 tsp dried oregano

2 Tbs ketchup

Salt and pepper

Sliced mozzarella cheese

Sliced fresh tomatoes

Sliced sourdough bread or buns



Combine meat with next 6 ingredients and form into 3 or 4 patties. Pan fry or BBQ to your liking. Top with cheese and let it melt. Toast bread. Place burger on bread with tomato, and enjoy! I prefer this on the sourdough, open-faced.

HELP & HOPE

For emergencies first call 911.

All area codes are 530 unless otherwise specified.

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- Cemetery ————— 575-6172
- Community Center ————— 288-5016
- Community Partnership (CCP) ————— 288-9355
- Community Services District (CCSD) ————— 288-3676
- Elementary School ————— 288-3277
- Family Resource Center (CCP) ————— 288-9355
Hours 8:30 am-12:30 pm, M-F
- Post Office ————— 288-3348
Hours 11 am-1 pm, 1:45-3:45 pm, M-F
- Volunteer Fire Department Business ————— 913-3501
- Water Plant ————— 775-980-7138
- Yuba River Ranger District ————— 362-8259/288-3231

Alcoholics Anonymous: Local 24 hr Hotline — 272-6287

Burn Day Status (www.fraqmd.org) ————— 741-6299

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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

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September 2026 Community Calendar

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September 27 Wordsmiths & Music Makers (pg 4)

WEEKLY Events:

Mondays: Yoga, 5 pm, School Gym, Contact: 530-798-6778

Mondays: Camptonville Fire Dept Trainings, Fire Hall,
6:30 pm Contact: 530-687-6532

Thursdays: Wellness Group- Sept 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th,
10 am CCC: 530-288-9355

Fridays: Clinic on Wheels, 2nd & 4th,
10 am-3:15 pm, CCC

Saturdays: Coffee@theCenter and Gardeners' Market,
10 am-Noon, CCC

MONTHLY Events:

School Board - 2nd Monday, 6 pm,

CV School: 530-288-3277

CCP Board - 3rd Wednesday, 1 pm

Resource Center: 530-288-9355

Third Thursday – 3rd Thursday, 5-7 pm CCC

CCSD Board - 4th Tuesday, 6:15 pm, CCC

Contact: 530-391-8887

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