

# Yuba County E-Note

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## Yuba Highlights:

- 2008 Bond Buyer "Deal of the Year" Award to Yuba County
- Town of Smartsville gets its "S" back
- From County Supervisor to Assemblyman
- Partnerships Save Senior Meal Program
- 175,000 SF of new commercial and industrial construction

## Yuba County Recognized with Bond Award

Yuba County and the Yuba County Water Agency received recognition as the only county nationwide to receive *The Bond Buyer* "Deal of the Year" award for financing the south county setback levee. Supervisor Mary Jane Griego and County Administrator Robert Bendorf (photo) accepted the award at the New York Academy of Sciences December 3.

*The Bond Buyer*, a century-old national daily publication serving the municipal bond industry, recognized the deal struck by the Yuba Levee Finance Authority as the "Far West" region's Deal of the Year.

"Obtaining the levee financing for this vital setback levee in this troubled credit environment at such a low interest rate was an outstanding accomplishment," said Yuba County Supervisor Mary Jane Griego. "Having it recognized as an example to others by national experts in the world of public finance is especially gratifying."

The Yuba Levee Financing Authority secured \$64 million of tax-exempt revenue bonds and \$14.2 million of taxable revenue bonds for the flood control project. The financing enabled the county to leverage



a \$138.5 million grant from the State Department of Water Resources.

"The Feather River setback levee is significant because it is the only large scale, fully funded flood control project in California's Central Valley," stated Mr. Bendorf.

## Putting the "S" Back in Smartsville

For a century the town founded in Yuba County by James Smart has been missing its second "s." In the early 1900's, the U.S. Post office declared the spelling of "Smartsville" to be grammatically incorrect and since then maps and signs have varied in the spelling of this historic gold rush-era community.

All of that changed November 22 with a community celebration adding the "s" back in the town's

name as the U.S. Board of Geographic Names agreed to reinstate the original spelling. Huell Howser of PBS' California Gold joined the festivities with a cameraman. The Smartsville episode should air in 2009.

Participants in the community renaming event gathered at a Caltrans sign for

a photo opportunity. Smartsville is located on highway 20 about 20 miles east of Marysville in Yuba County.





## Yuba County 2008 "Year in Review"

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### Yuba County Board of Supervisors:

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District 1**

**John Nicoletti,  
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**Mary Jane Griego, Vice-  
Chair, District 3**

**Roger Abe, Supervisor,  
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Despite a significant slow-down in new housing starts over the last year, Yuba County is poised to take advantage of commercial and retail opportunities in 2009.

The Yuba-Sutter region was ranked 12<sup>th</sup> out of 176 areas nationwide for net migration and Yuba County's population grew 1.73 percent between July 2007 and July 2008 placing it ninth in California growth rates. Yuba County's population grew over 16 percent between 2000 and 2008.

New retail projects initiated in 2008 and opening in early 2009 include Walgreen's in the Plumas Lake Specific Plan Area, Rite Aid in Olivehurst, and a Tower Mart south of the Yuba County industrial park area. These developments will account for over 40,000 square feet of commercial space and about 100 new employees. Additional proposed and pending projects are listed on page 4 of the E-Note.

There were approximately 20

ribbon-cutting ceremonies for businesses and activities in 2008. About 110,000 attended concert events at the Sleep Train Amphitheatre; 1.5 million have visited this recreational destination since 2000.

A few of Yuba County's significant planning and administrative activities over the last 12 months have included:

- Developed a public financing program to complete \$360 million levee improvement project
- Awarded "Deal of the Year" by *The Bond Buyer*, New York City, December 3, 2008
- Completed Yuba County's first Regional Park Master Plan
- Negotiated and completed the First Amendment Agreement and Development Agreements with landowners
- Coordinated the FEMA Map

Modernization initiation effort for Yuba County, cities, levee districts, and commissions

- Assisted LAFCO in producing a countywide Municipal Service Review (MSR)
- Completed the first Supervisor's Development Academy resulting in 25 county managers completing the program
- Initiated a strategic planning process and appointed 15 lead team members
- Received a \$90,000 grant from Caltrans to prepare a visioning document for the North Beale Road corridor.
- Received a \$100,000 grant from SACOG for a roundabout at Olivehurst Avenue and Power Line Road

## County Supervisor to California Assemblyman

Yuba County Supervisor Dan Logue officially became Assemblyman Logue at a swearing-in ceremony held in Sacramento December 1, becoming the first elected Yuba County official to serve in the state assembly. Logue cites his goals for working in the capitol to include flood control, road repairs, and to pursue northern California water and agricultural preservation and protection.

"I really want to make a

difference for the Assembly district and improve our standard of living," stated Logue. Assembly district 3 includes the counties of Yuba, most of Butte, Lassen, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, and Sierra.

The vacancy left by Logue's departure in Yuba County's supervisorial district number one, the community of Linda, will be filled by an appointee selected by Governor Schwarzenegger.



Prior to the November 4 election, Mr. Logue was chairman for the Yuba County Board of Supervisors.



## Health and Human Services (HHS) Department Partnerships Continue Senior Meals

The low-income seniors in Yuba and Sutter counties faced a crisis this summer when the senior meals program was discontinued unexpectedly by the contractor on September 5, 2008.

Several area agencies combined resources and personnel in a successful effort to continue the senior meals with no break in service at all four meal sites – Wheatland, Brownsville, Marysville and Yuba City.

The list included the Yuba County Office of the County Administrator, Board of Supervisors and Health and Human Services Department, along with significant and generous partnership from Fremont-Rideout Health Group, Yuba City Unified School District, Marysville Joint Unified School District and volunteers from the Yuba City Church of the Nazarene, City of Yuba City, Yuba County Commission on Aging and Sutter County Board of Supervisors.



Gay Todd, Superintendent of the Marysville Joint Unified School District (MJUSD) committed her district's resources to prepare and deliver meals to approximately 60 seniors (aggregate) at the Wheatland, Marysville and Brownsville sites. The cost of most of these meals was generously underwritten by the Fremont-Rideout Hospital Foundation through an agreement with their Board and the CEO, Terri Hamilton. The remaining meal costs were covered through contingency funds approved by the Yuba County Board of Supervisors.

In the meantime, Yuba County officials attended several meetings with the non-profit Community Action Agency (CAA) of Butte County and the Area 4 Agency on Aging (A4AA). This effort produced a commitment from

A4AA to contract with CAA and for their services in providing all congregate senior meals for the remainder of the year, through June 2009. Butte County's CAA began their food service on Monday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, and will continue through at least June 30, 2009.

This is a great example of how a potential crisis impacting low-income seniors in both counties generated an outstanding local response and collaboration to avert any break in senior congregate meal service. Critical needs were met including continued senior nutrition, community interaction and socialization, and continued positive impact on our seniors' general health and welfare.

*Partnerships in Action*

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Yuba County Health and Human Services Dept.



## County Sheriff's Deputies Earn Gold Medals

Yuba County Deputies Charles Johnson and Scott Rounds were awarded gold medals at the 42nd Police and Fire Olympics held in Boise, Idaho, September 2008. Over five thousand peace officers and firefighters participated in this year's events placing it the third largest amateur athletic event in the world.

Charles Johnson received three gold medals for his wins in the 100, 200, and 400 meter sprints. Johnson began his career as a cadet with the Yuba

County Sheriff's Department.

Deputy Scott Rounds won a gold medal for his age group in the triathlon, and placed third overall in the competition. Rounds has been competing in triathlons since 1990, and completes two or three each year. He is a sergeant in the Marine Reserves who has served 2 tours in Iraq. Rounds is a nine-year veteran of the sheriff's department, a member of the Yuba County SWAT team, and just completed a two-year assignment in the

department's Investigations Unit.

The Western States Police and Fire Games is the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest amateur athletic event in the world. Over five thousand peace officers and firefighters competed in this year's events in Boise, Idaho. Next summer, British Columbia will host the World Police Games, a biennial event. Both Deputy Johnson and Rounds plan to compete at the 2009 World Games to be held in British Columbia in August.

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## Fast Facts

- Yuba County's population grows 1.73%, 9th fastest in California, July 2007—July 2008, California Department of Finance
- Yuba County grows 16.3% from January 2001 to January 2008, California Department of Finance, 2008
- Yuba County ranks 14th nationwide in net migration, Forbes Magazine, May 2008
- Yuba County is building 175,000 square feet of new commercial and retail development



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## tax advantages proximity

in Yuba County, California

“Yuba County is one of the most **progressive** and friendly places to do business within Northern California. **Permitting** has never been a difficult process and property is **affordable.**”

Larry Booth  
Owner, Frank M. Booth

### Why bring your manufacturing business to Yuba County, California?

- lowest cost of **land & permits** in the region
- **affordable** cost of living
- **progressive & friendly** business climate
- exceptional **quality of life**
- close **proximity** to airports, ports and international markets
- significant State **tax advantages & financial incentives**

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## Commercial and Industrial Project Update

Walgreen's, Tower Mart and Rite Aid represent the most publicized new retail under construction in Yuba County. However, there are also numerous commercial developments including a restaurant, church, fire station and mini-storage project in the foothills.

Additionally, Yuba County has two apartment complexes (Vineyard and Oakhurst), a daycare center, and a mini-storage project under construction in the south County area, as well as a completed Park n' Ride on Power Line Road.

In the Yuba County Airport Industrial Park area, Haste's Sand & Gravel operation is expanding, and projects under

construction include a food manufacturing warehouse and Century Cedar Log Homes, a custom log home manufacturer. Placer Waterworks recently completed and moved into its new manufacturing location.

Proposed and pending projects include the demolition of the Feather River Center for a 323,500 SF Power Center, and the potential construction of a motel chain on South Lindhurst Avenue.

In December 2008, Yuba County has approximately 175,000 square feet of commercial and industrial buildings under construction, 148,000 square feet recently completed, and an additional 323,000 square feet that is

proposed. Recent construction accounts for an estimated 134 new jobs.

New projects entering the preliminary permitting process also include a carwash at 1928 McGowan Parkway with four self-serve and two automatic bays, and an H & R Block 2,248 SF office building on Olivehurst Avenue across from the new Rite Aid.

