



From Drought to Deluge Weathering the 2017 Winter Storms

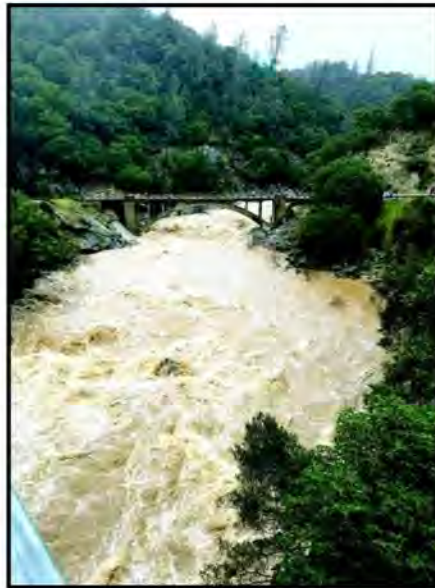
Mood Mud

By Robert Mumm

Of two minds I leave the sanctuary of my bed in a room where rain and wind are only whispered and come into a room where I hear the storm. The rain is forecast and expected but, none-the-less, depressing. It is so good to replenish depleted aquifers, but when will it ever end? My driveway is a mudslide, my yard a quagmire, and my once so nice stash of firewood almost gone. I should love the rain, but I am tired. Enough is enough. For a moment, returning to my bed seems my best option; this is to be yet another gloomy drippy day.

In more than eighty years of remembering, I do not recall such a long period of storm after storm. Two weeks of rain seemed notable, and we had muddy roads for sure, and gloomy days were depressing, but this has become almost the norm. Every now and then we have a day or two of bright clear weather, but nothing dries out. Outside wood piles that I covered with tarps have become moldy, or the tarps have blown off and they are just wet - it makes no difference, none of it will burn properly now anyway. My house is cold, my bones are cold, and it is hard to see much promise in such a day.

If this mood can be pushed aside, there is much for me to do here inside and dry, so perhaps going back to bed is not the best option. Sometimes that is a tempting thought, but really, if the beauty of the day can come through the gloom, and I can see the grey on grey pattern of old oak against the mists, and appreciate the snugness, albeit rather chilly snugness, of my house, perhaps the energy will come for me to finish installing the new ventilation hood for the upstairs apartment. Best not to mire in mood mud, there is plenty of mud outside and besides one of my cats is begging to be given a potato chip, so I must go.



Clockwise from Top Left:

- South Yuba River
By Randy Fletcher
- Hwy 49 Washout
North of South Yuba Bridge
By CHP
- Camptonville Snow
By Cathy LeBlanc
- Middle Yuba Downstream
By Shabda Owens
- Rockslide on Hwy 49
By Mary Goodman

From the Editor - Winter 2017

— Shirley Dickard

2017 Winter Storms: rain, wind, potholes, sinkholes, mudslides, rockslides, roads closed, detour, North, Middle, South Yuba - all torrential rivers, sandbags, midnight watch, spotlights on slides, more rain, snow, power's out, phone's out, road's out, paths become creeks, roads become rivers, water with nowhere to go, rivers overflow, reservoirs near capacity, water released from spillways, lowlands evacuate, and still more rain to come.

2017 Winter Gratuities: Road Crews, CalTrans, Yuba County Public Works, OES, PG&E, AT&T, CHP, Volunteer Fire Departments, Red Cross, Yubanet, Facebook, generator, warm fire, potluck dinner with neighbors, friends who ask "What do you need?" and blessed rain that ends this drought.



Deep Sinkhole that opened up on Cleveland Ave near Hwy 49 on February 23rd
Photo by Char Jokerst

Community Cemetery Clean Up - March 11th

By Rochelle Bell, Friends of the Cemetery

This year's annual Cemetery Clean Up is **Saturday March 11, at 10 am**, and we really need your help! The winter storms wreaked havoc on our beloved cemetery. The Friends of the Cemetery, sponsors of the annual event, will provide snacks and drinks. You are invited to bring your kids, rakes, gloves, clippers, and good energy. If it rains, we will reschedule to Saturday the 25th.

Last year we had 24 hard working community members who raked and hauled and enjoyed the camaraderie, good food, and the amazing view. So, come help us spruce up one of Camptonville's jewels, our historic cemetery. For more information, call Rod or Rochelle at 288-3550.



Photo by S. Dickard

St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Dessert Auction – March 18th

By Barbara Ramirez

It's time again to look for the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow! CCP's annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Dessert Auction is **Saturday, March 18th, 4–7 pm, at the Community Center**. Join us for a delicious dinner of corned beef and cabbage, potatoes, salad, and bread for \$10. Following dinner will be our Dessert Auction which is always fun and a little bit raucous, as everyone fights to outbid one another to win the sweets. If you would like to donate a dessert for the auction, please call Yakshi at 288-0619. Hope to see you all there!



Remember: *Maireann croi eadrom i bhfad!* (See page 7)

Come Celebrate The Courier's 20th Year at Coffee@The Center, April 1st

By Shirley Dickard, Editor

No foolin! This April marks the 20th Anniversary of the *Camptonville Courier's* first issue – April 1997 – and we're inviting you to help us celebrate!

Join us for **Brunch with The Courier on Saturday, April 1st, 9–11 am at the Community Center**. The popular Coffee@The Center will be transformed into a Celebration and Brunch for *The Courier's* 20th Anniversary to honor all the volunteers who have worked to produce every monthly issue since 1997.

The Coffee and *Courier* Brunch begins at **9 am**, then at **10 am there will be a formal celebration** with a toast (mimosas, juice, coffee) and short presentation by *The Courier*. We'll take a walk down memory lane with some early *Couriers* to read, and everyone will go home with a memento.

We think it's amazing for a small town of 600+ people to have kept it's little monthly newspaper going for 20 years. For that we can thank all the people willing to volunteer over the years as Editors, staff, writers, folders, and also our loyal advertisers and donors. Here's to many more decades of enjoying *The Courier*!



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Terry Riley's *Evening Under the Moonshine* Benefit Concert - March 4th

By Christine Ledson, CCC Director

Last summer, longtime Camptonville resident Terry Riley produced the first Sri Moonshine Music Series, bringing musicians from all over the world to our sleepy little town's Performing Arts Center. With his 2017 series, Terry has again lined-up some amazing new and returning world-class musicians. The full 2017 schedule is on the back cover.

Terry and son Gyan open the season with a Benefit Concert on **Saturday, March 4th** – an intimate performance on keyboard and guitar that is not to be missed!

This special evening will **start at 6 pm** with delicious appetizers and beverages (wine, beer, and non-alcoholic) served in a complimentary music series wine glass, followed at 7 pm with music performed by Terry and Gyan. The \$45 ticket includes all food, beverages, wine glass, and performance (\$40 for Members of the Community Center).

You may purchase your tickets at Burgee Dave's at The Mayo in Camptonville or at www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2849759.

See outside cover for all 2017 Sri Moonshine Concerts

Coffee@The Center

By Molly Spackman



Coffee@The Center is still happening most **Saturdays, 9–11 am** for free. Note that it ends at 11 am now. Please be aware that occasionally there may be some cancellations as we make an effort to cooperate with all the happenings in Camptonville. You can always check the schedule, and for quick changes, a sign will be on the pole outside the Post Office. Appreciation goes to everyone in the community for volunteering and for coming out on Saturday mornings! Thank You.

Coffee Hosting Calendar:

Can you host an "Open" Saturday?

March: (4-No Coffee due to pm concert), (11-Jesse G), (18-Barbara R), (25-Joshua)

April: (1-Shirley/Courier 20th Anniversary Brunch), (8-Joshua), (15-No Coffee due to pm concert), **(22-Open), (29-Open)**

March Nature Watch

- I'm looking forward to the return of much more frog song and tadpoles in my horse troughs, as well as the return of my Grosbeaks' beautiful morning and evening songs. I'm *not* looking forward to the time change on March 12.

- In California, Bald Eagles begin laying and incubating eggs in March. The Yuba River Ranger District reports there are three nesting pairs of Bald Eagles at Bullards Bar Reservoir. The winter eagle survey in January spotted 2 adults and 5 juveniles there.

- Sandhill Crane migration happens in early March as thousands of birds head north, often heard as a soft melodic burbling coming from high in the sky. Cranes can live for 20 years and mate for life. Their breeding grounds include the northern US, Canada, and Alaska.

- Around noon in NSJ I heard them! —a whole "pile" of Sandhill Cranes, and I kept squinting up and squinting and feeling foolish and suddenly there they were, in all their "V"-shaped glory, heading north once again. Life is circular. In a time of such rapid change, seeing the cranes return is reassuring.

- I love watching the unfolding of fruit tree blossoms and being surprised when perennial flowers show up in my garden. Sometimes I forget that I planted them!

March Contributors: Linda Brown, Marcy Risque, Jimbo Garrison, Wildlife Rehabilitation and Release, Shirley Dickard. Send what you watch for in April to: camptonvillecourier@gmail.com.

This poem was conceived while returning home
after visiting Gray Whales in Baja Mexico
-Diane Pendola

Departure

Even now—
driving home through
rain drenched forests,
roadways compromised by
mountain slides giving way
to the weight of rock
and liquefied soil—



the whales rise in that blue lagoon.
New born calves roll off their mother's backs
surprised by the density of air,
and momentary loss of elemental buoyancy.

Even now—
whales swim beneath the perfect sea
surfacing and diving
blowing breath
from their great lungs
into the visible world
like ephemeral heart sprays.

Even now—
they meet, give birth,
mate and celebrate
this great eternal return.

30 million years
these beings have moved
beneath the waters.
Looking into their eye
is to look into the eye of God.

They have seen much,
and see us.

Humans emerged within a brief moment
of their enduring presence,
and with us came slaughter
and near extinction
of their kind.

Yet, their kind eye
offers forgiveness
and a way forward
if we choose to accept,
if we choose to take the dive.

By Diane Pendola
Las Animas, Baja ~ 02-13-2017

Spring Tonic Herbs

By Catie Pazandak

The first crocuses have bloomed, followed by the daffodils and tree buds erupting with the excitement of slightly warmer winds and moist air. Spring is upon us. After all the rain we've received, many of us have been indoors and more sedentary than in past winters. The old custom of incorporating spring tonics into the diet could be one of the most rejuvenating things we do for our bodies all year, especially after a winter of eating heavier foods. Spring is the time of the Liver in the Chinese medical system. It is the time for upward movement and renewal. It is the best time to enjoy herbs that help to stimulate the liver, support detoxification, gentle cleansing, and provide us with an abundance of minerals.

If we look around our yards, forests, orchards, or just about anywhere, we will find the medicine we most need at this time, right at our feet. Chickweed (*Stellaria media*), Dandelion (*Taraxacum officinale*), Nettle (*Urtica dioica*), Plantain (*Plantago officinalis*) and Violet (*Viola spp.*) are some of the most popular spring tonics that grow abundantly all around us. Try some of these spring tonic recipes this year!

Note: Seek professional consultation before taking any herbs if you are taking medications, are pregnant or have a health condition of concern.

Spring Herbal Pesto

- 3 cups of leaves (any spring tonic herbs you choose such as Violet, Chickweed, Nettle, Dandelion, Parsley, etc.)
- 2-4 cloves of garlic • 1/2 tsp sea salt
- 1-2 Tbsp lemon juice • 1/4 cup olive oil
- 3/4 cup toasted pine nuts or any seeds/nuts you choose

Put all ingredients into food processor or hand grind in mortar and pestle. Process until smooth and adjust seasoning to taste. Enjoy in spring for tonic and cleansing effects.

Spring Tonic Vinegar

- Apple cider vinegar
- Spring tonic herbs such as Nettle, Dandelion, Parsley, Chickweed, Violet.

Chop herbs coarsely and fill jar to just below rim. Pour vinegar over herbs and gently press herbs down below level of vinegar to cover. Label with herbs used and date made. Shake daily for approximately 30 days. A shorter soak is still great! Drink or use 1-2 Tbsp per day for spring tonic cleansing effects.



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This Month at the Community Center!

By Christina Ledson, Director

The Center is changing daily! So many people have volunteered countless hours to get the building ready for our March 4th Benefit Concert.



Photo by Char Jokerst

The kitchen is now twice the size it was, and though we did sacrifice some space in the Community Room, I think it will be worth it. The lobby is spacious and inviting with new windows and lighting and the bathrooms are accessible now from a private hallway so as not to disturb those using either room. The troublesome curb out front was removed to stop water from coming in through the front wall. Of course, there is more to be done, but we are off to an amazing start!

Coffee@the Center has managed to continue through all the construction. Thank you to all of our hosts. The Parents Club also did a great job hosting Bingo night.

Save the date for the Center's 3rd annual **Easter Egg Hunt and Breakfast on April 15th at 8:30 am.**

The **2017 Sri Moonshine Music Series** is scheduled from March through August and tickets are now available. The list of concerts is on the back cover of this issue. We are offering a discount for advance purchase of season tickets. More information can be found at brownpapertickets.com.

If you have any suggestions or questions please call Christina Ledson at 288-3655 or email christinaledson@gmail.com. For rental information you can contact Char Jokerst at 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.

Second Sunday Film Series: *Rabbit-Proof Fence*, March 12th

By Jesse Golden

Check out our new start time for Second Sunday film, **4 pm**, so you can enjoy your Sunday activities and



still take in a movie at the Camptonville Community Center.

The **March 12th** film, *Rabbit-Proof Fence*, tells the true story of three aboriginal girls who are forcibly taken from their families in 1931 to be trained as domestic servants as part of an official Australian government policy. They make a daring escape and embark on an epic 1,500 mile journey to get back home - following the rabbit-proof fence that bisects the Australian continent - with the authorities in hot pursuit. This 94-minute film from 2002 is rated PG for emotional thematic material. One reviewer wrote that *Rabbit-Proof Fence* is a visually stunning, well-acted film telling of the British racism against the Aboriginal peoples of Australia in the 1930's. It's an emotional, heart-breaking journey enhanced by a haunting and beautiful score by Peter Gabriel.

We'll serve popcorn and beverages. Suggested donation is \$5-20, benefiting the Camptonville Community Center.

Following the film, you're invited to participate in a listening activity in which we partner up to share and listen to each other's responses to the film. This simple deep listening exercise can be powerful and inspiring in itself.

The Second Sunday Film Series is sponsored by the Camptonville Community Center, presenting films and discussions to inspire, encourage, and inform. 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. To comment or make suggestions for films, please visit www.facebook.com/camptonvillefilms.

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Your membership packet will be mailed to you.

This is a great way for you to support the Center while reaping some wonderful benefits. For a description of these benefits and additional information about The Center, please visit: www.CamptonvilleCommunityCenter.org.



Depot Hill Slide By Karla Gardner

Downieville Graduates EMTs Congratulations to Camptonville's Devon Miller!

By Liz Fisher, sierracountyprospect.org

Sierra Frontier Medical Resources, Inc (SFMR) and Downieville Fire Protection District announce the graduation of 14 EMT Basic Students on January 28th at the Downieville Schools Gym.

Graduates completed the intensive training of 136 classroom hours, 24 hours in Emergency Room, and 16 hours on the ambulance for a total of 176 hours (from November 1, 2016 to January 28, 2017).

Graduated are James Asher, Calpine; Leslie Baker, Alleghany; Shaun Felton, Pike; Michael Galan, Downieville; Sandra Groven, Sierra City; Angela Haick, Calpine; Derrick Koch, Loyalton; **Devon Miller, Camptonville**; Adriana Petro, Calpine; David Petro, Calpine; Candace Robbins, Sierra City; Patrick Shannon, Downieville; Jenny Traverso, Sierra City; and Diane Wharff, Goodyears Bar.

Graduates must now complete the National EMT Examination and register with Northern California Emergency Medical Services (Nor-Cal EMS) for their Certification.

The EMT Course and Graduating class are part of an effort to rebuild emergency medical services in Sierra County, particularly western Sierra County. Efforts will now focus on Advanced EMTs and Paramedics to ensure that Advanced Life Support (ALS) services will be available to all residents and visitors to Sierra County. Currently, only limited ALS services are available in western Sierra County.

SFMR has initiated a Western Sierra County Paramedic Project that will place a Paramedic with the Downieville Fire Protection District and the Downieville Ambulance starting June 1, 2017. The Paramedic will provide Advanced Life Support services and training to all of the Fire Districts in western Sierra County including Sierra City, Downieville, and Alleghany-Pike Community Services District. Fundraising has already begun for the \$25,000 Project. Contact Frank Lang at 289-3644 for information.



Photo by Dave Keyes



Photo by Dave Keyes

Donations for this vital community project may be sent to SFMR, PO Box 393, Downieville, CA 95936.

Sign Up for Mobile Emergency Alerts *Why I'm Glad We Did!*

By Shirley DicKard

On Sunday afternoon, February 12th, my husband and I were blithely driving home to Camptonville from a wonderful Bay Area weekend with our family, when just outside of Marysville, our cell phones rang:

This is not a drill! All the lower levels of Yuba County are under an emergency evacuation order. Please head to higher elevations.

A bit stunned, we immediately turned south toward Sacramento and proceeded home via Auburn. All the while, a stream of emergency vehicles was heading north toward the Oroville Dam, where the emergency spillway was in danger of failing. Had we not signed-up to have our mobile phone numbers plugged into the Yuba County OES Emergency Alert System, we would have driven straight into the chaos of the mass evacuation of nearly 180,000 residents.

If you're among the growing number of folks without a landline and haven't yet linked your cell phones into the CodeRED Emergency Notification System, it's easy to do. Register your cell phone number at www.BePreparedYuba.org - click on "Stay Connected." Your landline is automatically connected to this system. The website also provides up-to-date information on current emergencies, evacuations, river water levels, road closures, shelters, wildfires, as well as preparation advice. For further information, call the Yuba County OES at 530-749-7520.



Yuba River Ranger District Report

By Kevin Kidd, Visitor Information Assistant

The nicest thing about the rain is that it always stops.

Eventually – Eeyore

We have received 28.23 inches of rain in February as of the 24th. Our season total is now 95.28 inches. In 2016 at this time, we had 2.01 and 42.49 inches respectively. With this much rain, our Forest Service roads, trails, and campgrounds have similar damage to that of the highways. There may be delays in opening some campgrounds. Be careful in the backcountry. For Yuba County Burn Day information, please call 741-6299.

Some people feel the rain. Others just get wet

—Bob Marley

(also attributed to Roger Miller and Bob Dillon - editor)



Forest Biomass Business Center Update: Project Developer Selected!

By Regine Miller, Bioenergy Project Manager,
Camptonville Community Partnership



CCP is pleased to share that it has selected **Gaelectric LLC** as the Forest Biomass Business Center Bioenergy Facility Project Developer. Gaelectric is a well-established Dublin, Ireland-based firm with a North American presence for the past eight years. Gaelectric brings a wealth of expertise in developing biomass utilization and renewable wind and solar energy projects from inception through construction and operation. Gaelectric values partnering with community groups and demonstrates robust financial capacity, both of which were important to CCP when selecting a developer. CCP and Gaelectric have established a Memorandum of Understanding and are working toward a contract agreement.

CCP and the project site landowner have begun work with the Federal Environmental Protection Agency to conduct a Phase I and II Environmental Assessment of the project site. This work will reveal potential contaminants associated with past sawmill operations and is expected to take nine months to complete, after which clean-up alternatives will be evaluated and implemented.

The project's utility interconnection study is expected to be completed by Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) soon. The study was due to CCP in mid-January, but the utility has delayed completion of the study on multiple occasions. The interconnection study is required for the bioenergy project to participate in the BioMAT program and will estimate the utility upgrades required for the project to interconnect to PG&E's grid.

Please visit the project website for updates including upcoming presentations and information on the Conditional Use Permit application and CEQA compliance.
<http://sites.theccp.org/fbbc/>

Gaeilge

By Shabda Owens



The celebration of St. Patrick's Day in March (Márta) has long been associated with Irish American symbols and clichés, a sort of nostalgia for a mythical "old country" along with lots of drinking and silly green stuff. Like many American holidays, it conceals deep origins and the long history of a people with whom many of us share ancestry.

A surprising number of Irish Americans are unaware that Irish Gaelic or "Geailge" (pronounced "Gwel ga") is the living ancient native language of Ireland and is still in common use today. Its origins go back approximately two thousand years. English spoken with an "Irish" accent like in the movies - "top of the maarnin to ya," is called "Hibernian English" and is an idiom that came about when Irish immigrants adapted their syntax and expressions to American English. The Irish language (Geailge) is alive today in many parts of rural Ireland and is a mandatory subject in every primary school in the country. One might be tempted to call it "Gaelic," but that can lead to confusion with the closely related "Scot's Gaelic" spoken in Scotland. In Ireland, it's simply called "Irish" or "the Irish language." If you have Irish blood, your ancestors spoke Irish Gaelic. Here are a few phrases in Irish that can give a taste of the language as it's spoken today:

Is fearr Gaeilge briste, na Bearla cliste

(Broken Irish is better than clever English)



Is folamh fuar e teach gan bean

(It's a cold house without a woman)

Ni ceart go cur le cheile (There is no strength without unity)

Olann an cat cluin bainne leis! (The quiet cat also drinks milk!)

Nil Gaeilge maith agam (I don't have good Irish)

Maireann croi eadrom i bhfad (A light heart lives longest)



Downie River,
Downieville
(near North Yuba
River)
By Liz Fisher



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Monkey Mind: Women's Day

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 March.



Women's March on Versailles, 5 October 1789
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The Women's March. It rocked the world. The year was 1789, and an angry mob of nearly 7,000 working women — armed with pitchforks, pikes, and muskets — marched in the rain from Paris to Versailles, chanting "Bread! Bread!" and bringing an end to the autocratic reign of King Louis XVI.

Fast forward to January 2017, when millions of people marched in what may be the largest single-day protest in U.S. history, with more than 1 in every 100 Americans participating, plus many more around the world. The atmosphere was peaceful and mostly positive. In Sacramento, the most-repeated chant was "love — not hate — that's what makes America great!" (reactions by conservative media included a claim that marchers were paid to participate by a liberal billionaire — hey, where's my check?).

March 8, International Women's Day, began as a rally in 1907 to support striking garment workers and has been celebrated annually to demand women's rights. Do we still need a Women's Day? Well, let's see: the Equal Rights Amendment to the Constitution, first proposed in Congress in 1923 and every year since, has still not been passed; the US House of Representatives is 81% male; women earn 79 cents for every dollar men earn; women in the US experience almost 5 million instances of domestic and sexual violence every year, or about nine every minute; so, yeah, probably still a good idea to think about how to make it better. Whether it's donating to an organization that helps women, learning about the conditions under which our clothing gets made, or doing something to bolster a young woman's self-confidence, there's always something we can do. Happy International Women's Day!

Transforming the Culture of Violence

By Molly Spackman

Fight, Flight, Freeze; ever heard of it? They are typical responses to stress. *Transforming the Culture of Violence* is a study group that meets once a week in Grass Valley to learn about how people — especially ourselves — have adapted to traumatic experiences.

The word "trauma" is defined in the American Heritage Dictionary as a serious injury or shock to the body; an emotional shock that causes lasting psychological damage. By that definition, "trauma" refers to an incredible range of experiences that people have. Interestingly, the chemical response in our brains to yelling, physical hitting, or financial stress is the same. Since we are all people living in a continuously stressful world, we all form methods of responding to these stresses. However, there are many occasions when people interact in uncomfortable ways.

It is possible for us, as individuals, to learn and become aware of how we are responding to "trauma," and then improve our experience in the world. We can become more aware and intentional in the ways we choose to act. Interested? Call Frank McClain at 415-847-8730 or email frank.mc@comcast.net. He is offering this free class in Grass Valley. Once you attend the three-hour introductory class, you can drop in on the study group anytime. If there's enough interest up here, Frank will come to Camptonville!



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Happenings with the Parents Club

By Molly Spackman

There is soooo much to report on, I'm just going to make it short and sweet. Here we go:

✿ **Bingo Night** was a huge success thanks to incredible support from our local families and businesses. We served up an amazing soup dinner (much was donated). We also gave out 36 prizes that were also donated. After four hours of food, fun, and games, nearly \$2,000 was raised! All of the proceeds get used on the kids' behalf to enhance and enrich their lives. *Thank You Everyone!*

✿ **Elective Program:** Starting March 16th, community members will share their interests, talents, and skills with students for one hour, once a week, for twelve weeks. Students get to choose from a variety of enrichment classes including painting, Brazilian Jiu Jitsu, gardening, pine needle basket making, event planning, and more. Please be thinking about what you can offer and consider volunteering for next school year's Elective Program (September 2017). Contact Sandy Ross at 288-3277 or email cvilleparentsclub@gmail.com to inquire about this opportunity.

✿ **Keep collecting Box Tops**  and deposit them in the collection cans at the Lost Nugget, Burgee Dave's, Post Office, and Camptonville School. In February, 316 were added, bringing the total up to 696 for this school year! Proceeds benefit our students.

✿ **Family Fun Movie Night on Friday, March 31st.** We will be serving food and drinks with the movie. Movies and menus to be announced (look for flyers).

✿ **Raffle tickets** are still being sold for \$10 each. Proceeds go to purchasing free range beef for our school's kitchen. The raffle drawing will be held at the plant sale in May, with \$100 cash prizes for some lucky people! Contact Candace at 210-1251, the school 288-3277, or email cvilleparentsclub@gmail.com.

✿ **Next Parents Club Meeting at 8 am on March 8th in the School Library.** Everyone is welcome to attend and see how it works. We are all about the kids. It would be ideal to have parents representing each class and all age groups.

Fabulous February and Mannerly March

By Yakshi Vadeboncoeur, 1,2,3 Grow

We had a fabulous February in 1, 2, 3 Grow with a high-voltage Valentine's Day dance right in the middle. Thank you to primary grades for inviting us, and to 6th-8th graders for facilitating all the fun activities! Now we're starting off on the last trimester of the school year, and invite all our friends out there to come join us on our learning adventure.

We certainly learned in February that we wouldn't want to do without the letter **Ff** – **F**amily, **F**ather, **F**riends, **F**arms, **F**ood, **F**eelings, **F**un, **F**ingers, and **F**eet. Wow! A lot of pretty essential things begin with the letter **Ff**. Valentine's Day gave us a chance to express our loving **f**eelings to **f**amily and **f**riends. We also made special heart cookies and danced, danced, danced.

Now it's **March**. Spring comes in March, and we sure hope we get more sunny days to go out on the playground or have a little time in the garden. It seems like we spent all of February indoors.

Maybe the whole alphabet is important, because **Mm** has some pretty powerful words, too – **M**other, **M**anners, **M**ath, **M**oney, **M**easuring, **M**oon, **M**outh, and **M**ind. We are growing so we **m**easure ourselves a lot. We **m**easure things in our classroom, too, but they don't grow. Our **m**others and fathers were the first to teach us about **m**anners, but **m**anners are even more important at school because there are a lot of us, and we have to share and use our words, even when we are **mad**. **M**anners help.

Our bodies are growing, our friendships are deepening, and our minds are expanding to take it all in. It's CCP's free preschool program, **Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 9:30 am – 12:30 pm**. Our children's first 5 years are so important! 1, 2, 3 Grow is a communal odyssey of body, mind, and spirit. Come join us. Don't blink, don't put it off – they grow so fast.



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Moonshine Memories (Part 2 of 2)

By Lester Wolfe

This is Part 2 of the Memoir by Lester Wolfe, whose family left Los Angeles in 1945 for the house on Moonshine Road they had purchased from Raymond Bartsch. Part 1 was in the February 2017 issue and can be viewed at www.camptonville.com.

After the cleaning and getting the old wood cook stove working, the next chore was to clean the ditch and repair it. The water for the ditch was diverted at the headwaters of Little Willow Creek, the ditch was a mile or so long. The water from the ditch was used for cooking, cleaning, and the laundry.

Laundry was done with a plunger, wash board, and a couple of large galvanized wash tubs, which were also used to take a bath in. The water was heated in a copper boiler. Our drinking water was carried by the bucketful a couple of hundred yards from a spring alongside Little Willow Creek where the road crossed over the creek.

When it was time to harvest the oat hay, Roy used a team of mules to pull the old mowing machine to cut the hay and to rake it up into windrows. When the time came to haul the hay five or so miles to the Whoop & Holler Ranch, it was loaded on an old wagon (the kind you see in the old westerns) and pulled there by mules, where it was stored in their barn for the livestock and for Wayne and me to play in.

Our closest neighbors (at that time) were Francis Bartsch and his wife, and then a little farther up the road was the Tommy Bartsch family. My brother and I and Tommy Bartsch's daughters Anna Fern and Verna May walked to the school bus stop up the hill about ¼ mile past Moonshine Creek. After picking us up it turned around and headed back to Marysville Road, picking up kids along the way. On the way home from school, at the intersection of Moonshine and Marysville Road, the bus driver would let us kids pick up our mail which was delivered in a canvas bag at Star Rt. Dobbins. The school bus was an old 1929, 30, or 31 Packard station wagon lined with benches, owned and driven by Bill Lang, who also owned and operated a garage and gas station on Highway 49 right below Camptonville. My brother's class got the last diploma from Camptonville High School for completing the tenth grade; I believe it was the class of 1947 or 48.

Along part of the way from Log Cabin to Camptonville, Highway 49 was a one-lane road of sharp blind turns with a sheer drop down the side of the mountain to Oregon Creek. It was customary to honk your horn when approaching a blind turn and if another car or truck was met, someone had to backup to a place to pass.



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Life on Moonshine Road was an adventure from 1945 until 1954 when I enlisted in the Navy. There was no indoor plumbing and no electricity; however, we did have a battery operated radio. Tommy Bartsch got the bid to clear the right of way for PG&E to bring power from the lower end of Moonshine Road up to his place in 1953. I left for the Navy in 1954 before we had electricity. Shortly after that my parents sold the place and moved back to Southern California. I still have fond memories of life on Moonshine Road.... Lester Wolfe

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Language Lounge: BULLY

By Jimbo Garrison, the Word Geek

Hi folks, always glad to see you here at the Language Lounge! This month's topic, BULLY, is a word with an interesting history wherein its original meaning and what it morphed into are very different indeed.

It originated in the 1530's from the Dutch *Boele* "lover; sweetheart." Its meaning shifted during the 17th century, first to "good friend; good fellow," then deteriorated into "hired ruffian" and "protector of prostitutes; pimp," before arriving in the 1680's at the meaning we are familiar with today.

Here are modern definitions for *Bully*. 1. Noun: a person who hurts, persecutes, or dominates weaker people, *Hooligan, Ruffian*. Verb: use superior strength or influence to intimidate someone, typically to make them do what one wants. *Browbeat, Cow, Domineer*. 2. Noun: bully beef. Canned or pickled beef. Origin: 1865 French *bouilli* "boiled."

Informal/slang definitions for *Bully*. Adjective: excellent, top notch - "that's a bully idea." Interjection: "well done," "good job," "bully for you."

This positive meaning was popularized in the U.S. by Theodore Roosevelt around 1900, resulting in a notable spike in the usage of *Bully* that continued to grow until peaking around 1920. T.R. is also credited with coining the term "bully pulpit" while he was President, indicating that his office was a terrific platform with which to advocate his agenda.

Bully Pulpit



Tree Mortality: Finding Solutions

By Alex Boesch

Public Information Specialist, Yuba County Water Agency

Despite experiencing one of the wettest winters in California's history, the State's five-year drought has resulted in mass tree mortality, which continues to grow in Yuba County. Trees consume an enormous amount of water on a daily basis, and our forests are overly dense. Because of the vast amount of trees in forested areas, their water consumption negatively affects forest health, as well as the watershed.

In addition to local forests not receiving enough water, drought-stricken trees are being devastated by bark beetles that are attracted to drought-affected trees because they can easily burrow under the bark and lay eggs. Once those eggs hatch, the larvae continue to bore further into the wood, and eventually infest and kill the entire tree.

While tree mortality in parts of Yuba County is just starting to come to light, Yuba County Water Agency Board Director, Randy Fletcher, believes the Agency, with help from others, needs to begin to tackle this problem and investigate solutions.

"This is not an issue to take lightly," said Fletcher. "We need to do something about the problem, beginning by educating the public about tree mortality and the ramifications it can and will have on our forests and watershed."

On February 8, Fletcher took a trip to the University of California, Berkeley to discuss the issue with Professor Scott Stephens, Chair of the Division of Ecosystem Science. They agreed that proper forest management is necessary to curb tree mortality, and beneficial to restoring forest health. As they explored different ways to improve forest health, Stephens gave examples of the work he and his students had done over the years that had proven beneficial in helping small forested areas thrive. Many of those tactics could help Yuba County suppress tree mortality and begin to positively affect its forests, which in turn will improve the critical watershed.

Fletcher said that exploring solutions to prevent further tree mortality and improve Yuba County's forest health and watershed is an ongoing discussion. Options will continue to be discussed among YCWA, local, state, and federal agencies, and others.

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Three Branches Of Government

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The Founding Fathers, the framers of the Constitution, wanted to form a government that did not allow one person to have too much control. With this in mind they wrote the Constitution to provide for a separation of powers, or three separate branches of government.

Each has its own responsibilities and at the same time they work together to make the country run smoothly and to assure that the rights of citizens are not ignored or disallowed. This is done through checks and balances. A branch may use its powers to check the powers of the other two in order to maintain a balance of power among the three branches of government.

LEGISLATIVE - Makes Laws

Congress is composed of two parts: the Senate and the House of Representatives.

The Senate has 100 elected senators total; 2 senators per state. Each senator serves a 6 year term.

The House of Representatives has 435 voting representatives; the number of representatives from each state is based on the state's population.

Each representative serves a 2 year term and may be re-elected.

EXECUTIVE - Carries Out Laws

The executive branch is composed of the President, Vice President, and Cabinet members.

The President is the head of state, head of the U.S. government and commander-in-chief of the U.S. military.

The Vice President not only supports the president, but also acts as the presiding officer of the senate.

The Cabinet members are nominated by the president and must be approved by the Senate (with at least 51 votes). They serve as the president's advisors and heads of various departments and agencies.

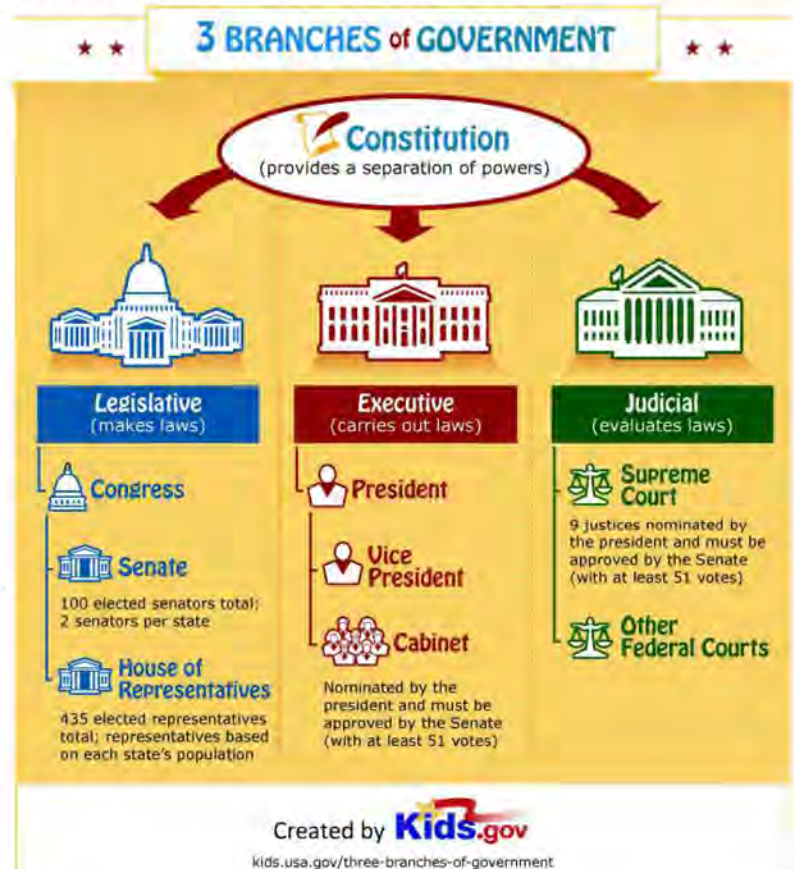
JUDICIAL - Evaluates Laws

The judicial branch of government is made up of the court system.

The Supreme Court is the highest court in the country. The 9 justices are nominated by the president and must be approved by the Senate (with at least 51 votes).

Other Federal Courts are lower Federal courts but they were not created by the Constitution. Congress established them around the country to handle federal business as the country grew, using power granted from the Constitution.

(Courtesy of Ben's Guide)



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Who Would You Like to Meet?

By Linda Rose

If you are a regular reader of *The Camptonville Courier*, you are probably aware that from time to time we have featured community members and groups in the "Meet Your Local" column. If you would like to suggest a person(s) or group to be featured in future editions, I'd love to hear your ideas. Please contact me, Linda Rose, "Meet Your Local...." Coordinator, by email at lindacrose01@gmail.com or by phone at 288-3347.

It's Not Too Late....

By Cathy LeBlanc, Executive Director, CCP




Hi Folks, in case you missed the Community Conversation* held February 23rd, you still have an opportunity to share your ideas. For over 20 years, Camptonville Community Partnership (CCP, at the Resource Center) has worked to support local ideas for a healthier community by helping to put them into action. We do this by listening and working collaboratively, connecting the dots for support, and writing grant proposals. In doing so we have built good working relationships with our community members and within local, county, and statewide agencies - relationships that strengthen our ability to support our little hamlet.

Examples of this include: *The Courier*, 1,2,3 Grow, After School and Enrichment Programs, Summer Recreation Programs, Town Halls and The Forest Biomass Business Center. Previous programs include: Twilight School, CanWORK, The Teen Retreat, and The Gold Pages, just to name a few.

Each one of the programs started as a good idea. CCP actively seeks your ideas and collaboration for "that something" you think would make our community an even healthier and happier place to live. You may reach us at 288-9355, cathy@theccp.org, or drop by The Resource Center behind the school, Tuesday through Friday 8:30-12:30 (Be sure to check in at the school office first).

**This article was written before the February 23rd Community Conversation.*



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What and Who is New at C'ville School?

By Sandy Ross, Superintendent/Principal

Welcome to our new School Board Member, **Jessica Prince**, who was appointed to the board in January. Jessica attended Camptonville School from K-8th grade and is now the parent of two students. We greatly appreciate her willingness to serve and feel confident she will bring a unique perspective to the board.

We also have **Caitlin DeMaranville** stepping in as the 7th and 8th grade teacher. Caitlin is a Camptonville resident who comes from a long line of teachers (her father, Sig Ostrom, was a beloved science teacher and track coach at NUHS for 25 years). We are excited to have her here helping to prepare our middle school students for their transition to high school.

We hope that you will attend **Family Math Night on March 23rd**. Participants will have the opportunity to learn more about the math curriculum from the students themselves. This fun and educational family event begins at 5:30 pm and is hosted by the School Site Council. They will be providing information about the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) and serving up a short survey to each family in order to gather feedback on the district's goals. Once completed, it's ice cream sundaes for the whole family!

The 2016-2017 Cougar Basketball Team played an outstanding season under **Coach Q (Eric Querequincia)**. Ten 4th-8th grade student athletes proved once again that with grit, determination, and team work, we are "Camptonville Strong." Thank you Coach Q for keeping the Cougars on their game!

Many of you may know **Maddie Gremillion** as a newcomer who has been quick to share her skills and talents with the community. She accepted the position as Special Education Paraeducator - a role that was recently expanded to include Parent Liaison. Maddie's understanding of the obstacles that often get in the way of students attending school gives her the perspective needed to help support our families to develop solutions. If you are in need of resources or simply an open ear, please call the school at 288-3277 or email mgremillion@cville.k12.ca.us to make an appointment.

March School Calendar

- March 2-4 REACH Youth Leadership Conference, Chico (7th-8th)
- March 7 NUHS Field Trip (7th-8th)
- March 8 Awards Assembly, 8:45 am
Staff Development Minimum Day, 12:45 pm dismissal
Kindergarten Schedule, 8:25 am-12:45 pm
- March 9 Reading Marathon Kick-off
- March 15 School Board Meeting, 6 pm
- March 16 3rd Trimester Electives Begin
- March 22 Staff Development Minimum Day, 12:45 pm dismissal
Kindergarten Schedule, 8:25 am-12:45 pm
- March 23 Family Math Night, 5:30. Site Council LCAP Stakeholder Engagement Survey & Sundaes

Indian Valley Outpost: Opens April 1st and Hiring!

By Karla Gardner

After all the rain, snow, and landslides, we are looking forward to a fun season on the North Yuba River. Opening day for our Restaurant, Pub, and Store is April Fools Day and that's no joke, so come on out for biscuits and gravy or our giant breakfast burrito. For lunch you can build your own burger or enjoy a fresh salad bar. We have wonderful homemade chicken parm, spaghetti, salmon, and a veggie plate for dinner.

Hours: Breakfast: 8-11:30 am; Lunch: 12 pm to close; Dinner: 4:30-8 pm. The Pub is open till 9 pm or when the game is over. We will be open weekends: Friday, Saturday, and Sunday (Sunday 'til 3 pm). Beginning Memorial Day weekend, we'll be open 7 days, so we are looking to hire cooks, wait staff, maids, and bartenders. Days and shifts are flexible.

CalTrans and the USFS manage the old quarry behind the Outpost where for so many years, folks have enjoyed target practice. Well, the dirt from all the landslides had to go somewhere. So as we say goodbye, here is a poem I have written.

"Ode to the Quarry"

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NSJ Methodists Welcome New Pastor

By Leland Mansuetti

Last Fall, the United Methodist Church in North San Juan ushered in a new pastor, Reverend Ed Lubiano. Ed previously served in Portola, California. His wife, Ellie, continues to serve her ministry at Downieville and Sierra City. They currently live in Colfax, traveling to their ministries every Sunday. They have two daughters who live in Southern California and a son stationed in Italy with the USAF. Ed is currently completing a degree in Clinical Pastoral Education – Hospital Chaplaincy. Please join in with this dedicated, congenial, competent, and good natured pastor every **Sunday at 9 am, 10121 Flume Street, in North San Juan.**

NSJ Community Church Turns 2 Years Old!

By Pastor Pinkie Varner

Pastor Chad Varner and I have had an excellent increase in membership in this small church in North San Juan. In the two years we have provided community services, the number of outreach programs has grown to 18, with something for just about everyone. In January "Operation Number 2.0 Pencil" provided school supplies to Camptonville and Grizzly Hill Schools to aid the supply closet and ease some teacher expense. Every month since November, "Adopt-A-Soldier" has provided a U.S. soldier stationed in Eastern Europe with a CARE package full of goodies. If you would like to join our church of volunteers, you can find us every **Sunday, 11 am, at the North San Juan Community Center.** Come sing with us! *Love, Peace, Happiness & Music!*



Get to Know Wildlife Rehabilitation and Release - March 11th

By Ann Westling, WR&R

Join Wildlife Rehabilitation and Release (WR&R) on **Saturday, March 11th, 10 am–3 pm,** for the annual Wildlife Seminar and Welcome Meeting for potential and returning volunteers. This is one of the most fascinating meetings of the year. Have you ever rescued a bird after it flew into your window and wondered how to help it? Has your child ever brought you an injured animal and wanted your help in saving it? You will learn who to go to for assistance and how you can help. Wildlife Ambassador hawk, crow, owls, and bats will be on hand to great new volunteers.



Photo by Ann Westling

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Sand Hill Cranes

By Aldo Leopold, Sand Country Almanac

Our ability to perceive quality in nature begins, as in art, with the pretty. It expands through successive stages of the beautiful to values as yet uncaptured by language. The quality of cranes lies, I think, in this higher gamut, as yet beyond the reach of words. This much, though, can be said: our appreciation of the crane grows with the slow unraveling of earthly history. His tribe, we know now, stems out of the remote Eocene. The other members of the fauna in which he originated are long since entombed with the hills. When we hear his call we hear no mere bird. He is the symbol of our untamable past, of that incredible sweep of millennia which underlies and conditions the daily affairs of birds and men.

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MARCH 2017 Community Calendar

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Daylight Savings Time
 Sunday, March 12

- March 4 Terry Riley Benefit Concert for Center (pg 3)
- March 8 Parents Club Meeting (pg 9)
- March 11 Cemetery Clean-Up Day (pg 2)
- March 12 2nd Sunday Film: Rabbit Proof Fence (pg 5)
- March 18 St. Patricks Dinner & Dessert Auction (pg 2)
- March 31 Family Movie Night (pg 9)
- April 1 Courier's 20th Anniversary Brunch (pg 2)
- April 15 Easter Egg Hunt & Brunch (pg 5)

On-Going MONTHLY Events

- CCP Board** - Meets 2nd Wednesday, 1 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: March 2, 9, 16, 30. April 6, 13, 27
 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 am, C'V Community Center
- Sundays:** Open Mic, 1st & 3rd Sundays at Burgee Daves, 4-7 pm