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## GROWTH

By Shirley Dickard, Editor

I was curious what *Courier* Contributors would come up with when I suggested *Growth* as the theme for May. There are many ways to consider Growth: growing plants, children's growth and development, growing communities, and personal and spiritual growth, to name a few.

We used to think our brains slowed or stopped growing as we aged, but it's been shown that brain neurons and synapses have the capacity to actually increase as we age. Our brain thrives on newness and challenges, as does our spirit, but we must seek out these opportunities to grow.

I can't remember the youthful octogenarian who said "I try to do something *different* and something *difficult* every day," but I've taken it up as my personal goal. *Struggle* has taken on a new significance for me now, whether I'm working hard on a difficult musical passage, using a new computer program, laying out the puzzle of *Courier* articles each month, or walking the extra distance.

**Here's a challenge for you:** find something *different* or *difficult* in this issue and stretch yourself – learn to communicate in Sign Language, feel the vibes of American Jazz / East Indian Fusion, buy a plant you've never grown in your garden, learn about Camptonville's indigenous inhabitants, share ideas over coffee, learn to build rock walls from a master, speak your concerns to our Supervisor, even bring home a rooster!

### Coffee@Center Starts May 13th

By Cathy LeBlanc, CCP

Hi folks, we just wanted to let you know your voices were heard! As a direct result of the February 2016 Camptonville Town Hall, there will be a new activity at the Community Center.

**Every Friday morning from 8:30–noon, starting May 13th** and continuing through June, community members Sidonie Christian and Molly Spackman will host Coffee@Center. This is an informal get-together and social time for the community, sponsored by CCSD in collaboration with CCP. Please come by and check it out! Call 288-9355 for information.

### Sign Language Class Starts June 2nd

By Helene Riley

Starting June 2nd, a Sign Language Class will be taking place on Thursdays from 5:30–7 pm at the Community Center. The class is free. Everyone, including children under the age of five, is welcome to come and see what they can say.

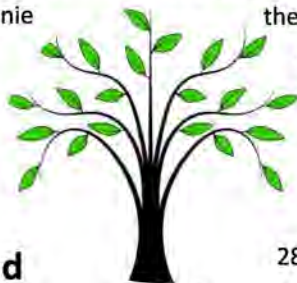
The reason I want to teach sign language is to pass on a skill I have had since infancy. Both of my parents were deaf. Call me at 288-0720 for information. I hope to see an interest in sign language so that I may continue the classes. I hope to see you there. This class is a Community Center event.



### Learn the History of Nisenan Presence in Camptonville – May 24th

By Stephanie Korney, Camptonville Historical Society

Join the Historical Society on **Tuesday, May 24th, 7 pm at the Community Center** for a presentation by Shelly Covert, who will share her knowledge of the history of the Nisenan presence in the Camptonville area. Shelly is the Community Outreach and Spokesperson for the Nevada City Rancheria Tribal Council, is also the Nisenan Coordinator at the Firehouse No. 1 Museum, and Executive Director of California Heritage: Indigenous Research Project. For information, call 288-3550.



### Come Talk With Our County Supervisor – May 23rd

By Richard Dickard

On **Monday, May 23rd, from 6:30–8 pm**, Randy Fletcher, our representative to Yuba County, will be at the **Community Center** to discuss many topics, including but not limited to: road maintenance, land use/zoning, sheriff's patrol, and support for the Camptonville Parks and Recreation Department and Community Center. Everyone's encouraged to participate and to share ideas and concerns.

**Reasons to Wait For The . . .****Plant Sale and Flea Market – May 21st****By Carolyn Mumm, Camptonville Gardener and Event Manager**

Camptonville's annual Plant Sale and Flea Market is **Saturday, May 21st, from 9:30 am–2:30 pm at the Rebel Ridge field, 14620 Old Marysville Road, ¼ mile from Highway 49.** In event of rain, it will be moved to May 22nd.

Having warm weather makes us feel like summer is here, so it's hard to put off buying vegetable starts for our garden, but buying them at the May 21st Plant Sale is well worth the wait for many reasons:

- Buying locally supports our local farmers and gardeners, including Jessi Mullins (Rebel Ridge Organics), Jeff and Christina Ledson (Ledson Family Farms), and many others.
- Starts are carefully selected from a number of seed sources and tended in our local growing conditions, meaning they are well-adapted to the Camptonville environment.
- There will be many types of tomatoes, peppers, squash, cucumbers, melons, berries, landscaping plants, and perennials, including heirlooms and unusual varieties.
- You can buy flower starts to interplant with vegetables to discourage bugs.
- Kenny Dorris will have an early red tomato plant that was selectively bred by Leland Pauley for decades.
- A late freeze or cold weather period can slow the growth of hot weather plants. They're best planted when you can feel the warmth of the soil with your hands, even at night.
- If you want a sneak peek at what's growing for the sale, ask Jessi at Rebel Ridge Organics if you can see her perky green starts. She's open Thursday to Saturday.

So how about waiting a few weeks to purchase your plants?

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*"And the day came when the risk to remain tight in a bud was more painful than the risk it took to blossom."*

*– Anaïs Nin*



Jessi at a previous year's Plant Sale. Photo: Shirley Dickard

**What else can you do at the Plant Sale?** Come shop at the Flea Market for locally-handcrafted soaps, jewelry, purses, and more. Perhaps you'll find something fun and unexpected that's not needed by someone else, but just right for you.

Lunch, snacks, drinks, and baked goods will be sold by Camptonville's own food wagon, Fatty's Fine Food, the Parents Club, and other service groups to raise money for their programs.

If you aren't registered to vote, there will be a booth to help you register.

The cost of a 12'x12' booth is \$15 (the cost has risen from last year due to insurance expenses). To reserve a space, call Carolyn at 288-3424.

A very big Thank You to Scott and Molly Spackman for allowing us to use their Rebel Ridge field.



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## Saxophonist George Brooks Plays May 14th at Terry Riley's Sri Moonshine Music Series

By John Deaderick

Following upon the successful heels of the April 23rd inaugural concert with Sage Po and Rebekah Hood, the series at Camptonville Performing Arts at the Camptonville Community Center continues **May 14th**.

Saxophonist/Composer George Brooks joins maestro Terry Riley onstage for an exciting evening of what has been called "American Jazz / East Indian Fusion." Old pals, George and Terry have appeared in numerous duo concerts over the last 35 years. The prolific Brooks is the founder of Indian fusion groups such as Summit with Zakir Hussain; Bombay Jazz with Larry Coryell and Ronu Majumdar; the Raga Bop Trio with Steve Smith and Carnatic guitarist Prasanna; and Elements with Indian violinist Kala Ramnath and Dutch harpist Gwyneth Wentink.



Photo: Irene Young

As a young man attending the New England Conservatory of Music, Brooks was introduced to Indian classical music and became entranced by its melodic beauty, rhythmic complexity, and deep spiritual core. After graduating, Brooks traveled to India where he met master vocalist Pandit Pran Nath, the giant of north Indian music who also deeply influenced Riley.

Brooks was first invited to perform in India in 2001 and has performed at prominent venues there every year since. Additionally, Brooks has performed at the Queen Elizabeth Hall and Barbican, London; the Muziekgebouw and Concertgebouw, Netherlands; Lille Opera House, France; Esplanade, Singapore; Istanbul International Jazz Festival, and jazz clubs throughout the world. In 2008 Brooks was featured as a soloist on John McLaughlin's Floating Point CD that was recorded in India and nominated for a Grammy award as best contemporary jazz album.

But Brooks isn't limited in his expression to any single genre; he also became a mainstay of the Bay Area blues scene, arranging and leading horn sections for Sonny Rhodes, Frankie Lee, Albert Collins, and Johnny Taylor, and touring internationally with R+B icon Etta James.

In addition to performing and composing, Brooks has taught on the faculties of UC Santa Cruz, Mills College, the California Jazz Conservatory in Berkeley, and leads master classes at colleges and schools around the world. And he's coming to Camptonville.

Save that date! **Saturday, May 14th** brings this unique opportunity to hear world-class world musicians whose specialty is transporting their listeners to new inner landscapes. Tickets can be purchased for \$25 in Camptonville at Rebel Ridge Organics Nursery, Burgee Dave's @ The Mayo, and brownpapertickets.com (\$30 at the door). **Doors open at 6:30, performance is at 7:30 pm.** Please join us for the journey.

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Sage Po, Harpist, and  
Rebekah Hood, Cellist,  
with Terry Riley at their  
full-house concert, *Birth  
and Rebirth*, April 23rd



Photo: Shirley Dickard

## Scotch Broom Breakfast – May 8th

### Support Your Local Firefighters this Mother's Day!

By Marilyn Mociun

On **Sunday, May 8th, from 8 am–noon at the North San Juan Fire Community Hall** on Reservoir Street, the NSJ Fire Auxiliary invites all our neighbors to attend its main fundraiser of the year: an all-you-can-eat pancake, eggs, and ham breakfast. There will also be a grand plant sale and raffle with prizes that run the gamut from movie passes to a truckload of gravel; from gardening tools to a basket of chocolate delights.

Suggested donation for the breakfast is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children 12 and under. All proceeds will go to support our brave volunteer firefighters. Visit [www.nsjfire.org](http://www.nsjfire.org) or call the District Office at 292-9159 for information.

## 1, 2, 3 Grow – Ready, Set, Graduate

By Yakshi Vadeboncoeur



Here it is already May – another year full of learning and fun, another year almost done! **Mm** is for **May**. **Mm** is for **Mature** and **Moving** on. The school readiness preschoolers have grown up so much this year. They are excited about kindergarten, ready for new goals and challenges.

**Gg** is our other rug letter during the month of May, and we'll be working hard in the **Garden**. Already our snow peas and sunflowers are up. We've been harvesting last year's chard and celery for snacks. The potato plants are once again 6" or 8" above the ground, and we just piled more soil around them a week or two ago. In the classroom, we'll be working to get ready for **Graduation**, as well as trying to fit in an end-of-the-year field trip. Tuesday, May 10, is the tentative date for that; stay tuned for details as we work out destination, transportation and cost.

### 1,2,3 Grow Graduation - June 2nd

Family and friends are all welcome to the 1, 2, 3 Grow Graduation Ceremony, **Thursday, June 2nd, 6:30 pm in the school amphitheater**. Potluck to follow! Graduates should meet in the classroom by 6:15 pm. We do most of the graduation setup during the morning class, so please come and help out if you can.

## Is Your Event on the C'ville Calendar?

By Shirley DickKard, Editor

Before you finalize your event, be sure to check the on-line Community Calendar to see what else is happening on that date ([www.camptonville.com](http://www.camptonville.com)). If the Camptonville Community Center is your venue, first schedule with them by contacting Char Jokerst at [rubycj@att.net](mailto:rubycj@att.net). Then contact Caitlin DeMaranville at [camptonvillecalendar@gmail.com](mailto:camptonvillecalendar@gmail.com) to be placed on the on-line Camptonville Community Calendar.

## NSJ Cherry Festival – June 25th

By Pinkie Varner

Save the Date! The 121st North San Juan Cherry Festival and Parade, an annual family event held in downtown North San Juan, will be held **Saturday, June 25th, starting at 10 am**. Watch for more information in the June *Courier*. To learn more, visit us at [www.facebook.com/NSJCherryFestival](http://www.facebook.com/NSJCherryFestival) or call Kimi for vending information at 478-1292.



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### Indian Valley Outpost's New Hours

Effective the opening weekend of Fishing Season, April 23rd, the Store and Bar will be open Thurs–Mon, 8 am–9 pm. The Restaurant will be open only on weekends with a limited menu, so please call ahead, 289-3349. Starting Memorial Day weekend, the Restaurant will be open Thurs–Mon, 8 am–9 pm. Indian Valley Outpost is a beautiful, short drive from Camptonville on the North Yuba River. Hope to see you soon!  
– Dave and Karla Gardner

## Look What's Happening at the Center!

By Christina Ledson, Director, CCC

The month of May brings warm weather, bright flowers, and, for many of us, the chance to watch the miracle of those tiny little seeds we planted becoming big beautiful plants that will fill our bellies in just a matter of weeks!

In the spirit of this miracle, I have had the pleasure of watching our little Center grow into something substantial that is serving our community with music, gatherings, and celebrations. The Camptonville Community Center is experiencing changes almost on a daily basis as we (the Steering and Concert Committees) work on how to better serve the community. I feel we are taking the challenge head on and meeting it with great success.

**Become a Member!** One way to keep the growth on track is to become a member of the Center. There was a Membership Form inserted in the April *Courier* describing the various levels. Join now, and start receiving the membership perks. The membership form can be downloaded at [Camptonville.com](http://Camptonville.com), or call 288-3655.

**The Sri Moonshine Music Series** is underway. We had an outstanding performance by Sage Po and Rebekah Hood April 23rd. The next show, featuring saxophonist George Brooks along with Terry Riley, is on May 14th at 7:30 pm. Tickets are available at Rebel Ridge Organics Nursery and Garden Supply, Burgee Dave's @ The Mayo, and [brownpapertickets.com](http://brownpapertickets.com). Tickets are \$25 or \$30 at the door.

If you have seen the posters for the Concert Series, you may have noticed that they read *Camptonville Performing Arts Center*. We have not renamed our Community Center. This is just to help with the promotion of our arts events and applies to the Lodge Room.

**Two New Programs at the Center!** Responding to input at the Town Hall Meeting, two new programs are being offered at the Center: a casual coffee gathering beginning in May (**Coffee@Center**) and a **Sign Language Class** taught by Helene Riley in June. There is no charge for these opportunities for the community to get together!

**April kept us very busy with renovations.** The necessary electrical work was completed, restrooms were remodeled to be more accessible, the Lodge Room was partially painted, initial history museum displays were set up, and much-needed spring cleaning was done! Come by and check out the progress. We could always use some extra hands to get things done. Even if you don't have much time to donate, any little bit helps and is greatly appreciated.

If you have any suggestions or questions please call Christina Ledson at 288-3655, or email [christinaledson@gmail.com](mailto:christinaledson@gmail.com). For rental information, please contact Char Jokerst at [rubbycj@att.net](mailto:rubbycj@att.net). Thanks to all of you who have volunteered your time and resources to making the Community Center a place that can serve all of us.



## How Can I Help This Month?

By Tonie Hilligoss

Thanks to generous donations from the Camptonville community, inside the Center we now have a new heating and air conditioning unit, a greatly improved electrical system, and a more accessible bathroom for people with disabilities. Outside, Robert Mumm (with almost daily help from Rod Bondurant) has been adding the rocks we all helped collect to the support wall, creating a beautiful background for the "Camptonville Community Center" letters. His goal is to complete the first part of the wall by the time you read this, and then he'll start on the other sections. Here's how you can help:

- **Volunteer to assist Robert on the rock wall** by helping him prepare the mortar mix and drill holes to help hold the rock to the wall (a task that requires no prior experience). If you've had a chance to see the sign under construction, you can imagine how good you will feel knowing that you helped make it happen.
- **Join the Fix-It Crew.** Chris Dozier, Bob McDonald, Jeff Murphy, and Norm Ross have dedicated much-appreciated time and effort to the Center, but they all have other commitments too. Please contact any of the people below or our Director, Christina Ledson (288-3655 or [christinaledson@gmail.com](mailto:christinaledson@gmail.com)) if you would like to join them in maintaining the buildings and grounds, thereby helping the Center expand its ability to serve the local community.
- **Volunteer to work on the Museum** by helping renovate the building to incorporate the Leland K. Pauly Museum.

We are also interested in ideas for new programs and people willing to assume responsibility for them. If you are interested and would like help developing your idea, please contact Barbara Ramirez, the Center's Events and Programs Coordinator, at [efieb@att.net](mailto:efieb@att.net) or 288-3392. Rita Ortega, our Volunteer Coordinator, can be reached at [ritaortega4@gmail.com](mailto:ritaortega4@gmail.com) or 288-3421. All questions can be directed to Char Jokerst ([rubbycj@att.net](mailto:rubbycj@att.net) or 288-9320) or Tonie Hilligoss ([thilligoss@mac.com](mailto:thilligoss@mac.com) or 288-3451).

**Donations** can be sent to CCSD, P.O. Box 327, Camptonville, CA 95922 with checks made out to Camptonville Community Center.

One step at a time, we're moving towards making this the community center we all want. We can only do it with your help, and we sincerely thank those of you who have stepped forward.

## Shady Creek Summer Camp in NSJ

By Kelly Casey, Shady Creek Summer Camp Director

Looking for a fun, local opportunity to connect your kids with nature this summer? Shady Creek Summer Camp on the San Juan Ridge is currently recruiting campers for both day and overnight programs. We cater to campers of all ages and interests, from exploring the miles of hiking trails, to daily dips in the pool, to conquering the challenges of the low ropes course, to arts and crafts activities including tie dye.

Safety is a Shady Creek Summer Camp priority. Our site is accredited by the California Outdoor School Association, and, because we are a public school, all staff and volunteers must pass background checks. All activities are supervised by trained staff, and our camper population is small enough that we operate with an overall 1:4 staff to camper ratio.

Registration is open and is on a first-come, first-served basis. Grade refers to the grade campers will enter in the fall. We also have volunteer opportunities for high school students.

### 2016 Dates and Prices:

#### • Resident Camp

Session One: July 11–July 16. Session Two: July 24–July 29  
Campers: 4th–8th grade \$450. Volunteer Leaders: 11th+ grade

#### • Day Camp Monday, June 27–Friday, July 1st.

Campers: 1st–8th grade \$160. Volunteer Leaders: 9th–12th grade.

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## The Biker in the Mirror

By Cathy LeBlanc

The bikers I grew up with were like a brotherhood. They had amazing moral conduct when it came to protecting their own. A biker's honor never fails.

Today may be a different story. Enjoying the countryside and the freedom of the wind, these guys and gals are tasting "La Dolce Vida." There's no other feeling like it. They do ride a loud machine, though very few of them are true bikers from yesteryear. They are, however, dressing the part, clad in leathers, enjoying letting out their alter ego for a weekend ride in the country. They may roar into town, because that's what Harleys do\*, but many of the bikers you see riding in packs on Saturday or Sunday are really your dentist, doctor, lawyer, or various other professionals.

We live in the heart of a very good weekend ride. Camptonville's beauty touches the hearts of these oftentimes most generous humans. I mention this so you will know it's okay to look that leather warrior in the eye with a smile and to start up a conversation. Though I do have to give you one caution: There is a high probability you are talking to someone who two years ago was sitting just where you are.

\* I remember the opposite: A friend and I were in San Francisco on the way to the Pride Parade. We were on her Harley, which was just loud enough to set off some car alarms as we rode past. This was not done intentionally. In Camptonville, this never happens . . . we had to laugh!



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## It's Official! CCP is Awarded Community Capacity Land Stewardship Grant

By Regine Miller, CCP



CCP is excited to share that it has been awarded a Community Capacity Land Stewardship program grant by the National Forest Foundation (NFF). The award will be used to:

- 1) Expand CCP's outreach and education efforts across the broader Yuba foothill region and adjacent County's Boards of Supervisors through community meetings, workshops, presentations, media releases, and mailers.
- 2) Facilitate a multi-party, community-based process to develop the Forest Biomass Business Center and make critical project decisions including establishing the bioenergy facility's ownership model and selecting a project developer.
- 3) Build local capacity for entrepreneurial co-located businesses which aim to utilize the bioenergy facility's off-heat, through a series of workshops offered by the Yuba Sutter Economic Development Corporation and the Sierra Nevada Conservancy. Examples of co-located businesses include greenhouses, a brewery, a firewood, pole, or wood pellet manufacturing facility, or a wood pallet recycling facility. Stay tuned for future meeting and workshop dates.

The NFF promotes the enhancement and public enjoyment of the 193-million acre National Forest System. By directly engaging Americans and leveraging private and public funding, NFF improves forest health and Americans' outdoor experiences. Each year, the NFF restores fish and wildlife habitat; plants trees in areas affected by fires, insects, and disease; improves recreational opportunities; and enables communities to steward their National Forests and Grasslands.

CCP thanks the NFF for its support in helping to advance the establishment of the FBBC and catalyze landscape-scale forest restoration, create local jobs, and improve our community's social well-being. Learn more at: <http://sites.theccp.org/fbbc/>.

## Vote on the Medical Marijuana Initiative

By Yana Slade

As it gets closer to voting time, I sit down to read the medical marijuana initiatives. Much work was done to ensure citizens have a chance to vote on legally growing medical marijuana outdoors.

If Measure A does not pass, then growing outside will be illegal. Measure A basically uses parcel size to determine how many plants can be grown. Although the initiative states that farms in compliance will be protected from any legal action, after years of feeling more safe in the shadows, are the farmers willing to participate? Are the medical cannabis growers willing to be visible? Do the benefits outweigh the resistance to trusting the system? Those in opposition to outdoor cultivation make use of the fact that when a previous less-restrictive outdoor growing ordinance was in place, no farms registered. Vote **Yes** to allow outdoor growing and require registration and payment for permit. Vote **No** to ban all outdoor growing.

Measure B sets up a way for people with medical marijuana scripts to form their own dispensary and insures that there can be a dispensary in each Yuba County district.

Read more about the Yuba County Initiatives on the June ballot: [www.co.yuba.ca.us/departments/elections/current.aspx](http://www.co.yuba.ca.us/departments/elections/current.aspx). Under "Go Directly To," select "Local Measure" information. You will find full information on all the Measures, including:

**Measure A** - The Yuba County Medical Marijuana Cultivation Act of 2015. Ballot Question: "Shall the ordinance that would increase the number of medical marijuana plants that may be cultivated on parcels of land greater than one acre and allow for cultivation of medical marijuana outdoors and within residences be adopted?"

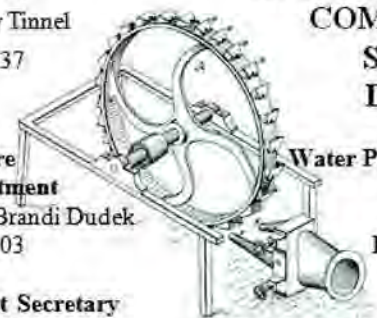
**Measure B** - The Patients Access to Regulated Medical Cannabis Act of 2015. Ballot Question: "Shall the ordinance that authorizes licensed medical marijuana dispensaries that will provide medical marijuana to qualified patients and primary caregivers in a retail setting be adopted?" Remember, your vote counts!

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## Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu comes to Camptonville!

By Devon Miller

*First, let me introduce and welcome Devon Miller, who has been instructing a group of Camptonville Elementary School students in the art and practice of Brazilian Jiu Jitsu this spring. Devon, his partner Madison, and his son Magnus moved to Camptonville last summer after learning of our town from one of his adult students, and they love it here. Believing strongly in the principle of giving back, Devon volunteered to teach Jiu-Jitsu at the school and will also offer a summer class. – Birdsong Sundstrom*



Devon with Camptonville Students. Photo: Chase Noble

After my family and I relocated to Camptonville last August, Superintendent Sandy Ross asked if I would be interested in offering a weekly class in the martial art, Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu (BJJ). For those who aren't familiar with BJJ, it is a grappling art like American Wrestling and Japanese Judo. There are no strikes (punches or kicks) in the practice of BJJ, and literally translated, Jiu-Jitsu means "the way of yielding." BJJ uses leverage to overcome larger and more powerful opponents and is one of the most effective martial arts for real world self-defense. It is also fantastic exercise, supports physical and mental fitness, and the best part about Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu is that it's really, really fun. We play games, we laugh, and we develop real lasting friendships.

I have instructed BJJ as an elective at Camptonville School for two months now. We have 10 kids in our class, and I am told we have the most sign-ups of any elective. They are learning, growing, and having fun! If there's interest, I am game for a summer program and perhaps an after school program next year. If you desire Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu training for yourself or your children, please contact me at [solidaritymma@gmail.com](mailto:solidaritymma@gmail.com). Thank you very much for welcoming us. We count ourselves quite fortunate to have found Camptonville. Happy Training!

**About the Instructor:** Devon Miller has spent over 18 years as a student of Mixed Martial Arts and over 14 years training in Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu. He is a Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Black belt and has instructed the US Army, several law enforcement agencies, numerous professional Mixed Martial Arts fighters, and has taught lots and lots of kids' classes.

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*The quickest and the surest way towards thoughtfulness is the tongue – use it for the good of others. If you think well of others, you will also speak well of others. Violence of the tongue is very real – sharper than any knife, wounding and creating bitterness that only the grace of God can heal.*

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## How Do Our Children Grow?

By Sandy Ross, Superintendent/Principal



At Camptonville School, we believe that growth should be a measure of quality, not quantity. In the educational setting, where measurement is frequently based on bigger is better, this definition of progress can be challenging. For example, public school funding is based on the number of students present at school daily; accountability for academic achievement is measured by the number of students performing at or above a scale set by the State Department of Education; and the number of staff members is dependent upon school enrollment. These numbers, however, only reflect a small piece of a school's reality.

Holistic indicators of qualitative growth, such as student engagement and health, can be found in different places, such as Camptonville School's cafeteria. Long before it was mandated, we started serving a magnificent salad bar that frequently contained vegetables from our school garden. "Picky eaters" were encouraged to try foods containing hidden veggies and are now considered "adventurous eaters."

While the expanse of grade levels and diversity of abilities and interests in multi-graded classrooms can be challenging, our staff has been working to develop programs that encourage students' curiosity and critical thinking skills. Students have made tremendous progress in areas such as love of poetry, prose, and the process of writing. Parent input and engagement is a driver of student achievement, as demonstrated at Family Math Night in March when over 21 families came to school to explore the math curriculum with students as their teachers.

Instead of seeking growth for the sake of growth, we are working to develop a cycle of continuous improvement as a model for student progress. This frequently involves taking risks and stepping out of the numbers game box. For the sake of our children, as in nature, it is not how many flowers grow, but the beauty, tenacity, and wonder of those that grow and persevere in the most challenging of environments.

## Please Don't Pick the Wildflowers!

By Laura Peterson, Bear Yuba Land Trust

Enjoy and photograph, but please refrain from picking the wildflowers, taking cuttings, collecting seeds, or removing entire plants. In California, it is against the law to pick wildflowers on public lands, along roadways, or on private property. Doing so could result in a steep fine.



Photo: BYLT

Bear Yuba Land Trust reminds nature lovers that these flowers turn into seeds that drop into the soil. Once the rains come, the seeds sprout into new flowers. The child-like innocent act of picking flowers means fewer seeds will drop for next year's season and reduces a plant's ability to reproduce, adversely affecting its long-term survival.

Picking wildflowers also means less nectar and pollen for pollinators like birds, bees, and bats, and less food and cover for other animals that depend on them.

Most wildflowers, when dug from their natural habitat, do not survive being transplanted, but many can be purchased from nurseries. Federal lands are experiencing increased poaching of native wildflowers including some endangered species. There are legal ways to collect native plants from federal lands that will still sustain them for future generations. Permits to collect plant material can be obtained by contacting local Forest Service District Offices.

BYLT urges parents to teach their children to respect and protect wildflowers and their habitats by leaving only footprints and taking only photographs.

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Bear Yuba Land Trust is a community-supported nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation of forests, open space, and farmlands in the watersheds of the Bear and Yuba River. In addition, the organization builds and maintains miles of local trails and provides quality nature programming for all ages. Learn more about outings, Land Trust preserves and trails at: [www.bylt.org](http://www.bylt.org).



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## Spring into Fire Safety

Jocelyn Rapp, CCP

Rain has meant that finally things are growing. While everything may look green right now, the larger area is still experiencing extreme rates of tree death due to the long drought and to a bark beetle population that's growing too!

Placer County has already declared a State of Emergency, and Yuba County's Cal Fire and Forest Service workers are keeping a close eye on our trees because it's clear that the beetles are coming this way.

Spring has always been the season for fire safety preparation, but it is imperative now more than ever that we focus our collective efforts on wildfire readiness. The good news is that all of the Yuba Water Protection and Fire Safe Council's FREE fire safety programs are still available to all us foothillers, and Camptonville Community Partnership is here to help you take advantage.

If you are doing your own clearing, the Council has partnered with the County to chip debris that residents have already cleared on any county maintained road or C.S.A. (County Service Area) road. Don't know whether your road falls under either category? Call us at the Resource Center at 288-9355 and ask – we're your neighbors; we're friendly. Already know you don't live on a qualifying road? Don't worry, the Council is working on setting up Green Waste Drop Days where you can bring your clearing to a central location and have it chipped.

Need help doing the clearing in the first place? Not sure where to start? The Fire Safe Council also offers a Defensible Space Assistance Program designed to help those who are physically or economically unable to create the state-mandated 100 ft defensible space around their homes. The program includes a cleanup of brush and woody fuels to reduce fire danger immediately around the home and make your home easier for fire fighters to defend. Already five Camptonville residents have taken advantage of this great program and you can too!

More information on and applications for both programs can be found on the Fire Safe Council's website -yubafiresafe.org. I am managing the application process and scheduling of services for both programs, so if you have any questions, call the Resource Center at 288-9355 or email me at [jocelyn@theccp.org](mailto:jocelyn@theccp.org).

Also, if you haven't noticed, the scotch broom has been growing too. The Council provided Rebel Ridge Organics with weed wrenches that are free to borrow so you can rip those suckers out without breaking your backs. Doom the broom!

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### Thank You from the Foothill Food Pantry

By Lisa Baker, Executive Director

The Foothill Food Pantry (Dobbins) has new tires on our trailer, thanks to generous donations by the Les Schwab Tire Centers (Marysville, Yuba City, and Grass Valley), Les Schwab Regional Manager Rick Sprouse, and the Fellowship of Friends (Oregon House).

Our nonprofit pantry operates a food distribution program in the Yuba County foothills. We currently distribute approximately 90 boxes each week. Keeping us supplied is a volunteer driver who picks up donated food every week and brings it down from Grass Valley. There's a tremendous amount of wear and tear on equipment. Because resources are fewer in the hills, it can be challenging for both the pantry and food recipients to find help with needs. Thanks again to our generous supporters!



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Camptonville:

- AA ————— 288-1001
- Elementary School ————— 288-3277
- Post Office ————— 288-3348
- Resource Center (CCP) ————— 288-9355
- USFS (Yuba River Ranger District) ————— 288-3231
- Vol. Fire Department ————— 288-3303

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 Co) — 673-8255

NAMI - Support for Mental Illness ————— 272-4566

OES - Office of Emergency Services (Yuba Co) 749-7520

PG&E Outage Line ————— 800-743-5000

Red Cross of NE California ————— 673-1460

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## May School Calendar

- May 5 Talent Show, Gym, 6 pm
- May 9 Site Council Meeting, 3 pm
- May 11 Awards Assembly, 8:45 am
- Staff Development Minimum Day, 12:45 pm dismissal
- Kindergarten Schedule, 8:25 am–12:45 pm
- May 13 Reading Rewards Field Trip, 10 am–3 pm
- No Afternoon Bus Run
- May 18 School Board Meeting, 6 pm
- May 27 Snow Make-up Day (No School)
- May 30 Memorial Day Holiday (No School)
- May 31 Memorial Day Observance, Camptonville Cemetery
- Meet at Flagpole, 10:15 am
- June 7 Eighth Grade Graduation, Gym, 6 pm
- June 9 Lake Day/Last Day of School

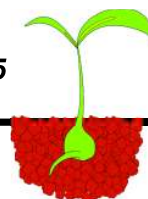


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## MAY 2016 Community Calendar

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

- May 8 – Scotch Broom Breakfast – NSJ (page 4)**
- May 12 – Coffee@Center (page 1)**
- May 14 – Saxophonist George Brooks Concert  
with Terry Riley (page 3)**
- May 21 – Plant Sale and Flea Market (page 2)**



- May 23 – Talk with Supervisor Fletcher (page 1)**
- May 24 – The Nisenan & C'ville History (page 1)**
- June 2 – Sign Language Class (page 1)**
- June 2 – 1, 2, 3 Graduation (page 4)**
- June 25 – Cherry Festival, NSJ (page 4)**

### On-Going MONTHLY Events

- CCP Board** - Meets 2nd Tuesday, 5 pm, Resource Center  
Contact: 288-9355
- CCSD Board** - Meets 4th Monday, 7 pm, Camptonville School  
Contact: 288-3421 or 288-3676
- WSMC Health Van** - 1st Friday, 10 am–3 pm,  
Community Center. Contact: 289-3298
- School Board** - Meets 3rd Wednesday, 6 pm, at CV School  
Contact: 288-3277

### 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, 3rd Thurs, 8 am, NSJ Center  
AA Meeting, 5:30–6:30 pm, C'ville Resource Center
- Fridays:** Bingo, 1st & 3rd Friday, 7 pm, NSJ Center  
USDA Food Bank, 3rd Fri, 9–10:30 am, Dobbins Church
- Sundays:** Open Mic, 1st & 3rd Sundays at Burgee Daves, 4–7 pm