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## *Happening Right in Our Backyard!*

### **The New Rice's Crossing Preserve**

By Rochelle Bell

On a beautiful spring day, sixty people came to a meadow overlooking the Yuba River, just downstream from Bullard's Bar Dam, to celebrate the culmination of over a decade of difficult work by the Bear Yuba Land Trust. The result is 2,700 acres with six miles of river frontage that are now being prepared for all of us to enjoy. Andy Cassano, President of the Bear Yuba Land Trust, related that "It's a part of the river close to my childhood home where I spent a lot of my time fishing and swimming. It's a great stretch of open space that's been blocked to public access."

It all started as a vision of a small group of people in 2002, to preserve this land for future generations to enjoy. There was a long struggle to secure funding and agreements with the landowners. Our former Supervisor, Hal Stocker, was a champion of the project from its inception. Bear Yuba Land Trust now holds title to the land. The project involved the joint efforts of many organizations across two counties. Andy referred to this undertaking as a good example of the value of cooperation he had learned growing up in Camptonville.

Land management plans are still being refined, and will include cattle grazing, sustainable timber harvesting and habitat restoration. Trails will be constructed for hikers, bikers and equestrians.



Andy Cassano, BYLT President, telling a story of growing up in Camptonville. Photo: Rod Bondurant



Photo: Majorie Determan

### **Walk on the Wild Side Rice's Crossing: Yuba Rim Trail Opening**

By the Bear Yuba Land Trust

**When: Saturday, April 18, 10 am to 2 pm**

**Cost: FREE - Registration NOT required**

**Information: [www.bylt.org](http://www.bylt.org)**



Photo: Bear Yuba Land Trust

Join Bear Yuba Land Trust for a hike on the new 2.5 mile Yuba Rim Trail. Participants will hike along a ridge top to an overlook of the confluence of the North and Middle Forks of the Yuba River. This is only the beginning of an extensive river corridor trail system that will eventually lead to the State Park at Bridgeport.

This community event is an Earth Day celebration, a 25th Land Trust birthday party, a trail opening and a way to connect with new friends and old. For 25 years, Bear Yuba Land Trust has worked with the community to protect land in the Bear and Yuba River watersheds, conserving nearly 9,000 acres to date. BYLT and its many volunteers have built 35 miles of trails and led numerous outings that get people into nature to explore and learn about this place we call home. There will be food vendors, cake and a short presentation revealing plans for the Rice's Crossing property.

**Directions from Camptonville:** From the corner of Highway 49 and Marysville Road, drive west until you cross over the Bullards Bar Dam. Rice's Crossing North is located 1.3 miles from the dam. Park in the rock quarry on the right and cross the road to the North Meadow.

(See Page 2 for a map of the Rice's Crossing Project)

## From The Editor

- Shirley DickKard

"I never realized I was raised on a *nature preserve!*" - so said our daughter after returning home on a college break. It took moving away to the big city for both our daughters to really "get" how exceptional the place of their childhood was.



Camptonville kids dressed up in mud  
Photo: Kristin Mumm

Like other Camptonville children, our daughters had lived their first 16 years amid clear, free-flowing rivers, played under pines, oak and madrone, made mud baths and secret forts with their friends and learned how to watch for animals as they walked freely through the woods.

It wasn't until they went to college amid the urban landscape of smog, caution and congestion that they understood the gift of their childhood.

I'm gratified that a part of our local nature preserve is now being protected by the Bear Yuba Land Trust. We in Camptonville have the Rice's Crossing Preserve as one of our neighborhood treasures that will be passed on for generations to appreciate. Whether land is public or private, it's important we act in ways that don't clearcut for the short-term, but caretake for the future!

## You're Invited to Join The Fold!

By Shirley Dickard, Editor

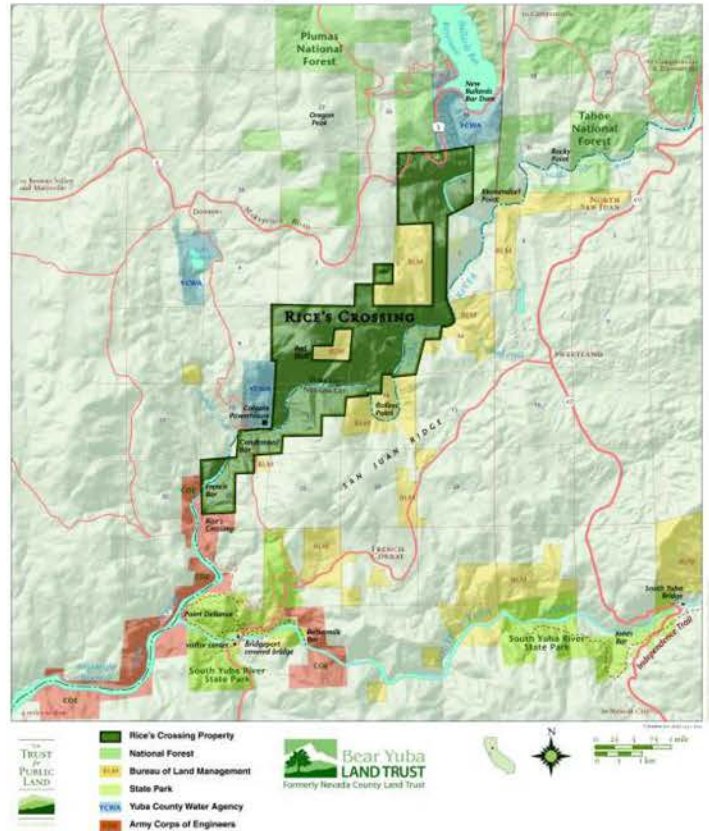
If you're holding *The Courier* in your hands, you can thank the "Courier Folders" who come out every month to get the paper ready for mailing. Reminiscent of a quilting bee, everyone sits around the table and catches up on the news while they fold, staple, label and transform a box of printed pages into what you're reading now (unless you're reading it on-line at [www.camptonville.com](http://www.camptonville.com)).



Photo: S. DickKard

In the last issue, when I gave a huge *thank you* to all the people who help get *The Courier* out each month, I omitted this wonderful group of sometimes 20 volunteer folders. If you'd like to come to the folding party, give Rochelle a call at 288-3550 or [rbon@jps.net](mailto:rbon@jps.net). It usually takes an hour in the early evening, and is a great way to meet people.

Bear Yuba Land Trust and  
THE TRUST for PUBLIC LAND  
**RICE'S CROSSING ACQUISITION PROJECT**  
YUBA AND NEVADA COUNTIES, CA  
ADJACENT PUBLIC LANDS



You may also view this map in The Courier's online edition  
[http://www.camptonville.com/the\\_courier.html](http://www.camptonville.com/the_courier.html)  
or <http://www.bylt.org/index.php/land-conservation/map-of-protected-lands/>

## Spring - A Time of New Beginnings and Favorite Traditions.

Please look over these activities and mark them in your calendar so you don't forget!

**April 4 - Easter Egg Hunt and Pancake Breakfast**

**April 11 - Hotshot Marathon**

**April 18 - Rice's Crossing Trail Opening**

**April 25 - Hal Stocker Appreciation Dinner**

**May 2 - Bingo**

**May 9 - Plant Sale**

Read this issue for more details.

You'll also find these listed on our on-line Community Calendar:  
[www.camptonville.com](http://www.camptonville.com).

To submit calendar items, email Caitlin at:  
[camptonvillecalendar@gmail.com](mailto:camptonvillecalendar@gmail.com)

## Easter Egg Hunt/Pancake Breakfast - April 4th

By Christina Ledson

Grab your basket and join us Saturday, April 4th to hunt for eggs at the Camptonville Community Center. The fun begins at 9 am and will be roped off into three different age groups. After the hunt, all ages, young and old, are invited to a pancake breakfast served with bacon, sausage and fruit. The cost of the breakfast is \$10 per person. This is the Community Center's first fundraiser, and we would love your support!

## Tahoe Hotshots Marathon - April 11th

By Anthony Barbero, USFS

The Tahoe Hotshots are hosting a Half Marathon on **Saturday, April 11, at 8 am** along the scenic trails of Bullards Bar Reservoir. The event is in honor of firefighter Mike Kelly, and all proceeds will be donated to the Wildland Firefighter Foundation that assists the families and friends of fallen firefighters.

The start/finish line will be on Vista Point Road at the Hotshot Work Center where there will be a post-race celebration and award ceremony. Local residents are encouraged to register for the event at [hotshothalf.com](http://hotshothalf.com) or come out, support, volunteer and enjoy the festivities! There will be 3 aid stations located at the Dark Day day use parking lot, the 7 Ball/8 Ball trailhead split and the Schoolhouse Campground parking lot. These would be great locations to cheer on runners. Visit the website [hotshothalf.com](http://hotshothalf.com) for race details and volunteer information.

## Appreciation Dinner for Hal Stocker, April 25th

By Carolyn Mumm

**Saturday, April 25th, at 6 pm** at the Community Center, we will have an appreciation potluck dinner to honor Hal Stocker, our former 5th District Supervisor and friend. Come and say hello and thank you to Hal for his many contributions and years of service. You are invited to bring your favorite dish to share with friends and neighbors. If you prefer to help out with preparations and clean-up instead of bringing food, call Carolyn at 288-3424.



## Bingo Night! May 2nd

By Caitlin DeMaranville

The Camptonville Elementary School's Parents Club will be hosting a Bingo Night fundraiser on May 2nd at the Camptonville Community Center. For just \$12 you will get dinner, one Bingo card, and dessert! Additional Bingo cards can be purchased for \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Doors open at 4:30 pm, and Bingo will start around 5:30 pm. We will play until all of the awesome prizes are gone. Beer and wine will also be available.

Come support the Parents Club and learn about all we do to help the students and faculty of Camptonville School. Hope to see you there! For more information, contact Caitlin at [camptonvillecalendar@gmail.com](mailto:camptonvillecalendar@gmail.com).

## Plant Sale and Flea Market May 9th

By Carolyn Mumm

Camptonville's annual Plant Sale and Flea Market is set for Saturday, May 9, from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm. What will be there? Jessi Mullins of Rebel Ridge Organics will have a large variety of vegetable and herb starts. In addition, local gardeners and some local farms will be offering plant starts.

The Flea Market offerings are always varied and some surprising items may be found. We look forward to craft and art offerings by local artists. And yes, you will find food for snacks and lunch. Look for more information in the May Courier. Call Carolyn with questions or to reserve a booth: 288-3424.

## Local Live Music

By Cathy LeBlanc

You don't have to go far to hear good live music. It's been my pleasure for over five years to host an Open Mic in Camptonville for Burgee Dave's at The Mayo on the **first and third Sundays from 4-7 pm**. Lately the event has caught on, and we have become a mecca for local live music. As many as a dozen (or more) musicians may show up on a single night. Some nights we keep it going past 7 pm because so many performers want to play. These musicians are playing a variety of music styles from blue grass to folk to rock to blues and many originals are part of the mix as well. They may live in Camptonville, on the ridge or drive in from Grass Valley. It's fun for whole family. Whether you are in the audience or behind the mic, guitar, cello, trumpet or even the drums, it's too good to be missed. And if you're hungry, Burgee Dave's has a complete dinner menu and full bar including the Ultimate Bloody Mary!





## Judy Morris

By Donna Morris

Judy A. Morris passed into the Lord's arms on March 1, 2015, after a year-long battle with lung cancer. She died peacefully at Hospice of the Foothills at the age of 61. Judy was born May 1, 1953 in San Francisco. She earned her BS in Recreation Administration from San Jose State University, then worked as a Park Ranger for the San Jose Parks and Recreation Department. She has also worked as a security guard, production supervisor, house cleaner, bus driver, and to her delight, earned her CNA license in 2009 and Home Health Aide certificate in 2010. Judy and her partner of 26 years, Paula Goodman, made their home in Camptonville. Judy was a dedicated member of the United Methodist Church in North San Juan. She was instrumental in arranging a bus service for Camptonville through the Nevada County bus system. Judy was a Relay for Life Team Leader/Chair and helped found Camptonville Prepared! for community emergency preparedness. She loved playing recreational softball, hiking, and kayaking. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Sammie's Friends [www.sammiesfriends.org](http://www.sammiesfriends.org) or Hospice of the Foothills.

### ♥♥♥♥ We Remember Judy ♥♥♥♥

Whether it was helping individual neighbors or creating programs that served the entire community, Judy could always be counted on to make the world better for those whose lives she touched. I will miss her regular contributions to The Courier of "Survival Tips" and Camptonville Prepared! news. Camptonville is a better place because she gave so much of herself to make it that way. - Shirley Dickard

Shortly after the "Bullard's Fire," Judy came to the Fire Department burning mad that Moonshine people were evacuated "to the Red Cross center at the school," only to find the school locked shut and no Red Cross in sight. "Never again!" she said. Now we know what a firebrand dear Judy was, for the school and the Community Center are now designated Red Cross emergency centers with trained local folks to man them. I only wish we knew then that our firebrand was more a candle burning its brightest light before the night. Keep the light burning! - Mark Jokerst

Judy was so much a part of our community it is hard to comprehend she is gone. I will miss driving by her and Paula's house with all the decorations. I will miss seeing her at every event representing either Race for the Cure or more recently Camptonville Prepared. I will miss our communications about dogs, families, challenges and joys. I know I was one of many people she had in her circle of friends. She was an inspiration in the way she lived and in the way she died. -Yana Slade

Judy was a good friend and neighbor and always ready to lend a hand. During my first winter in Camptonville (coming from Southern California) I was totally unprepared for living in a multi-day power outage without electricity, telephone or transportation. Cut off from everything, with supplies running low, things were pretty sad. On the fifth day, I saw someone struggling up the driveway. It was Judy with a pack on her back and carrying a gallon of water in each hand. We hardly knew her at the time, but she understood what we were going through and brought us cookies, soup and news of the outside world. That was Judy - always thinking of ways to help. She was one of a kind, and I miss her. Rest in peace. - Stephanie Korney

I was very honored that our dear Judy took me on this journey with her. She was an amazing friend and I have met so many wonderful people through her. I will miss my shadow by my side, but I will continue the journey through Judy, as I will become a volunteer at Hospice. Thank you Judy. You have been a blessing to all. - Chris Pope

"You can get a lot done if you don't care who gets the credit." This quote sums it up. When Judy saw something needed doing, she quietly stepped forward and just did it. She understood community: the sharing and caring about all of us. Judy knew to ask when she needed help, and she would support others unconditionally in their endeavors. We were fortunate to know her as a friend, neighbor and vital community member. We will miss her always. -Rod and Rochelle

I'll never forget the first year I participated in *Camptonville Buddies*, the Relay for Life team that Judy created. The entire weekend was filled with tears and laughter and never-ending inspiration. It was an emotional roller coaster that Judy turned into a positive and eye-opening experience. - Rita Ortega

Our friendship was born from respect. When our neighbor Mikey and his family were going to move, I stopped by to see how things were going and found Judy and Mike's mom overwhelmed, not knowing where to start. So I rented a truck and got boxes, and Judy and I packed the house. From then on, we were not just neighbors, but friends. We went on to start *Camptonville Prepared!*, got the Masonic Lodge registered as a Red Cross Shelter and held e-waste fundraising drives. I was more than happy to help her anytime I could - the last time being her move to NSJ. Judy was always very sweet to me and a great friend. I will miss her very much. - Chris Dozier

The last line of this poem was inadvertently left off in March, so I am printing it again for you to enjoy in its entirety. - Editor

### Return to Earth

By Diane Pendola

*Fire breathes in the hearth  
of the heart.*

*Inhale, flame rises.  
Exhale, heat spreads  
to the four directions,*

*above,  
below,  
within.*

*Earth to air*

*Air to light*

*Light to heat*

*Heat to the ten thousand things.*

*As for water:*

*distill it from your flesh  
and quench the thirst  
of all who ask.*

*Return to earth.*

©Diane Pendola excerpted from a longer essay.  
You can read it in its entirety at:  
<http://ecocontemplative.com/elspring08.html>

### A Sweet (and Green) St. Patricks for CCP

By Cathy LeBlanc

Camptonville Community Partnership (CCP), your local non-profit, held its annual St. Patrick's Day dinner and dessert auction fundraiser March 14, and what an event it was! Over 50 folks showed up to eat, drink and celebrate by opening their hearts and wallets for CCP. The corned beef and cabbage dinner, salad and Patsy's famous jalapeno cheese bread was followed by the legendary dessert auction. (It was, after all International Pi (3.1415) day)



Brian and Barbara with C'ville's most expensive cake!  
Photo: S DicKard

This event has been a CCP tradition for years and always brings a smile to those who attend. This year was no exception. Yakshi Vadeboncouer (CCP's 1,2,3 Grow teacher and so much more) organized the community of volunteer bakers who donated 21 desserts to be auctioned. For the first time ever, auctioneer Cathy LeBlanc (and CCP Executive Director) saw the bidding go to triple digits, with not one but two desserts.

The highlight of the evening was a three-way parley between bidders. Brian Price (Burgee Dave's at The Mayo) had a bidding war with Cliff Hilligoss on a Hummingbird Cake baked by Barbara Ramirez. The excitement grew as the bidding surpassed the \$100 mark. Brian and Cliff kept the stakes rising. Brian was caught counting dollar bills as Cliff raised the bid to \$250! At that point we thought it was over, until Scott Spackman came to Brian's rescue by offering to buy a previously won Apple-Peach-Raspberry pie from him for \$30, allowing Mr. Price to bring in the winning bid of \$280!

Donations to CCP reached over \$1,500 (\$1,100 from the auction alone) showing amazing generosity and community spirit. CCP board member and event coordinator extraordinaire, Barbara Ramirez, was very pleased at the turnout and participation. She sends out a special big *thank you* to those who made desserts for the auction.

Appreciation also goes out to all who attended and bid, and to CCP staff, board and other volunteers who helped cook, set-up and clean-up. The whole event was fun and fantabulous. We hope to see YOU next year!

#### Are you interested in sharpening your writing skills?

The Union's Editor, Brian Hamilton, has offered to give a class on **Journalism Writing** in Camptonville. Date TBD. Let me know if you'd like to participate: 288-3479 or [editor.cvcourier@gmail.com](mailto:editor.cvcourier@gmail.com) - Shirley DicKard, Editor

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## Report from Your Volunteer Fire Department

By Brandi Dudeck, Fire Chief



The Camptonville Volunteer Fire Department was paged out for 6 calls this month: 4 medicals - including 1 in Pike, 1 structure fire in NSJ and 1 smoke check. Our roster stands at 22, with 2 cadets.

On April 11, we will be staffing a First Aid Station from 9 am - 1 pm at the Hotshot Half Marathon at Bullards Bar Reservoir. Our station will be located at the 7 Ball/8 Ball Trail. Everyone is invited. Bring your chairs and ice chests and hang with us while we cheer on the runners!

We are always looking for volunteers! Training is Tuesday evenings from 6 -9 pm. Stop by and check us out! All training will be provided.

Volunteers do not have to join and be a firefighter; we can use volunteers for support staff, such as helping with paperwork, maintenance work at the station and any other non-firefighter projects. If you're interested in donating time and being part of a great team, feel free to give your Chief a call at 288-3303.

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you should smell like dirt.**  
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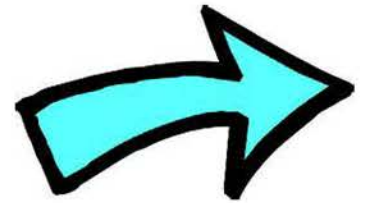
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## Survey Enclosed – We Need Your Feedback!

By Tonie Hilligoss



**Please fill out the Survey inserted in this Courier!**

We're working hard to create a Community Center that meets the needs of the entire community, and we need your input to make that happen. We've completed the basic organizational work and are asking for your ideas about how you would like to see the Center used and how you can contribute to that effort.

Copies of the survey are available as an insert in this edition of *The Courier* and at the Lost Nugget Market and Rebel Ridge Organics. If you would prefer to submit your survey online, feel free to e-mail me at [thilligoss@mac.com](mailto:thilligoss@mac.com), and I'll be glad to send you an electronic copy. Tell us what you think, and we'll do our best to make it happen.

**Completed surveys can be left in designated boxes at both businesses or mailed to PO Box 185, Camptonville 95922.**

*Thank you!*

## Cougar Basketball

By Christina Ledson



Our Camptonville Cougar Basketball team wrapped up its season with a couple of wins! The end-of-season party was hosted by Burgee Dave's that served the team a round of Cougar Burgers. In addition to feeding the team and coaches, they held a fundraiser and donated back to the team, 50% of all Cougar Burgers sold that day.

A huge *thank you* to Brian, Sandi and, of course, this wonderful community that always comes out to show support. A whopping \$400 was raised that will help purchase new balls and hoops for the Cougars!

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## Students Reflect on Being "Teen Parents"

By The 7th and 8th Grade Class

The 7th and 8th grade Camptonville students recently took on the challenge of caring for a mechanical baby for three days and three nights. This experience helped students understand the difficulties associated with becoming a teen parent and the requirements for raising children. Barbara Hogan generously donated her time and experience, helping the students prepare for and manage the *Baby Think It Over* program. Her commitment to the students is deeply appreciated. - Maggie Orion, Teacher

"For four days and three nights I had to take care of a mechanical plastic baby that cries and simulates taking care of a real flesh and blood baby. The point of this robot baby was to teach you not to have babies at a young age and how hard it is to take care of a baby. It was very difficult, but I managed to get through the exhausting experience."

"Taking care of the baby at school was difficult. First of all, I didn't really learn much at class time, especially from the video presentations and lectures. I was so distracted by the baby that it made me forget about my homework, so I had to get that done at the last minute."

"If I ever have a baby when I am older, I want to be well prepared and have a stable job with a good income. I also want to make sure I have a good savings before my baby is born, and about twenty to thirty thousand dollars saved for my child's college education."

"At school it would be so tiresome to feed it, change it, and burp it all at the same time."

"Having the mechanical baby took up all my time for those 3 days. I had to stay home and take care of my baby. During the whole night I was up except the last night. The first night it woke up 5 times. The 2nd night it woke up 4 times, but I would have dreams it was crying so I was up all night with her. And the last night I was scared to go to sleep because the second night was so horrible."

"It also hurts my relationship with my friends because when I don't get any sleep I get really stressed and the littlest thing can tick me off. I don't like yelling at my friends, but it came to the point where I was about to blow up. I didn't like seeing myself like that. At night I cried a lot because I couldn't get any sleep. I also would have to stay awake because the baby wouldn't be quiet. Having a kid at this age would mess up all of my goals because instead of taking care of my studies I would be focused on the baby."

"My life goals are to become a nurse and to be in the WNBA some day. I won't have enough time for a baby. If I had a baby it would be in daycare all the time which isn't a cool place to leave it."

"I have a dream to go into the military and serve my country. I would see if my wife can get a babysitter that we can trust so I don't have to worry. If I get divorced, I would have my mom come over and watch him/her. I am not prepared to have a kid."

"My experience with my baby was way different then I thought it was going to be like. Parenting sounded easy when my own parents did it but when I had my own little one it was a lot harder!!"



The Union's Editor, Brian Hamilton, talks with students amid feeding, burping and crying babies



Photos: S DicKard

"I have a lot of goals in life. I want to live in a nice house with my own family one day, but I don't want to be a teenage father. I don't have the money for that or the time right now. Doing the *Baby Think It Over* program made me change my mind on having kids. I love kids and all but I'm not ready for one of my own. It would ruin my plans for the future that I have planned."

## The Water Report

By Mark Jokerst, Water Plant Manager

The coming warm season (if it's not here already) will prove challenging, for by all accounts the drought continues. A NASA scientist warns that California has only one year of stored water left in its reservoirs. The northern Sierra snowpack is 15% of normal. Our own freshwater source, Campbell's Gulch, is running like it's May. With all the gratitude we can muster for last year's heroic water conservation efforts by all of you, we're looking at another dry summer and your conservation efforts are again needed.

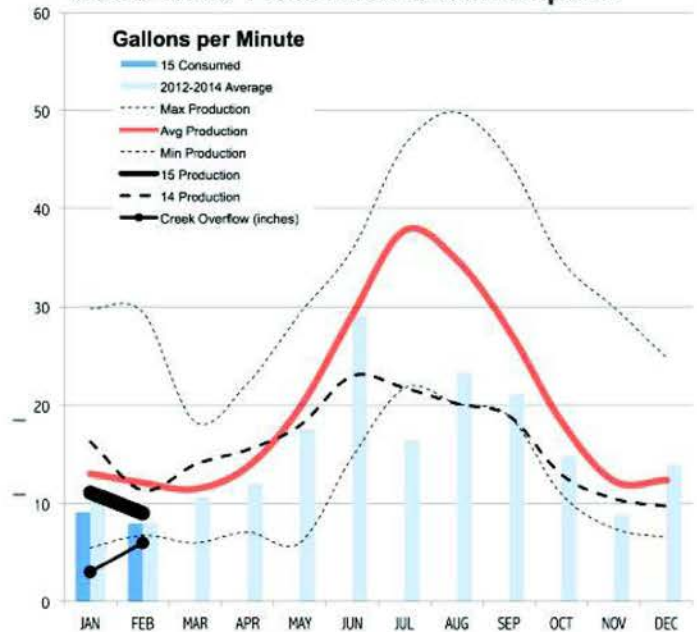
The old-timers tell me that the creek has never failed to give us some water, and we're doubly grateful for that as well. But let's explore ways to use less water, watch out for leaks and help each other "keep it small," and we'll make it through the summer again.

### A letter from Gary Snyder to Wendell Berry dated January 21, 1977:

"The drouth here is getting scary. Next summer may be a major agricultural disaster for California. My little pond is the only free water in some miles - it has brought in 30-40 thirsty deer per 2-3 days. Nine bucks drink from here over any 2-3 day period - from 5/4 point to spikes. I'm looking at 2 of them thru the window right now."

From "Distant Neighbors, The Selected Letters of Wendell Berry and Gary Snyder," 2014

### CCSD Water Production & Consumption



The Water Chart reports production and consumption in gallons per minute, current to the end of February. The thick black line shows current water production, the lighter tone line shows a 10-year average production, and consumption is shown with vertical bars. The creek overflow is reported near the bottom of the graph - showing a deceptive rise for it has fallen again to 3". Last year it was May-June before we saw 3" at the Weir.

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# Camptonville Community Center Update

By Tonie Hilligoss

We've been busy at the Community Center! Chris Dozier has been working on the building and its contents, and all of the official paperwork has been completed by the Administrative Team. Stephanie Korney will post the relevant documents to the Camptonville website (www.camptonville.com) in the very near future. These will include the rental agreement and the fee structure for use of the facility. We would love to make it available at no cost, but our utility and other bills average about \$400/month, so we have to develop a revenue stream.

A short survey regarding the community center is available in this edition of the Courier as well as at Lost Nugget Market and Rebel Ridge Organics. There are also designated boxes at each site where you can leave completed surveys. The Center can only meet your needs if you let us know what they are, so please share your ideas.

Our thanks to Christina and Jeff Ledson for creating a Facebook page for the Center. We will be posting photos of local events as they occur, so come visit us whenever you're online. Christina, who is now our Fundraising Coordinator, brought in several ideas for fundraisers. The first will be an Easter Egg Hunt and Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, April 4th, so be sure to read the article in this edition for further details. We're also going to start hosting Bingo in the near future and are planning a used book and CD sale. In addition, the Camptonville Historical Society is hosting a presentation on June 20th to help raise funds for the museum that will be housed in the Center. More to come, so stay tuned!

### Tip for Scheduling Community Events

If we all get in the habit of posting our events on the on-line Community Calendar (www.camptonville.com) as early as possible, it will help avoid potential conflicts with other events and is likely to increase turnout for everyone!

To post your activity, contact Caitlin at [camptonvillecalendar@gmail.com](mailto:camptonvillecalendar@gmail.com)



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# On Second Thought....How to Schedule the Community Center

By Tonie Hilligoss

In last month's Courier, I provided scheduling information for the Community Center that has since been revised. I apologize for the confusion, but the Center is a work in progress, and we will periodically have to abandon proposed procedures as we discover better ones. In this case, we've learned that it's confusing to have two contact people for scheduling purposes.

In the future, please call Char Jokerst at **288-9320** or e-mail her at [rubbycj@att.net](mailto:rubbycj@att.net) to schedule all events. If you would like to create an ongoing program (such as a youth center, a community recreational program, or anything else that would benefit the community), you can get assistance with that process by contacting Barbara Ramirez at 288-3392 or [efieb@att.net](mailto:efieb@att.net). As John McKnight taught us when he visited our community, we must "make the path by walking it." Thank you for your patience.

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## Yuba County Strategic Plan



We are committed to providing responsive, innovative and sustainable services that enhance the quality of life and uphold the public trust and interest.

## Congressman John Garamendi's Grants Initiative Network

By Cheryl Zellers, CCP



Three of our community members attended the Grant Seminar in Marysville on March 11th: Cathy LeBlanc, Cheryl Zellers, and Jocelyn Rapp. The Seminar was well attended with approximately 175 attendees from several counties.

The underlying theme of the Grant Seminar, one close to the heart of Camptonville Community Partnership, is "strengthening the capacity of our communities," in this case through strengthening grant-writing skills. Sharpening these skills will assist local agencies and non-profits in finding alternatives to funding that is no longer available through certain avenues of government funding that is continually being cut.

The Seminar was for beginning grant writers and started with an experiential walk through a common grant application form. Lunch served as a platform for networking and finished with keynote speakers, including Congressman John Garamendi, entertaining in his own right, and Chet Hewitt, President of Sierra Health Foundation—one of CCP's current benefactors. Chet gave an outstanding overview of Sierra Health Foundation. He highlighted the common factors that influence our health. Sierra Health Foundation petitions grant seekers for creative and innovative proposals that will help to eradicate the inequities and disparities affecting a broad spectrum of health issues today.

As we transitioned into the afternoon, we were presented with a variety of focused and informative break-out sessions. These included detailed specifics when applying for grants in areas such as Health and Well-Being, Education and Youth, Community and Economic Development, Agriculture and Environment, Social Services and Arts and Culture. The presenters gave tips in their area of expertise that would help when applying for their grants.

Words and terms for the day included: capacity building, collaborative, innovative, networking, opportunity, partnerships, social determinates of health and sustainability. Concepts included: diversifying the fundraising avenues for your organization and really knowing your organization from the inside-out. Tips included: write with your audience and reader in mind, and answer every question even if it does not seem applicable. Last but not least, when in doubt, contact your potential funder for help. All in all, the air was abuzz with sounds of networking and collaboration, and we all returned home with new ideas.

## Yuba River Ranger District

By Betty Leffew

Bullards Bar Campgrounds will open April 15th this year. Campgrounds along Highway 49 will open April 23rd, which is also the opening weekend of fishing season. Campgrounds located in the High Country/Sierra Buttes area will be opening after the Memorial Day Holiday (*note: private campgrounds are not affected - editor*).

Woodcutting permits for the Tahoe National Forest can be purchased beginning February 12, 2015. Permits are valid for the entire Tahoe National Forest; however, the cutting season varies by district. The American River and Yuba River Ranger Districts will allow cutting starting February 12, while the Truckee and Sierraville Ranger Districts will open cutting April 24. Firewood season for all districts will extend through December 31 or until wet conditions make it necessary to close the season.

Dooryard burn permits will become necessary on May 1, 2015. You can pick up one at the Ranger Station during the business hours of 8:00 am - 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday. You still need to check with the Department of Air Quality or the Ranger Station for burn day status. During business hours, call the Yuba River Ranger Station. After hours and on weekends, please call the appropriate county - Sierra County: 289-3662, Nevada County: 274-7928, Yuba County: 741-6299.

Rainfall as of March 23rd this year is only 1.50 inches, bringing our season total to 35.01 inches. Last year's total was 26.44 inches.



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# Changes to Yuba County's Medical Marijuana Ordinance

By Yana Slade

On March 10, the Yuba County Board of Supervisors (BOS) passed an emergency ordinance that bans outdoor and greenhouse cultivation of medical marijuana and restricts inside growing to a permitted structure with a 12 mature plant maximum. In the meetings leading up to this ruling, many people spoke of the hardships this would inflict on the community. However, the BOS based its decision on its finding that we are in another drought year and they need to control water usage.

This "emergency" status did two things: 1) Effectively thwarted the petition process that citizens can use to appeal this ban. 2) Allowed the ordinance to go into effect immediately. This comes two years after the 12/28/12 ordinance where cultivation was legally allowed outdoors and in greenhouses. Many cultivators spent their financial resources to carefully comply with the specifications of this ordinance.

Medical marijuana patients, supporters, land owners who have seen a rise in property values and the business community that serves this important health alternative, have come together to legally stop this ban. Citizens have already filled legal action and are also moving forward to recall the members of the BOS.

Don't like this new turn of events? Yuba Patients Coalition is the organizing hub of the community voice. Each individual makes a difference. Now is the time to stand up for what you believe.

Want to help? Contact [www.yubapatientcoalition.org](http://www.yubapatientcoalition.org).

Did you know:

• The Yuba County BOS approved in March the sale of 1,500 acre feet (489 million gallons) to San Ramon, California. The Board President of San Ramon, Edward Duarte, commented "this will help maintain the City of Dublin and Dougherty Valley as attractive and sustainable places for family and business." (March 20th edition of *The Independent* - a Livermore newspaper) Is San Ramon more important than our local citizens and industries that rely on water in Yuba County?

• Five members of the Yuba County BOS sit on the Yuba County Water Board.  
• On Dec. 16, 2014, the federal government stripped the funding to prosecute medical marijuana as a controlled substance. ( LA Times, December 16, 2014 article by Evan Halper)

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## Tips for Protecting Wildlife as Winter Transitions to Spring

By Ann Westling, Wildlife Rehabilitation and Release

Many of us forget as the weather warms up and we begin our spring clean-up chores around our property, that wildlife critters may have chosen our yard to raise their young. Wildlife Rehabilitation and Release (WR&R) suggests ways to minimize human impact on young wildlife.

To protect very young rabbits and hares, keep the weeds low year-round to discourage them from nesting in spring clean-up areas. When people let their weeds grow tall, then cut them short in the spring, weed eaters and mowers can hurt, kill or expose the babies to predators," says Kelly Roberts, small mammal rehabilitator with WR&R. She also recommends carefully examining any burn piles left over winter. Setting the brush piles on fire without inspecting them first can kill or injure animals.

To protect nesting birds, Janice Barbary, songbird rehab team leader, says that it is most important to take down unwanted trees in the fall or early winter - after fire season, yet before wildlife baby season. Before you cut trees down in the spring, look for active cavity nesting species such as woodpeckers, by carefully examining the tree for holes. Sometimes very small holes indicate a nest cavity.

WR&R is a non-profit staffed by volunteers to rehabilitate and release injured or orphaned native birds and animals in Nevada, Yuba, Sutter, Butte and Colusa Counties. The hotline to call with injured or orphaned native wildlife and birds is 530-432-5522. Website: [www.cawildlife911.org/](http://www.cawildlife911.org/).

## Forest Biomass Business Center Open House Recap

By Regine Miller

Thank you to all who attended Camptonville Community Partnership's (CCP) recent Forest Biomass Business Center (FBBC) Open House in late February. It was a great opportunity to share CCP's successes so far and helpful to gather community input and concerns. As discussed at the meeting, the proposed biomass to energy facility is continuing to move forward. The contracted consultants are currently working on the feasibility study and will meet with the project's steering committee next month to discuss and choose a specific technology for the proposed facility. Following this, the consultants will conduct detailed economic and financial analyses, then prepare their final report, which will be presented to the Yuba County Board of Supervisors as well as to the Camptonville community.

Meanwhile, CCP continues to work with the Sierra Institute and the Pacific Combined Heat and Power Technical Assistance Partnership program to evaluate potential co-located businesses. The FBBC is expected to house the bioenergy facility as its anchor tenant and host other wood-product related businesses which may utilize the excess power and/or heat produced by the bioenergy facility. We are looking to the community and other interested parties to come forward in collaboration for co-located businesses that can use the off-heat or power generated by the project. Perhaps someone might be interested in growing hops to make beer - one of the ideas mentioned. *Celestial Valley Brew* anyone?

You may view the recent open house presentation at: <http://sites.theccp.org/fbbc/resources>. CCP also invites interested people to sign up to receive project updates at: <http://sites.theccp.org/fbbc/latest-news>. Thank you for your interest in the project, and feel free to voice any input or concerns you may have to [regine@theccp.org](mailto:regine@theccp.org).



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### Help from Yuba County

By Richard Dickard

#### Need help? Don't call Ghostbusters!

Due to Camptonville's distance from Marysville, the fact that C'ville is sparsely populated compared to the rest of Yuba County, recent budget cuts and consequent reduced manpower, Yuba County is very limited regarding the services it can rapidly provide to our area. So what are we supposed to do?

At a March 12 meeting, several of us local folks met with our new Supervisor, Randy Fletcher, and Sheriff Steve Durfor, to discuss how best to communicate and get responses to questions, problems and concerns regarding Yuba County services. For example, if there's a hole in your road that's not yet fixed or you have questions about Yuba County's plans for our Camptonville area, call Supervisor Fletcher at his office: 749-7510 or his cell: 693-7481, or email him at [rfletcher@co.yuba.ca.us](mailto:rfletcher@co.yuba.ca.us). Need to report a robbery or other illegal activity, even anonymously? Call Sheriff Durfor's office: 749-7779 or via email: [sdurfor@co.yuba.ca.us](mailto:sdurfor@co.yuba.ca.us). For serious emergencies, call 911.

We told Supervisor Fletcher and Sheriff Durfor that, for the most part, Camptonville works well on its own. There are community organizations that handle most problems and the business of running our community. The back pages of *The Camptonville Courier* list local sources of help and meeting times of our local organizations.

### Help & Hope

For Emergencies.....First Call 911

(All area codes are 530, unless specified)

Camptonville Fire Department	288-3303
Yuba County Sheriff Emergency	749-7909
Non-Emergency	749-7777
PG&E	800-743-5000
Red Cross of NE California	673-1460
Office of Emergency Services-Yuba	749-7520
Camptonville Resource Center/CCP	288-9355
KVMR 89.5 FM	265-9555
KNCO News Talk 830 AM	272-3424
AA in Camptonville	288-1001
CoRR (Community Recovery Resources)	273-9541
Domestic Violence:	
-Casa de Esperanza, Hot Line (Yuba)	674-2040
-DVSAC Crisis (Nevada Co)	272-3467
CA Rural Legal Assistance (Yuba)	742-5191
Legal Center for Seniors (Yuba)	742-8289
Mental Health 24hr Crisis Line (Yuba)	673-8255
NAMI - Support for mental illness	272-7863

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## April 2015 School Calendar

- March 30-April 3 Spring Break – No School  
 April 6 Snow Day – No School  
 April 8 Awards Assembly, 8:45 am  
 Staff Development Minimum Day, 12:45 pm dismissal for all  
 Kindergarten Schedule for Minimum Day, 8:25-12:45  
 April 10 Great Water Mystery Assembly (K-8), 1:00 pm  
 April 15 School Board Meeting, 6 pm  
 April 16 Reading Marathon Ends  
 - Turn in all money and sponsor sheets  
 April 17 Reading Marathon Field Trip (K-8), 10:15-1:30  
 April 20 Educators Who Make a Difference, 4 pm  
 - Yuba County Government Center, Marysville  
 April 27 Site Council – LCAP Stakeholder Engagement Meeting, 3-4 pm  
 April 30 Club Live Talent/Trash Fashion Show, 6 pm, School

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## April 2015 Community Calendar

On-Line Calendar: [www.camptonville/calendar/phb](http://www.camptonville/calendar/phb)

### APRIL

(CCC = Camptonville Community Center)

- 4 Easter Egg Hunt/Pancake Breakfast, 9 am, CCC  
 7 WSMC Health Van, 10 am - 3 pm, CCC  
 11 Tahoe Hotshots Marathon, 8 am, Vista Pt, Bullards Bar  
 18 Rice's Crossing Rim Trail Opening 10 am  
 20 CCP Board Meeting, 5 pm, Resource Center  
 25 Hal Stocker Appreciation Dinner, 6 pm, CCC  
 27 CCSD Board Meeting, 7 pm, Camptonville School

#### Save the Date:

- May 2 Bingo and Dinner, 4:30, CCC  
 May 9 Annual Plant Sale, 9:30 - 2:30

### On-Going Weekly Events

- Tuesdays: Organic Lunch, 12 pm, NSJ Center  
 Yoga, 5:30 pm, Camptonville School Gym  
 Camptonville Fire Dept Trainings, 6-9 pm, Fire Hall  
 Thursdays: Community Lunch, 12 pm, NSJ Center  
 Food Bank, Dobbins (except 3rd Thurs), 12:30-1:30 pm  
 Food Bank, NSJ, 2nd Thurs, 8 am, NSJ Center  
 AA Meeting, 6:30-7:30 pm, Camptonville Resource Center  
 Fridays: Bingo, 1st & 3rd Friday, 7 pm, NSJ Center  
 USDA Food Bank, 3rd Fri, 9-10:30 am, Dobbins,  
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