

Yreka City Newsletter

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Belcampo Breaks Ground

City and County officials recently attended a ground breaking ceremony for Belcampo Meat Company's new butchery on Phillipe Lane. The butchery is part of an effort by Belcampo to control its products from "pasture to plate" to ensure the best quality and taste. General Manager Mark Klever decided that an "old-fashioned" style butchery owned and operated by Belcampo was critical to these efforts. The butchery's services will also be available for local farmers and ranchers.



This project is located within the City's northeast industrial area which the City Council has identified as a high priority area for job-producing projects. Water and sewer lines have been extended to this region to enable more businesses to open in the industrial park on Phillipe Lane.

Opening in the summer of 2012, the 8,000 square foot butchery will employ 10-15 people. This is in addition to the 13 people already employed on Belcampo's 10,000 acre multi-species ranch in Shasta Valley. Belcampo is also opening a store in the Bay Area to sell their products directly to customers.

Economic Development Hearing

State Senator Tom Gaines and State Assemblyman Dan Logue held a "Jobs and Economic Development Hearing" in front of about 100 people at the Yreka Community Theater on Monday, December 12th. They were part of a panel that included Yreka City Manager Steve Baker, Mount Shasta Mayor Russ Porterfield, and County Supervisors Jim Cook and Michael Kobseff. The hearing was organized to discuss the economic challenges Siskiyou County and the rest of Northern California are facing. In addition to the panel, there were several guest speakers, mostly from local businesses.

The hearing generally focused on the challenges that federal, state and local regulations pose, as well as the unique challenges to businesses in Northern California. Tom Deany of Nor-Cal Products brought up concerns about the availability of skilled workers. Jonathon Andrus of Fairchild Medical Center was especially interested in the workforce development needed to replace their aging medical professionals. The hearing was recorded by Fox News affiliate Channel 11 news in Los Angeles as part of a series called: "Saving the California Dream."

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Fall Creek Water System Improvement Project

The Yreka Public Works Department has finished most of the work on a new filter pump station as part of the Fall Creek Water Improvement Project. Overall construction on the project is over 50% complete. The filter pump station is located about 2,900 feet upstream of the Filtration Plant near the intersection of Yreka-Ager Road and Montague-Ager Road. The facility is planned to begin operation around June of 2012. The filter pump station allows the City to maintain pressure during peak demand periods using up to



to three 200 HP electric motors. The facility has room for a fourth pump for future growth. It also increases the overall quality of the City's water supply by upgrading the City's current filtration system. Besides improving the quality and reliability of the water supply, the Fall Creek Water Improvement Project allows the City to comply with current state and federal regulations regarding water quality.



Sewer Rocks!



You may have noticed the Public Works crew working at the corner of Oregon and Jackson last month fixing a sewer backup in the line. They discovered and removed a 5" rock that had lodged itself into a 6" sewer pipe. The Public Works crew exposed the pipe where the rock was lodged, however, because part of the pipe is vertical (a "beaver slide"), a new sloped pipe had to be installed. Many of the City's sewer mains are over 50 years old and are in need of replacement. In December 2011, the City was invited to submit a full loan application to the US Department of Agriculture Rural Development for loan funds to repair and replace many of the City's aging sewer lines. The funds would also provide for remedial improvements at the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant. Construction of this sewer repair project is anticipated to begin in the spring of 2013.



Business license renewal letters have been sent out in the mail; be sure to renew by March 31st. Dog license fees are also due for 2012; penalties will be applied on February 16th. The fees for this year are \$25 for altered dogs and \$50 for unaltered dogs.