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## Fire Readiness!



### The Five-Minute Plan

By Mark Jokerst

A deputy pulls into your driveway, jumps out and says, "Sorry folks, fire's coming fast, you've got five minutes!!!" then disappears in a cloud of dust.

This is a good time to put your Five-Minute Plan into effect. So much could or should be done, but your five-minute window is closing fast. There is only enough time to act, not think. So plan ahead: what are your priorities?



- An overnight bag is packed, easy to find and grab. You don't yet know where you are going, even what direction you'll be pointed to, so plan on maybe even camping out. Your overnight bag is ready for cold nights, sleeping comfort, water, food, and maybe a set of clean clothes. Plan and pack now, keep the bag where it's easy to find. We keep our backpacks packed and ready for a few nights on the lam.
- Grab some protective clothing to wear. No time to change now, so grab long pants, socks and boots, and a jacket. Throw them in the car and change when there is time. In the hours to come, you'll want to be wearing some rugged and potentially warm clothing. Don't be fooled by day time heat; it gets COLD at night in the summertime.
- At this point, you should have your car packed with the above, motor running.
- Button up the house. Think flying embers. Close the windows, close the drapes, activate your sprinklers if you got 'em, and turn on the outdoor lights. Firefighters will arrive to protect your home if possible - they may need light and water - but make a plan to keep your house as safe as possible in the face of a burning ember storm.
- Grab some essentials. You can easily spin out of control here, and it's the last priority. If your box of treasures isn't ready to fly out the door with you, it's probably too late. Make a plan, collect these precious treasures, and get them ready to fly out the door. No regrets. Don't forget the cat.

With a five minute warning, there is only enough time to grab and go, so plan accordingly. You can make a 20-minute plan if you like, but be sure to have a five -minute plan and make sure you can do it five minutes. If your plan is good and ready to go, think how well prepared you'll be if the deputy says "You've got one minute."

One last thing: right before you drive off, breathe deeply and please drive slowly, carefully, and defensively. Too many tragedies are born of a mad rush to safety. Day will become night. Frustration will rule your attitude. Drive out of there ready for anything, and be assured: we're gonna need you.



### Camptonville Folks Share Their Fire Readiness Tips

- We make sure our address sign is clearly marked. (Our Fire Chief can get you an address sign if you need one). Clear away any new vegetation that covers the sign.
- Make sure large fire engines can easily get up your road.
- Every year, we clear brush from our road so we can escape safely.
- Have a list made up of things to take. Don't forget vital medications and pet food. Post it in a prominent location – we have ours on the fridge. Sort the list by how much time you have to evacuate. Then think about things you can't live without.
- What to take? We consider what would be a hassle to replace: proof of ownership and legal papers, medications, passports, address lists, etc.
- We scan important papers onto a USB thumb drive, and put that in our evacuation box (and/or safe deposit box). We also put home inventory photos on it.
- Top of our list to take are photos, cell phones and chargers, electronic devices.
- We try to keep the weeds cut for at least 100' around our house and outbuildings and make sure the eaves are free of leaves and other debris.
- We maintain our road, the area alongside it, and two turnaround areas so that fire engines will have a better chance of getting in and out without exposing themselves to flames.

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## From the Editor

– Shirley Dickard

When the first heavy rains come, I breathe a sigh of relief and give thanks for making it through yet another fire season. We've lived here in the mountains nearly 40 years and go through this every year. City friends have no idea, but to us, it's a way of life: the annual cycle of weed-eating, raking, thinning; the periodic going through our "stuff" and deciding what's the most important to take in an evacuation.

I asked *Courier* contributors to share what they do for fire readiness. You'll find their tips on pages 1, 5, and 8. During fire season, we're all vulnerable, but not helpless. We can reduce the impact of a fire by making it easier for the fire crews to do their job, and we can plan ahead so what we do save is meaningful and helpful to us.

I'll run another column of "Fire Readiness Tips" if readers have more to offer. Please email them by September 20th to [camptonvillecourier@gmail.com](mailto:camptonvillecourier@gmail.com). See you at the Fire Department Picnic!

## Moonshine Potluck –September 24th

By Carolyn Mumm

The annual Moonshine Potluck will be **5 pm on Saturday, September 24th**, at Scott and Chris Pope's home at 14106 Moonshine Road (second house on the left side coming from Highway 49 onto Moonshine).

Bring a dish to share, a plate and utensils to eat with, as well as something to drink. Water will be provided. The potluck will include delicious home cooked food often harvested ripe from our gardens. Everyone in Camptonville is welcome!

For those who like to play games, there will be a set-up for horseshoes and a net for badminton and volleyball. The Middle Fork of the Yuba River is a short walk from the Pope's yard and a firesafe campfire will be ready to roast marshmallows.

Many thanks to Scott and Chris Pope for hosting this get-together each fall. For information, call Carolyn at 288-3424 or Chris at 288-3348.



The only fire I want to see this summer is in the pizza oven!

## Fire Department Picnic is Right Around the Corner– September 10th!

By Donna Tate



The Fire Department and the Auxiliary are all geared up and ready to host the 24th Annual Camptonville Volunteer Fire Department Picnic. The event will be held **at the Lost Nugget Market Field on Saturday, September 10th, from 2 pm to 10 pm**. Dinner is served between 2 and 7 pm.

We will be serving our same awesome menu of tri-tip, chicken, or burger, baked potato, salad, and bread – all for a \$10 donation. There will be entertainment and activities throughout the day, and when the sun goes down, put on your glow necklaces and your dancing shoes and get ready to rock the night with the "Sons of Boogie," the same great band as last year!

There are great raffle items this year, including a \$500 cash grand prize and several items from our local and neighboring businesses. Raffle tickets can be purchased at the Lost Nugget Market, Burgee Dave's, or at the Picnic. A silent auction featuring a beautiful, locally handcrafted quilt will also be held on the day of the picnic.

The Auxiliary is looking for a few volunteers to help serve dinner. If you are interested, please call Wendy Tinnel at 277-6737. Come show your community spirit and support for our awesome Fire Department volunteers!

## Celebration of Ron Rovnak – September 24th

By Lucille Rovnak

Please join us for a Celebration of Ron Rovnak's life on Saturday, **September 24th, at 3 pm** at the Love Building at Condon Park in GV. Everyone is welcome! We're planning an audio / video presentation of his life and his artwork and also a vegetarian potluck dinner in his honor. For questions, please call Lucille at 798-6778. Thanks!



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## Interested in Starting a Business in Yuba County? Free Workshop – September 15th

By Regine Miller, CCP



On September 15, 9 am–12 pm at the Alcouffe Center (9185 Marysville Road, Oregon House), CCP and the Yuba Sutter Economic Development Corporation will offer a free workshop on opportunities to start your own business in Yuba County. The workshop will provide information on the resources, requirements, and opportunities involved with starting a business in Yuba County, and on the possible entrepreneurial opportunities to join the Forest Biomass Business Center (FBBC). Brynda Stranix, YSEDC President, will lead the workshop. There is a \$3 door fee for snacks. To register, contact [regine@theccp.org](mailto:regine@theccp.org) or 277-3843 by Sept. 9th.

Since 2013, CCP has worked to develop a small-scale forest biomass-to-energy facility to reduce excess forest fuels, create local employment, improve air quality and forest health, and produce renewable energy. The bioenergy facility will be located in a small business park, the Forest Biomass Business Center, where it will supply heat and renewable electricity to co-located businesses such as commercial firewood, wood shavings or pallet manufacturers, greenhouses, or brewery, to name a few. This co-generation approach to renewable energy production supports development of local businesses that create jobs and a market for forest biomass and small diameter wood. The FBBC can be a unique partner if you are looking for a place to start or grow a wood products manufacturing business or are interested in starting a business with heat and/or electricity needs.



## So Much More than Coffee @ The Center

By Rochelle Bell

I signed up to host *Coffee @ the Center* on opening day of the Gardeners' Market, knowing it would be fun. I was looking forward to seeing people I only see at the market each year. What I experienced that day was so much more. Along with those folks I had expected to see were new families that had just moved to our town, people who were camping in the area and had seen our flyer, a delightful man who read the Courier while boating at Bullards, folks from the community who had never seen the inside of our Community Center, and neighbors who wanted to see our museum. It was amazing - young, old, and those in the middle came, introduced themselves, had coffee and goodies, bought items from our market, and stayed and visited. The energy was invigorating and friendly. If you haven't joined us on **Saturday mornings from 8:30–11 am at the Community Center**, please consider doing so. I guarantee you'll enjoy it.



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### How About Hosting Coffee?

Hosts are needed for Saturday morning *Coffee @ the Center* on:

**September 3, 10, 17, 24.**

Please contact Molly Spackman to sign up and learn how easy it is to volunteer as a host. [scottandmollyspackman@gmail.com](mailto:scottandmollyspackman@gmail.com) or 288-3612. Thank you!

Photos: Shirley Dickard



## Monkey Mind

By Jesse Golden

*The monkey mind is a term sometimes used by the Buddha to describe the agitated, easily distracted, and incessantly moving behavior of ordinary human consciousness. As an ordinary human afflicted with monkey mind, I offer these thoughts for the month of September.*

— Jesse

Presidential elections are always a time of heated debate and emotion. It feels like we're competing for ownership of the American narrative, for the right to define what we stand for as a nation. Many people express fear of a catastrophic

outcome. And many express angry bewilderment about the people supporting the other side – their motivations, their thinking, and how so many people could be so very wrong.

Trying to make some sense out of all this, I recently visited George Lakoff's site ([georgelakoff.com/blog](http://georgelakoff.com/blog)), and can recommend his July article as a fascinating read. Lakoff, a scholar and author of the 1996 book *Moral Politics*, writes:

We tend to understand the nation metaphorically in family terms: We have founding fathers. We send our sons and daughters to war. We have homeland security.

The conservative and progressive worldviews dividing our country can most readily be understood in terms of moral worldviews that are encapsulated in two very different common forms of family life: the Nurturant Parent family (progressive) and the Strict Father family (conservative).

From that base, Lakoff provides explanations for much of current politics, including why each side is baffled by, and intolerant of, the views of the other. He observes, *...your moral worldview defines for you what the world should be like. When it isn't that way, one can become frustrated and angry.*

Well, we're certainly seeing a lot of frustrated and angry. And, assuming the presidential debates do happen, and assuming the debaters are still Trump and Clinton, we seem to be headed for an archetypal clash, one that almost perfectly enacts the clash of worldviews that Lakoff describes.

I'm looking forward – with mixed horror and glee – to watching the debates. My plan: head for the TV at Burgee Dave's (Brian, turn the sound up!), hoping to join my neighbors for a shared experience of amicable and peaceful (if not quiet) witnessing of political theater.

And, if at all possible, I'm hoping to keep in mind these lines from Rumi, the 13th century Sufi poet: *Out beyond ideas of wrongdoing and rightdoing, there is a field. I will meet you there.*

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Terry Riley (r) with Tracy Silverman (l) and his 6-String Electric Violin, August 27th Concert, Sri Moonshine Music Series



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**"Fire Readiness Tips"**  
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- Most of our personal papers are in a safe deposit box in our bank.
- We remember to put the key to our safe deposit box in our "Grab n Go" bag.
- I just finished raking a bunch of conifer needles down to mineral soil (10' perimeter), behind and around the large generator that runs my well pump. I'd done this last year, and it still looked fine yesterday, but when I moved my foot around in the area, the needle duff was at least 2" deep, ready to spark a fire at the least provocation, and carry the flames to nearby ladder fuels. With a wind, it could have been disastrous.
- Gather really important documents (passports, birth certificates, marriage certificates, stock certificates, deeds of trust, pink slips to your vehicles, etc) and put them in an easy to carry compact travel bag or small suitcase. Put your name on the outside for identification. When we leave home for a while, we take the bag to a close neighbor who, if requested to evacuate immediately, could easily grab our bag along with their own things.
- If you are gone during an evacuation and there is time, a designated neighbor could go to your home and pick up other items you have gathered or marked as important to take in a fire emergency. Leave items on the kitchen table already boxed up, or put bright post-it notes on items still hanging on the wall (like old family photos, etc). Leave an empty box handy to put items in. You can ask your good neighbor to come walk through your home before you leave on your trip so they are familiar with items that you would want them to get in this situation.
- Pets: have pet carriers in an easy to see location so, if there is time, a neighbor could come gather any pets who may be home. Also have in a pet evacuation bag: pet food, shot record, photo and ID information, water, leash, your contact information, etc.
- Consider what you'll do with locked gates, livestock, etc.
- I am not ready for a fire. All I can do is my very best to prevent all fire. Everything I do has an initial evaluation of whether or not there is any possibility of my action or my environment causing a fire. Only "zero probability" actions are taken -- ever!

Do you have other tips? Send them to the Editor by September 20th: [camptonvillecourier@gmail.com](mailto:camptonvillecourier@gmail.com).



**Our Fire Chief Responds to "Fire Readiness Tips"**

By Brandi Dudek, CVFD Chief

Based on what people wrote, they are really thinking it through.

*Here's what I would add:*

- The 100' clearance is for all buildings on the property not just the residence.
- Break up the continuity of the trees, shrubs and ladder fuels.
- In addition to the 100' clearance, try to maintain a 30' green zone area near structures.
- Many of us have firewood near structures during the winter months, but during fire season, remove that wood away from all structures.
- Embers love small spaces. Try to close up areas under structures or at least remove any flammable items.
- Trees and limbs should be a minimum of 10' from the outlet of a chimney or stovepipe.
- Stove pipes should have nonflammable screens with openings of not more than 1/2" in size.
- If your neighbor needs assistance in getting out, please let the first incoming fire unit you see know this!
- If evacuated and you have time, turn on your sprinklers and leave.
- **And the most important advice I have is, if a fire is coming through and it is either a recommended or mandatory evacuation, please leave as soon as possible! Many of our roads have one way ingress or egress. If we can't get in due to traffic congestion, it could be devastating!**

Let's give a rousing round of applause to Chief Dudek, the volunteer firefighters, and support staff at the Fire Department Picnic on September 10th! They're the best

- Editor



## Herbal Tips for Burns: *Lavandula Officinalis* and *Angustifolia*

By Catie Pazandak

Forest fires and burns can be scary and painful. We can prepare as best we can for forest fires in our dry, forested land, but burns usually happen so fast and unexpectedly that we are often not prepared.

Lavender is on the top of herbalists' lists for burns. One of the most well-known herbs, it is popular primarily for its relaxing actions on the body and mind. This plant has so much more to offer us. Unlike most other essential oils, Lavender essential oil can be put on the skin neat (undiluted), even on burns.

Lavender is antispasmodic, anti-inflammatory, anti-bacterial, antidepressant, antioxidant, carminative (helping with digestion), stomachic, diuretic, and mildly sedative for nervous exhaustion, stress, and insomnia. It is also a mild liver herb, helping to relax and release what is called stagnant liver chi in Chinese medicine. For this, it is often paired with Rosemary for best results. Lavender also helps with headaches, sunburns, bites, stings, nerve pain, and digestive distress such as indigestion, gas, bloating, and colic (due to the high volatile oil content in the flowers).

Here is a simple homemade burn recipe from *The Herbal Medicine Maker's Handbook* by James Green:

"In a 2 oz (60ml) amber bottle, pour 1 oz of Aloe Vera juice. Add 30 ml of pure Lavender essential oil. Cap the bottle and keep in the refrigerator, where it will always remain cold and available. Shake well and pour this blend directly on burns to immediately cool and soothe the skin tissue. Then when the skin is cold, apply honey."

Raw honey is another favorite of mine for burns. In addition to reducing pain from burns, honey helps to repair the tissue while preventing infection through its antibacterial properties. One serious risk of burns, depending on the severity of the burn, is infection. If you use herbs to help heal a burn wound, it is very important to be sure the site is cleaned and that the herbs you are using have antimicrobial actions. There are many herbs for burn wounds that are antimicrobial, including Lavender.

There are a few important things to remember with burns. First, cool the burn right away with cold water or an alternative such as the above Aloe Vera and Lavender wash. Second, evaluate the severity of the burn to assess proper treatment (you may need to contact a health care provider if the burn is severe enough). And third, keep the site clean before and during treatment of any kind.



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## Meet Your Local...Painting Contractor, Daniel Tinnel

By Linda Rose

Daniel Tinnel's strong passion and commitment to his family and community is what impressed me the most during this interview. He and Wendy, his wife of 13 years, have two sons: Elliott, 12, and Wyatt, 11. They are his life, his reason for being on this earth. He says his greatest life achievement has been his roles as husband and father.



In his younger years, Daniel had a lifelong dream of being a fire fighter. In 1996 during a high fire season, he landed a job in Camptonville with the U.S. Forest Service. After one year, he was recruited to be a "Hot Shot," a seasonal job he enjoyed for two years until he suffered a knee injury. Then, in 2000, Daniel met Wendy in Nevada City. He told her she gave him a "funny" feeling. Their relationship developed, and they married August 16, 2000. After the births of Elliott and Wyatt, Daniel and Wendy began looking for property on which to build their dream home. Through Wendy's perseverance, they found the perfect lot near Bullards Bar in 2006. For the past six years, debt free, Daniel and Wendy have been working on their dream home, which they hope to complete within the next year.

Daniel has been self-employed as a painting contractor for the past 10 years. He learned the trade from previous employment with other painters. In 2006, he decided to pursue his own contractor's license. His business has been growing, and he is now "booked out" through October. Because of the increased work, he is making plans to expand his business.

Most of Daniel's free time is spent hanging out with family, exercising, and enjoying boating in their pontoon boat. He also enjoys being on the Camptonville Men's Basketball Team. Did you know Camptonville has its own basketball team? I didn't. Apparently, Grass Valley has a Men's Basketball League consisting of about 30 teams, of which the Camptonville team is a member.

In addition to his busy life as husband, father, and business owner, Daniel manages to find time to coach the Camptonville School football team's 5th-8th grade students in August and September. He also volunteers during the annual Camptonville Volunteer Fire Department picnic, barbecuing tri-tip and chicken for the event.

His hopes for the future are to find balance between work, play, family, friends, and personal space. That would be total life satisfaction.

What Daniel loves most about being a member of the Camptonville community is the people, and how they care about and support other community members. He sends out a resounding "hello" to all his family and friends in Camptonville, and when the house is completed, he plans to have a "huge, one heck of a time" house party!

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## My Personal Experience with the Defensible Space Assistance Program



By Linda Rose

I just want to share my experience with the Defensible Space Assistance Program, and how much I appreciate the benefits of this valuable program. Cathy LeBlanc, Executive Director of Camptonville Community Partnership (CCP), and Jocelyn Rapp, Rural Health Advocate, manage the grant prepared by Martha Burke, Coordinator, Yuba County Fire Safe Council (YCFSC). Due to Jocelyn's perseverance in making things happen, my application for defensible space assistance was approved. First of all, I had to meet one of three criteria: either physically disabled, low income, or age. I qualified because I am old. So there are advantages to being old, besides still being alive!

After acceptance, I was contacted by Acton Arboriculture, Inc. to schedule an "Advisory Visit." Owner Zeno Acton personally met with me to evaluate my defensible space needs. He returned with a full crew, personally introducing each worker. Without exception, they were respectful of me, my property, and my dogs while diligently performing their respective tasks.

After the first Cal Fire inspection determined more work was needed, Zeno sent out another crew to complete the work. Again, they were efficient, courteous, and respectful. As a result, the inspector reported: "All work complete; No violations; Outstanding work." I was given a verbal "A +" for the level of defensible space the inspector observed.

I cannot express the depth of my gratitude to CCP, YCFSC, Cal Fire, and especially to Zeno Acton and his crew for the fine job they did. I now feel confident that my property is defensible and will be protected in the event of a fire threat.

*I am so happy to be old.....*

## Firesafe Programs Expanded – You May Be Eligible!

By Jocelyn Rapp, CCP Rural Health Advocate



The Fire Safe Council's Defensible Space and Chipping programs for Yuba Foothill residents have been given an upgrade. From now through February 2017, if you clear it and stack it, we will come chip for you no matter where you live. This is a big change for those who did not qualify before because they live on private roads. If you called before, call us again! If you haven't taken advantage of the Defensible Space program yet, now's your chance, especially if you have dead or dying trees.

The drought and bark beetle epidemic means lots of folks have more dead trees on their properties. If those trees are within 100 ft. of your home, you are at risk! Call the Resource Center at 288-9355 and sign up before time runs out on these great programs.

## Drought and Beetle Infestations

By Randy Fletcher, Yuba County 5th District Supervisor

Drought and beetle infestations have left millions of dead trees throughout the Sierra Nevada Mountains. To help address the impacts of this, a Tree Mortality Task Force has been formed, comprised of state and federal agencies, local governments, utility companies, and other stakeholders. The goal of this group is to coordinate emergency protective actions and monitor ongoing conditions. Some counties are providing additional efforts, along with other public and private entities, to help provide aid to homeowners.

On August 2, 2016, the Yuba County Water Agency hosted a workshop at the Yuba County Board of Supervisors chambers regarding these issues. The workshop included presentations from the US Forest Service and the Sierra Nevada Conservancy. Following the meeting, an ad hoc committee was formed to work on plans for both short term and long term projects in the agencies' watershed area. One critical issue the committee will be reviewing is the lack of funding to assist private land owners in clearing dead and dying trees from their property.

Committee members consist of Randy Fletcher, Tib Belza, and Andy Vasquez. Additional meetings will be held in the near future. Randy can be contacted at: 749-7510 and [rfletcher@co.yuba.ca.us](mailto:rfletcher@co.yuba.ca.us).

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## This Month at the Center!

By Christina Ledson, Director

I don't know about all of you, but I am very ready for some cooler temperatures! Fortunately our new air conditioner helped keep the Community Center comfortable during our many events this spring and summer. As the CCC staff prepare for a short but much needed break, the groundwork is already being laid for some new and exciting events and programs.

Our First Annual **Sri Moonshine Music Series** has come to a close. The Tracy Silverman concert on August 27th definitely left us wanting more. We feel that the series was a huge success and opened the doors for many other performance opportunities. Watch for announcements regarding the Second Annual Music Series. Thank you to Terry Riley and all the others that helped make it so special.

**Saturday mornings** have become quite popular at the Center. We have Coffee, Jiu Jitsu, and the Gardeners' Market! It's so wonderful to see all the smiling faces of Camptonville.

We have some **new work projects coming up at The Center**. We will begin construction on the long awaited Leland K Pauley Museum. At the same time we will be creating the new lobby and correcting some dry rot and termite issues. This project will be ongoing over the fall and winter. We are always looking for qualified people who can help along the way. We are not asking for long term commitments from anyone. Even a day here or there is very helpful.

There is **another music series** in the early planning stages. The focus is to create tribute nights. The kick off will be a Grateful Dead tribute concert performed by the Kyle Ledson Band – a night of classic Dead tunes with a bluegrass spin. Stay tuned for the date!

We are finding a good balance between events that help keep the bills paid and programs that offer a place for the community to gather. If you have any ideas please feel free to share them with the CCC committee.

If you have any suggestions or questions please contact Christina Ledson at [christinaledson@gmail.com](mailto:christinaledson@gmail.com) or 288-3655. Rather than list all of the contact numbers for the Center each month, we now have a permanent box of **CCC Contact Information on page 14**.

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.



## Camptonville Gardeners' Market

By Christina Ledson

I absolutely love August and September! Our little market has so many wonderful things. Unfortunately, we no longer have the delicious produce that Hal Stocker provided for so many summers. I would like to thank Hal for sharing his bounties with us all these years. We are excited to welcome new gardeners, artisans, and their products: shiitake mushrooms, chicken and duck eggs, handmade organic soaps, and baked goods, just to name a few. It just gets better every week!

Please join us to shop or sell your goods on **Saturday mornings at the Community Center, from 10 am–Noon**. For questions, please call Christina at 288-3655 or [christinaledson@gmail.com](mailto:christinaledson@gmail.com).



## Local, Organic, Yummy Eggs!

By Carolyn Mumm

Look for fresh, local chicken and duck eggs at our Gardeners' Market. Four Camptonville women raise chickens and ducks that forage outside for food and are given organic food supplements and kitchen and garden leftovers. Duck eggs are also available at the Lost Nugget store.

Photos: Shirley DickKard

## Back to School – What's New?

By Sandy Ross,  
Superintendent/Principal



This summer, teachers modeled our school's mission of fostering a love of learning and curiosity about the world as each one of them attended trainings to master best-practices for Project-Based Learning, the use of positive responsive communication, and the practice of social thinking.

**We welcome our new staff.** Our teacher for the K, 1, 2 class, *Mrs. Shelle Sims*, comes to us with years of experience in primary and elementary education, including several years of teaching in International Schools overseas. Watch out, her energy and enthusiasm are contagious! *Mr. Mike Johnson* is teaching 6th grade and brings a unique perspective and understanding to his classroom. *Mrs. Ross* will be sharing the Special Education position with *Mrs. Kate Boyd* this year. They look forward to achieving positive results for all students using effective strategies to encourage social thinking and social/emotional skill growth.

**Music!** A long sought after program, coming to our students as a direct result of responses from the annual Needs Assessment Surveys, is the addition of school-wide music instruction. All students in grades K–8 will have the opportunity to experience music education provided by musician, harpist, and educator extraordinaire, Sage Po. She has expressed delight in all the musical instruments that will be available to the students as they learn to make and appreciate music.

**Results from the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress**, administered in May 2016, have been sent to parents of students who were in 3rd–8th grades last year. Our students did an exceptional job overall on these assessments that measured college and career readiness skills. I was thrilled to note progress in English Language Arts (ELA) and Math for nearly every student who had taken the test in 2015. The data from the tests is used by teachers along with other measures of student growth to help understand each child's strengths and needs, and to plan individual instruction.

**As usual, parents rule!** We already have many parents step up to volunteer for electives, classroom help, and to work in the garden. A HUGE thank you goes to *Matt and Jessi Mullins and Engine 31 crew* for dedicating a Saturday morning to designing, laying out, and painting our new parking area and roundabout.

## September School Calendar

September 8	1st Trimester Electives begin, 1:10–2:10 pm
September 9	Run-Walk-A-Thon Fundraiser, Time TBA
September 14	Awards Assembly, 8:45 am Staff Development Minimum Day 12:45 pm dismissal Kindergarten Schedule, 8:25 am–12:45 pm
September 21	School Board Meeting, 6 pm
September 27	Site Council Meeting, 3 pm
September 28	Professional Development Minimum Day, 12:45 pm dismissal Kindergarten Schedule, 8:25 am–12:45 pm Flag Football Game Schedule to Be Announced



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## Kyle's CD Release Party!

By Christina Ledson

Just like Kyle predicted, his CD release party on July 30 was spectacular! Music has been my son's passion his entire life. I find myself quite jealous of him because at my age I still don't know what I want to be when I grow up, and he knew when he was three! Our family would like to thank all of you who have come out to support Kyle. From talent shows to CVFDA picnics, Camptonville has always helped build his confidence and kept him striving for his goals. We are excited to share the great successes he has seen thus far, and I'm sure there will be more to come!

## Updates from the Yuba River Ranger District

By Kevin Kidd, Visitor Information Assistant, USFS

The summer has been very warm, the Yuba River cool and refreshing, and the campgrounds full every weekend.

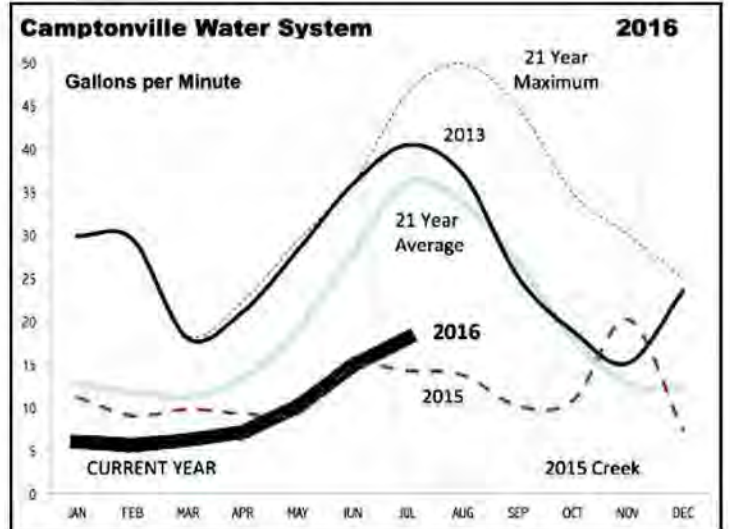
Reservations for campsites at [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov) end on September 26. Campsites can be used on a first come-first served basis after that. **Season:** The main camping season in the Tahoe National Forest is from Memorial Day through Labor Day. Although some campgrounds remain open for public use after the regular season, water systems are shut down to prevent freeze damage, and garbage collection is discontinued. **Pets:** Pets are allowed in developed sites, but must be on a 6' leash. Please be considerate for your pet's safety as well as the enjoyment and safety of other forest visitors. **Site Capacity:** In order to preserve soils and vegetation, the number of campers is limited to six people per individual site, except for group campgrounds or for a single family comprised of parents and dependent children.

We still have **fire restrictions**. Campfires and barbeques are not allowed except within the fire rings and grills provided in established campgrounds. Please make sure your campfire is totally out when you leave your campsite. No campfires are allowed in the backcountry. Portable stoves can be used, but campers must have a valid campfire permit. Please remember that you are responsible for the safety of your campfire or portable device. By obtaining a campfire permit, you are agreeing to abide by all of the conditions on the permit. You can stop by any Forest Service office to obtain your campfire permit in person and get any questions or concerns you may have addressed. Campfire permits are valid through the end of the calendar year. You can also obtain a campfire permit online at <http://preventwildfireca.org>.

**Deer hunting season starts September 24.** Firearms cannot be discharged from a road, across a road, across a body of water, or within 150 yards of a campground or inhabited area. Always exercise proper caution when handling firearms. Keep in mind that other visitors, loggers, private land owners, or others with business in the forest could be nearby, even if they are not visible. Have a safe and fun Labor Day!



Sunflower at Yana's  
Photo by Kevin Pinaglia



## The Water Report

By Mark Jokerst, Water Plant Manager

Last winter's rainfall continues to run down our hill (the creek is still flowing), and water use is up from last year. At the end of last year's drought, Camptonville was using a mere 8 gallons a minute; this year, we are using 20-25 gpm at summer peak. While triple last year's use, we're still well below average water use, and well below the 25% conservation target set by the State. Last Spring I urged everyone to ratchet up water use and to plant gardens, but keep it under control, and you've done it to perfection. We're still drawing all of our water from the creek, and we're still flowing water past the dam to keep those frogs and fish alive.

That's the good news. However, the creek is drawing down fast and is now barely able to keep up with our usage. The bottom line: where last week we were taking 24 gallons per minute from the creek, today (8/25) we can only take half that amount and still maintain a little flow past the dam. There is no need for panic; we will be running our wells to make up the difference. But please start conserving wherever possible, eliminate waste, be on the watch for leaks, and make sure the hoses don't run all night!

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Lester Palton U.S. Patent 233,692 Oct. 26, 1880



Ned, Thelma, and Don Kissig when they first came to Camptonville in 1945

### Former Community Member Don Kissig Visits with the Camptonville Historical Society

By Stephanie Korney, Camptonville Historical Society

"Hurry! Close the garden gate! The cows are coming!" Alarms like this are no longer heard on Cleveland Avenue in downtown Camptonville, but they were once linked to a common seasonal event in the 1940's and 1950's, according to former resident Don Kissig who lived here with his family in those years. The cow story was just one of many entertaining tales Don shared with members of the Camptonville Historical Society and Skip Ness and Robert Mumm, friends from his Camptonville School days. Skip and Robert also told stories about their experiences, teachers, and classmates at the school.

Don came to visit on August 9th, from his current home in Texas, to renew ties with the old neighborhood and to see the new history museum and Community Center. Don's father, Ned Kissig, was the school's maintenance man and bus driver for over 30 years. He also owned and operated the Timberland Theater, a mobile movie-screening enterprise that brought feature films that were shown in the Masonic Hall in Camptonville as well as in other nearby towns. Don brought the CHS some wonderful memorabilia and was such a good storyteller that all the listeners felt like they were back there too. Don is retired from a civil engineering career which took him to countries around the globe, including Ethiopia and Malawi. Don agreed to be video-taped as he was sharing his memories, and the taping was so successful that the Historical Society looks forward to video-recording more stories from community members in the future and sharing them with the community.



From the 1956 "Hilltopper Yearbook" of Camptonville Union School, a photo of the first two cheerleaders at the school. The caption reads "For the first time, Camptonville has a pair of Yell Leaders. They are Marilyn Groves (Skip Ness -L) and Susan Lanham (R)."

### Bear Yuba Land Trust Wins Funding to Improve Rice's Crossing Recreation

By Laura Petersen, BYLT Outreach Coordinator

Bear Yuba Land Trust (BYLT) was recently awarded \$312,217 by the California Natural Resources Agency to develop multi-use, public recreation amenities for Rice's Crossing Preserve, a 6-mile stretch of the Yuba River. Acquired by BYLT in 2014, Rice's Crossing Preserve includes the Yuba River in both Nevada and Yuba counties between Bullards Bar Reservoir and South Yuba State Park at Bridgeport and Englebright Reservoir.



Middle Yuba at French Bar  
Photo: Margie Determan

Over the next two years, new parking areas for cars and horse trailers, picnic ramadas, informational kiosks, restrooms, and more than seven miles of new trails will be constructed on the 2,700 acre preserve. Activities like mountain biking, hiking, horse-back riding, swimming, fishing, kayaking, and birding are expected to boost the tourism economy of the region.

### Open Spaces and Wild Places: A Celebration of Land – September 10th

Join in the celebration on **September 10th** at the Bear Yuba Land Trust's biggest fundraiser of the year. Gates open at 4 pm at the Linden Lea Ranch in Nevada City. Learn more at: [www.bylt.org](http://www.bylt.org) or call 272-5994 x 204.

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**Where the Wild Things Are  
– Celebration and Benefit  
September 10th**

By Ann Westling, Wildlife  
Rehabilitation and Release



The 6th annual benefit for Wildlife Rehabilitation and Release will be held at Prospector's Nursery in Nevada City on **September 10, from 6–9 pm.**

Join the WRR volunteers for one of the nicest evenings of the year, combining wines, delectable appetizers, music, art, silent auction, raffle, and the Wildlife Ambassadors. All money raised provides for the needs of orphaned and injured native wildlife and their release back into the wild. Further information can be found on WRR's website: <http://www.cawildlife911.org>



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- 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

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Sunflowers  
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## SEPTEMBER 2016 Community Calendar

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



- September 10** - Fire Department Picnic (page 2)
- September 15** - Starting A Business Workshop (page 3)
- September 24** - Moonshine Picnic (page 2)
- September 24** - Ron Rovnak Celebration of Life (page 2)

### On-Going MONTHLY Events

- CCP Board** - Meets 2nd Wednesday, 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, Community Center  
 Contact: 289-3298 for updated date/hours
- School Board** - Meets 3rd Wednesday, 6 pm, at CV School  
 Contact: 288-3277

### On-Going WEEKLY Events

- Tuesdays:** Organic Lunch, 12 pm, North San Juan Center  
 Yoga, 5:30 pm, Camptonville School Gym  
 Camptonville Fire Dept Trainings, 6–9 pm, Fire Hall
- Thursdays:** Foothill Food Pantry, Lake Francis Grange, Dobbins  
 – (except 3rd Thurs), 12:30–1:30 pm  
 Food Bank, 3rd Thurs, 8 am, North San Juan Center  
 AA Meeting, 5:30–6:30 pm, C'ville Resource Center
- Fridays:** Community Lunch, 12 noon, North San Juan Center  
 USDA Food Bank, 3rd Fri, 9–10:30 am, Dobbins Church
- Saturdays:** Coffee @ the Center, 8:30–11 am, C'V Community Center  
 Gardeners' Market 10 am–Noon, C'V Community Center
- Sundays:** Open Mic, 1st & 3rd Sundays at Burgee Daves, 4–7 pm