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## Renovation News – Burgee Dave's at The Mayo

By Cathy LeBlanc

On a recent warm October evening I spoke with Brian and Sandi, the proprietors of our favorite Camptonville establishment, Burgee Dave's at The Mayo. Amazingly, the bar and restaurant have remained in business since suffering a fire in July.



Rebuilding of "The Mayo," 1908  
Courtesy of the Leland Pauley Collection



**Burgee's is currently open weekends, 11 am until dark, with an outdoor grill menu and spirits.** They expect to move the kitchen inside as soon as the floors and windows are repaired, hopefully before it rains. It will be nothing fancy at first, just temporary seating and a limited menu that will include weekly specials and Sandi's scrumptious soups. Brian and Sandi plan to keep Burgee's open weekends and to continue to work during the week on the renovation, with volunteer help. At present, they are seeking volunteers experienced in repairing wooden floors and the bar.

If you've dropped by recently and taken a peek inside, you'd see that the whole interior has been gutted to make way for repairs and remodeling. The walls are being sandblasted, removing years of old paint. The wooden ceiling has been removed and so have the booths. The decorative wooden back bar has been removed in numbered pieces. Building plans will be turned in to the county soon.

The "new" Mayo will have more space, including a newly renovated kitchen. The historic back bar will be reinstalled and the bar will be refinished.



Another fundraiser is planned for November 4th (see page 2). Brian says the long-range plans will reveal a very new Burgee Dave's at The Mayo with fun, entertainment, and good food inside and out. The spirit of Camptonville as the *Little Town that Could* is once again being mobilized.

Photos by Cathy LeBlanc



## Bingo – Brunch – Blues

Three Ways to Share Your  
Camptonville Spirit this  
November!



☆ **Saturday, November 4th**  
**Food and Music Fundraiser**  
for rebuilding Burgee Dave's  
at The Mayo (see page 2)

☆ **Sunday, November 5th**  
**Fall Brunch Fundraiser**  
for Camptonville Christmas Club's  
*Santa Comes to Town*  
in December (see page 2)

☆ **Saturday, November 11th**  
**BINGO Night Fundraiser** (win cash!)  
for renovation of The Community Center  
(see page 2)



## From the Editor

– Shirley Dickard

November, as trees shed their leaves, we enter the season of letting go. Around this time, I notice that I shift from dreading fire's uncontrolled destruction to



Photo by Shirley Dickard

anticipating its warmth. Firesafe clearing done for the season, I now stack firewood and create brush piles to burn when conditions are right. With pantry shelves full of canned tomatoes (some years, at least!), I put away my garden shovel and spread the fallen leaves over vegetable beds to overwinter as mulch.

It feels sad to let go of the family and friends who fill our hearts, but people move away or pass on. I especially love the November arrival of Tundra Swans in the rice fields near Marysville, but I know they will depart the next February. They always do. Like the leaves from November trees.

### Coffee @ The Center Hosting Schedule

Come by the **Community Center on Saturdays, 9–11 am**, for coffee and catching up with your neighbors. You never know who will show up or what will happen!

If you can volunteer to host the dates that are **(OPEN)**, please contact Jocelyn at 288-0619 or [jocelyn@theccp.org](mailto:jocelyn@theccp.org).

**NOVEMBER: (4-OPEN) (11-OPEN) (18-Jocelyn) (25- OPEN)**

**DECEMBER: (2-Jesse G) (9-OPEN) (16-OPEN) (23- OPEN) (30-OPEN)**



### Cat Looking for a New Home with Mice!

I need a home. I'm an outdoor cat who knows how to catch mice. I'm male, with orange and white stripes, clean, and friendly. I've been neutered and had my shots. Wouldn't you like me to help take care of your rodent problem? Please call Carolyn at 288-3424.

## Fundraiser for Rebuilding Burgee Dave's – November 4th

Want to support the rebuilding of The Mayo? Come on down to Burgee Dave's **Saturday, November 4th, Noon to about 7 pm**, weather permitting. Brian and Sandi are planning an afternoon of good food (possibly a pig roast), good music (two bands), and good camaraderie! Oh, also a good way for us folks to help them rebuild. Watch for fliers about town. - *Shirley Dickard*

## Camptonville Christmas Club's Fall Brunch Fundraiser – November 5th

The Christmas Club will be hosting its annual Fall Brunch on **Sunday, November 5th, 10 am to Noon at the Camptonville Community Center**. The Christmas Club will also have gift baskets on display that will be raffled off on Santa Night. This fundraiser helps bring Santa and the Spirit of Christmas to Camptonville each year. Please come out and support this amazing and heartwarming tradition that started in our wonderful little town more than 50 years ago. Please see the flier insert for detailed information. - *Donna Tate*

## BINGO Night Fundraiser for The Community Center – November 11th



Mark your calendars for an evening of fun and the chance to win cash at the Community Center's BINGO night: **Saturday, November 11th, 6 to 8 pm at the Community Center**. See the Community Center article on page 3 for details. This is a fundraiser for The Center, so come have fun, support your Center, and maybe win yourself some cash! - *Christina Ledson*



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## Get Ready for the Holidays!

### Holiday Craft Fair – December 3rd

By Barbara Ramirez



Save the Date! Camptonville's Holiday Craft Fair is **Sunday, December 3rd, 12 noon–3 pm at the school gym**. Come support your local artisans and the Christmas Club. We are hoping our fire department will once again sell Christmas trees. Last year was our biggest fair ever and we hope to surpass that this year.

If you are interested in selling your items, please contact Barbara at 288-3392 by **December 1st**. I will be sending forms to past vendors to fill out and return to me if they are interested in selling this year. This is a CCP-sponsored event. We hope to see you there!



### Donations Needed for "Kids Only" Shopping

By Barbara Mueller-Hogan

For the **Kids Only Shopping Area** at the **Camptonville Craft Fair on Sunday, December 3rd**, we are asking for donations of gently used items that children can buy for their parents, grandparents, siblings, and friends. So clean out your home of all that "stuff" you've been meaning to find a new home for and help us raise funds for the *1, 2, 3 Grow* program. We are always short on items for dads, grandpas, and older brothers and sisters. Note: *no* clothing and *no* stuffed animals please.

You may drop off your items with Pam Wilcox at the school office. If you need items to be picked up, please call me at 288-9311 and leave a message with your phone number.

We will collect items **until Friday, December 1st**. Our children love this opportunity to buy special and affordable gifts and all proceeds go to support *1, 2, 3 Grow*, so please help. *Thank you!*



### "Secret Santa" Returns!

By Barbara Mueller-Hogan



The *Secret Santa* program has been helping families in our community for many, many years with a wonderful Christmas dinner and gifts for children.

If you, or anyone you know, could use help this year, please call me at 288-9311 by **December 13th** and leave the following information: how many people in the family, age and gender of each child, and a phone number.

In the past, I have asked children who attend Camptonville School to write a "Letter to Santa" to get ideas of what they would like, or I ask the parents what they need.

Many of the donations come from community groups and individuals who supply gifts, money, or sponsor a family or an individual child. Any amount helps. Please call me at 288-9311 if you would like to be one of "Santa's Helpers." Leave a phone number, as I don't have caller ID. Families will be notified of the date to pick up Santa's gifts at the school gym. *Thank you!*

### This Month at the Community Center

By Christina Ledson, Manager

**BINGO:** I am very happy to announce that we will be hosting Bingo on **November 11th, 6-8 pm at The Community Center**. We



will be playing for cash! The fun begins at 6 pm and will go until about 8 pm with a break around 7 pm. There will be a no-host bar with beer, wine, and sodas. If anyone would like to bring finger food or dessert to share, please do. Fliers will be posted soon with more details, so be on the lookout.

**Job Opening for Manager:** This month will conclude my run as the manager of The Center. We are currently taking applications for this position. If you are interested in contributing to our community, please read the flyer inserted in this month's Courier with the job description for managing the CCC.

**Become a Center Member!** On the other side of the flier is a form to become a member of the Community Center. Memberships and donations help keep the Center's doors open, so please consider joining if you have not already.

I have thoroughly enjoyed managing the Center and thank this wonderful community for helping to create such a wonderful place for us to gather.

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## Monkey Mind Kindness at Summer's End

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 November.



*"Hello, babies. Welcome to Earth. It's hot in the summer and cold in the winter. It's round and wet and crowded. At the outside, babies, you've got about a hundred years here. There's only one rule that I know of, babies — God damn it, you've got to be kind."*

These words come from *God Bless You, Mr. Rosewater*, by Kurt Vonnegut, Jr., a 1964 novel in which a New Yorker who inherits millions from his father develops a social conscience and decides to give it all away.

I was thinking about kindness as I sat on a warm Sunday at Burgee Dave's, enjoying Open Mic music and a balmy October afternoon. Brian and Sandi, struggling to recover from the recent fire, still manage to make a range of folks welcome, from life-long Camptonvillians to first-time visitors from all over.

After so many fires, I think we're all feeling our shared vulnerability, as well as a deep appreciation of everyone who takes care of our community, from firefighters and rescue workers to folks who volunteer to help with renovations or cook for a benefit. We breathe the slightly smoky local air and hope that the rains come soon.

But on the national front, political leaders seem more inclined to fan the flames of division than to comfort the burned and homeless.

Kindness seems like a worthy aspiration, whether for a local Sunday hangout or a complex society of over 300 million people. Let's make America kind again!

Want to comment on this topic? Visit my Facebook page, Monkey-Mind-the-Column, or email me *c/o The Courier*.

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

## "Code Red" in Yuba County

By Randy Fletcher, Yuba County 5th District Supervisor

In the aftermath of the Loma Rica fire, the most important message I can pass along is to make sure (and double check!) you are signed up for Yuba County's emergency notification system, called "Code Red." Every second is precious when trying to evacuate, and can mean the difference between life and death. Read my tips below, then stop everything you are doing and sign up now!

- Register your landline, your cell phone, and your email address – the more ways to get a hold of you, the better.
- Yes, you need an old-fashioned, corded landline phone, and make sure the ringer is turned on. Why? If the power goes out, your cordless landline phones won't work. Also, if the power goes out, and you use a cell phone booster to get service, it might not work either.
- If you have an elderly or handicapped family member, consider registering another family member's phone number to also get their alerts.
- If your phone number or email address has recently changed, be safe and register again.
- TIP: If you only register your cell phone, make sure you keep it charged, turned on during the night and not on "silent" mode.

**To sign up for Code Red, go to**

**[www.BePreparedYuba.org](http://www.BePreparedYuba.org)**, then click on the picture that says "Stay Connected." If you need help registering, call the Yuba County Office of Emergency Services at 749-7520.

A huge thank you to all our local residents who pitched in after the fires, volunteered, donated items, and took in evacuated people and animals. It's going to be a long road back for many families; keep them in your hearts and prayers through the coming months.



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## Fire in Central Camptonville October 8th!

By Brandi Dudek, CVFD Chief



Why was Camptonville without power for approximately 24 hours beginning Sunday night on October 8th? Well, during the high wind event a tree fell onto a powerline at Mill and Spring Street. This caused a line to come completely down, and another was arcing. The tree was still on the live powerline which was causing it to continue to burn.

Due to the danger of live powerlines, all that our Volunteer Fire Department could do was be available should the tree come down and start a vegetation fire. Forest Service was notified and came to assist with personnel so that we could patrol up and down Mill and Spring Streets because hot embers were flying. Due to the numerous calls for down powerlines all through Nevada and Yuba Counties, it took PG&E almost an hour to come out and cut the powerlines so that we could get the fire in the tree out.

As we feared, the tree broke and large embers fell to the ground starting a small vegetation fire. It was going to take more than the one service man to repair the lines, so PG&E had to cut power to the entire town to mitigate the situation and prevent any further fires. I want to mention that NSJ and Pike Fire Departments were also coming to assist, but we were able to keep them in their districts to assist with emergencies happening in their own communities.

Even though the weather seems to be cooling down, we are still in high fire danger. Please continue to be diligent!

CVFD calls last month included 1 motor vehicle accident, 2 medicals, 1 vehicle fire/vegetation fire, and 1 tree into powerline/vegetation fire. Our roster is at 12 firefighters.

We are always looking for volunteers. Training is Tuesday evenings from 6–9 pm, with one Tuesday per month in NSJ for medical training. Stop by and check us out. All training will be provided at no cost.

Volunteers do not have to become firefighters; we also have need of support staff to help with paperwork, maintenance at the station, and other non-firefighter projects. If interested in donating time and being part of a great team, feel free to give your chief a call at 288-3303.

## Update on Road Repairs in the Pendola Area

By Lisa Burns, with Mark Jokerst

Here is an update of road repairs in the Pendola Road area. Yuba County 5th District Supervisor Randy Fletcher spoke at the Camptonville Community Services (CCSD) meeting on September 25th. Mike Lee of the Yuba County Department of Public Works (YCDPW) was slated to attend but was not present. The YCDPW is still pursuing the funding and dealing with the red tape to receive the funds. Mr. Fletcher explained that the County intends to repair and continue to maintain Pendola Road but that work must wait for FEMA funding that is currently being diverted to recovery efforts in Houston and Florida. Mr. Fletcher also explained that county supervisors will deliberate the following day on the immediate use of county funds to make urgent repairs in Camptonville in preparation for the coming winter, and Yuba County intends to repave Pendola Extension Road to the tune of approximately \$100,000 of county funds per year.

At this meeting with Mr. Fletcher, there was a discussion about non-plowed roads in the winter and how that will affect the residents, especially during medical emergencies. Camptonville's Fire Chief Brandi Dudek stated that helicopters will not respond to a medical call unless the Camptonville Volunteer Fire Department (CVFD) is on site. Without Pendola Road open and plowed, many of us will have an extra 3.5 to 3.9 miles of snow to dig through to get in and out. This truly may mean life or death in a dire medical emergency.

Chief Dudek gave her account of the delay in responding to a recent vegetation fire on Weeds Point Road. Unsure of which route was open, it was difficult to decide how to best access the area. The response time was delayed by about 20 minutes due to the road closures in the area.

At Mr. Fletcher's request, Mark Jokerst, Camptonville Water Department Manager, and Brandi Dudek attended the Yuba County Board of Supervisors (YCBOS) meeting the next day to address the Supervisors and make them aware of the situation here in the Pendola area. Following the Camptonville presentation, the YCBOS unanimously approved a contract to complete storm repairs on Pendola Extension, Young's Hill Road, and Weeds Point Road, using county funds. These "repairs" will be limited to restoring storm drains, filling voids, and clearing slides. Per the direction of the YCBOS, funds shall be focused on maintaining Fire/EMS access into and out of the Pendola area this winter. Also responding to the Camptonville presentation, Public Works Director Mike Lee stated that this winter they will plow from Highway 49 to Garden Valley Road from either the Pendola Road or the Pendola Extension Road, "one way or the other." The mud boil patch on Pendola Road (near Garden Valley Road) was repaired by the county a few days after Mike Lee made a commitment to do so in late September.

Let's all send Brandi and Mark a big thank you for their role in getting some funds released for our area roads. Let's also hope for a light snow load this winter, and good health for all!

## Meet Your Local Teacher/Poet Extraordinaire – Yakshi Vadeboncoeur

By Linda Rose

Writing poetry has been Yakshi's lifelong passion. She never misses an opportunity to write poems about any topic, emotion, or whatever inspires her. Two years back, she and local Poet-in-the-Schools Will Staple started a poetry reading group. It's been going strong ever since. With this commitment to taking her poetry more seriously, she began reading and reciting at functions and events. At "The Open Book" bookstore, she met owners and publishers Will Dane and Angela Sells. They have been working with her on her soon-to-be published first book, "The Feminine Face of God." The book contains a collection of poems written over the past 40 years. Its overarching narrative is a theme of what women have shared across generations and cultures to enhance the human journey on this earth and to deepen our understanding of its ultimate meaning. The book is expected to be published this November, at which time a book release party will be held.

In her younger years while studying Spanish at UC Santa Cruz, Yakshi met Roger Rapp, who had been attending UC Santa Barbara, majoring in cross cultural religious studies. The two worked together in the college kitchen and romance ensued. Roger later resumed his studies in Santa Barbara, while Yakshi went on to teach ESL (English as Second Language) to migrant students at Calabasas Elementary School in Watsonville. They later reunited and for six months lived in a "house" Roger built on the back of a converted Volkswagen pickup bus.

For two years, Roger and Yakshi lived in Japan where Roger studied Buddhism at Tokyo University. They returned to Santa Barbara where their first child Hally was born and Roger finished his MA. Their second child, Elzeard (EJ), was born two years later. While Roger was working on his PhD, they met Diane Pendola who invited them to move to Camptonville and live at Skyline Harvest Ranch while he wrote his dissertation. Yakshi was hired as the Camptonville School Librarian. They left the ranch to run Camp Ross Relles near Malakoff for three years, then Roger started his own business translating Japanese to English and their third child, Jocelyn, was born. They finally managed to buy their own home, where Yakshi and Jocelyn still live today. Yakshi also taught Spanish for 11 years, with a year off when she joined Roger in Spain. He was working as an assistant to internationally renowned theologian and philosopher, Raimon Panikkar. Yakshi and Jocelyn returned to Camptonville in 2004, after which Yakshi and Roger spent the next four years taking turns traveling to and from Spain while they worked together on translation jobs. Yakshi also continued teaching Spanish and performing her duties as Librarian. (In 1997, Roger helped found *The Courier* and served as the first editor until 2003 – *Editor*)

In 2008, Roger returned from Spain and Yakshi retired from her jobs to help take care of both of her ailing parents. Then tragically in 2010, Roger died suddenly of cardiac arrest and Yakshi's father passed as well. The death of her mother that fall culminated a very rough year for her. Yet something had emerged to help her get through the hard times. She began teaching infant and toddler preschool and school readiness with "1, 2, 3 Grow." Working with very young children kept her always in the present moment, making it hard to be sad in their presence. She also resumed teaching Spanish and worked as the cook at Camptonville School until 2014.


Currently, Yakshi has added teaching adult Spanish classes while continuing K-8 Spanish classes and "1, 2, 3 Grow." What she enjoys most about her preschool work is holding babies and watching children come into their minds and personalities.

Yakshi loves Sandhill Cranes and visits them every year to watch their "courtship dance." Once they mate, Sandhill Cranes love forever. She likes to fantasize that she is "flying away with them."

In her future, Yakshi plans to spend a year reading, writing, gardening, and never leaving home. Then, using her book sale proceeds, she plans to return to Paris to visit her brother. Watch for information about the book release date and, of course, buy her book! You may enjoy reading one of her recent poems on page 7.



Photo by Linda Rose



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## Wind in the Night

Fierce dry winds in the night spawn  
a week of indiscriminate wildfire  
devouring rural vineyard, inaccessible  
coastal canyon and tame urban  
neighborhoods alike – windblown  
flames running ahead of snaking  
wind-whipped rivers of flame

In spared Sierra Foothills, the air  
smoke-laden, toxic, yet wind-dried  
pincushion pods open on chestnut trees and  
let fall their plump, gleaming chestnut-hued  
shells. They fall onto already wind-littered  
forest floor and lie still as you did

This the seven-year memorial month of your diagnosis  
and last quiet breath – some fires rage undetected  
No hallowed eve, no All Saints, nor even Day of the Dead  
marker. Rather a full 2 days before the bonfires and candles  
of those more famous ritual Feast days begin their  
raucous or grave calendric procession

No more the wind carelessly given, carelessly  
taken, until we give and take and give and then  
take no more. Not by fire, but into the earth  
released, so make again of your body for me,  
Mother, the whole world! The whole world  
and braille to these chestnut gathering hands  
that fingers may seek not to hoard or hold

but better to see, touching and touched, come  
to true thanksgiving, come truly to know  
the ever-proffered still breathing gift

Yakshi  
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## "Evil is Incomprehensible, But so is Good" \*

By Diane Pendola

When I read these words of Raimon Panikkar, I felt moved to tears. Immediately my mind was seeing the images from the mass shooting in Las Vegas. The TV news had been talking incessantly about the shooter, trying to find a reason for why he had opened fire on thousands of people at an open air concert. He had no criminal record, no record of mental illness, no fanatical affiliations. Why? Perhaps there is no why. Perhaps evil cannot be penetrated by our desire to understand it.

But simultaneously my mind also went to loved ones shielding a friend, child, lover, or spouse with their own bodies. My mind went to people who ran back into the exploding gunfire to carry wounded strangers away from harm in their own arms and on their own shoulders. Evil may be incomprehensible but so is this spontaneous and self-forgetting goodness, this love that transcends fear and the immediacy of death.

It is this love that moves me. And as I speak with others, it is this love that moves us – this kindness, this incomprehensible light hidden in the human heart, that reveals itself in such moments of crisis. We are facing many crises, many difficulties, even here in our own community and our own personal lives. But I am confident that this light within us will guide us. It has so far. Though it may be incomprehensible to our minds, our hearts seem to know how to follow.

\* Raimon Panikkar, *Mysticism and Spirituality*, p. 233

## Yuba River Ranger District News

By Kevin Kidd, Visitor Information Assistant, USFS

Our offices will be closed November 10th for Veteran's Day and November 23th for Thanksgiving.

Fuelwood cutting will be open until December 31st, but standing dead hardwood can only be cut until November 1st. For fire safety, you must still call in (288-3231) to hear what the project activity level is before you go cut forest wood.

Backdoor yard waste burn permits are still currently suspended.

NOAA rain totals are measured from October 1st to September 30th every year. For the year we just completed, October 2016 to September 2017, the Yuba River Ranger District office measured 113.62 inches. January was the wettest month with 31.75 inches, and July was the driest with zero rainfall. For this new rain year, as of October 20th we have had 0.7 inches of rain. Have a Happy Thanksgiving!



Photo by Shirley Dickard

# Holiday Advice and Everything Nice in November



By Yakshi Vadeboncoeur, 1, 2, 3, Grow

Pumpkin patch visits and jack-o-lantern carving, fairy or scary costume disguises, Halloween carnival festivities, and trick or treat activities – Wow, October is one exciting month! Must mean the holiday season is upon us.

Remember, little ones thrive on routine, and that for them, there is a thin line between wide-eyed excited joy and completely losing it in wide-mouthed screeching tantrum or clinging, sobbing refusal to participate. Give them the space and time they need observing from the sidelines in order to feel comfortable, or the guidelines and limits needed in order not to go hog wild and out of control. It's a fine line for parenting and patience, too. And don't forget: you're in charge! Figure out your strategy for Halloween candy and stick to it.

**Nn** for **N**ovember in the 1,2,3 Grow classroom has us focus on **n**ame and **n**umber recognition. We also **n**otice and wonder about the changes in **n**ature outdoors and try to **n**otice our classmates being **n**ice indoors and out. Our other rug letters are **Ww**, **Hh**, and **Tt**. By the end of the month, we are noticing people being nice and finding ways to say thank you. We focus on healthy eating and nutrition, healthy teeth, and a Happy Thanksgiving. Catch your little ones being good. For all of us, a happy holiday season is helped along by noticing each other being nice.



# Water Department Breathes a Sigh of Relief

By Mark Joerst, Operator and Manager, Water Department  
Camptonville Community Services District



The water department is happy to declare the end of summer and share a sigh of relief. Over the period of September 17 to October 17:

- Average Production was 16 gpm, down from 24 gpm
- Peak Production was 40.2 gpm on September 2, up from 39 gpm ('twas a thirsty day!)
- Campbells Gulch downstream flow: 130 gpm.
- There are no drought restrictions in effect
- Monthly allotment is 20,000 gallons

We seem to have fared very well this summer, thanks to a very wet winter and spring and a non-stop water flow at Campbells Gulch. The wells were not used at all and the creek supplied all of our water needs. Thanks for all your patience this summer during the construction project.

**My Sorrow, when she's here with me,  
Thinks these dark days of autumn rain  
Are beautiful as days can be...  
The desolate, deserted trees,  
The faded earth, the heavy sky...  
Not yesterday I learned to know  
The love of bare November days  
Before the coming of the snow...**

~Robert Frost, "My November Guest," 1913

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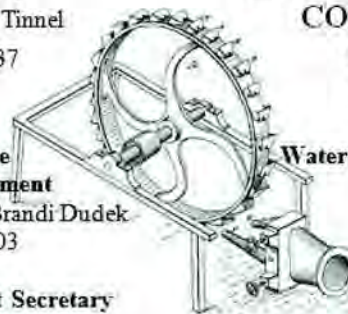
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# The Cattle Drive on Moonshine Road

By Les Wolfe

When my family moved onto our Moonshine Road property in the spring of 1945, shortly thereafter one of the most exciting and memorable events took place. Two ranching families, the Robinson and the Edwards from, I believe, Browns Valley, would drive their cattle up every spring to graze.

That first spring in 1945 I was eight years old, city fresh, and had no idea what I was hearing when the cattle crossed Little Willow Creek and headed up Moonshine Road toward the old cabin. The cattle were bawling, the cow bells were clanging, the dogs were barking, and the drovers, both men and women, were shouting and whistling.



Cabin on Moonshine Road



Les Wolfe and Dogs

I was overwhelmed by my first sight of the herd of cattle coming up Moonshine Road with the drovers on mounts that responded with lightning speed when a stray would get out of line. They also had dogs trained to keep the cattle bunched up and headed in the right direction. They trained a new dog by tethering a young dog to an older trained dog. When a command was given to one of these dogs, nothing stood in their way from completing the task at hand, and the young dog had no choice but to go along, and no doubt if they are worth their salt, in a year or two they'd be dragging a young pup behind also.

The whole family was watching as the cattle passed by our gate and what I guess was the trail boss stopped and passed the time of day. At this time, my dad asked about a milk cow, and not long after that he brought a cow that had weaned her calf. We called her Dido because for no reason she would kick up her heels and take off running.



Dido the Cow

The cattle (as I recall) spread out mostly in the Moonshine and Little Willow Creek drainage areas. This put them all over either side of Moonshine Road between our house and the school bus stop to which I, my brother, and the Bartch girls, Anna Fern and Verna May, had to walk to catch the school bus. It seemed to me that I was the only one uneasy about walking among a bunch of wild cows even after everyone tried to convince me they wouldn't harm a fly. All that convincing fell by the wayside when a couple of bulls would face off bellowing and pawing the dirt . . . I was out of there.

Years later when I was a teenager, our cow that had replaced Dido was drying up and needed to be bred. The cattlemen gave us permission to use one of their bulls. One mid-afternoon on the hillside across the road there were four bulls challenging one another bellowing, pawing the dirt, and raising holy hell. My dad approached me and said, "go up there and bring that young bull down here while I open the gate." I declined, saying they looked pretty angry. He tried to convince me the old Herefords were not a hostile breed – they were harmless. I said, "Alright, I'll hold the gate while you go bring him down." After hum-hawing around, he said, "Okay."

When he got within a stone's throw of the young bull, the bull turned his attention on Dad and was not looking so harmless when he started pawing the ground. Dad, in a move faster than I thought he was capable of, was behind a pine tree. After a couple of minutes the bull turned his attention back to the other bulls, and Dad ambled down the hill with a big smile on his face and said, "I think we'll let them calm down a little."

Sure enough, the next day we brought the bull in as our guest for a week or two, and he seemed to enjoy our green pasture and the company of our milk cow. The next spring we had a newborn calf, fresh milk, fresh churned butter, and lots of whipped cream to go with strawberries out of our garden. Life was good on Moonshine Road.

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## November School Calendar



- November 1 *Power of One Assembly*
- November 8 Awards Assembly, 8:45 am  
Staff Development Minimum Day, 12:45 pm dismissal. Kindergarten Schedule 8:25 am-12:45 pm
- November 9 Veterans Day Observance, 10:20 am, at Camptonville Cemetery. All Veterans and community members are invited to attend
- November 9 End of First Trimester
- November 10 Veterans Day Holiday (School Closed)
- November 15 School Board Meeting, 6 pm
- Nov. 15-17 Minimum Days for Parent-Teacher Conferences, 12:45 pm dismissal.  
Kindergarten Schedule 8:25 am-12:45 pm
- Nov. 22-24 Thanksgiving Break (School Closed)



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## NSJ Community Church News



By Pastor Yvonne Varner

**November 4th:** we hope to see you at **Swabbie's on the River, 5871 Garden Highway in Sacramento** (out by Sacramento Airport), **11 am to 4 pm** for a fundraiser for Shriners Hospital for Children and North San Juan Community Church! Our own Pastor Pinkie has been asked to guest with "Rockin' Down the Hiway," a Doobie Brothers Tribute band and to open for "Journey Revisited," a Journey tribute band. It's a \$10 donation at the door and (if affordable) a new unwrapped toy and/or gently used clothing, school supplies, or canned goods. There will also be photos with Santa at Swabbie's. What a day that will be!

**November 23rd** is our **Annual Thanksgiving Day Dinner** – everyone is welcome! **4 pm** will bring forth the turkey, ham, and all the fixin's, stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy, green bean casserole, and of course, mac & cheese! We play movies about Thanksgiving like "A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving." We have interesting prizes for the pumpkin dessert contest – we had one whole table of desserts last year. Everyone appreciates all the donations and all of the help! For more information on any of these and all of our community outreach projects, call 415-9705.

## HELP & HOPE

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

- CA Rural Legal Assistance (Yuba Co) ——— 742-5191
  - Camptonville:
    - AA ——— 288-1001
    - Community Center Information ——— 288-3655
    - Elementary School ——— 288-3277
    - Post Office ——— 288-3348
    - Resource Center (CCP) ——— 288-9355
    - USFS (Yuba River Ranger District) ——— 288-3231
    - Vol. Fire Department ——— 288-3303
  - CoRR (Community Recovery Resources) ——— 273-9541
  - Domestic Violence:
    - Casa de Esperanza Hot Line (Yuba Co) — 674-2040
    - DVSAC Crisis Line (Nevada Co) ——— 272-3467
  - KNCO 830 AM (Nevada Co) ——— 477-5626
  - KUBA 1600 AM (Yuba Co) ——— 673-5400
  - KVMR 89.5 FM (Nevada Co) ——— 265-9555
  - Legal Center for Seniors (Yuba) ——— 742-8289
  - Mental Health 24 hr Crisis Line (Yuba Co) — 673-8255
  - NAMI -Support for Mental Illness ——— 272-4566
  - OES - Office of Emergency Services (Yuba Co) 749-7520
  - PG&E Outage Line ——— 800-743-5000
  - Red Cross of NE California ——— 673-1460
  - Road Conditions CalTrans ——— 800-427-7623
  - Sheriff (Yuba Co)
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## NOVEMBER 2017 Community Calendar

- November 4 Burgee Dave's Fundraiser (pg 2)*
- November 5 Fall Brunch, Christmas Club (Insert & pg 2)*
- November 9 Veterans Day at CV Cemetery (pg 11)*
- November 11 Bingo at the Community Center (pg 2 & 3)*
- November 23 Thanksgiving Day. Also Community Dinner,  
 NSJ Community Church (pg 11)*
- December 3 Camptonville Holiday Craft Fair (pg 3)*



### Ongoing MONTHLY Events

- CCP Board** - Meets 2nd Wednesday, 1 pm  
 Resource Center. Contact: 288-9355
- CCSD Board** - Meets 4th Monday, 6:30 pm, CV School  
 Contact: 288-3421 or 288-3676
- School Board** - Meets 3rd Wednesday, 6 pm, at CV School  
 Contact: 288-3277



### Ongoing WEEKLY Events

- CCC = Camptonville Community Center**
- Mondays:** Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, Kids-5:30 pm, Adults-6:30 pm, CCC
- Tuesdays:** Community Lunch, 12-1 pm, NSJ Center  
 USDA Food Bank, 3rd Tues, 9-10:30 am, Willow Glen,  
 Oregon House  
 Yoga, 5:30 pm, Camptonville School Gym  
 Camptonville Fire Dept Trainings, 6-9 pm, Fire Hall
- Wednesdays:** Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, Kids-5:30 pm, Adults-6:30, CCC
- Thursdays:** Yoga, 10 am, CCC  
 Foothill Food Pantry, 12:30-1:30 pm, LF Grange, Dobbins  
 - Nov: 2, 9, 16, 30 and Dec: 7, 14, 28  
 Food Bank, NSJ, 3rd Thurs, 8 am, North San Juan Center  
 AA Meeting, 5:30-6:30 pm, C'ville Resource Center  
 Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, 5:30 pm-Kids, 6:30-Adults, CCC
- Saturdays:** Coffee @ The Center, 9-11 am, CCC  
 Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, Kids-10 am, Adults-11 am CCC
- Sundays:** Open Mic, 1st & 3rd Sundays at Burgee Daves, 4-7 pm