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## Monkey Mind – Let Your Light Shine

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 May.

With so many elections decided by less than a thousand votes, does it matter if you personally register and vote? Here's an interesting viewpoint from a Huffington Post article, "The Soul of a Citizen:"

*It seems to be a universal experience in the human journey that somewhere along the road between birth and death, we become disappointed or feel betrayed...And if, in the face of disappointment, loss and devastation, you or I decide that "life sucks, who cares, why bother, I give up, my vote and voice don't matter," then the spark of life that is our spirit, our authentic self, the soul that came here to wake and show up, the light that came to shine, grows dim and eventually, that light goes out.*

### Please, let your light shine! Here is some voter information:

- You must register by May 21st for the June 5th election.
- To apply to register to vote online: [covr.sos.ca.gov](http://covr.sos.ca.gov). You can pick up a paper voter registration application at the Elections Office, library, DMV, or a US Post Office. Also, at the May 19th Camptonville Plant Sale and Flea Market, voter registration materials will be available.
- If you're not sure if you are registered at your current address, there's no penalty for registering again. To check your registration status in Yuba County, go to: [www.co.yuba.ca.us/departments/elections/registered.aspx](http://www.co.yuba.ca.us/departments/elections/registered.aspx).
- After the voter registration deadline, you can "conditionally" register and vote at the Yuba County Elections office.

### In Camptonville, we'll vote on candidates for:

- County offices, including our 5th District Supervisor. Camptonville candidate's statements are on Pages 6 -7, and online: [www.co.yuba.ca.us/departments/elections/current.aspx](http://www.co.yuba.ca.us/departments/elections/current.aspx).
- State Assembly District 3
- State Senate District 4
- US 3rd Congressional District

State-wide ballot measures will have an impact on water projects, motor vehicle fees, funding for greenhouse gas reduction, and rainwater capture systems. The League of Women Voters is one source for a quick guide to ballot measures: [lwvc.org/news/our-positions-june-5-2018-election-ballot-measures](http://lwvc.org/news/our-positions-june-5-2018-election-ballot-measures).

Here's one more observation on voting from a somewhat surprising source –

*"To make democracy work, we must be a nation of participants, not simply observers.*

*One who does not vote has no right to complain." – Louis L'Amour*



## Welcome Sun

Light is slowly filling  
everything  
leaf, twig, moss

And the air itself  
shatters and splits  
with the beam of

Brightness that shoots  
forth, the spotlight  
that keeps us all alive.

Upon waking it spills  
through our window,  
splash of golden paint.

Go outside in early coolness,  
stand in its glow—absorb  
its rays into your very cells.

Imagine leaves opening  
and for a moment let "human"  
be simply  
"alive," "radiant," and "being."

- Marcy Risque

## From the Editor

– Shirley DicKard

Something happens to *The Courier* every May. Like buds that burst open on spring branches, May issues swell with articles about all that's unfolding. A teacher friend commented on the *100 days of May*. So much to do, so much happening, so much fun, yet so little time before the hot summer sun draws us back inside.

Welcome to the expanded May *Courier*. This is also the *Election Issue*, so I've tried to include helpful information about voting, the local candidates, and urge you to get out and vote on June 5th. Although this is a mid-term election, at the state and national level this election seems to have more weight than usual. Locally, we're going to elect the County Supervisor Camptonville folks will work with closely over the next four years to address our concerns.

Camptonville has always been a unique voice in Yuba County, so let our voice be heard and vote!



Photo by Shirley DicKard

## Celebrate Cinco De Mayo - May 5th

By Cathy Balan, Community Center Director

On **Saturday, May 5th**, the Community Center is holding a family-friendly **Cinco De Mayo Celebration**, with dinner treats available from Fatty Foods at 6:30 pm and a Dance Concert featuring World Beatnix at 8 pm. More details on Page 4.



## Leland Pauly's Memorial Service - June 16th

Save the Date! Leland Pauly's Memorial Service will be held on **Saturday, June 16th**. Graveside service is 10 am, with potluck lunch to follow at the Camptonville Community Center. Further information will be in the *June Courier*.



Photo by Shirley DicKard



## Camptonville's Plant Sale and Flea Market - Saturday, May 19th

By Jesse Golden

Camptonville's annual Plant Sale and Flea Market returns with a **new location: the Lost Nugget field**, 16448 Highway 49 in Camptonville. Thank you to the Lost Nugget's owners for hosting this event.

This year's planned date is **Saturday May 19th (rain date May 26th)**, starting at **9:30 am and ending 2:30 pm**. Vendors will be selling local plant starts, antique and used items, arts and crafts, and food.

The Community Center will have a flea market booth to raise money for the Center's renovation fund. They are requesting you bring your donations of high-quality used items to the event. Community organizations may also participate with food sales.

For vendor information, call Jesse Golden at 925-297-5375 or email [calendarville@gmail.com](mailto:calendarville@gmail.com). The event is co-sponsored by Camptonville Community Partnership and Camptonville Community Center.



## Talent, Trash Fashion, & Music Fundraiser – Friday, May 18th Featuring Local Band “Dyin’ Breed”

By Sandy Ross, Superintendent/Principal

Come and support Camptonville Elementary School's music program on **Friday, May 18th at Rebel Ridge Organics**. The gates will open at 5 pm and student Talent and Trash Fashion Show will begin at 5:30. Following the Talent and Trash, local band, *Dyin' Breed* will play on the main stage at 6:30 pm. They are a great dance band, so we hope to see the community come out and enjoy themselves!

Food and beverages will be sold, and adult refreshment will be available for a donation. This annual event has become a fun family tradition you won't want to miss. Admission is \$5 with special family rates. Children up to 4 years are free. After 6 pm entry is \$10. Sponsored by the Camptonville School Parents Club.

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## The 57th Annual Mother's Day Scotch Broom Breakfast – May 13th

By Marilyn Mociun, NSJ Volunteer Fire Department

This year the breakfast will be held on **Sunday, May 13th, 8 am to Noon, at the Community Fire Hall in North San Juan.** For just \$8 (adults) and \$4 (children under 12) you'll get a breakfast of all-you-can-eat pancakes (gluten free available), eggs, ham, fresh strawberries, and beverages!

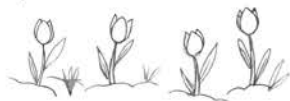
After breakfast you can pick up great starts for your garden at the annual plant sale, or stroll around the fun exhibit of polished antique cars.

The Scotch Broom Breakfast raffle tradition continues with the raffling of a variety of prize-filled baskets such as Death by Chocolate, Wine Time, and, of course, the popular free load of gravel plus delivery! But the grand prize that everyone wants



to win will be another stellar quilt created by local quilt master Mary Moore, and finished by Precision Quiltworks. This year's quilt fits over a twin bed and is a playful Arabic lattice pattern in sweet pastel colors.

Be on the lookout for advance raffle ticket sales outside of Mother Truckers and the Country Store soon. Raffle tickets will also be sold the day of the breakfast. See you all on Mother's Day!



## Time to Get Ready for the Annual Country Faire and Parade! –June 23rd

By Barbara Ramirez, CCP Board Member



2014 Parade

Hi Folks! Camptonville Community Partnership will be hosting the annual Country Faire and Parade, **Saturday, June 23rd, 2 to 5 pm in downtown Camptonville.**

Please consider participating in the parade! You can decorate a car, a float, a bicycle...anything you would like. You can put a bow on him and walk your dog. Equestrians are most definitely welcome! With your participation, we hope this year will be the biggest and the best parade ever.

Crafters and artisans: new this year, the Community Center will be available for crafters, artisans, and information booths. Please don't forget...we do not charge for a space, but you will need to pre-register. We'd like to get an early start planning the event, so please give me, Barbara Ramirez, a call at 288-3392 if you are interested in joining us for the parade, a booth, or both!



## Last in Terry Riley's 2018 Sri Moonshine Concert Series . . .



## Ancient Sounds in Modern Dress

### Vân-Anh Vanessa Võ comes to Camptonville – June 2nd

By John Deaderick

Prepare to be mesmerized by the extraordinary beauty of Vanessa Võ's musical explorations. This unique Vietnamese musician, now a Bay Area resident, performs a blend of traditional folk and contemporary composition. Her technical mastery extends to the đàn Tranh, a 16-string zither, the bamboo xylophone known as the T'rung, the single-string dan Bau, and her own thrilling vocals. She is an Emmy Award winner for her soundtrack to the documentary "Bolinao 52" and an Academy Award nominee for her soundtrack to the film "Daughter of Danang." Vanessa Võ has recorded with the incomparable Kronos Quartet and has been a featured artist at Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center in New York as well as the London Olympic Festival in 2012.

Those are some credits! Now friends, she will be in our little town of Camptonville as part of Artistic Director Terry Riley's Sri Moonshine Music Series. What a gift, and such a rare opportunity. Vanessa Võ's music is so beautiful, so brilliant, and so accessible and yet unlike anything you have ever experienced. She strikes a chord deep in your heart and you will not leave this incredible evening unmoved.

Her music was described on NPR's "All Things Considered" as "bluesy." In addition, "The music is rhythmically compelling, it weaves a story through the notes; a walk in mysterious woods or whatever the imagination can conjure up." Critic Molly Sheridan noted that "Võ draws a strong connection between American jazz and the improvisation involved in traditional Vietnamese music." This is not to be missed!

Join us on **Saturday, June 2nd, Camptonville Performing Arts Center, 7:30 pm.** Purchase your tickets early at the Briarpatch Food Co-op or [brownpapertickets.com](http://brownpapertickets.com) (\$25/\$20 members).

## “Stop the Bleed” Free Training – May 9th

By Kimberlee Adams, RN, BSN, MPH

Trauma Program Manager, Mercy San Juan Medical Center

Hello Camptonville!

I am the Trauma Program Manager at Mercy San Juan Hospital and will be coming to Camptonville on **Wednesday, May 9th** to teach your school faculty and surrounding community the *Stop the Bleed* class.

The *Stop the Bleed* campaign is a joint effort by the National Security Council, the medical community, and law enforcement who convened to figure out a way to increase the survival rates due to preventable bleeding. They convened as a direct result of the Sandy Hook elementary school shooting. They came up with the concept of *STOP THE BLEED*, simple steps taught to the first responders and civilians to control bleeding based on military research. These simple steps empower bystanders and responders to control bleeding and save lives.

As the trauma program in your “catchment” area, we are governed by the American College of Surgeons which has taken on the effort to educate 300 million Americans with necessary skills and awareness. Being a rural community, medical help isn’t always “just around the corner.” We believe this information can really make a difference for you. After this training we will be leaving a *Stop the Bleed* kit for your school and community.

We are looking forward to seeing you **Wednesday, May 9th, 3:30 pm at the Camptonville Community Center!**



## From the CVFD Fire Chief

By Brandi Dudek

The Camptonville Volunteer Fire Department had a busy month with 11 page outs (one motor vehicle accident, nine medicals, and one structure fire). All of these page outs were in the Camptonville district.

Our roster is up to 16 firefighters, with one new recruit and a few others that are coming to see what we are all about. This is exciting for us!

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 you're interested in donating time and being part of a great team, feel free to give your chief a call at 288-3303.

## This Month at the Community Center!

By Cathy Balan, Director

• **Saturday, May 5th:** We will be having a family-friendly **Cinco De Mayo Celebration** with dinner treats available from Fatty Foods

at 6:30 pm and a Dance Concert featuring World Beatnix at 8 pm. World Beatnix is an original music dance band with a unique blend of musical styles — from Afro-beat to Egyptian to the Cajun Bayou. The band's drummer, Michael Dimartinos, is currently leading drum workshops with the students at Camptonville School. There will be a performance by the kids from 6:30 to 7 pm, a community drum circle from 7 to 7:30 pm, then the World Beatnix performance begins at 8 pm. Tickets are \$10 at the door; \$25/family.

• **Saturday, June 2nd: Sri Moonshine Music Series presents Van-Anh Vanessa Vo.**

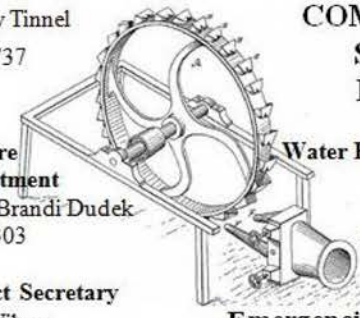
An Emmy award winning composer and a master of the dan tranh zither, a traditional Vietnamese instrument, Vo’s music is the intersection of modernity and tradition. She incorporates Vietnamese tradition and the culture of everyday life in her music. Tickets are \$25 (\$20 for CCC members) and may be purchased at BriarPatch Food Co-op in Grass Valley or online at: [brownpapertickets.com](http://brownpapertickets.com) (# 3348775).



• **Saturday morning Coffee @ the Center continues on Saturdays from 10 am – 12 pm.** Last time I visited, I felt like I entered a Berkeley coffee house: music, dancing, and plenty of smiles. Please come and join the fun!

• The Center and its events are brought to you by the generosity of volunteers, and we can always use more support. If you are interested in volunteering, or if you have ideas or suggestions for events, please call me, Cathy Balan, at 288-5016 or email [cvillecommunitycenter@gmail.com](mailto:cvillecommunitycenter@gmail.com).



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**Indian Valley Outpost -Summer Update**

By Karla Gardner

Hey there Friends and Neighbors,

Time to shake off old winter blues. Your favorite backyard vacation destination is re-opening for the 2018 season beginning with weekends, on Friday May 25th at 8 am to Monday, May 28th. From July 2nd to September 5th, we will be open seven days a week. The restaurant will open at 11 am for lunch. Dinner is from 4:30 - 8 pm.

We will no longer offer breakfast, but our "Best Burger Ever!" will be served all day. We will still offer a salad and burger bar, homemade soup and pies, and specials, as well as our delicious dinner dishes. The Pub will be open 8 am to 9 pm or game over. The store will also be open 8 am to 9 pm for all of your beer, ice, firewood, and camping supplies.

Check our website for lodging availability for RV sites, cabins (year round), and tepees (May-October). Come on out for some old-fashioned fun, and bring your lawn chair to see a free outdoor movie on Friday and Saturday nights. Movies are listed on our web site:

www.indianvalleyoutpostresort.com.

Happy Trails, Karla and Dave Gardner

**Tuesday, June 5th Voting Information for Camptonville Voters (95922)**

By Shirley DicKard

- **Election Day: Tuesday, June 5th.**
- Polling Place: Camptonville School, from 7 am to 8 pm.
- Voter Information Guide will be mailed starting April 26th.
- Vote by Mail Ballots will be mailed starting May 7th.

**Voting by Mail: Frequently Asked Questions** from the Yuba County Elections website [www.co.yuba.ca.us/departments/elections/vbm.aspx](http://www.co.yuba.ca.us/departments/elections/vbm.aspx)

**When do I have to return my Vote by Mail ballot?**

- If returning your ballot to a polling place on Election Day, it must be received by 8 pm on Election Day.
- If returning your ballot by mail, it must be postmarked on or before Election Day and received by the Elections Office no later than three days after the election.

**Are ballots postmarked by Election Day counted?** If your ballot is postmarked on or before Election Day and received by the elections office no later than three days after the election, it will be processed to be counted.

**I heard Vote by Mail ballots are only counted if a contest is close. Is that true?** No. All valid Vote by Mail ballots are counted.

Because voters are cautioned that *Vote by Mail ballots returned to the polls on Election Day will not be included in the election night results*, this has been misunderstood to mean they are not counted at all. This rumor is likely due to a misunderstanding of how Vote by Mail ballots must be processed. Because signatures on Vote by Mail ballots must be verified before the ballots can be counted, ballots received within 1 - 2 days of Election Day may not be counted and included in semi-final results reported election night. It may take up to one week to verify all signatures on Vote by Mail ballots returned close to, or on, Election Day before the votes cast can be counted and included in the final, official results.

**I sent my Vote by Mail ballot back. Can you confirm you received it?** You can check whether your Vote by Mail ballot has been received by using the Vote by Mail Ballot Status Lookup, posted for each election under "Current Election." You may also call the Elections Office at (530) 749-7855 and staff will check for you.

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**About the Candidates for Yuba County 5th District Supervisor**



As the Camptonville foothill area's only local newspaper, *The Camptonville Courier* invited all candidates for Yuba County 5th District Supervisor (Alton Wright, John Mistler, and Randy Fletcher) to submit a Candidate Statement for this issue.

We asked them to submit up to 350 words informing our voters of their stance on such concerns as road maintenance, foothill development, fire and emergency services, economic viability, health and social services, communications, marijuana cultivation; as well as contact information and a photo. Candidates also paid for up to a double-sized business card ad. Read, ask questions, and be an informed voter on June 5th!

**Randy Fletcher**

Thank you for letting me serve as your Yuba County Supervisor! I humbly ask for your vote again on June 5th.

Since I took office, our District has been hit hard, experiencing the worst droughts and wildfires in recorded history. I strive every day to use my time to the fullest to help our residents recover and thrive.



I've focused on building relationships throughout our County and California. We've made major strides against illegal marijuana grows, worked to reduce flooding problems in District 10, secured a new ambulance location to better serve the foothills, started construction on a cell tower in Brownsville, eliminated many small permit fees, and started a same-day permitting process for a dozen common projects.

From the rice fields to the pine trees, we have all worked hard to live in this part of Yuba County. We all appreciate the wonderful people, the peacefulness, and the country charm. Kathy and I have lived in Browns Valley for 35 years and raised our children here.

My experience as a police officer, farmer, and small business owner prepared me to lead our District. I ask for your vote again.

Feel free to call or text me at (530) 635-0493 or email [randy@fletcherins.com](mailto:randy@fletcherins.com). Join my Facebook page for news and updates on local issues: [www.Facebook.com/SupervisorFletcher](http://www.Facebook.com/SupervisorFletcher) Vote Randy Fletcher for Supervisor!



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### John Mistler

Yuba County Supervisor Randy Fletcher District 5 voted to deny voters the right to vote on an initiative two years ago.

The people of California have a right to the initiative process! That's the law. Only the courts can decide if an initiative is legal. Fletcher illegally killed an initiative that would have allowed the

people of Yuba County to share in the proceeds from ground water transfers. The other four members of the Yuba County Water Agency were voted out two years ago.

When the initiative is back on the ballot in November of this year, John Mistler will vote to support the people's vote. If Supervisor Fletcher wins, and the initiative is approved by the voters, he will vote to stop the decision.

If You Don't Want to Hire an Attorney to Protect Your Rights, Vote for John Mistler Yuba County 5th District Supervisor.

I have lived in the same house in Browns Valley for 40 years. I have been a volunteer firefighter, a Charter member of the Foothill Lions (35 years), member of the Browns Valley Irrigation District, Yuba County Supervisor (early 1990's) and I have been a "Watch Dog " on Yuba County Government for the last 18 years as owner of the *Territorial Dispatch*.

Contact me at: territorial@sbcglobal.net or 530-743-6643.



### Alton Wright

Having lived in the Foothills for nearly twenty years, with family roots dating to the late 1960's, I love our incredible community. I also see the everyday challenges happening around us. During the last several years, poverty increased by 30%, the drop-out rate climbed to 18%, unemployment is stuck at 9%, meth/opioid use is considered our #1 health issue, the District 5 HH median income is only \$34K, and we have unsustainable CalPERs indebtedness of \$143M. Why? An absence of fair, committed leadership, a "no-questions-asked mentality," and a lack of focus on what matters to the people.



We've hardened our heart and left people behind. We must address poverty through education and training: Get mobil GED programs into the far corners of the District and increase vocational training in our schools and adult learning. We must dedicate comprehensive resources for people to overcome drug problems. We must make broadband/mobile available to all and ensure top-notch technology is a magnet to attract new business. Without it, we'll never attract light manufacturing or sustainable companies to Yuba County.

We must better support our agricultural commerce and introduce new ag revenue into the county coffers. We need to jump start our approach to wildfire and emergency communications: Install sirens, locate dedicated wildfire water storage, and adopt a program whereby residents donate their firesafe clean-up hours to earn matching grant dollars to address the big firesafe projects.

Over the last four years, there has been too much focus on eliminating Cannabis by criminalizing property rights. This must change. We must support legal, reasonable, revenue-generating outdoor growing.

I don't profess to have all the answers. I know they are out there, within your hearts and minds. Some decisions won't please everyone, but I will always seek input from all affected. I will work tirelessly for you, my neighbors, to earn your trust and to make District 5 a better place than it is today. Let's make Yuba County shine!

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## Remembering Lois Butz

Lois Alma Butz, 93, passed away at home in Celestial Valley on April 8, 2018. The last of four generations of the Butz family to live in the Valley, she often said that there might be better places to live but she didn't know of any and she wasn't looking.

Lois liked hard work, corny jokes, and cowboy poetry. Tearing down a motor, building cabinets and cedar decks, hunting deer, or weeding asparagus were routine, but facing a new and complicated task was fun. Once an "impossible" project was resolved, she loved to recite: "Somebody said it couldn't be done...so he buckled right in with the trace of a grin...he tackled the thing that couldn't be done and he did it!"

As a young woman in the 1940s, although she didn't know it at the time, Lois tackled a bigger thing that had not been done. The Marlboro-smoking "girl" who liked to wear earrings and canvas pants became the first woman to have a career working at a saw mill. She was also the first woman member of the volunteer fire department in North San Juan. Later on she played a key role in getting the NSJ Senior Center off the ground.

Whether at Senior Center lunches or with friends and family gathered around her kitchen table, Lois shared endless jokes and stories, songs, and poems that she knew by heart. At any time she could pop up with something silly: "On the other hand, she had a wart!"

Lois is survived by her sister, Thelma Gates-Jackson of Grass Valley, and a zillion friends and relations. Memorial contributions may be sent to the volunteer fire department in North San Juan or Camptonville. A celebration of life will be scheduled in June at the North San Juan fire station. Per Lois's instructions, the music will include the timeless number, "The bridge washed out, I can't swim, and my baby's on the other side." (Submitted by Margaret Kalmbach, Lois' niece)



## News from the Yuba River Ranger District

By Izaya Lewis, Customer Service Representative, USFS



The Forest Service spent April preparing for another busy recreation season. Seasonal employees have been brought on, and one by one recreation areas are opening up to serve the public. Bullards Bar Reservoir campgrounds opened April 13th, bringing with it over 20 miles of trails for hiking, horseback riding, and mountain biking. The Highway 49 campgrounds up to Rocky Rest were opened on April 27th providing access to over 20 miles of recreation trails for this area. More areas are scheduled to open up as snow melts and maintenance is completed. Opening day for fishing on all rivers was April 28th.

The Yuba River Ranger District hosted its third *Every Kid in the Woods* event the last week of April. This event hosted over 250 fourth graders at our Oregon Creek Day Use area, giving kids the opportunity to learn about water safety from the Army Corp of Engineers and about the food chain and how it impacts wildlife, from the Yuba River Wildlife Crew. During this event every fourth grade student received an *Every-Kid-in-a-Park* Pass which gives the student and their family free access to hundreds of parks, lands, and waters for an entire year. If your fourth grade child was unable to attend the event, it is not too late. Just go to [everykidinapark.gov](http://everykidinapark.gov) to get a voucher for a free *Every Kid in a Park* Pass, or go to your local Ranger Station.

The Yuba River Ranger District is in the beginning planning stages of a project on public lands to treat the fuels and timber around the Camptonville and Trapper area (South of 49, east of Camptonville and west of Goodyears Bar). You will probably see increased Forest Service traffic this summer and the next.

Late season storms have come through as expected and left 16.27 inches of rain for the month of March. April is a little behind with only 7.01 inches of rain measured as of April 19th.



*"A few minutes ago every tree was excited, bowing to the roaring storm, waving, swirling, tossing their branches in glorious enthusiasm like worship.*

*But though to the outer ear these trees are now silent, their songs never cease."*

-John Muir



*The Courier* is pleased to announce that Katie O'Hara-Kelly will be a regular contributor with her North Yuba Naturalist column. Many in Camptonville know her as our school's Art/Yearbook Instructor (1993-2012). Her background includes a BFA in Photography, National Park Ranger/Naturalist in Sequoia National Park, and Tahoe National Forest seasonal positions. Since retiring in 2016, she has been painting, hiking, bird watching, gardening, and producing her weekly blog: [northyubanaturalist.blogspot.com](http://northyubanaturalist.blogspot.com). – Editor

## Sightings from North Yuba Naturalist: Hooded and Bullock's Orioles

By Katie O'Hara-Kelly

On Thursday morning, I went down to refill our bird feeders and saw this unbelievably beautiful bird on one of the hummingbird feeders. WOW! I was so excited! I took a bunch of pictures, and then looked it up in my field guide. It turned out to be a Hooded Oriole, which I had never seen before! Apparently, I was super lucky to have seen it, as this is not its usual habitat.

When I went back down to the feeders, there were TWO brightly colored birds. At first I thought the second bird must be another Hooded Oriole, but it turned out to be a male Bullock's Oriole!



Hooded Oriole



Bullock's Oriole Photos by Katie O'Hara-Kelly

The two orioles were taking turns at the hummingbird feeder. I am so curious as to why and how they showed up here together. Both the Hooded Oriole and the Bullock's Oriole overwinter in southern Mexico, and sometimes as far south as Costa Rica. They have flown approximately 3,000 miles from their winter habitat to our neighborhood.

Bullock's Orioles nest in our neighborhood every year. This is their normal habitat. Typically, males arrive in mid-April, a week or two ahead of the females.

At this time of year, Hooded Orioles are common in northwestern Mexico, parts of the American southwest, as well as the coast and southern end of California. Riparian areas that have palm trees are their preferred habitat. Apparently the range of these orioles has expanded into suburban areas and ranches in the foothills of the Sierra, where palms have been planted.

Both of these orioles hung around for most of the day on Thursday, but I haven't seen them since. I feel so privileged to have seen these two extraordinary birds together at our feeder!

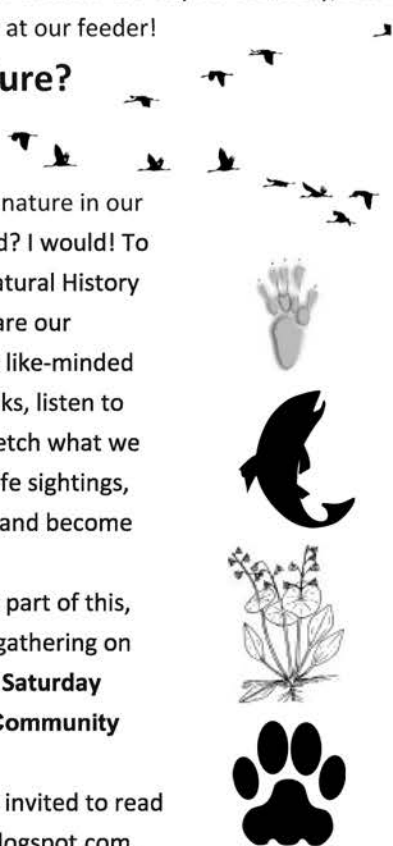
## Are you interested in Nature? Join us May 5th!

by Katie O'Hara-Kelly

Would you like to learn more about nature in our local Middle and North Yuba watershed? I would! To that end, I was thinking of starting a Natural History group that would come together to share our experiences and knowledge with other like-minded people. We could go on wildflower walks, listen to guest speakers, bird watch, learn to sketch what we observe, start a database of local wildlife sightings, make a local Natural History Museum, and become citizen scientists!

If you're interested in becoming any part of this, please come to my short introductory gathering on **Saturday, May 5, at 11 am, during the Saturday morning Coffee at the Camptonville Community Center.**

I would love your input! You're also invited to read my weekly blog: [northyubanaturalist.blogspot.com](http://northyubanaturalist.blogspot.com).



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## Meet Your Local Artisan Wood Worker – Denise Stratton

By Linda Rose

Ever since she was a little girl hammering nails into wood with her father, Denise wanted to be a carpenter. She has been working with wood passionately ever since. After graduating from high school in Oregon, she enlisted in the Navy. Stationed in Orlando, Florida, she was a carpenter on a submarine.

After her stint in the Navy, Denise relocated to Washington and purchased a partnership in a petting zoo. She also took odd jobs wherever she could. Two years later, while working for a contractor doing trim work, she had a bad accident. When the ladder she was on broke, she fell down a flight of stairs, incurring significant injuries. After the first of what would become eight surgeries, she sold her partnership in the petting zoo and returned to Oregon where she obtained her Contractors License.

In 1995, Denise and her then partner traveled in their trailer to Camptonville for the summer to look for gold. They fell in love with the area and never left. For the next two years, they lived at the Willow Creek Campground until moving into a rental owned by Frank and Bonnie Jaynes. They later bought the house and property on which Denise currently resides. At the time, the house was just a simple A-frame structure. With help from friends, Denise completely remodeled it, inside and out, refinishing the walls, adding a loft for her sleeping area, and a sunroom with a beautiful window seat and picture window. She built a new kitchen, bath, and laundry room, then replaced the flooring and built a banister. To provide a view of her six acre property which butts up to Bullards Bar, she reconstructed the deck around the house and created areas for entertainment, relaxation, fun, and games. She built a large deck area around her above ground swimming pool with a hot tub, and also a large covered car port and storage shed. She constructed the stairway leading up to the porch deck with Yuba River rocks which she collected.

In 1998, Denise served as a volunteer firefighter in Camptonville for about one year. In 2002 she bought the Rebel Ridge Market, in need of major repair, and replaced the flooring, counters, and refrigeration system. She sponsored fundraising activities as well as other events. Denise sold the business in 2004.

While she no longer works professionally as a carpenter, she still does work for herself and as special favors for friends and the community such as creating picnic and custom tables for events, decks, and other furniture. Denise's workshop houses a wide array of woodworking tools and equipment for any wood project imaginable. The chop saw, which easily cuts angles, is her favorite tool. Loving and using only wood from the local mill because of its beauty, she proudly "keeps it local."



Photos by Linda Rose

Denise is also passionate about gold panning. She used to dredge for gold before it became illegal. Now she happily uses a gold pan, sluice box, and metal detector.

For the past 15 years, Denise has volunteered on the Firefighters Auxiliary which supports the Volunteer Fire Department. Annually, she and other Auxiliary members participate in the Firefighter benefit picnic. She also is quick to help neighbors in their time of need. Denise loves living in Camptonville because of the people, community, forest, and country life.

Denise fondly refers to her recently deceased mother as her "hero" who gave her inspiration and courage. Having parents who accepted and understood who she was, was the most rewarding aspect of her life.



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## Vouchers to Replace Woodstoves!

Submitted by Yuba County Supervisor Randy Fletcher,  
from the Feather River Air Quality Control Board

The Woodsmoke Reduction Pilot Program is an upcoming incentive program that provides vouchers to replace non-EPA certified wood-burning stoves and fireplace inserts with either an EPA certified woodstove or insert, a natural gas or propane stove, or an electric heating device.

For certain communities designated by the state and for low-income households, the vouchers may cover the entire cost of the replacement (up to \$3,500). A standard voucher of \$1,000 is available to all households in Yuba County, regardless of location or income, to put toward the replacement cost.

The Program will begin in May, 2018. Applications will be available from the district when the program begins. To apply, fill out an application and take a photo of your old device. Send the completed application and photo to the air district by email [Fraqmd@fracmd.org](mailto:Fraqmd@fracmd.org), mail, or drop off at Feather River Air Quality Management District, 541 Washington Avenue, Yuba City, CA 95991.

For those who do not have access to the internet, applications will be available at the following businesses:

- Brian Price, Burgee Dave's, Camptonville
- Ace Hardware, Oregon House
- Ray's Hardware, Brownsville.

Vouchers will be issued first come, first served, and expire four weeks from the date they are issued. Within the four weeks, the applicant must shop around from the list of participating retailers, select a replacement device, and give the voucher to the retailer. Installation is not required to be completed within four weeks. Vouchers are only good at participating retailers and for installations done by licensed contractors; do-it-yourself installations are not allowed under this program.

Visit <https://www.fraqmd.org/woodstove-and-fireplace-grants> or call (530) 634-7659 for more information. Additional details will be added to the website as they become available.

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## Free Defensible Space Assistance is Back!

By Cathy LeBlanc, CCP Executive Director



Camptonville Community Partnership wishes to thank Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) on behalf of the Yuba Watershed Protection and Fire Safe Council for a 2018 Special Assistance Defensible Space grant award. The program is designed to help low income, elderly, or disabled homeowners attain defensible space around their residences, at no cost to the homeowner.

You must live within one of the five Fire Districts in the Yuba County foothills. The work will be completed between now and October 31, 2018. For information or to receive an application for this great program, call the Resource Center at 288-9355, or go online to: [www.yubafiresafe.org](http://www.yubafiresafe.org). Watch for flyers.

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## Spring Weather's Warming Up, ... But Colds Are Hanging On

By Yakshi Vadeboncoeur, 1, 2, 3 Grow

New friends, field trips, and lots of outdoor fun going on at 1, 2, 3 Grow now that spring has sprung. Unfortunately, we still have lots of colds and coughs and runny noses going on, too. Of course, childhood colds are scarcely unusual. It is called the common cold, and that's part of how we develop our immune system. Most children average six colds a year. Colds can, however, be exhausting, annoying, and occasionally downright frightening, especially when they make breathing difficult.

Some cold-like illnesses are caused by bacterial infection and usually are accompanied by fever, but most fevers are the result of viral infections and last two to three days. With a newborn, even a fever of 100.2 merits a call to the doctor. Even though viral infections are not treated with antibiotics, there are steps one can take to reduce symptoms, and fever of 103 in children six months or older deserves that doctor call, as well.

Colds, with or without fever, are caused by viruses and affect the respiratory system, most commonly the nose and throat. They usually last about seven days. They can get scary, however, when the airways get irritated and inflamed, causing increased mucus production, coughing, and difficulties both breathing and swallowing.

Things you can do to help:

- Give infants and toddlers clear liquids every hour. Just like adults, children need lots of liquid to fight infection.
- Coughing is often worse at night or when napping. Put something under the mattress to raise baby's head and allow her to sleep at an incline to make breathing easier.
- Reduce activity and encourage lots of rest. Stay calm yourself. Rock, pat, and sing to soothe baby's distress.
- Suctioning nose and throat can help infants be able to breathe and suck more easily.
- For infants over nine months old, there are over the counter medications to relieve cold symptoms. Read all directions carefully, and measure doses and times accurately.
- Colds are highly contagious and spread easily. Wash hands often and practice good hygiene.

(Continued next column)




(1, 2, 3, Grow Continued)

Croup is an infection that obstructs breathing and has a characteristic heavy barking cough. It often starts out as a typical cold. Approximately five percent of children seen in the emergency department for croup require hospitalization. The following are the Mayo Clinic's recommendations for when to see a doctor. You should seek immediate medical attention if your child:

- Makes noisy, high-pitched breathing sounds (stridor) both when inhaling and exhaling
- Begins drooling or has difficulty swallowing
- Seems anxious and agitated or fatigued and listless
- Breathes at a faster rate than usual
- Struggles to breathe
- Develops blue or grayish skin around the nose, mouth or fingernails (cyanosis)[\*]

[\*] [www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/croup/symptoms-causes](http://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/croup/symptoms-causes).




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## CCP's Bioenergy Project Update and Thank-Yous

By Cathy LeBlanc



Camptonville Community Partnership (CCP) is working to develop a small-scale forest biomass energy facility in Camptonville, California, to promote economic, environmental, and forest health on public and private forested lands throughout the region. Our project is one of several in the Sierra Nevada working with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and Pacific Gas & Electric under CA Senate Bill 1122.

For those of you following our progress, this has not been a trouble-free process for a small community-driven organization. There have been many delays along the way, the latest being PG&E's reluctance to cooperate with the CPUC's regulations under the BioMAT program. Our project, which was awarded \$4.99 million by the California Energy Commission (CEC), has not yet received the funding, in part due to these delays. We want to thank local Supervisor Randy Fletcher, CA Senator Nielsen and Assemblyman Gallagher for their letters of support for this project. We expect to hear the CEC's decision in mid-May.

Some good news is that on March 21, 2018, the project received its Conditional Use Permit from Yuba County, bringing us one important step closer to construction. We have begun to implement work on the USFS Wood Innovations grant we recently received and have partnered with renewable energy project developer Phoenix Energy to conduct the facility's late-stage development and construction. This grant will enable the bioenergy project to complete late-stage milestones towards an anticipated late 2020 commercial operation date.

The bioenergy facility will serve as anchor tenant at the Forest Biomass Business Center (FBBC) and utilize 30,000 bone-dry tons a year of woody biomass from public and private forested lands to produce electricity for export to Pacific Gas & Electric. It will also produce thermal energy for export to co-located businesses that need heat or cooling. If you are an interested business owner and would like to know more, please contact Cathy LeBlanc, CCP's Executive Director at 288-9355.



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### YCWA Program Helps Foothill Fire Protection District Purchase Emergency Equipment



By Alex Boesch, Public Information Specialist, Yuba County Water Agency

The Foothill Fire Protection District will be able to better treat sudden cardiac arrest in the Yuba County foothills and areas near New Colgate Powerhouse and New Bullards Bar Reservoir with the help of a grant from Yuba County Water Agency.

The \$5,000 grant, as part of the Bill Shaw Rescue Equipment and Training Grant Program, will help the Foothill Fire Protection District purchase three new automated external defibrillator kits, also known as AEDs. An AED is a portable device that delivers an electric shock through the chest to the heart. It can potentially stop an irregular heartbeat and allow a normal rhythm to resume following a sudden cardiac arrest.

“The Foothill Fire Protection District provides critical, life-saving services to the areas around New Bullards Bar and New Colgate Powerhouse,” said YCWA Board Vice-Chairman Randy Fletcher. “We are so appreciative of their quick response capability, and we are happy to support them by funding this new equipment.”

This is the second agency to benefit from YCWA’s Bill Shaw Rescue Equipment and Training Grant Program, which was created in January 2018. These grants are designed for first responder agencies in Yuba County and will cover the one-time costs of up to \$5,000 per applicant annually, associated with the purchase of rescue equipment or specialized personnel training. Grant funding requests must be connected to YCWA’s missions of flood risk reduction, water supply reliability, hydropower generation, groundwater management, fisheries enhancement, and recreation in and around New Bullards Bar Reservoir.



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The last 2018 Concert is June 2nd (see page 3).



Photos by Shirley Dickard

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**May 2018 School Calendar**



- May 2 Union Hill Track Meet at NUHS, 4th-8th grades, 3:30 pm
- May 2-4 Spirit Days
- May 4 Show it Off Day, Drumming Presentation, 1:45-2:30 pm
- May 8 State Capitol Trip, 8th grade
- Begin CAASPP Testing Window
- May 9 Volunteer Breakfast, 8:00-8:45
- Awards Assembly, 9:00 am
- Staff Development Minimum Day, 12:45 pm dismissal
- Kindergarten Schedule, 8:25 am-12:45 pm
- May 10 Yuba County Track Meet, 6th-8th grades, Wheatland H.S.
- May 11 Family Movie Night, Time TBA
- May 16 School Board Meeting, 6 pm (possible change of date)
- May 17 Water Safety Assembly, K-4 at 10:15, 5-8 at 11:00
- May 18 Talent, Trash Fashion, & Music Extravaganza Fundraiser  
 Rebel Ridge Organics, 5:30 pm, Featuring *Dyin' Breed*
- May 21 Site Council Meeting, 3 pm
- May 24 Memorial Day Observance, Camptonville Cemetery  
 Meet at Flagpole, 10:15 am
- May 25 Snow Day (No School)
- May 28 Memorial Day Holiday (No School)
- May 29 Reading Rewards Field Trip
- May 31 1,2,3 Grow Graduation, 6 pm
- June 1 Graduation Dance, 6-8 pm
- June 4 Student Award Bruncheon
- June 5 8th Grade Skip Day
- June 6 8th Grade Graduation, Gym, 6 pm
- June 7 Lake Day, Last Day of School

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**May & June Happenings**

- May 5 Cinco de Mayo Celebration & Dance (pg 2, 4)
- May 5 New Nature Group Meeting (pg 9)
- May 9 "Stop the Bleed" Training (pg 4)
- May 13 Mother's Day/Scotch Broom Breakfast, NSJ (pg 3)
- May 18 Talent/Trash Fashion Show & Dance (pg 2)
- May 19 Plant Sale & Flea Market, CV (pg 2)
- June 2 Van-Anh Vo, Sri Moonshine Concert (pg 3, 4)
- June 16 Leland Pauly Memorial Service (pg 2)
- June 23 CV Country Faire and Parade (pg 3)

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## MAY 2018 Community Calendar

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**On-Going MONTHLY Events**

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**On-Going WEEKLY Events**

**Tuesdays:** Community Lunch, 12-1 pm, NSJ Center  
 USDA Food Bank, Oregon House (see pg 15)  
 Yoga, 5:30 pm, Camptonville School Gym  
 Camptonville Fire Dept Trainings, 6-9 pm, Fire Hall

**Thursdays:** Yoga, 10 am, CCC  
 Foothill Food Pantry, Dobbins (see pg 15)  
 Food Bank, 3rd Thurs, North San Juan Center (see pg 15)  
 AA Meeting, 5:30-6:30 pm, C'ville Resource Center

**Saturdays:** Coffee @ The Center, 10am-noon, Community Center