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Camptonville Forest Bioenergy Facility Awarded \$4.9 Million in California Energy Commission Funding – Changing the Way with Advanced Technologies

The "Change" Issue

By Regine Miller, Camptonville Community Partnership Bioenergy Project Manager



We are excited to share that in April, Camptonville Community Partnership (CCP) was selected as one of two projects in the State to receive \$4.9 million in funding from the California Energy Commission for the Celestial Valley Forest Bioenergy Project!

This funding, through the Electric Program Investment Charge (EPIC) grant program, helps select innovative projects that can be replicated to demonstrate and evaluate environmentally and economically sustainable woody biomass-to-electricity systems. Camptonville's project will change the traditional method of direct combustion steam boiler technology by adding advanced emissions controls and a state-of-the-art low water use condenser. The EPIC funding will be used to develop and manufacture this technology, which will be the first of its kind in California. It will make our project even cleaner and diversify the technology choices available in the biomass industry.

Since 2010, CCP has been sharing about the possibility of building and operating a local small 3MW forest biomass-to-energy facility. This is important because our forests face a tree mortality crisis due to consecutive years of drought, bark beetle infestation, and warmer temperatures (see related articles on page 9). Dead and dying trees are a significant problem throughout the Sierra Nevada, where the USFS has estimated there are 102 million dead trees within 7.7 million acres.[1] While some dead trees contribute to a healthy forest, record tree die-off has created dangerous conditions that could fuel catastrophic wildfires. Bioenergy from forest biomass could help alleviate wildfire threat while providing renewable energy.

Celestial Valley's former Sierra Mountain Mill was evaluated as the top potential site to build this type of facility (2010 Yuba Biomass Feasibility Study). Soon after, CCP along with the Yuba Watershed Protection and Fire Safe Council began pursuing support for this project which will take forest slash to produce renewable electricity for export to PG&E's grid. Under the State's BioMAT program, it will also sell heat to on-site co-located businesses.



1MW direct combustion bioenergy facility in Nevada, similar to what will be built here.

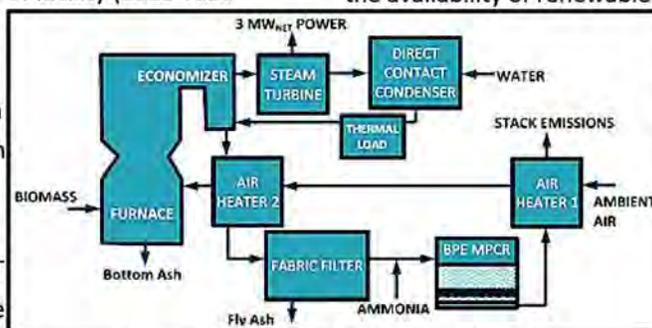
The facility intends to serve as a replicable business model for successful forest biomass utilization in other Sierra Nevada communities that also face high forest fuel loads and limited economic opportunities. We expect the plant will create about 14 new local livable wage jobs and another 12 in the forest. Co-located businesses could employ even more.

The EPIC grant is a significant achievement for the Camptonville project and supports adoption of similar technologies across the state, aiming to improve forest health and reduce air emissions and water consumption for biomass power generation. Though the project will not supply electricity to Camptonville, it will support utility ratepayers by increasing the availability of renewable electricity, increasing grid

reliability, and reducing risk of catastrophic wildfire by utilizing dead and diseased trees.

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[1] U.S. Department of Agriculture, News Release, November 2016, <https://www.usda.gov/media/press-releases/2016/11/18/new-aerial-survey-identifies-more-100-million-dead-trees-california>.



Simplified illustration of the bioenergy facility including the technology funded by the EPIC grant



Entrance to Celestial Valley and proposed Bioenergy Facility site

From the Editor

By Shirley DicKard

Plus ça change, plus c'est la même chose

(The more things change, the more they stay the same)

At *The Courier's* 20th Anniversary Celebration, we posted highlights from issues along a timeline wall. It was impressive to see how much has changed and how much has stayed the same in the last 20 years. We still have Fire Department Picnics, Parents Club, and Plant Sales. But we've also had droughts, deaths, and distressed forests. We now have a Community Center at the former Masonic Lodge, a Bioenergy facility proposed for the old mill site, and changes in who represents us in government.

Camptonville's 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders have been studying change: how we impact our environment and what it takes to be a leader of change. I'm honored to print their inspirational words on pages 4 and 5. They remind me that though change is inevitable, what we do and what we don't do in our own communities and in the world will absolutely make a difference to our future.

Coffee @ The Center

By Molly Spackman

Coffee @ The Center is a free event on **Saturday mornings, 9 to 11 am**. At this time, the doors to the Community Center are open, water is heated for tea, and coffee is made. Someone usually brings a snack to share with the community (also free). There are also coloring, games, and good company. *Coffee @ The Center* is a place where all of us can come together and hang out. It has been great fun for both children and adults. I hope to see you there!

Important This event is sustained through volunteerism. If you can host one of the "Open" Saturdays, please email me at scottandmollyspackman@gmail.com or call 288-3612.

Hosting Calendar: May 6-Jesse, May 13 and 20-cancelled due to events, May 27-Char. June 3-(Open), June 10-Janie, June 17-(Open), June 24-cancelled due to event.



Talent and Trash Fashion Fundraiser for the School's Music Program – May 19th

By The Parents Club

Big name acts under the stars! Bringing a new twist to an old favorite, the Parents Club is presenting a night of fun and entertainment at **Rebel Ridge Organics amphitheater on Friday, May 19th at 5:30 pm**. Our goal is to raise money to fund our school-wide music program which we hope to continue next year. Beginning at 5:30, our students and community members will perform and model their trash fashion. Following the opening acts, we will be treated to some incredible local talent including our music teacher, Sage Po, on harp, and singer-songwriter, Davia. Our headline act will be *Ultimate Fantastic* featuring Deja Solis. Dancing is encouraged! The admission price is \$5 per person, and the Parents Club will be offering food and beverages for a donation.

Always Do Your Best. Your best is going to change from moment to moment; it will be different when you are healthy as opposed to sick. Under any circumstance, simply do your best, and you will avoid self-judgment, self-abuse, and regret. - Don Miguel Ruiz

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Photo by Shirley Dickard
Carolyn Mumm and Laura DeRapps
at the 2001 Plant Sale

Camptonville's Plant Sale and Flea Market – May 20th

By Carolyn Mumm

The annual Plant Sale and Flea Market will be held **Saturday, May 20th, 9:30 am to 2:30 pm** at the Rebel Ridge Market field (if raining, it will be moved to May 27th).



This will be my last year facilitating the event. I am seeking someone to step forward to organize future plant sales, starting May 2018. If you are interested, please call me at 288-3424. However, I intend to attend our plant sales every year, as long as I am around and kicking!

We will have our usual extraordinary profusion of vegetable and flower starts. Jessi Mullins of Rebel Ridge Organics has many heirloom tomato varieties (including Cherokee Purple, German Stripe, and Prudence Purple), as well as hybrid tomatoes (including Sun Gold, Beefsteak, and Sweet 100). Of course there will be other local gardeners selling some of Camptonville's favorites. This may be the last year Kenny Dorris will offer Leland Pauly's mid-sized red tomato that Leland selectively bred over decades. He will also have Archie's Good Eating tomato, another red heart shaped tomato, bred over the years by, of course, Archie. All profits from these two tomatoes will go to the Camptonville Historical Society. Many other local gardeners will be selling sweet and hot peppers, cucumbers, beans, summer and winter squash, melons, basil, and more.

Our Flea Market will have tools and miscellaneous items from household goods to solar panels. Fatty's Fine Food will serve tacos. Our Camptonville School Parents Club will sell lemonade and also \$10 raffle tickets to pay for the free-range beef served at lunch to students and staff. There will be five \$100 prizes awarded at the raffle drawing to be held at 12:30 pm at the Plant Sale.

Local crafters will be selling soaps, lotions, artisan jewelry, mobiles, beadwork, hair accessories, and handmade board games. If you want to register to vote, there will be a booth where you can do so.

A big *thank you* to Molly and Scott Spackman for allowing us to use their Rebel Ridge Market field. To reserve a space for \$15, call Carolyn at 288-3424.



Elements at the Sri Moonshine Music Series Presented by Terry Riley - May 13th

By John Deaderick

Imagine the angelic, resonant sound of the harp, its harmonies penetrating deep into you, taking you away with its gentle, yet powerful, sonic waves. Cool, huh? So now add to this the mystical harmonies of South Indian violin, which allow for an even deeper inner journey. Add the unmistakably jazzy, bluesy sound of the saxophone and you're in the world of *Elements*, coming **Saturday, May 13th to the Camptonville Performing Arts Center at 7 pm** (doors open at 6 pm).

This is an incredible opportunity to experience this truly unique synthesis of sound performed by world-class **saxophonist George Brooks, Indian violinist Kala Ramnath, and Dutch harpist Gwyneth Wentink**.

As a young man attending the New England Conservatory of Music, **George Brooks** was introduced to Indian classical music and became entranced by its melodic beauty, rhythmic complexity, and deep spiritual core. After graduating, Brooks traveled to India where he met master vocalist Pandit Pran Nath, the giant of north Indian music who also deeply influenced Terry Riley. But Brooks isn't limited in his expression to any single genre; he also became a mainstay of the Bay Area blues scene.

Kala Ramnath is widely recognized as among the greatest Classical Indian violinists. In addition to violin, she studied Mewati vocal technique with maestro Pandit Jesrai. This has brought a unique emotionalism to her style, such that her instrument is known as *The Singing Violin*. She is incredibly adaptive and diverse, comfortably creating musical alliances with artists from different genres around the globe, incorporating elements of Western Classical, Jazz, Flamenco, and traditional African music into her rich and varied repertoire.

Gwyneth Wentink began playing harp at age 5, and began performing professionally at age 11. She performs constantly, playing with major orchestras and ensembles around the world. Her discography is extensive, both as a solo artist and with orchestral accompaniment.

Save that date! May 13th offers a unique opportunity to hear world-class musicians who specialize in transporting their listeners to new inner landscapes. Please join us for the journey.

Tickets can be purchased at Rebel Ridge Organics, Burgee Dave's at The Mayo, and brownpapertickets.com. Enjoy pre-concert food on site from Fatty's Fine Food truck and the express menu at Burgee Dave's.

Being a Leader of Change

3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade Class at Camptonville Elementary School



Here in our class at Camptonville School, we have been exploring a few compelling questions this year. At first, we explored how we impact our local environments, and through many conversations, we quickly realized that we are the future. As the year went on, we continued to question what drives someone to create change within our society. Through the inquiry process, the third, fourth, and fifth graders were inspired to share some of their thoughts on what they feel the qualifications are for a leader of change. — Mrs. Spiers, 3rd, 4th, and 5th-grade teacher

Many Can Be Leaders

Some Will Be Leaders

Some people believe that leaders of change are good and bad. A leader of change is someone that stands up for something that they believe. Also, they are someone who tries their hardest even though the odds are most likely against them. A great leader shows how they feel when people are with them. Sometimes, a leader of change is an artist or a teacher. A leader of change can be anyone who expresses how they feel about laws and politics. By Trent Venable, Grade 3

Are You a Leader of Change?

A leader of change makes a difference in the lives of others. They are courageous, fearless, and they are willing to take a risk for what they feel is right. No matter if they end up in jail or even die for what they believe in. Leaders are willing to do this because they believe in that change. For example, Susan B. Anthony fought for the rights of women. A leader of change doesn't have to be a leader others agree with, just a leader that helps create change. Now think about this: are you a leader of change?

By Charlotte DeMaranville, Grade 3

The Breakdown of Change

A leader of change is someone who is willing to break the rules for what they think is right. They push their limits to make a point. People who think this way are empowering and brave. These people do anything no matter how much time it takes, or how much effort it takes. A leader of change leads and is the bigger person. Leaders are always successful knowing they tried their hardest even if they do not succeed. Leaders of change are the ones to help, like Susan B. Anthony and how she helped make the dream of women voting a reality. She was a good speaker and never backed down. She was a real leader of change. By Julian Hull, Grade 5

The Change With Range

A leader is someone with the range to do what they want to do or what they need to do. Also, a leader is someone that inspires others to become the change they are creating. Then a leader of change hopefully will not be regretful on what they accomplished because they are supposed to believe in it. A leader of change will always have their head held high even in the darkest of times. By Ben Locatelli, Grade 5



Creating Change

In my opinion, someone that is a leader of change is a leader that can come from school or his or her hometown. A leader of change is someone who is willing to take risks and put others before themselves. They can be a religious leader, a president, or just an ordinary person. A leader of change doesn't need to be rich nor famous. All they need is courage, along with the willingness to take risks, and be able to make a plan. By Angelo Chacon Ricardo, Grade 5

A Change To Everyone

A leader of change is someone, boy or girl, who changes something. Someone who helps a lot of people, and they don't have to know a lot of people. They can lead a crowd of people or just a couple of people. They can travel or just stay at their hometown and lead. People can lead change even if others don't agree with it. They can change a rule or law. A leader of change fights for what they believe in. Susan B. Anthony was a leader of change for woman's rights, and she went to jail, but she did not give up. Leaders of change overcome their fears and create changes for what's right to them. By Rocco Querequinia, Grade 4

Inspiring Change

I feel that people, who prove that they can do anything, are classified as leaders of change. A leader of change can make something better or worse. Leaders of change can start off as anybody. They can start out as homeless or wealthy. To be a leader of change, one must have courage, and the willingness to inspire others to follow them in their thoughts and actions. By Izick Benham, Grade 4

Never Quit on Being a Leader of Change

Someone who is a leader of change is someone who cleans our environment. They are also someone who puts their stuff behind and helps someone else. A leader of change is someone that fixes what they did and makes it so that people do not have to be miserable. A leader of change is also someone who would go on stage, and make it right, like Susan B. Anthony did. She voted when it was illegal, but she still did it. She believed that women should vote too. By Heaven Sandner, Grade 4





3rd, 4th, 5th Grade Class – Camptonville School

(Left to Right) Swing Row: Angelo, Autumn, Joel, Mandalin, Heaven, Julian. Kneeling Students: Rocco, Sam. Sitting Students: Nola, Clayton, Izick, Tristan, Charlotte, Mason, Macie. "Be the Change" Signs: Kingston, Ben, Trent.

Change Is All Around You

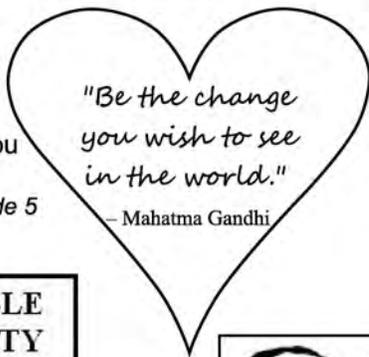
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"A leader of change is someone who tries to change other's lives." – Autumn Margason, Grade 3

"A leader of change is someone that can lead a group or an army. You can even disagree with the leader of change. Even if you are a person that is quiet or loud you can still be a leader of change." – Macie Prince, Grade 4

"A leader of change to me is someone who fights for what they believe in, like Susan B. Anthony. She fought for women to vote." – Nola Black, Grade 3

By Sarah Boyd, Grade 5



– Mahatma Gandhi

Poem

Strike the Fight for Change
believe in something
express and embrace that feeling
fight for that something
no matter how long it takes
lead an "army" of people
that believe in the same thing

With the "army" at your hands
win the fight of change
inspire more to join the fight
change the world and create a better one
never give up on that fight
when you take your final breaths
you will have hopefully inspired enough people
to take the fight even without a leader
change can still strike

By Joel Williams, Grade 5

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May 2017 School Calendar

- May 10 Volunteer Breakfast, 8:00-8:45 am
Awards Assembly, 9:00 am
Staff Development Minimum Day, 12:45 pm dismissal
Kindergarten Schedule, 8:25 am-12:45 pm
- May 17 School Board Meeting, 6 pm
- May 19 Talent, Trash Fashion, & Music Extravaganza Parents Club Benefit, Rebel Ridge Organics, 5:30 pm
- May 23 Site Council Meeting, 3 pm
- May 24 Reading Marathon Field Trip
- May 29 Memorial Day Holiday (No School)
- May 30 Memorial Day Observance, Camptonville Cemetery Meet at Flagpole, 10:15 am
- June 7 Eighth Grade Graduation, Gym, 6 pm
- June 8 Lake Day

** Upon approval of waiver to excuse power outage days,
Snow Make-up days may be added to the calendar.

Parents Club Happenings in May and June

By Molly Spackman

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- **Box Tops:** Please turn in all the Box Tops you have been collecting! May will be the last month they will be sent in until the next school year. Total received in April: 107, making our year's total of 947! Also, Box Tops have an expiration date at the bottom, so check the dates before you turn them in. Thanks for all your effort. Everybody makes a difference!
 - **Soup Labels:** This program was discontinued by the company that offered it, so we are no longer collecting them.
 - **Entertainment: The Talent, Trash Fashion, & Music Extravaganza Fundraiser** for the school's music program is **May 19th, 5:30 pm** at Rebel Ridge Organics. More information on Page 2, insert, and fliers. This event has never been held before and is sure to be a blast!
 - **Raffle at the Plant Sale:** To "meat" our goal of \$5,000, we will be selling lemonade and the last raffle tickets at the Plant Sale, **May 20th, 10 am to 12:30 pm**. At 12:30 we will raffle off five \$100 prizes! You do not need to be present to win (put your phone number on your tickets). Raffle tickets are still being sold for \$10 each. This fundraiser began last year as a number grid to gain funds to provide high quality meat for our school students. Although we haven't yet met our goal, some money was raised last year and students have been eating free-range beef this year. Thanks for your support.
 - **Feedback:** The Parents Club wants to provide extra resources for the kids while also meeting the needs of the families and community members. Please give us feedback on what you liked, didn't like, or would be more interested in supporting. (For example; Did you like the movies chosen for movie night? Would you like dinner? Or just popcorn?) We want what you want...so...what do you want? Compliments, concerns, ideas, and inspirations can be given anonymously to the school or you can contact any Parents Club person to talk directly (see page 7).
 - **Next Parents Club Meeting: Wednesday, May 24, 8:30 am in the school library.** Usually the meetings happen before the awards ceremony on the first Wednesday of the month. However, this will be the last meeting this school year. Feel free to join us!



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Meet Your Local. . . Camptonville Union Elementary School Parents Club

By Linda Rose

The Camptonville School's Parents Club (PC) was established over 35 years ago during Camptonville's heyday when the mining and logging industries were thriving and the school was full of children. It was inactive for several years when these industries began to decline. Ten years ago, school volunteer Linda Jones (AKA Cha-cha) discovered funds in the school financial accounts allocated for the PC. After her discovery, Cha-cha, whose grandson attended Camptonville School, decided to reactivate the PC. She raised money by encouraging parents and other community members to save box tops and labels to generate funds for needed classroom items and PE equipment. After one year, however, Cha-cha's grandson left the area and she moved on. Soon after, a group of 15 moms came together and recreated the PC. These passionate and dedicated mothers, already involved on campus, wanted more enrichment programs for the students, such as art, music, and assemblies.

The current PC meets monthly to plan, organize, and participate in fundraisers for student programs and events. I interviewed Candace DeMaranville, Chelsi Hedrick, Stephanie Williams, Molly Spackman, and Jessica Prince. There are several others who participate when they are available. Their goal is to provide supplemental experiences and educational enrichment programs that are entertaining, inspirational, and fun for students. They also raise funds to buy natural beef to supplement the children's nutritional program.

The Student Elective Programs, offered by community volunteers, provide alternative educational opportunities to enhance skills, abilities, and knowledge on a variety of subjects: Jiu-jitsu, basket weaving, yearbook, mindfulness, gardening, beading, and leathering, to name a few. As volunteers are available, the elective classes, consisting of one-hour sessions for 10 weeks, are offered three times a year. The PC provides stipends to these volunteers.

Acting as liaisons between parents and teachers, the PC presents issues raised by parents to the school staff. This is similar to Club Live, a student leadership group that provides liaison between students and teachers to resolve issues or address student needs.

While the PC is currently comprised of moms, many dads also participate as extensions of the PC through their volunteer activities: supervising children's community service hours, coaching sports teams, etc... Dads are also involved in the various school and community events in support of all children.

While not a non-profit organization, PC welcomes donations of money, food items, and volunteers for various events. They appreciate everything the community does for the PC, all of which benefits the children.

As students move on, it is important that new members join to carry on this instrumental community support for continued student enrichment. For more information on how you, too, can contribute, contact either Chelsi at 288-3230, Candace at 210-1251, or Camptonville School at 288-3277.



(Left to Right) Top: Jessica Prince, Candace DeMaranville, Chelsi Hedrick
Bottom: Molly Spackman, Stephanie Williams
Photo by Linda Rose



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Changing Perspectives

By Robert Mumm



Sometime in the dim past I was limber enough to put my foot in my own mouth literally, as well as figuratively. While I have never lost the figurative ability, a strange reapportionment of my physical body has wrought such change that even reaching my left foot with my hands to put my sock on requires ingenuity. While I may lament my personal plight, it seems that my experience may serve as a metaphor for our culture as a whole. The passage of eighty years is enough time to see many "facts" overturned and perspectives changed.

I was a child during the heyday of the Forest Service policy that treated all fire as an enemy. It was somehow believed that an "ideal" forest would never experience fire. We live in the consequence of that policy, and many of us see the danger. The woods I knew as a child were more open and healthy. They bore the scars of fire but these were for the most part small scars. The public face of the policy of fire suppression was Smokey the Bear and this legacy lives on in our overgrown canyons and ridges. If climate change models bear out, we will face years of drought in a forest that is dying because of the lack of water and over crowding which spreads disease. At present, we have more water than we really want, but the overall drought pattern is expected to continue.

Remember the promise of Atomic Energy? Advertisements of the Fifties forecasted a glorious future in which electricity would be produced so cheaply that it wouldn't even be metered. Even if safety concerns could all be met, atomic power plants are pretty costly to operate, so again the myth of a "free lunch" is nothing more than a dream. Names like Three Mile Island, Chernobyl, and Fukushima bring to mind the dangers of atomic energy, but other major sources of generating electricity have taken their toll too. Dams have burst and oil-fired generating plants have exploded. Perhaps there is no truly clean energy source that operates on a scale that we have become accustomed to. All these power sources have turned out to have dire unexpected consequences. Even wind turbines kill many birds.

Like my too-long left leg, our culture has grown ever more energy dependent and rigid in how we feed and cloth ourselves. Those night photos taken from near space show how much energy we use just to produce light. Most coastal areas in the developed world are ablaze with electric light, but light is but a part of our dependence on electric energy. Our cities cannot operate without it, and there are few homes even in remote areas that don't depend on electricity to do so much for us. At the moment I have no running water in my home because the pump motor burned out and a new pump will take a couple of days to arrive. I have no water because of the pump motor this time, but often it is because of a power outage. It is in these times that it is so apparent how much we depend on electric energy for what we consider to be a normal lifestyle.

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Yuba County Declares Local Emergency Due to Tree Mortality

By Randy Fletcher, Yuba County 5th District Supervisor

The Yuba County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to declare a local state of emergency due to the widespread and rapidly increasing incidence of tree mortality. The US Forest Service estimates that over 102 million trees are dead in California, up from 29 million in 2015, and 3.3 million in 2014. This dramatic rise follows four years of sustained drought, which left trees stressed and susceptible to bark beetle infestation and reproduction. This has led to a year-round wildfire season in California, with wildfires increasing in both size and severity.

Yuba County's emergency resolution states that the unprecedented tree mortality is causing damage to the watershed and to County roads and structures to a degree that exceeds Yuba County's capability to address. It is imperative that Yuba County implement a full scale, immediate, and aggressive measure to isolate and fell dead or dying trees to reduce the public safety risk and property damage.

As the representative for Yuba County's foothill and forest regions, I have taken the lead on addressing this issue. The number of dead trees is growing exponentially, and the potential for a devastating wildfire season in our own backyard is very real. Approving the local emergency will allow the County to seek California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA) reimbursement for 75% of eligible costs for removing hazardous trees.

Nevada and Placer counties are even harder hit, so we are working together on solutions. I've attended a dozen meetings over the last month, learning what's worked and hasn't worked in other regions, and forming relationships with regional and state partners. One such new relationship is with the California Forest Watershed Alliance (CAFWA), an unprecedented new urban-rural coalition representing water interests, local government, the conservation community, agriculture, and forestry.

Moving forward, a Yuba County plan for removing dead and dying trees will now be developed and implemented. I will be providing updates through community meetings and mailers as the process unfolds.



Now is the Time to Create Defensible Space

By Jessica Prince, Fire Prevention Technician,
Yuba River Ranger District

With the arrival of spring, I would like to remind everyone that despite these continuous rainy days, summer will soon arrive. We should take the time now to create our defensible space. With the long, harsh winter, damaged and down trees have caused widespread debris issues in the area. This is a great time to clear your property and burn piles before it becomes too hot and dry. This year we are also experiencing very tall grasses and weeds. Please keep a clean and green zone of at least 30' around your home including keeping grasses cut short. These lighter, flashy fuels will typically dry out first, and fire spreads very quickly in that fuel type. Burn permits are now required beginning May 1st, so be sure you are creating 4x4 foot piles or smaller to burn. Remember, you are ultimately responsible for your fire. Here are a few safety tips/burn permit conditions to keep in mind:

- Maintain 10 foot clearance around your pile.
- Maximum pile size is 4 foot diameter.
- Have water and tools near the site.
- A responsible party must be attend the fire at all times.
- Always be sure that your piles are dead out!
- Never burn on dry and windy days.

Burn permits are available at the Yuba River Ranger Station. Enjoy working outside on the nice spring days, but continue to use safe debris burning practices as well as calling the Air Quality District (634-7659) to insure it is a permissive burn day. Another thing to keep in mind, with the widespread road damage this year, is access to your property. Please ensure your roads and driveways are accessible to fire and emergency response vehicles. This includes brushing roads and creating places to turn around. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our community safe! As always, feel free to contact me at 288-3231 or visit us at the Yuba River Ranger Station.

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Monkey Mind: Democracy in 19 Parts

By Jesse Golden



What makes America great? Most would include democracy, “government by the people,” on the short list. But can we measure democracy, and how would we know if it was endangered?

Here’s an idea – ask a political scientist. In February, 1,571 members of the American Political Science Association rated how well the U.S. is currently doing in each of 19 areas of democracy.

These are the three areas where they rated the U.S. as doing the best:

- Fraud-free elections (86% said the U.S. mostly or fully fulfills this standard)
- Parties and candidates are not barred due to their political beliefs and ideologies (83%)
- Government protects individuals’ right to engage in unpopular speech or expression (81%)

And the three where the U.S. was rated as doing the worst:

- In the elected branches, majorities act with restraint and reciprocity (15% said the U.S. mostly or fully fulfills this standard)
- Government leaders recognize the validity of bureaucratic or scientific consensus about matters of public policy (15%)
- No criticism of opponents’ patriotism (17%)

I keep thinking about this survey – the elements they picked, the opinions of the political scientists – and wondering: How do we stand up for democracy? How do we hold people accountable when they attack or damage democracy? In my mind, there’s a memory of a sign at my dentist’s office: you don’t have to floss all your teeth – only the ones you want to keep.

Voting is not all we can do, but it is one thing we can do. It’s easy to register – get a form from the post office or online at Yuba County Elections. There will even be a registration booth at the May 20th Plant Sale. And we can ask each other – do you vote? Why, or why not? If there’s nothing worth voting for, how could we change that? Last election, 75% of Camptonville’s registered voters cast a ballot – not bad, but it could be better.

And then there’s making sure that our representatives hear from us, loud and clear and often. Contact information for local representatives was in the April 2017 Courier- viewable at camptonville.com. Ah, citizenship – like flossing, not always fun, but always necessary. You can read the survey data and see graphs at brightlinewatch.org.

This Month at the Community Center!

By Christina Ledson, Director

All the rain this year should certainly bring us May flowers! As a farmer this is my favorite time of the year, but while we are busy getting the garden ready, the Community Center is also hitting its busy season.

During April we hosted many events. We had our 3rd annual Easter Egg Hunt and Breakfast on April 15th. It was so much fun and fortunately the weather cooperated! Thank you to everyone who helped stuff eggs, make food, donate candy, help with the little ones, and clean-up. We were so excited this year, we got a little ahead of ourselves with the start times for the different age groups. I apologize to those who missed the hunt. We will be sure to shorten the start times and stay on schedule next year.

That evening, we hosted the first concert of our 2017 Sri Moonshine Music Series. We had a full house and Terry Riley, John Deaderick, and Shabda Owens put on a fantastic show. Our next concert is **George Brooks and Elements on May 13th**. Tickets are available at Rebel Ridge Organics Nursery, Burgee Dave’s at the Mayo, and brownpapertickets.com. Pre-concert food will be available at Burgee Dave’s express menu and on site from Fatty’s Fine Food truck.

Please remember our ongoing events: Coffee @ The Center on Saturday mornings, Brazilian Jiu Jitsu for all ages on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings. New to the Center is Yoga with Lucille at 10 am on Thursdays.

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

Shabda Owens,
John Deaderick,
and Terry Riley
at the April 15th
Concert: *Keyboards
and Vocal Chords*



Yuba River Ranger District News

By Kevin Kidd, Visitor Information Assistant

"We know what we are, but know not what we may be."

- William Shakespeare

Winter storms have brought much change to our Forest. Roads and trails are still being evaluated for damage and safety issues. Please alert us to slides and downed trees that affect our Forest. We appreciate the information.

Highway 49 campgrounds up to Loganville are expected to be open May 1st, with the exception of Carlton Campground, which incurred major flood damage and may not open until mid-June. The high country still has quite a bit of snow and those campgrounds will be opened after needed maintenance has been completed.

The Wildlife Crew is busy doing spotted owl and great grey owl surveys, as well as some aquatic surveys to look for sensitive and threatened amphibians. The surveys are conducted both day and night, and hope to determine locations and breeding status of both species. So far, they have confirmed two nesting pairs of spotted owls. Pretty good for such a harsh winter. If you see and can report the location of the following important species, we would appreciate the information: wolverine, gray wolf, red fox, fisher, marten, bobcat, mountain lion, beaver, ringtail, pika, marmot, porcupine, bald eagle, spotted owl, gray owl, goshawk, and various amphibians. Please call 288-3231 to report sightings.

We had 7.89 inches of rain in April (as of April 25th). This brings our season total to 111.29 inches.

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Power (or Bacon in the Bathroom)

By Gayla Sherlund

I wrote this song/poem during our stormy days of January while waiting for PG&E to check on a partial power outage at my house. We had snow on January 2nd, then the power was out all day on the 3rd; out again with more snow on the 4th, again on the 5th and 6th for parts of the day. Then we had rain on the 7th, 8th, 10th, and 11th. It was a very stormy time in Camptonville!

Bacon in the bathroom cooking on the sink.

Power in the kitchen seems on the blink.

Fridge is not performing, but lights are on above.

Furnace now is warming. My house is full of love.

Let's have some bacon. Some eggs would be good too.

Now we'll have our breakfast, and I will share with you.

Trials and tribulations end up in a song.

If we laugh and work together, the power will be strong.

Calcannabis Cultivation Licensing

By Yana Slade

I attended the April 17th town hall meeting hosted by the Nevada County Cannabis Alliance featuring Amber Morris, Calcannabis Licencing Branch Chief. The State of California is working on licensing regulations with the input of local farmers. Although they did not have the exact regulations ready for viewing, Morris spoke in general terms of what to expect. She stressed that when these regulations come out, they are not set in stone. Growers will have the opportunity to give feedback if the regulations don't fit the reality of farming cannabis. Ms. Morris expects to have these regulations ready for viewing soon. They will be available at:

Calcannabis.cdfa.ca.gov. There will be two separate programs, one for medical and one for adult use. The California Department of Food and Agriculture's Calcannabis Cultivation licensing branch is preparing to accept applications beginning January 1, 2018.



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Spring and All Our Intelligences are Blossoming



By Yakshi Vadeboncoeur, 1, 2, 3 Grow

May is here, which means 1, 2, 3 Grow will soon be graduating preschoolers to kindergarten. What a big change! Be sure to mark your calendars for **Thursday evening, June 1st at 6:00 pm, for our preschool graduation ceremony and potluck celebration.**

There is a lot to celebrate! Have you noticed how some of these little ones seem to be born naturalists – a pet, a pill bug, every worm, bird, flower invite relationship, in depth exploration. Others never met a hill that didn't need climbing, or a stick that didn't need swinging. If walking's good, then a full tilt run's all the better. For still others, it's social interactions, organizing the group into games and fantasy monster chases that's the perfect use for a sunny day. And it looks like we're finally due for a change in the weather. We sure are ready for warm, sunny days and more outdoor playtime!

There are so many ways for young bodies, minds, and spirits to grow and unfold. In the 1, 2, 3 Grow classroom, we try to nurture and honor them all. We seek to create a safe environment for children to explore their world – both the inner one and the exterior one. The classroom contains friends, blocks, books, art, music, toys. The list goes on and on, but it is a classroom and a small one at that. So it's not until we get outside after being cooped up all winter that some intelligences and learning styles come into full bloom. It can be loud, and fast paced and dirty! Have you ever noticed how some children have an absolute genius for getting dirty? Keep celebrating and guiding their genius in all its manifestations. Remember, even in our futuristic future, not all will be virtual reality, and in the real world of real grown-up children, there will always be some "dirty" work worth doing.



Robert Mumm leading a toast to *The Courier's* next 20 years.



Cathy LeBlanc, Shirley DicKard, and Rod Bondurant at the *Highlights of the Courier Timeline*
Photo by Richard DicKard

Celebrating *The Courier's* 20 Years!

By Shirley DicKard, Editor

Milestones are fun to celebrate! On April 1st, nearly 60 people came out on a beautiful Saturday morning to toast *The Courier's* 20 years as a volunteer-run community newspaper.

As folks enjoyed the spring brunch (thank you Rochelle for organizing), Cathy LeBlanc, Rod Bondurant, and I led the group on *The Courier's* journey, beginning with the original four organizers who started *The Courier* as part of the Communication Action Team: Roger Rapp, Bob Carpenter, Dwayne Dobbins, and Cathy LeBlanc.

We then honored the current team of volunteers that puts *The Courier* production into motion like clockwork each month. Around the 10th, the Editor calls for submissions (Shirley DicKard); Advertisers and Subscribers are updated (Linda Rose); Graphics are created (Maddie Gremillion); Layout is completed (Editor); the Editorial Advisory Committee reviews Editor's questions (Rita Ortega, Rod Bondurant); Proofreader/Copy Editors review the draft issue (Jimbo Garrison, Linda Brown, Yakshi Vadeboncoeur, Janie Kesselman); the *folding party* is arranged (Rochelle Bell), and boxes of *Couriers* are prepared for mailing (Barbara Ramirez).

Eighteen awards for longevity with *The Courier* were presented (see list on page 13); highlights from 20 years of *Courier* issues were posted along a 20-foot timeline; and Jesse Golden and Linda Brown sang Jesse's composition: "*The Courier 20 Years*" (see page 13). The celebration culminated with a toast to the next 20 years by long-time contributor, Robert Mumm.

If you're interested in being part of *The Courier's* next 20 years (writer or staff), please contact me at 288-3479 or email camptonvillecourier@gmail.com There's a place for everyone at *The Courier*!



Photos by Richard Dickard



Courier Appreciation Awards
(L) Brian, The Mayo, (Center) Rod Bondurant, former Editor



Photo by Rod Bondurant

Certificates of Appreciation Presented at *The Courier's* 20th Anniversary Editors:

- Roger Rapp, In Memoria, April 1997 – May 2003
- Rod Bondurant, May 2003 – September 2008
- Stephanie Ruff and Family, October 2008 – December 2011
- Diane Winslow, January – September 2012.
- Nicole Mizener, October 2012 – August 2013
- Shirley Dickard, January 2014 to the Present
- Janie Kesselman, the "Alter-Editor" since 2016.

"Fab Four" Businesses that have advertised since *The Courier's* first issue on April 1997

- The Mayo Restaurant and Bar • Willow Creek Campground
- Emerald Cove Marina • The Lost Nugget Market

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- Camptonville Community Partnership 501(c)3 - Long-time supporter and our fiscal agent
- Hal Stocker (former 5th District Supervisor, Yuba County) Long-time supporter and advertiser since December 1997
- Rochelle Bell – Honorary Godmother of *The Courier* from the earliest days to the present
- Camptonville School – For being a long-time supporter and sharing your resources with *The Courier*
- Stephanie Korney – Website Manager for *The Courier's* Archives at Camptonville.com
- The Camptonville Post Office Ladies – For your part in getting *The Courier* into our mailboxes every month!
- Country Copy Print Shop – For your years of support in printing *The Camptonville Courier*

Courier 20 Years (Tune: When I'm 64)
Written by Jesse Golden, Sung by Linda Brown (l) and Jesse (r)

*When it got started, this little rag, 20 years ago,
Who'd have thought it would'a lasted oh so long?
Two decades and still going strong
What's going on and what do ya think, what's the buzz in town?
We will still read you, we will still need you 20 years from now*

*Every issue is a miracle - pulled it off again!
Ah ah breathe deep and take a break - next month, we'll do it all over again...*

*It has a purpose, it has a goal, building community
Indicate precisely what you mean to say; solutionary's the word of the day
News from the school and coming events - more if space allows
Please won't you read it? I'm sure that we'll need it, 20 years from now*

*Monthly shall the editors examine all the punctuation marks
- do the verbs agree?
We shall cut and paste
Ah ah everyone gets their say, and nothing goes to waste*

*Telling the stories, sharing our lives, distribution's free
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Why Should I Volunteer? Filling the Shoes of a Dedicated Firefighter

By Brandi Dudek, CVFD Chief



Volunteer fire departments all over are having issues with recruiting and retaining volunteers, and we are no different. We have ever-increasing requirements from state and even federal levels, we are understaffed, underfunded, and it's easy to feel underappreciated. The requirements for new recruits entail well over 100 hours of training. Maybe that doesn't sound like a lot, but when the recruit has a job, a family, and maybe an education to worry about, it can be overwhelming. It's not like the old days when you learned as you went. Some new recruits come to training for a few weeks or maybe a few months, learn what is expected and decide that it is just too much. Many hours of training are on weekends or even additional weeknights which take them away from their family even more.

What about our younger generation? Without them stepping up, we will face larger issues in the near future, such as not even having a volunteer fire department. It appears that a person does not just wake up and decide to be a volunteer. It's either been a lifelong dream or your friends and/or family are involved.

It takes unique dedication to fill the shoes of a volunteer fire fighter. *So why should I volunteer or why am I doing this?* Well the answer is simple: the community needs us more than they realize for we provide that critical first response. Every one of our volunteer firefighters brings something of value to the department. Jim Esry says he loves the adrenaline rush when the pager goes off because of his desire to help people in need. David Pratchner joined because he feels there's a real need in the community for emergency services.

If you've been thinking about becoming a volunteer firefighter someday, let's talk! We also need help with non-firefighter projects such as paperwork and maintenance at the station. If you'd like to be part of a great team, give your Chief a call at 288-3303.

Monthly Report: Camptonville VFD was paged out for four calls - two medicals and two structure fires (one in Downieville, one in NSJ). Our roster is down to 12, including 2 cadets.

(Forest Bio-energy Continued from Page 1)

CCP will implement the project in collaboration with the project steering committee, Gaelectric, ICF Inc., Center for Sustainable Energy, UC Davis, Babcock Power Environmental, Direct Contact, and DE Solutions. As always we solicit your comments and concerns. Call us at 288-9355, email regine@theccp.org, or attend community meetings.

To learn more about the project you may visit our site: <http://sites.theccp.org/fbbc/> This is a good example of a community-driven project fueled by Camptonville's Health Action Plan (CHAT) (www.camptonville.com).



Local Live Music

By Cathy LeBlanc

Sometimes the more things change the more they stay the same! You don't have to go far to hear good live music. It's been my pleasure for over 10 years to host an **Open Mic in Camptonville for Burgee Dave's at the Mayo on Sundays (first and third, from 4-7 pm)**. Lately the word has caught on and we have become a mecca for local live music. As many as a dozen (or more) musicians may show up on a single night. Some nights we keep it going past 7 pm because so many performers want to play. These musicians play a variety of music styles from blue grass to folk to rock to blues and many originals. They may live in Camptonville, on the Ridge, or drive in from Grass Valley. It's fun for the whole family. Whether you are in the audience or behind the mic, guitar, cello, trumpet, or even the drums, it's too good to be missed. And if you're hungry, Burgee Dave's has a complete dinner menu and full bar including the Ultimate Bloody Mary!



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Sunday School for Adults

By Leland Mansuetti

What is Sunday School for Adults? The United Methodist Church of North San Juan has introduced a new program – Sunday School for Adults, which is held after services on a monthly, sometimes bi-monthly basis. Members of the congregation have shared local history, church history, local geography, careers, hobbies, music, all sorts of topics and life-changing experiences and/or testimony of God's love, healing, and understanding. We all have those special 'moments' to share. Please join us at the little white church near the top of Flume Street in North San Juan. Services begin at 9 am. For information, call 288-3539.

National Day of Prayer Event – May 4th

By Trysha Trotti

Six North Yuba Foothill churches are hosting a National Day of Prayer (NDP) event on **Thursday, May 4th, at 12 noon at the Alcouffe Community Center in Oregon House**, located at 9185 Texas Hill Road. The public is invited to attend.

Churches currently involved in planning the local event are Brownsville Lutheran Community Church of Joy, Foothills Christian Center in Dobbins, Hillside Community Church in Brownsville, Home Fellowship in Oregon House, Loma Rica Community Church, and Smartsville Community Church. For further information, please contact Trysha Trotti at tryshatrotti@netzero.net.



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North San Juan Community Church

By Pastor Pinkie

What a successful Easter we had – thanks to Richard and Evan Gibbins who sponsored Easter Dinner! So the day went like this: Sunrise Service, Pancake Breakfast, Movie "HOP," Easter Egg Hunt, Regular Sunday Service, Soup Lunch, Movie, Easter Dinner (two eight-foot tables of food) and another showing of "HOP" by popular demand. We had leftovers that were distributed to a very grateful crowd on Monday for food give-away. PS - Sunrise is spelled correctly.

North San Juan Community Church is at it again! Our venture for May is **"Mothers Day Lunch" on May 14th**. Bring Mom out for a yummy free lunch of soup, salad, sandwiches, coffee, tea, and juice. You don't have to have a lot of money to show Mom how much she means to you. Oh, we have gifts, too.

NSJ Community Church, promoting Jesus' philosophy of "Be Nice," is located at 29190 Hwy 49, NSJ, at the Community Center (415-9705). Love, Peace, Happiness, and Music!

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MAY 2017 Community Calendar



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- May 19 Talent and Trash Fashion Show (page 2)
- May 20 Plant Sale and Flea Market (page 3)
- May 24 Parents Club Meeting (page 6)
- June 1 1, 2, 3 Grow Graduation (page 12)
- June 7 8th Grade Graduation (page 6)

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

- Tuesdays:** Community Lunch, 12–1 pm, NSJ Center
USDA Food Bank, 3rd Tues, 9–10:30 am, Willow Glen, OH
Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, 5:30 pm–Kids, 6:30–Adults, Com. Center
Yoga, 5:30 pm, Camptonville School Gym
Camptonville Fire Dept Trainings, 6–9 pm, Fire Hall
- Thursdays:** Foothill Food Pantry, 12:30–1:30 pm, Lake Francis Grange, Dobbins. May 4, 11, 25. June 1, 8, 15, 29
Food Bank, NSJ, 3rd Thurs, 8 am, North San Juan Center
Yoga, 10 am, Camptonville Community Center
AA Meeting, 5:30–6:30 pm, C'ville Resource Center
Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, 5:30 pm–Kids, 6:30–Adults, Com. Center
- Fridays:** Community Lunch, 12 pm, NSJ Center
- Saturdays:** Coffee @ The Center, 9–11 am, C'V Community Center
Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, 10–12 Open Mat, C'V Community Center
- Sundays:** Open Mic, 1st & 3rd Sundays at Burgee Daves, 4–7 pm