

Subject: Fairground Improvements

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Through the efforts of Fair staff and Wilburn Construction, the Plumas Sierra Fairgrounds have three new fire hydrants. Grant money was secured through the California Construction Authority (CCA) to make these and other improvements. The CCA is an agency whose mission is to help finance, design and construct improvements at the various fairs of California. The installation of the new hydrants is one of many projects that are currently in motion at the fairgrounds.

Wilburn Construction won the bid through competitive pricing, an excellent reputation and a history of support for the Fair. Maintenance supervisor Oren Morrison says Wilburn has always been there to help solve a crisis on the grounds, many times without payment. "Like many of our local contractors who support the fair, I can always call Wilburn to get advice and they're always ready to help us out", says Morrison. The CCA always encourages fairs to hire local contractors, and of course, the Plumas Sierra County Fair is only too happy to spend state grant money on local businesses.

Several other projects are underway at the fairgrounds. Many still need bids. Morrison and new Fair Manager John Steffanic want to encourage all local contractors and trades to contact the Fair Office and get on the bid list.

Besides obtaining grant money for these projects, the Fair has been working on obtaining "grants" of time from local citizens. In other words, volunteers. Steffanic invites anyone interested in helping out on improvement projects, or assisting in staffing parts of the County Picnic or Fair, to contact the Fair Office or the Fair website; www.plumas-sierracountyfair.net. He is working with several people to coordinate the efforts of volunteers to beautify the grounds, and help save money by staffing various events. "Volunteers absolutely make the difference between a great event and a so-so event." says Steffanic, "Besides the actual work that is accomplished, the personal involvement is invaluable." He hopes to bring folks from both ends of the county to chip in.