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*Happy New Year!*



## Social Justice in Camptonville

By Sandy Ross, Superintendent/Principal,  
Camptonville Elementary School

While there is no doubt that our school's rural nature helps protect and insulate our students from many of the harsh realities faced by youth across the country, social media guarantees that they are exposed to the contentious and frequently nasty discourse regarding our nation's immigrants, minorities, and gender. So, when I received an electronic message from the American Civil Liberties Union of California, I felt a responsibility to reach out and share the request made to all California School Superintendents.

The California Constitution guarantees the fundamental right to education and the right to equal educational opportunity for all students. Both federal and state civil rights statutes ensure that students must be provided with an educational environment that is safe and welcoming regardless of the student's race, ethnicity, color, national origin, religion, age, gender identity, sexual orientation, genetic information, or disability. Whether students and their parents are wearing headscarves, turbans, Stars of David, hoodies, or Vans, they should have access to the same curriculum and an expectation of acceptance and respect!

Although our demographics clearly show that our district does not have a widely diverse student population, I feel an even greater responsibility to prepare our students for the greater world through education that leads to understanding. An awareness of social justice must be taught in order for our students to engage in society as true citizens.

My parents were both first generation Americans. Their parents came to our country to flee from poverty, war, and persecution in Southern and Eastern Europe. Although immigration policies of the US government in the early 1900's aimed to restrict certain religious and cultural groups, my parent's persistence, hard work, and desire to become American citizens is the reason I am here today.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
January 16th

This year, our English Language Arts curriculum has focused on the struggles that many peoples throughout American history have faced. Studying the horrors of the African slave trade and the dehumanization of those brought to America against their will and enslaved to tame the fields of our New World commerce, the challenges that prevailed for the women's suffrage movement, and the plight and differential treatment of African Americans during the depression, helps students to get some idea of the effects that social privilege has had on different groups. Analyzing these ordeals serves to give our students a reference with which to connect to the importance of recognizing social injustice as it continues today.

One of my 7th grade students exemplified this connection with this poem, written after reading the words of orator and former slave, Frederick Douglass.

### The Songs of Sorrow

The songs of slaves represent the sorrows of his heart

Sung for sorrow impossible to conceive

Like rock, the hate inside

At the end of the day you lock it away

Like concrete against skin

The price they wish the master will repay

The heart decays another day

The slaves wish to run away

Like a stone wall blocking their heart

Someday they break the wall

Cross the bridge to freedom

By Ronnie (7th grade)



## From The Editor

– Shirley DickKard

After navigating months of presidential campaigns, followed by layers of holiday celebrations, I need a break.

I need to be out in the woods, feel the rain prickle my face, listen to the solitary night owls, then curl up by the fire with a book. For some reason, I also crave macaroni and cheese.

I'm printing my updated recipe for Mac' and Cheese because I've had so many requests for it recently. If you'll send me your recipes, I may even start a new column.



### Most Requested Recipes: Mac' and Cheese

By Shirley DickKard

Tangy and light, this spin-off of my mother's comfort food is easy to prepare and one of my most-requested recipes. Kids love it, and it's perfect for the dark days of winter or whenever you need some special comfort!

- 2 cups Macaroni (rice macaroni works well for gluten-free diets)
- ½ lb Cheddar Cheese—diced in about ¼ inch pieces
- ¼ cup Butter
- Salt & Pepper
- 1 cup Yogurt

Lightly butter a 1 ½ quart casserole. Heat oven to 350.

Cook the macaroni until just tender.

Layer ingredients in this order: 1/3 Macaroni, 1/3 Cheese, Salt & Pepper, 1/3 Yogurt. Repeat layers until all ingredients are used.

Cover, bake at 350 degrees for about 30 minutes. Uncover for the last few minutes. I like it when a crust forms at the edges. Yum! Serves 4-6

- Do you have a "Most Requested Recipe" you'd like to share? Please send it to [camptonvillecourier@gmail.com](mailto:camptonvillecourier@gmail.com).

## Why The Courier?

By Shirley DickKard, Editor

At a Town Hall meeting back in April 1997, *The Camptonville Courier* was created by a group of people in the new "Communications Action Team" to address the need for a community voice. Nearly 20 years later, volunteers are still committed to producing this monthly paper. Here's why:

### The Purpose of *The Courier* is to:

1. Serve as a voice of the community by providing a monthly publication free to community residents and by paid subscription to other interested individuals and organizations.
2. Provide a venue that welcomes contributions by community members of all ages.
3. Publish content that educates, informs, inspires, and entertains.
4. Serve as a historical record for the Camptonville community. Electronic archives starting with 2003 are located at [www.camptonville.com/thecourier](http://www.camptonville.com/thecourier). Contact the Editor to view hard-copy files from 1997.
5. Provide a means for public agencies, local businesses, and organizations to convey information to the community.
6. Support the local economy by promoting area businesses through articles and paid advertising.
7. Encourage literacy, writing skills, contemplation, and creativity.
8. Provide coverage of news and views that is reliable and solutionary (state the problem or issue and suggest solutions) and that falls within Courier Editorial Guidelines (posted on [www.camptonville.com](http://www.camptonville.com)).

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## Caring People, Good Food, Smart Kids!

By Molly Spackman, Parents Club

Calling all people! Our children deserve the best we can give them. The Parents Club at Camptonville School works continuously to improve the experience our children have in their lives. We have helped fund athletics, field trips, dances, food, and more. You may have enjoyed some of our fundraisers: specialty coffee at the Christmas Craft Fair, dinners, and bingo nights. Contribute in any way you can. Every bit counts, so just *show up*.

The next Parents Club meeting will be in the **school library at 8 am on Wednesday, January 11th**, and our next fundraiser is coming in February. Watch for details.

### Where's the Beef?

The Parents Club is raising money to purchase Nevada County free-range beef for the cafeteria. In the past year, we raised 30% of our \$5,000 goal. Help us reach the finish line! Any person who donates will receive tickets to be entered in a drawing for five \$100 prizes. Every \$10 gets you one ticket. The raffle will be held when \$5,000 has been raised. Thank you to all who have contributed. To donate again, or for the first time, contact Candace at 210-1251 or email: [cvilleparentsclub@gmail.com](mailto:cvilleparentsclub@gmail.com) (please allow a bit of time for us to respond to the email).

### Box Tops Benefit our Kids!

Look for this picture on your packaged items! Each of these is worth 10¢. Collection cans are at the Lost Nugget Market, School, Community Center, and Post Office. Just cut them off, put them in the can, and the Parents Club will do the rest. Last year we collected approximately 1,000 box tops. In November we redeemed 80 box tops. Let's really use this resource to benefit our kids. Your box tops make a difference! For a complete list of participating brands (Annie's, Green Giant, Kleenex, Ziploc, General Mills, to name a few), or to get more information about this program, go to [boxtops4education.com](http://boxtops4education.com).



**We make a living by what we get.  
We make a life by what we give.**

~ Winston Churchill



## Camptonville's Second Sunday Film Series Starts January 8th

By Jesse Golden

Join us for Camptonville's new Second Sunday Film Series, presenting films and discussions to inspire, encourage, and inform.

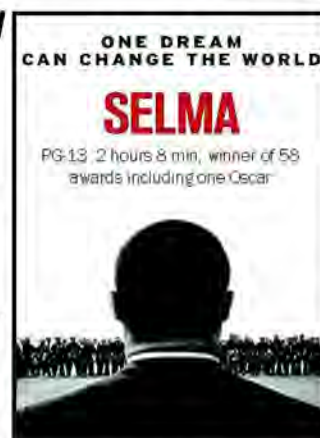
The first film, **SELMA**, is on **Sunday, January 8th, 2-5 pm at the Camptonville Community**

**Center.** This 2014 film chronicles the tumultuous three-month period in 1965 when Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. led a dangerous campaign to secure equal voting rights in the face of violent opposition. The epic march from Selma to Montgomery culminated in the signing of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, one of the most significant victories for the civil rights movement. Selma is rated PG-13 for disturbing thematic material including violence, a suggestive moment, and brief strong language. Running time is two hours, eight minutes. It is the winner of 58 awards including one Oscar.

Come get an early start on celebrating Martin Luther King Jr. Day! We'll serve popcorn and beverages. Do come on time so you don't miss the beginning of this powerful movie. Suggested donation is \$5-20, benefiting the Community Center.

Following the film, Diane Pendola will facilitate a short discussion. In her work with inmates at the Central California Women's Facility, Diane has seen how deep listening allows us to feel our common humanity and move towards common ground. Let's work on healing the polarization that divides our country by learning how to deeply listen to each other.

The Second Sunday Film Series is sponsored by the Camptonville Community Center. Film selections and opinions expressed are not necessarily those of the Camptonville Community Center, its members, donors, or funders. For more information, call Jesse at 285-0330 (Note: the 285- prefix is correct).



## January 2017 School Calendar

- January 3 Back to School. Happy New Year!
- January 11 Awards Assembly, 8:45 am  
Staff Development Minimum Day, 12:45 pm dismissal  
Kindergarten Schedule, 8:25 am-12:45 pm
- January 16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day - No School
- January 18 School Board Meeting, 6 pm
- January 31 Site Council Meeting, 3 pm  
Cougar Basketball Game Schedule - TBA



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**Moonshine Creek – December Storm**  
Photo by Jonathan Finegold

### January Nature Watch

- Dark-eyed Juncos are quite common in the foothills during the winter. A sparrow-sized bird, they can be identified by the dark “hood” and white outer tail feathers. They seem to prefer millet over sunflower seeds at bird feeders and like to forage on the ground beneath feeders. They are especially fond of dehydrated meal worms!
- I look forward to the scent of Winter Daphne blooming by the front entrance, and Christmas Rose (*Helleborus Orientalis*), raising nodding, speckled, purple flowers out of the frost encrusted ground.
- When snow covers the ground, it's fun to look for animal tracks. There are many good field guides to help identify the wildlife with which we share our neck of the woods.
- Gray Squirrels do not hibernate in the foothills but do spend more time in their nests when it is cold, often sharing nests with other squirrels. They forage most frequently in the morning and then again in the late afternoon, visiting the caches of seeds they have buried earlier in the year or raiding unprotected bird feeders.
- Tundra Swans, Ross and Snow Geese, and other migrating waterfowl are still congregating in the flooded rice fields near Marysville. It's worth the drive just to hear their chattering conversations.
- Full Moon: January 12 (also called Full Wolf Moon).
- New Moon: January 28.

*January contributors: Wildlife Rehabilitation and Release, Yakshi Vadeboncoeur, Jimbo Garrison, Shirley Dickard, Farmer's Almanac.*

## Winter in the Yuba River Ranger District

By Kevin Kidd, Visitor Information Assistant, USFS

Firewood cutting closed December 31st. You must still call to see if it is a residential burn day. During business hours, call the Yuba River Ranger Station at 288-3231. After hours or on weekends, please call the appropriate county – Sierra County: 289-3662, Nevada County: 274-7928, Yuba County: 741-6299.

All USFS campgrounds are now in winter status with no fees, but we offer no amenities such as water and garbage service. We still have plenty of winter recreation maps. Be sure to stop by and pick up one.

We have received 12.99 inches of rain in December, as of 12/20, with a season total of 31.76 inches. In December 2015, we had 14.14 inches with a season total of 21.71 inches July thru December.

Have a Happy New Year!



Photo by Rochelle Bell

### WHAT A BONANZA!

Jimbo Garrison with 45 Matsutake mushrooms that he found all in one spot in early December. Total weight of the wild harvest: 12 lbs!

### Cat Found

Friendly, large, long-haired cat. Black with some gray on its mane. Please contact Carolyn: 288-3424.





## Meet Your Local Community Group ...The Camptonville Historical Society

By Linda Rose

The Camptonville Historical Society (CHS) was founded as a non-profit organization in 2005 by 12 residents who were energized from personal stories told by current and former Camptonville School students at a reunion event in 2004. The CHS Mission is "dedicated to increasing the knowledge and understanding of the history of Camptonville and the surrounding area."

While it is well known that Camptonville boomed during the Gold Rush era, there are many other not so well-known factors that influenced local history, such as the invention of the Pelton Wheel by Camptonville's Lester Pelton. Communities around the world use the wheel to produce power even today. Our unique history also includes mining and timber industries, forest management, moonshiners during Prohibition, the big fire in 1908 that destroyed the town, and the history shared with the Nisenan and Chinese cultures.

CHS has grown since 2005 and now has over 60 members. The four-member board includes: Stephanie Kourney, President; Carolyn Mumm, Vice President; Rod Bondurant, Treasurer; and Rochelle Bell, Secretary.

During the open quarterly meetings, the "forward looking" board often invites speakers such as Shelly Covert on preserving the Nisenan culture, and Kathy Sedler on the history of cemeteries in Yuba County. Story-telling gatherings attended by local residents and others with ties to this area; self-driving tours to sites of interest guided by local historian, Leland Pauly; tours of Bullards Bar dam; and Camptonville's annual plant sale are among the variety of activities CHS hosts. The quarterly CHS newsletter often includes stories from out-of-town visitors with connections to Camptonville. In addition, CHS recently published a book, "Crossing the Plains," a diary by Mary Alexander Variel who migrated to Camptonville from Indiana in an ox-drawn wagon in 1852.

With special interest in the Camptonville cemetery, CHS helps maintain the gravesites of townfolk, miners, and civil war veterans dating back to the 1850's. Every June, visitors from near and far visit the cemetery to see the beautiful and abundant Humboldt lilies. Annually, CHS schedules a clean-up day to prepare for the display. Truly a volunteer effort, 20 to 30 "Friends of the Cemetery" arrive with tools in hand to participate. CHS has also been



A large group attended Shelly Covert's discussion of the Nisenan in Camptonville

working towards organizing the fragmented cemetery records to help visitors locate specific burial sites.

CHS's greatest achievement is acquiring museum space in the Camptonville Community Center. When first organized, "museum" items were contained in a cardboard box. Now, the CHS is excited to have a more permanent place to house and display these treasures. Visitors seeing the displays often want to share their own stories and donate artifacts, photos, and other memorabilia to preserve their parts of history. Unfortunately, limited space means CHS is unable to take all the items offered, but is working to develop ways to preserve them by photographing and documenting them for posterity.

Future plans for CHS include: developing a website to share the collection of fascinating pictures and stories; a booth at the museum for recording personal histories; more tours of Bullards Bar dam; reactivating self-guided historical walking and driving tours; and more speakers and events on historical topics.

For more information about CHS and how you can become a member, contact Rod or Rochelle at 288-3550 or Stephanie at 701-6378.

*Remember . . . without history, Camptonville wouldn't exist.*

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## Monkey Mind: Fake News and Real Consequences

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 January – Jesse

(Image: Ohara Koson: Monkey catching reflection of the Moon, 1927, Public domain, Wikipedia)



Within me, I have discovered, are two people. One seeks truth and is influenced by evidence; the other loves a good story and is influenced by emotion. Unfortunately, my brain, and perhaps yours as well, may confuse the two.

Like more than a billion people, I check Facebook daily, sometimes more than once. It's a jumble of baby pictures, cat videos, and what looks like news stories. But some of those stories aren't news – they're fakes, completely fabricated and calculated to generate clicks.

Fake news headlines fool American adults about 75% of the time, says an Ipsos Poll published on BuzzFeed News – and the numbers are higher for those who use Facebook as a major source of news. In the last three months of the election, fake posts were shared on Facebook more than any real news stories. The top fake story, that Pope Francis endorsed Donald Trump for President, was shared almost a million times; the survey, conducted November 28–December 1, found that 75% of Trump voters and 46% of Clinton voters believed it to be true. The difference in numbers may relate to "confirmation bias," the human tendency to interpret information in ways that confirm our existing beliefs. But note that almost half of Clinton voters believed the fake endorsement story as well.

Try bringing this up to friends and you may get defensive reactions, often starting with complaints about biased media. But bias is reporting on something that actually happened, but with a particular spin; fake is claiming that something happened that did not happen.

How to combat this? It's easy to click "share" in Facebook when we see a juicy story; it takes some Googling to check on its legitimacy. But let's start by encouraging each other to be cautious, and to check before spreading the next shocking story.

Recommended for further reading: Craig Silverman's articles on Facebook or BuzzFeed, such as "Use This Checklist To Find Out If You're Looking At Fake News."

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## How Camptonville Voted

By Rod Bondurant (aka the political geek)

I think the memory of the last presidential election will be alive for a long time. Yuba County finally posted the county's official results on December 8th. Again, Camptonville bucked the county trend, voting for Hillary and also for Measure E, the marijuana growing ordinance. Turnout was 75%, and Camptonville's voter registration was at a new high of 448 (429 in 2004).

For President	Hillary	Donald
Camptonville	149	131
Yuba County	7,910	13,170
Sierra County	601	1,048
Nevada County	26,053	23,365
California	7,362,490	3,916,209

In Camptonville a higher than usual number of people voted for the other "minor" parties: Green (26), Libertarian (12), and Peace and Freedom (6).

Marijuana Ordinance	Yes	No
Camptonville	192	116
Yuba County	9,871	11,960



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## This Month at the Community Center!

By Christina Ledson, Director

This January marks the 2nd year anniversary of the Camptonville Community Center. Wow! This community should be very proud of all we have accomplished in those two years. We have managed to take a seldom used building and transform it into a wonderful space for us all to gather. 2017 is shaping up to be a busy one at the Center.

**Membership Appreciation Dinner.** To show appreciation to our wonderful members for their support, Community Center volunteer staff will be hosting a complimentary dinner for all members on **January 22nd at 5 pm.** Are you a member yet? It's not too late to join and support the Center. Membership forms are available at the Center or online at [Camptonville.com](http://Camptonville.com).

**Our first concert of the year** will be a special one. On **Saturday, March 4th** we will be serving a three course dinner followed by a concert by the one and only Terry Riley. This will be a wonderful evening filled with great food and an intimate evening of Terry's music. This event will be limited to 60 people. Tickets are \$75, or \$70 for members, and are available on [brownpapertickets.com](http://brownpapertickets.com).

**The schedule is set for the 2017 Sri Moonshine Music Series.** Mark you calendars and buy your tickets early!

**April 22** - Terry Riley and John Deaderick

**May 13** - Saxophonist George Brooks and Elements  
(rescheduled from 2016)

**June 24** - Gyan Riley and Timba Harris

**Late August or early September** - the series closes with a spectacular weekend of world-famous piano performers. Tickets are available on [Brownpapertickets.com](http://Brownpapertickets.com).

Thank you all for a fabulous 2016, and cheers to a magnificent 2017!

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## Language Lounge: "Ampersand" (&)

By Jimbo, the Word Geek

Welcome back to the Language Lounge, the place to come for a nice beverage and some food for thought.

Our topic for this month is **Ampersand**. Did you know that the ampersand (&) was once the 27th "member" of the alphabet? More on that later.

The ampersand can be traced back to the first century AD. It was originally a ligature of the letters E and T (et is Latin for *and*). The first ampersands looked very much like the separate E and T combined, but over time it eventually became more stylized.

The word *ampersand* came many centuries later when "&" was actually a part of the English alphabet. In the early 1800's, school children reciting their ABCs finished the alphabet with the "&."

### 1863 Alphabet



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It would have been confusing to say "X,Y,Z, and." Instead, the students said, "and per se and." *Per Se* means "by itself," so they were essentially saying, "X,Y,Z, and by itself and." Over time, "and per se and" was slurred together into the word we know today: *ampersand*.

It first appeared in dictionaries in 1837. Its inclusion in the alphabet waned in the latter part of that century. Used in modern times primarily for business names, it is experiencing a bit of a resurgence lately, as it commonly replaces *and* in text messages, Twitter feeds, & the like.



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## The Ghosts of Fall

By Darin Barry

This fall, while living in downtown Nevada City, a guy walked past my porch as I was sitting outside. I said "Hello," and in an Italian accent he asked; "What is there to do in town?" I'm a spontaneous person, and said, "I'll show you." I grabbed something warmer to wear and off we went.

Gabriel and I had a terrific time going out to eat, mingling with locals, getting dessert, and enjoying some sort of surreal hippy-dance party at the Miners Foundry. He paid for everything. He was just grateful to have someone local to show him around.

A few weeks later, I moved to Camptonville. I have been staying with Brian and Sandi, good friends of mine who own Burgee Dave's at the Mayo. Gabriel, "Gabe," grabbed me by the arm as I walked by the bar at Burgee Dave's and shouted, "Darin!" We gave each other a hug like long lost family that might be reuniting for the very first time in years. Trimmigrants are usually single serve friends; like opening a condiment that is a single serving, they are friends you get to know once and might never see again. Like ghosts, if you will.

Some time later, I got to serve a group of trimmigrants at a restaurant: three from Spain, one from Argentina, and one from Finland. In our discussion, the conversation was civil, then digressed, then digressed even further into body function jokes like modern American bar scenes so often do.

In individual conversations I learned we all had much in common, yet so much to learn about each other. Culturally, the exchange was invaluable. I had the pleasure of meeting friends, those I will get to know even better from postcards, or Facebook.

Trimmigrants do a job that a lot of Americans won't sign up to do: dirty work. Though marijuana is now legal in California, many people don't see it being any different in the future, that is, there aren't a lot of locals willing to put in long hours of tedious, stinky work for short term income.

A good friend of mine, Corey Bistow, who owns Cafe Mekka in Nevada City said, "Without Nevada City's underground marijuana economy, Nevada City's retail businesses would shut down." He went on to say that trimmigrants drop a lot of money into local businesses and are well-behaved, in his experience with them. They are an asset to the town and then they go home.

Culturally and economically, trimmigrants enrich the lives of those who live in Camptonville. Say hello to one. *Ciao Bella.*



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## Something New

By Yakshi Vadeboncoeur, 1,2,3 Grow



The Holidays are a stimulating time: events, traditions, parties – families, friends, visitors – memories, losses, old wounds! Lots of stimulus gets poured in, lots of nostalgia gets drawn out. Everything is mixed and stirred together, and then we cross a threshold into the New Year. We make resolutions; we vow, hope, or pray for ways to improve health, wellbeing, family life, community life, personal happiness... But what really helps us to integrate all the stimuli, the old habits, the desire for change, the comfort of known patterns?

Interestingly, the experience of infants and very young children can teach us a lot about dealing with change and about being open to the new. Little children come into this world with a pre-packaged temperament. Gestational and birth experiences can markedly impact how they respond to the environment they are born into. Human pattern making and search for meaning begin from birth. Imagine how physical ailments or being born drug addicted, where every outside stimulus is experienced as painful, might disrupt early bonding and development.

Normally, for newborns, pleasurable sights, sounds, and touch lead to listening, looking, and focusing their attention, and they focus primarily on a loving caregiver who focuses on their needs. This is the fertile ground of self-awareness and self-regulation. Everything is new to the newborn. And guess what? This is exhausting! They sleep 2/3 of the day away.

So what can we learn from all this? For adults as well as children, the successful adaptation to, or active incorporation of the NEW begins with listening and focusing attention. We need to see and acknowledge patterns, to become comfortable with what is.

Give yourself or your child the gift of time. Be kind. The emotional component is primary. Having or being a loving, trustworthy mirror for the journey is paramount. And finally, the more demanding and comprehensive the nature of the change, the more rest we need. Go to bed, get some sleep. Tomorrow things will look better, and we can begin anew.

## Tree Mortality: Working on the Problem

By Briana Schuette, Yuba Co. Emergency Operations Planner



Looking over the forested expanse of the Sierra Nevada Mountains, there is a growing problem that is hard to miss. There are an estimated 102 million dead trees, victims of several years of drought, allowing prime conditions for bark beetles to thrive. In 2015 Governor Jerry Brown proclaimed a State of Emergency and formed a Tree Mortality Task Force. Yuba County proclaimed a local disaster on December 13, 2016, creating the opportunity to receive funding to help remove dead or dying trees that directly impact public right of ways or county infrastructures. Special districts will have to apply separately to receive funding, and the county will assist them through every step of the process. Yuba County OES is working with other agencies to design a plan to get ahead of the bark beetle infestation, preserve the region's natural landscape, and protect the watershed. More information about these efforts can be found on the Facebook page: [www.Facebook.com/YubaCountyOES](http://www.Facebook.com/YubaCountyOES), and in future editions of *The Courier*.

## Forest Biomass Business Center Update

By Regine Miller, Bioenergy Project Manager,  
Camptonville Community Partnership



The Forest Biomass Business Center (FBBC) project has recently submitted a Phase 2 application to the California Energy Commission's Electric Program Investment Charge (EPIC) grant program. The application requests funds for advanced emissions control and cooling system technologies for the planned bioenergy facility which will significantly reduce the facility's emissions and water consumption beyond what is required. We will find out in March if the proposal will be awarded funding and hope to have good news to share.

CCP seeks community members who are interested in exploring the possibility of establishing co-located businesses at the FBBC. The bioenergy plant could supply heat to businesses with thermal needs. CCP can assist by helping connect with free or low cost resources to explore the viability of potential businesses. A combined heat and power operation of this kind would facilitate much-needed fuel reduction projects in our region's forests by providing a market for forest biomass and small diameter wood. Contact [regine@theccp.org](mailto:regine@theccp.org) if you're interested.

Before CCP submits the Conditional Use Permit application and CEQA documentation to Yuba County in January, we seek public input on environmental impacts such as noise, traffic, and air emissions. An overview of the permitting is available at: <http://sites.theccp.org/fbbc/resources>.

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Mist over the North Yuba River

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## Winter Greetings from Indian Valley Outpost Resort

By Karla Gardner

The new year brings a newness of life. Winter is a time of quiet reflection. The beautiful quiet sound of snow falling or the movement of fog through Indian Valley reminds me of what a unique and special place this is. Breathing the mountain air is so fresh it envelops the senses. It is our hope that joy finds its way into your hearts this year as you reflect, listen, and breathe in just being in this majestic place. Happy New Year to all from The Indian Valley Outpost Resort.

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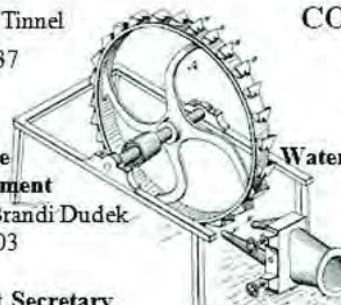
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## Operation Number 2.0 Pencil

By Rev. Yvonne "Pinkie" Varner



The North San Juan Community Church is continuing to raise money for school supplies for local schools. Any money or supplies donated specifically for Operation Pencil goes directly to local schools. This year we are concentrating on Grizzly Hill and Camptonville Schools. We donate in January because that's normally when the teachers' supplies start running low and they end up dipping into their own pockets for the whole class. Not fair! Please help. Call 415-9705 for information.




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Thursday	January 12, 2017
Tuesday	January 17, 2017
Thursday	January 19, 2017 (Quit Day)
Tuesday	January 24, 2017
Thursday	January 26, 2017

Classes are from 12-1 pm at the Yuba County Health and Human Services Department, Marysville.  
For information or to register, call 749-6366.

## HELP & HOPE

For Emergencies .....First Call 911  
(All area codes are 530 unless specified)

**CA Rural Legal Assistance (Yuba Co) ——— 742-5191**  
**Camptonville:**

- AA ——— 288-1001
- Community Center Information ——— 288-3655
- 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**

**Sheriff (Yuba Co)**

- Emergency ——— 911
- Non-Emergency ——— 749-7777

**Supervisor Randy Fletcher (Yuba Co) ——— 749-7510**

(Contact Editor for additions or corrections)

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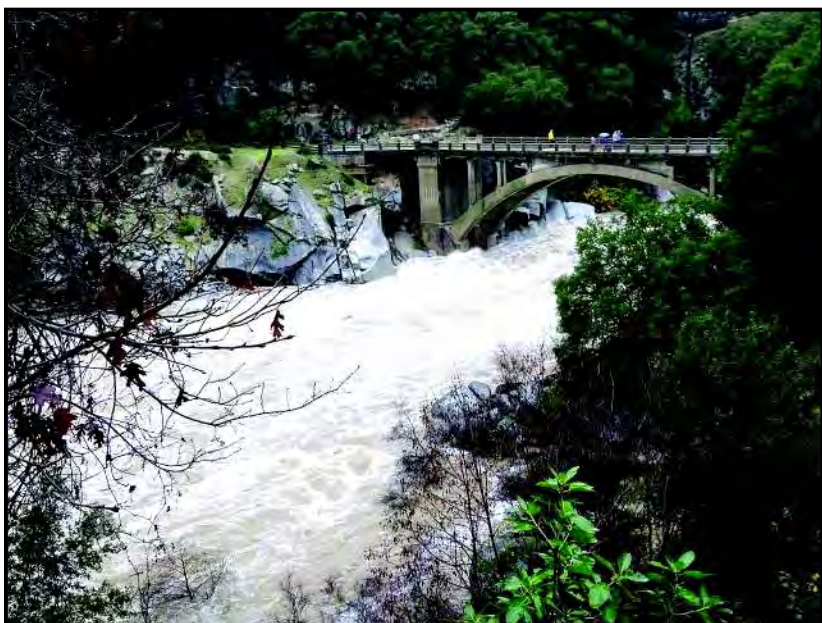


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**South Yuba Bridge, December 10th Storm**  
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## JANUARY 2017 Community Calendar

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



January 8 2nd Sunday Film: SELMA (pg 3)  
January 11 Parents Club Meeting (pg 3)  
January 16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
January 22 The Center's Membership  
Appreciation Dinner (pg 7)

### 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  
**School Board** - Meets 3rd Wednesday, 6 pm, at CV School  
Contact: 288-3277

### On-Going WEEKLY Events

**Mondays:** Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, 5:30–7:30 pm, Community Center  
**Tuesdays:** Community Lunch, 12–1 pm, NSJ Center  
USDA Food Bank, 3rd Tues, 9–10:30 am, Willow Glen, OH  
Yoga, 5:30 pm, Camptonville School Gym  
Camptonville Fire Dept Trainings, 6–9 pm, Fire Hall  
**Wednesdays:** Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, 5:30–7:30 pm, Community Center  
**Thursdays:** Foothill Food Pantry, 12:30–1:30 pm, Lake Francis Grange,  
Dobbins  
Food Bank, NSJ, 3rd Thurs, 8 am, North San Juan Center  
AA Meeting, 5:30–6:30 pm, C'ville Resource Center  
**Fridays:** Community Lunch, 12 pm, NSJ Center  
**Saturdays:** Coffee @ The Center, 9–11:30 am, C'V Community Center  
**Sundays:** Open Mic, 1st & 3rd Sundays at Burgee Daves, 4–7 pm