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Way to Go, Camptonville!!!

By Donna Tate, CVFD





The 32nd Annual Camptonville Volunteer Fire Department Picnic raised a whopping $12,500! This is another new record! This money will help fund training, medical supplies, and updated personal protective equipment (PPE). Providing the right equipment to keep our firefighters safe is one of Chief Rasmussen's highest priorities.













We don't have an exact count of how many raffle tickets were sold, but by the looks of the bursting raffle bin, we can assume that was also a new record. This is all thanks to the generosity of our community and local and neighboring businesses. Let's not forget the **Pink Ladies** who work so hard to gather all those amazing prizes.

The dessert booth is one of our newest additions to the picnic and continues to be a great success, earning $784 for the CVFD. Special thanks to all those bakers who donated their time and homemade goodies.



Photos: Rod Bondurant

Everyone seemed to have a fantastic time. Folks enjoyed delicious barbeque, local musicians filled the air with music, and we watched Camptonville and North San Juan battle for the fire muster trophy (We will get you next year, NSJ!). Then, in true Camptonville style, Sons of Boogie got our feet moving and rocked us into the night.



The **CVFD** and **Auxiliary** cannot thank you all enough for your generosity and support. **We are so excited to see the department grow and flourish under Chief Rasmussen's leadership.** This is what we call ***"The Spirit of Camptonville."*** See you all next year!

On a side note, Lee Brown asked that we say ***a few words to honor the victims of 9-11.*** In all the bustle and excitement of the picnic, we failed to do this. Our deepest apologies for this oversight. In memory of the victims of this horrific day in history:

"Always In Our Hearts" "Never Forget"



Photo: Beverly Cameron



From the Editor

-Janie Kesselman

With only one month until **Election Day, Tuesday November 3rd,** it is important for each of us to exercise our hard-won right to vote before we lose it altogether. Other freedoms that we've enjoyed during our lifetimes are being threatened as well. While we tend to take our freedoms for granted, legal citizens' voting rights are being compromised, along with our first amendment rights to free speech and freedom of the press. See the article (pg 7) for details on voting in this important election.

Spending an hour or so at **Coffee @ the Center** is always one of the highlights of my week. It's been a regular event for **10 years** now, thanks to volunteer extraordinaIre **Rochelle Bell** and her intrepid crew (see pg 7).

I hope you are all enjoying this gorgeous fall. We recently had some visitors who ate up all the grapes that we hadn't already harvested... Luckily, we juiced a bunch before these hungry youngsters got to them... How I love living in these woods!



Mama and cubs... Photo:Peter Galbraith

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Camptonville Fire Department Picnic:

Celebrating Community, Service, and the Pink Ladies

By Mike Wilson, Administrative Chief, CVFD

The Camptonville Volunteer Fire Department Picnic is more than an opportunity to share good food, visit with friends, and enjoy a beautiful day with our neighbors. It is a celebration of the people who make the Camptonville community strong – and a chance to recognize those who give so much to support our volunteer firefighters. **Today, we want to offer a very special thank you to the Pink Ladies.**

For years, the Pink Ladies have stood behind the Camptonville Fire Department, raising funds, organizing activities, supporting community events, and finding ways to help provide the resources our firefighters need. Their efforts may happen behind the scenes, but their impact is seen every time our firefighters respond to an emergency. Whether it is purchasing equipment, helping with department needs, supporting firefighters and their families, or simply showing up when help is needed, they have demonstrated what community support truly means.

Our firefighters answer the call when the pager goes off. They leave their homes, their families, their dinners, their beds, and their daily lives to respond when their neighbors need help. But behind every volunteer organization are people who help make that service possible.

So, as we gathered together for this year's picnic, we couldn't help but celebrate the Pink Ladies. Their dedication, generosity, and commitment to the Camptonville Volunteer Fire Department have made a lasting difference.

On behalf of the firefighters, officers, and families of the Camptonville Volunteer Fire Department:

Thank you, Pink Ladies!
Thank you for believing in our firefighters.
Thank you for supporting our department.
Thank you for raising the funds that help keep us equipped and prepared.
Thank you for supporting our families.
And most importantly,
Thank you for being there for Camptonville.

The strength of a volunteer fire department is measured not only by the firefighters who answer the call, but also by the community that stands behind them. Camptonville is fortunate to have both.

From all of us at the Camptonville Volunteer Fire Department—thank you for everything you do.

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Time Capsule Discovered at Camptonville School

By Patrick Brose, Principal/Superintendent

While renovating our main office this past month, **we discovered a long-lost time capsule in the wall**! It is **dated 2004 with an opening date of 2012**. Well, 2012 is long gone, and any records of this time capsule are lost. After reaching out online, we learned that it was in fact placed in the wall in June 2004 by **Principal Gary Bowman** and **Project Manager Sonny Green**, along with the students and staff of Camptonville School.

It is time for us to open this remarkable artifact (albeit 14 years late!) and see what our students deemed important back in 2004. Later this school year, our current students will re-fill the time capsule, and it will be placed back in the wall (with a clearly marked plaque) for another 10 years.





An opening ceremony will be held October 26th, 8:30 am in the school gym. Community members are welcome to attend. We will take photos and document all of the items in the time capsule to share in a later article in *The Camptonville Courier*.

Photos: Patrick Brose

An Honest Conversation On Forest Health and Fire Resilience – October 8th

By Sheri Elliott, CCP Board Member

Camptonville Community Partnership (CCP) and members of the **North Yuba Forest Partnership (NYFP)** invite you to a community meeting on **Thursday October 8th, 5-7 pm** at the **Camptonville Community Center**.

Protecting the North Yuba River watershed and our communities from high-intensity wildfire requires navigating tough choices and evaluating all available forest management tools from mechanical thinning and prescribed burns to targeted herbicide applications. Following a presentation on recent and future work in the watershed, a panel of NYFP member organizations will tackle questions submitted via the QR code below about how they balance the benefits, risks, and trade-offs of these management tools. After the panel discussion, panelists and member organizations will be available to answer your specific questions.

Please scan this QR code to submit your questions in advance by October 6th. We look forward to a candid and constructive discussion.







A LOOK BACK –

News from *Couriers* past...
(read back issues: bit.ly/courierpast or search keyword: bit.ly/courierdigital)

5 years ago in the Courier (October 2021):

• **Sandy Ross** traces the long connection between Camptonville and Harmony Health's founder and CEO, **Rachel Farrell**.

• **Beverly Cameron-Fildes** explains how to prepare debris piles of branches, weeds, and clippings for that moment when burn bans are lifted and it's moist enough to burn safely. Apply for your **permit** yearly at the Cal Fire page **burnpermit.fire.ca.gov**; for residential Burn Day status, call 530-741-6299.

• Volunteer Firefighter (now Captain) **Dakota Pratschner** writes, "Even though it may feel like it's slightly late in the year, fire season is not over. Clearing brush and creating defensible space in case of a wildfire is still critical!" Dakota also mentions, "Too often our volunteer department gets paged out for vehicle accidents just minutes after the first rain. The reality is that Highway 49 is a dangerous road even without the slippery addition of rain and mud. By simply decreasing your speed you can create a safer roadway."

Why Do You Pay for Water?



By Richard DicKard, CCSD

You don't have to pay for water. No one does. Want free water? Put some buckets out when it rains. Get it from the river. That raw water is free!

If you want safe, clean water delivered into your home, on demand, in whatever amount you desire, then yes, you have to pay for that. **You pay for the treatment, infrastructure, and delivery services required to make water safe and accessible at your tap, rather than for raw water itself. The Water District employs one person to do all that. The volunteer CCSD Board oversees the workings. That's it.**

In rural areas, the majority of parcels have wells. Residents have to pay for the electricity to pump the water from the ground and to maintain their wells. For most users in Camptonville's central town area, wells are not allowed due to proximity to failed septic systems. If there were no water district to distribute clean water from our source in Campbell Gulch, people would have to buy storage tanks and pay for water to be trucked in.

What we have is worth saving. Please read our dilemma in the next article.





What Happens If the Camptonville Water District Goes Bankrupt?

By Richard DicKard CCSD

It might be helpful to know that Camptonville is not the only small town that faces bankruptcy because it can no longer afford to deliver safe clean water. Throughout California, costs have skyrocketed, and water districts are desperately struggling to survive. This is partly because new federal and state standards mandate costly specialized filtration upgrades. In the last two years, the **Camptonville Water District's cost of operations and maintenance has doubled!**

Small, disadvantaged rural systems like Camptonville bring in less income than it costs to produce clean water. We have minimal staffing and recently raised monthly rates, but that hasn't been enough to offset deficit spending and financial obligations.

What are the possible outcomes? There are no easy answers.

- The best is that **water users pay all their bills every month on time and pay off what they owe** in arrears. That would help but not solve the long-term problem.
- The next scenario is that the Water District is now applying for **emergency funding from the California Water Board's Financial Assistance/SAFER program**. We'll see if we are accepted and if they can help us.
- Last, **we go bankrupt, and a private water business comes in** and runs it as a for-profit business, **charging whatever they want** – that includes to the school and Community Center. **If users don't pay, their water gets turned off.**

If anyone has other ideas for how to save the Camptonville Water District, we'd sure like to hear from you! Call me at 530-288-3479.



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Easy Caramel Sauce

By Debbie Seyms

Make this sauce at home and you will never buy store bought again. You can use it as a dip for pretzels or sliced apples, a topping for vanilla ice cream, or drizzle it on apple pi**e.**



1 cup brown sugar
1/2 cup half and half or heavy cream
4 T butter (1/2 stick)
Pinch of salt
1 T vanilla

Combine all ingredients except vanilla
in a small saucepan over medium low heat.
Whisk and cook for about 5 minutes.
Add vanilla and cook about a minute longer.
Turn off heat and let cool slightly before pouring into a jar.
Store in the refrigerator – it will thicken as it cools.
If you like the sauce pourable, just microwave what you need.
***Warning...* This stuff is addictive!!!**



Star Thistle



Pulling star thistle
Stubborn spiny inedible plant
determined to multiply and harass us all
Muggy day, crows yacking about something
Gnats in my face, bees scavenging on the yellow flowers,
fire bomber whining in the distance
Some control their world with traps and spray
I hope crawling on hands and knees
will make this little world of mine right
A few raindrops - though well intended
only make it more humid
Big blooming ones to yank
Tiny ones hiding like the bad thoughts in my mind -
waiting for an opportunity.
All done!
All in a bag
Stop!
There's one more

– Rod Bondurant –

Community Apple Harvest Festival – November 14th

By Cayla Vaught-DeMaranville, CCCA



The **Camptonville Community Center** will host a **free, all-ages** community event on **Saturday, November 14th from 2–6 pm** featuring **apple tasting, a peeling contest, a kids' corner, a potluck dinner and bake-off, and storytime.** Bring a dish, share a smile, and be part of something special!

Alas, Autumn Affairs Are Absent...

By Alix Lamb

It is with regret that I must announce that there will be **no Autumn Affair for 2026.** I really love throwing this event with the help of my mom **Ellen** and a few wonderful supportive community members like **Debbie Seyms, Crow, Jesse Golden, and everyone who donates food.** It's always so much fun. My kitchen is still being remodeled, which puts a damper on cooking up all those wonderful soups we enjoy, and I just can't find a way to do it without making myself a basket case.



I hope to see you in 2027!

Community Altar – October 31st

By Rochelle Bell

On **Saturday October 31st,** bring your photos, flowers, and mementos of those who have passed away and add them to the **Community Altar at the Center** during **Saturday Coffee.** We will be creating an altar in the tradition of **Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead.)**

This traditional holiday is a time to celebrate the memory of loved ones who have passed away. The altar will be open in the **History Room** the mornings of **October 31st and November 7th.**



Last year's Community Altar Photo: Rod Bondurant

Camptonville Craft Fair – December 5th

By Jessi Mullins, Camptonville Community Partnership (CCP)

Save the Date: **December 5th from 10 am-2 pm** is this year's **Camptonville Craft Fair**, an annual **CCP** event celebrating local creativity and community at the Community Center. Browse one-of-a-kind holiday finds, support local crafters and artisans, and enjoy friendly conversation with neighbors. It's a wonderful opportunity to finish your holiday shopping and connect with the community. We look forward to welcoming you!

Calling all crafters: Booth space is limited, so reserve your space soon. For more information, call 530-288-9355 or email Events@TheCCP.org.

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Rural people working together for a safe, sustainable, and healthy community.

Located at our **Community Resource Center** behind Camptonville School

Monday thru Thursday 8:30 am-12:30 pm

High speed WiFi available for community use. *Drop on by!*

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

- Youth enrichment and skill building projects
- Community 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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Community-scale forest biomass to energy facility and business center

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Community Center News

By Richard DicKard, CCCA

The **Camptonville Community Center Advocates (CCCA)**, who manage our Community Center, have **reorganized how the Center works**. An organization chart, the Camptonville Community Service District (CCSD) employee handbook, and new job descriptions will result in better communication and collaboration between the people handling events and building/grounds maintenance.

Tyann Jordan has resigned as Events Manager, and **Cayla Vaught-DeMaranville will take her place**. Tyann will continue running the Camptonville Community Partnership programs.

The building and grounds are slowly but surely being improved. The **North San Juan Park District donated their old playground equipment** to us. The upper front of the building has been repaired and painted. **Eric Claussen**, a talented and artistic local blacksmith, **will make metal lettering** to be mounted over the porch roof area. A 32-inch colored, metal plate with the Humboldt Lily logo will be mounted above the lettering. Storage will be increased. **A disc golf course and a wood stove are being installed.**

The Community Center's finances are good, with income and expenses balanced for the last 18 months.



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10 years ago in the Courier (October 2016):

• Community Center Director **Christina Ledson** thanks all of the volunteers who came out to do the demolition for the termite damage and dry rot, and the transformation to incorporate the Leland K Pauley Museum: **Ted Ness, Jerry Ortega, Mark Jokerst, Cliff and Tonie Hiligoss, Rod Bondurant, Dick DicKard, Andrew Long, Jeff Murphy, and Christina Ledson**, with first-class meals provided by **Char Jokerst and Rochelle Bell** both days.

• **Linda Rose** profiles **Rita Ortega**, "Community Volunteer Extraordinaire."

Cemetery Cleanup Day – November 7th

By Liz Barnhart-Usedom

Calling all Camptonville residents! On **Saturday November 7th, from around 10 am-2 pm,** we are planning a **clean-up day** to care for and beautify the **Camptonville Cemetery.** There will be some light duty raking and piling of leaves and sticks in the Upper Cemetery area, as well as some light clean-up of any sticks in the Lower Cemetery.

Moonshine Arbor Solutions will be volunteering their time and labor to remove the dead wood from the Oaks in the Upper Cemetery**. There will be snacks and refreshments provided,** and we welcome any enterprising community members to come and join us for a fun Fall day!







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Make Your Voice Heard on November 3rd!

By Jesse Golden

Tuesday November 3rd is the General Election, where we'll be voting on 24 candidate races and 14 ballot measures. To quote the late **John Lewis**, civil rights activist and Congressman, ***"The vote is precious. It is the most powerful non-violent tool we have in a democratic society, and we must use it."***

Check your registration status online at **voterstatus.sos.ca.gov**. You can register until October 15th at **sos.ca.gov/elections/voter-registration** (or search "California online voter registration"). After that, you can still register at the **Elections Office at 915 8th Street in Marysville (530-749-7855)**, or at polling locations on November 3rd.

Ballots will be mailed to us starting October 5th; you can return the ballot by mail (must be postmarked by November 3rd), or **drop off your mail-in ballot, or vote in person on November 3rd, 7 am-8 pm**.

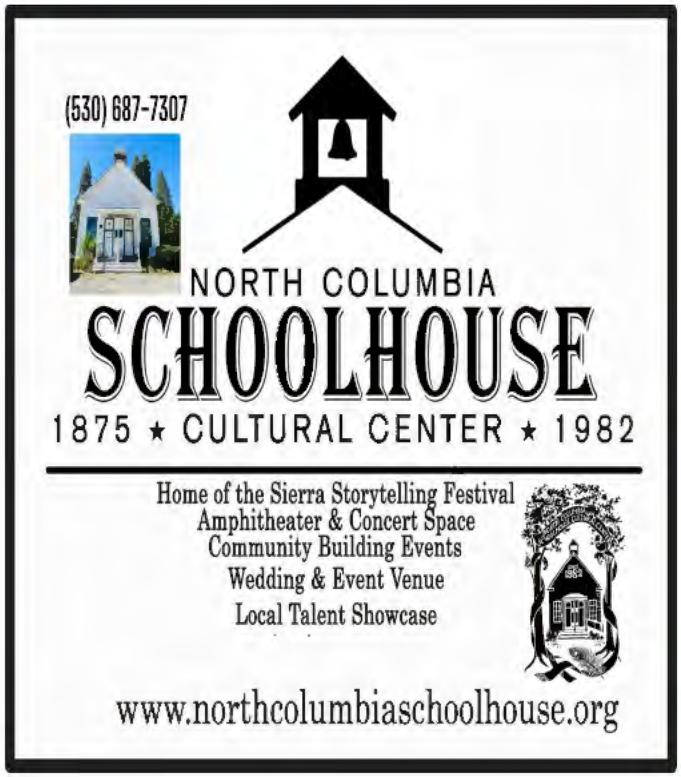
If you don't receive a ballot in the mail, **you can still register and vote provisionally at the Elections office on *any business day***, or at **Alcouffe Community Center** (9185 Marysville Road) **or any Yuba County polling station *on November 3rd***.

Some good sources for unbiased and accurate election information are:

- Yuba County Elections office: yuba.gov/departments/elections/upcoming_election.php
- For ballot measures and candidates: CalMatters.org/california-voter-guide-2026 or Ballotpedia.org (search "California elections, 2026")







Coffee@the Center – *Starting the Weekend Right for 10 Years!*

By Jesse Golden

Coffee@the Center has been improving our community's mornings **since 2016** when, as a direct result of a Camptonville Town Hall, a Friday morning coffee klatsch was launched by community members **Sidonie Christian and Molly Spackman**. Now, **10 years later,** we can rely on a weekly boost of caffeine, delicious foods, and friendly conversation **at the Community Center every Saturday morning, 10 am-noon**, hosted by **Rochelle Bell** with a rotating roster of guest hosts.

You too can be part of making this delightful event happen – sign up as a **guest host, bring goodies** to share, help with **setup or cleanup**, and/or **donate money!** Talk to Rochelle the next time you're at Coffee, preferably before you devour those amazing carbs that may cloud your good intentions…



Fall Fun at *1,2,3 Grow*

By Tyann Jordan, Program Manager

October brings fall fun, with pumpkins and cooler weather. A big thank-you goes to **Melody Dilka** for continuing fundraising efforts that support our impactful program. We are also deeply grateful to our volunteers, whose support has made this year possible. **LaWana Zerwick** continues to be a strong presence in our Wednesday class, leading playgroup projects and exploration. **Connie Gross** generously volunteers on Thursday mornings, helping us continue to offer a third day of playgroup. Join us Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday for fun-filled mornings with your little one. Be sure to attend this year's Craft Fair and purchase crafts created with care and hard work by our youngest community members.

1,2,3 Grow* meets Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday** from **9-11 am**, and **3,4,5 Go meets Tuesday and Thursday** from **12:30-2:45 pm**. Volunteers are always welcome, and donations of craft supplies are greatly appreciated. Sponsored by the **Camptonville Community Partnership (CCP)**, ***1,2,3 Grow is a parent participation program. For more info, contact 123Grow@TheCCP.org or call 530-288-9355.

Try this pumpkin science activity:

Will a Pumpkin Sink or Float?

Invite your child to make a prediction, test it, and talk about what happens. This simple activity introduces buoyancy, observation, and early scientific thinking.
You will need: a small pumpkin, a large clear tub or bowl, water, and a towel.

1. Fill the tub about halfway with water.
2. Ask, "Do you think the pumpkin will sink or float?"
3. Gently place the pumpkin in the water and observe what happens.
4. Turn or press the pumpkin gently, then let go. Talk about what changes and what stays the same.
5. Try another pumpkin or a few safe fall objects and compare the results.

Talk about it: A pumpkin can float because its hollow center contains air. Ask your child to describe the pumpkin's size, shape, texture, and movement in the water. Continue the fun by cutting your pumpkin and discovering what's inside.



Caring for the Forest at Rice's Crossing

By Annette Muller, Bear Yuba Land Trust

Improving forest health, reducing wildfire risk, and protecting the Yuba River watershed are at the heart of some important work coming to **Rice's Crossing Preserve North** this fall. Approximately 238 acres within the Preserve **will be part of a large-scale restoration project** focused on creating healthier, more resilient forests while supporting wildlife habitat and biodiversity.

As work at Rice's Crossing gets underway, we'll keep you posted on the project and changes to trail access. For now, the **Yuba Rim Trail is open** as far as the "Great View" lookout. The **Trabucco and Yuba Drop trails remain closed** following the Chute Fire and are pending assessment.



Photo: Janie Kesselman

Land artist Mick Englert w/visitors to his Labyrinth near the top of the Yuba Rim Trail





A LOOK BACK: October 2001
25 years ago in the Courier

• Here is an article about a float in the first ever **Pelton Green Energy Festival** that was also featured in the annual **Altar Show (Altares Del Mundo)** at the Nevada County Fairgrounds, commemorating our beloved dead during Halloween week.

Pelton Festival

By Robert Mumm

Congratulations on a job well done to the shareholders of The Last Judgment Mine, namely, to all those who helped build the mine float and who make the first Pelton Green Energy Festival become a reality. Many thanks also go to the Camptonville Community organizations which helped make our first Pelton Festival a success. We would especially like to thank Sierra Solar Systems for support and Super Fast Copy for all the extra help they gave us.

Here I go again, I must ask for some much needed help once more. We have the opportunity to bring our festival to the attention of thousands and I ask your help. We were invited to have the "Mine" in the Atlares del Mundo show and so I have committed, which means three alter spaces and all duties which go with them. Docent duty is really rather fun so if you want to see the show and do your civic duty at the same time, call me and make arrangements. The show runs from October 26th through November 4th. Much help is also needed to make the "Mine" ready for the show. If you can help please call 288-3264. Thank you.





Editor's addendum:

• Above is a tribute to my brother as part of the **Community Altar** at the **2007 Altares Del Mundo** show.

• To the right is a **1999 altar** from the Camptonville group **"MYRACL," Middle Yuba River Citizens League,** depicting the fight to stop the damming of our river at **Freeman's Crossing/ Oregon Creek.**

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From "*Postmarked Vermont and California, 1862-1864*"



Transcribed by Jennifer Nelsen, Camptonville Postmaster

Camptonville, Cal. Sept. 4th, 1864

Dear Addie,

We young folks have been on the run for the last week or two. Some young ladies are here on a visit and we all turn out to help them have a good time. Was out every evening last week and one night all night at a party at Indian Hill.

Miss Dixon was my partner there. She is not good looking but knows how to get along and have every one like her. We did not leave for the party till after four – had to wait and do two days work in one. It was awful hot when we started and we could not ride very fast and when we got started from Brandy City it was just dark and the worst trail on the route to go over.

Nell was on my gray horse and I was on a large buggy horse that I got here in town. He did not know anything about the trail and was as clumsy as could be, but made out to keep it all right, and we got to the Hall at half past nine. They had just given up looking for us. We danced till daylight and I took Nell to Indian Valley where she had some friends. Then came back and took Miss Miller to Camptonville. She is boarding here and going to school. Got home at half past eight and been sick ever since.

The Indians in the Plains are very troublesome and will be till after winter sets in. They are well armed with Henry's Repeating rifles given them by the Rebs to look after the emigrants.

One of our townsmen met with a serious accident last night by falling down an embankment some thirty feet. I think I will stay with him tonight. He is one of my best friends and a very fine man. We have had a number of accidents this summer. A few days since a man near here had his hand torn off by a circular saw, and another was seriously cut by another implement of the same kind.

One of the saddest accidents that ever happened in California took place last Monday night, on the Sacramento River. The steamer Washoe exploded one of her boilers killing about one hundred persons. The steamer had recently been put on to run the Old Line Opposition. Seemed as if she were built for misfortune for she has been run into twice in the last two weeks and killed one man the first time.

The cause of the explosion was putting on too much steam to catch the Old line boat which was ahead. They always race when the Opposition is on. When I came up we ran beside the Opposition for thirty miles and though I knew how dangerous it was I enjoyed it never-the-less, and could not go to bed as long as the other boat was in sight.

The town of Goodyear's Bar was burned down last night. Nearly every house in the town was destroyed. All our buildings are made of pine and are so dry that when a fire once gets started it is hard to put it out.

Write me by steamer, they sail from New York on the 1st, 11th, and 21st of each month. You will most likely know when the Overland is open.

Yours with love, Rol C. Smith

Harmony Health Camptonville

By Jesse Golden

When you look at the shiny **Harmony Health Mobile Clinic on Wheels (COW)** parked in front of the **Camptonville Community Center two Fridays each month**, you might not realize what a powerhouse of services it packs!

Harmony Health Medical Clinic is a non-profit, community-centered provider with a holistic approach to creating happy, healthy families. They provide a full-service family practice medical clinic, treatment for acute illness, primary care for all ages, and a comprehensive perinatal services program.

You can get services in Camptonville on scheduled Fridays, in North San Juan on Tuesdays, or any day of the week in Marysville and Yuba City. For more information, visit myharmonyhealth.org and click "Clinics and Hours," or call 530-743-6888.

October schedule for the Clinic on Wheels:

- **Camptonville Community Center: Fridays, October 2nd and October 30th**
- **North San Juan Family Resource Center: Tuesday, October 6th**
- **North San Juan Community Center: Tuesdays, October 13th and 27th**

Breast cancer screening is October's health focus. Women should begin routine mammograms at age 40 and continue until age 74; women with a higher risk may need to start earlier or have additional screening.

Why is screening important?

- Breast cancer is one of the most common cancers affecting women.
- Finding breast cancer early can make treatment easier and more successful.
- Screening can detect cancer before you feel a lump or notice symptoms.
- Early detection may mean more treatment options and less extensive treatment.

HELP & HOPE

For emergencies first call 911.
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Camptonville Community Partnership (CCP)	288-9355
Camptonville Elementary School	288-3277
Community Resource Center (CCP)	288-9355
• Hours 8:30 am–12:30 pm, M-Th	
Post Office	288-3348
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Yuba River Ranger District	362-8259/288-3231
Alcoholics Anonymous: Local 24 hr Hotline	272-6287
Burn Day Status (www.fraqmd.org)	741-6299
CA Rural Legal Assistance (Yuba Co)	742-5191
CoRR (Community Recovery Resources)	273-9541
Domestic Violence:	
Casa de Esperanza Hot Line (Yuba Co)	674-2040
DVSAC Crisis Line (Nevada Co)	272-3467
KNCO 830 AM (Nevada Co)	477-5626
KUBA 1600 AM (Yuba Co)	673-5400
KVMR 89.5 FM (Nevada Co)	265-9555
Legal Center for Seniors (Yuba)	742-8289
Mental Health 24 hr Crisis Line (Yuba)	673-8255
NAMI -Support for Mental Illness	272-4566
PG&E Outage Line	800-743-5000
Red Cross of NE California	673-1460
Road Conditions CalTrans	800-427-7623
Sheriff (Yuba Co) Emergency	911
Sheriff (Yuba Co) Non-Emergency	749-7777
Supervisor Jon Messick (Yuba Co)	749-7510
Yuba County Emergency Services (OES)	749-7520
Yuba County Health and Human Services	749-6311
Yuba Watershed Protection & Fire Safe Council	645-2236

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By Jeannette Simpson, Sierra County Personnel and Risk Management

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October 8 – Community Discussion: Forest Health/Fire Safety (pg 3)
October 26 – Time Capsule Opening (pg 3)
October 31 – Halloween Carnival at CCC, 3-7 pm (see flier)
October 31 and November 7 – Community Altar (pg 5)
November 3 – Election Day! VOTE by 8 pm! (pg 7)
November 6 – Hank Meals Lost In Place, NCSCC, 7pm
November 7 – Cemetery Cleanup (pg 6)
November 14 – Apple Harvest Festival (pg 5)
December 5 – SAVE the DATE: Craft Fair (pg 5)





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WEEKLY Events: *• CCC = Camptonville Community Center •*

Mondays: Yoga, 5 pm, School Gym, 798-6778
Mondays: CV Fire Dept Trainings, 6:30 pm, Fire Hall, 687-6532
Tuesdays: Rally Point, 5-7 pm, CCC: 288-9355
2nd & 4th Fridays: Harmony Health *Clinic On Wheels*, 10-3:15, CCC
Saturdays: Coffee@theCenter/Gardeners' Market, 10 am-Noon, CCC

MONTHLY Events: *(all phones are area code 530)*

• Call to verify meeting times before attending •

School Board	2nd Monday, 6 pm, CV School: 288-3277
CCP Board	3rd Wed, 1 pm, Resource Center: 288-9355
Third Thursday	3rd Thursday, 10/15, 5-7 pm, CCC
CCSD Board	4th Tuesday, 6:15 pm, CCC: 391-8887
CCC Advocates	For meeting time, call 559-0454

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