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## Plans for a Secondary Spillway at New Bullards Bar Dam

By DeDe Cordell, Yuba Water Agency

Yuba Water Agency's plans to add a secondary spillway to New Bullards Bar Dam will bring a significant reduction in flood risk and great enhancements to dam safety for Yuba and Sutter counties.

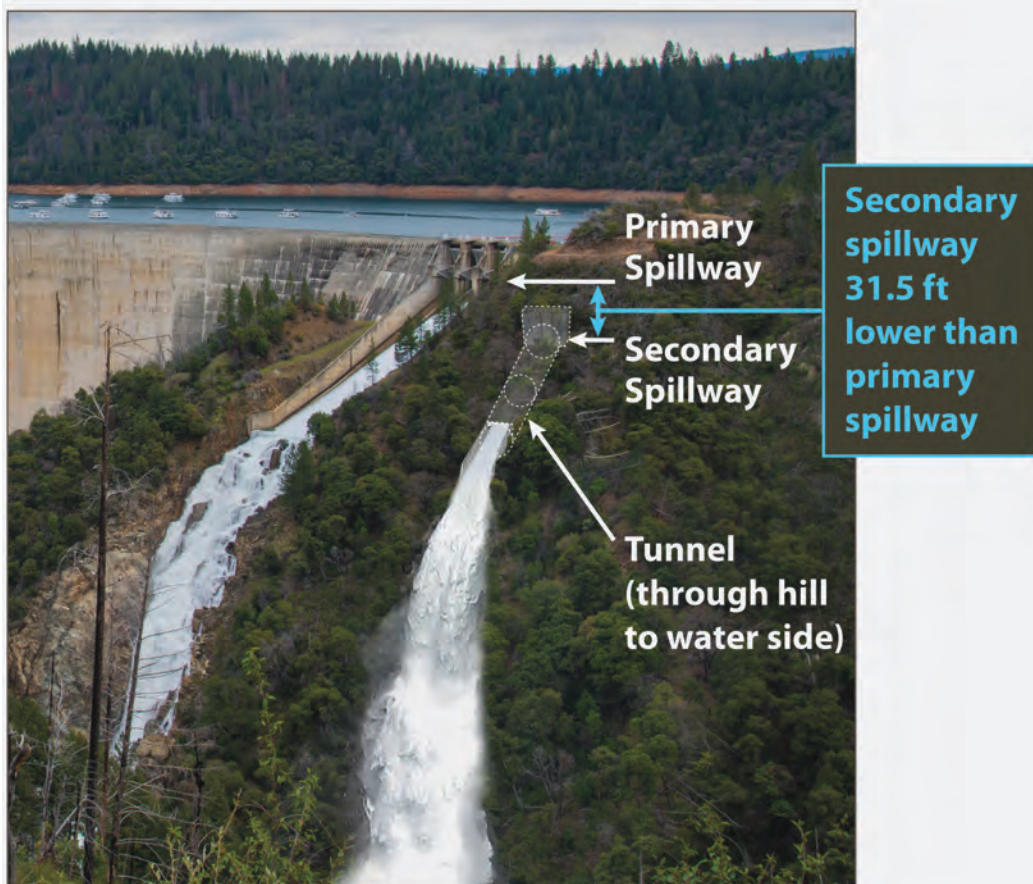
Yuba Water Agency is currently in the environmental documentation, permitting, and design process for this project, estimated to cost \$160 million.

What really makes this new spillway have such huge flood risk reduction benefits is that its gate will be 31.5 feet lower than the existing spillway gates. With the gate at a much lower elevation on the dam, Yuba Water Agency will be able to release more water from the reservoir in advance of large, threatening storm events, when there is enough downstream channel capacity to handle the flows. That will free up space in the reservoir to hold back peak flows when the biggest part of the storm arrives.

This will decrease flood risk downstream for approximately 100,000 residents of Marysville, Linda, Olivehurst, Plumas Lake, and Yuba City. In fact, it's expected this improvement in flexibility and control of dam releases will reduce the water level on levees near Marysville by up to two feet in a storm event like what this region experienced in 1997. The lower river levels would result in less stress on the levees, and a reduced risk for our communities.

Another advantage of the planned secondary spillway is the redundancy of an alternate for water releases in case a problem arises with the primary spillway. This region learned all too well during the state's Oroville Dam crisis that an alternative release option is critical. The secondary spillway at Bullards would, on its own, be able to handle releases for a 1997-sized storm.

Construction on the new spillway is planned to begin in 2022, with scheduled project completion in 2025. Both the cost and schedule are rough estimates at this time, but are expected to be much more clearly defined as the project is further designed.



## Exploratory Drilling at the Dam

Starting September 24th, people traveling across New Bullards Bar Dam will see heavy machinery mobilizing in the parking lot on the east side of the dam, in preparation for exploratory work related to the secondary spillway.

Large drills will be positioned on both the water and downstream sides of the reservoir to obtain samples to determine the strength of the underlying rock, ultimately influencing how the planned spillway tunnel and foundation will be designed.

Traffic is not expected to be impacted, but caution is advised when traveling across the dam as large trucks and machinery may occasionally be entering the roadway. No major impacts are expected for those recreating on the reservoir. This phase is estimated to take up to a few months.



## From the Editor

– Shirley DickKard

After serving nearly five years as The Courier's volunteer Editor, I feel this is a good time check in with readers. I've been working with Courier staff on a survey to gather feedback on how we're doing and how to improve this uniquely local newspaper. We will be distributing the survey in early 2019.

I'm giving you this heads-up so you can be paying attention to what types of articles you like reading, what you skip over, how much of an issue you actually read, what would make it easier to read and more interesting to you. For starters, did you notice I've changed the font in this issue? What do you think? Let us know in the 2019 Courier Survey!



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Join us for our next YWP&FS Council meeting, where you can meet with your community, learn about **Yuba County's Roadside Fuel Reduction Project** and other fire preparedness efforts, as well as ways you can stay fire safe and protect your property from wildfires, and much more.

**THE MEETING WILL BE HELD:**

- Wednesday, November 14, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. See you there?
- Alcouffe Community Center  
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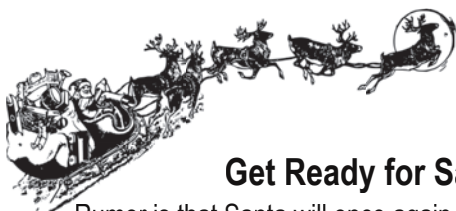
## December Events and Celebrations!

### Holiday Craft Fair – December 2nd

By Barbara Ramirez



The holiday season is fast approaching, and it is time for our crafters and artisans to start preparing for the Camptonville Holiday Craft Fair. This year it is **Sunday, December 2nd, from 1 to 4 pm at Camptonville School**. If you are interested in selling your wares, please contact Barbara at 288-3392. Hope to see you all there!



### Get Ready for Santa!

Rumor is that Santa will once again visit and bring gifts to Camptonville's children in December. Stay tuned!

You can make Santa's visit successful by attending the **Christmas Club's Annual Fall Brunch Fundraiser, Sunday, November 18th, at the Community Center.**

See back cover for details.

### Donations Needed for Kids Only Shopping!

By Barbara Mueller-Hogan

The immensely popular "Kids Only Shopping Area" will return to the Camptonville Craft Fair, **Sunday, December 2nd**. Do you have gently used items that children can "secretly" buy for their parents, grandparents, siblings, and friends? Clean out your home of all that "stuff" you've been meaning to pass on, and help us raise money for one of the student programs. We are always short on items for dads, grandpas, and older brothers and sisters.

Drop off your items at the school office with Pam Wilcox. If you need items picked up, please call me at 288-9311 and leave a message with your phone number. Thank you!

### Earth Liturgy Earth People's Work

*Liturgy is a Greek word meaning  
"the people's work."*

*You and I are people of the Earth.*

*We come from the Earth.*

*We are sustained through the Earth.*

*We are inspired by the Earth.*

*Music must have risen in the human spirit out  
of bird-song, the sound of waves breaking  
upon the shore, the sigh of wind in the trees,  
the drumbeat of our own hearts.*

*The soul of the natural world pours out of us in  
poetry. We plumb the depths of a Ponderosa  
Pine or a Monarch Butterfly and suddenly  
we are more ourselves, more present,  
more whole.*

*The world opens to us as we open to it, as we  
enter what seems other than us and discover  
our own authentic selves in the encounter.*

– Diane Pendola

### Come Celebrate the Light - December 21st

By Diane Pendola, Skyline Harvest

You are invited to a **Community Celebration of the Light**. On the longest night of the year, come mark the turning of the earth towards the light.

On **Friday, December 21st, from 7–9 pm**, we are bringing *Earth Liturgy* to the **Camptonville Community Center** to make it easier for those who would like to experience it to attend.

Hosted by local Camptonville non-profit, Skyline Harvest, *Earth Liturgy* has been held at our Eco-contemplative Center for over 30 years now.

We will mark this solstice with ceremony, music, and poetry. Bring something for the center of our circle that represents your hope for the coming light. We will have dessert after the ceremony, so bring something sweet to share.

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## Vote Tuesday, November 6th!

Mail-in ballots must be postmarked by the 6th. Mail earlier if you can.

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## Looking for *Things* for Camptonville's "A History in Objects"

By Stephanie Korney, Camptonville Historical Society

The Camptonville Historical Society (CHS) met on September 23rd to discuss the project "Camptonville: A History in Objects," funded by California Humanities. Community members gave enthusiastic and valuable input on what to include and where we might find the objects that tell the story of Camptonville.

The first order of business, however, was to define just what an "object" might be. CHS is looking for *things* – preferably physical artifacts, but also photos, letters, or diaries – that tell the stories of Camptonville lives throughout history.

Camptonville may be a small town, but that doesn't mean it wasn't affected by big historical changes and forces like the massive migration to the area during the Gold Rush years, the boom-and-bust cycles of the mining and timber industries, or the impact of wars. Objects that illustrate the lives of Native Americans who lived in the area long before the 49ers came are an important part of Camptonville history, as are traces of the Chinese immigrants who looked to make their fortunes here. All are parts of Camptonville history and have likely left physical traces that should be included as Camptonville "objects."

If you know of any artifacts that reflect activities or events in the town's history or just want to talk about the project, please contact Stephanie Korney at 701-6378 or skorney9@gmail.com.

### What in the World?

#### William Bull Meek's Cash Receipts Register

By Stephanie Korney, CHS

The Pelton Wheel is undoubtedly the most famous object to represent Camptonville in the wider world, but nothing had a larger impact on the town than the Meek Mercantile general store, and no one was more central to area activities than William Bull "Billy" Meek, stagecoach driver, merchant, jokester, town booster, and "Mayor" of Camptonville. Without Billy Meek, the town would have died after the horrific fire in 1908.

So CHS is thrilled to be able to include, as an object representing both the Mercantile and Billy Meek, an interesting piece of business equipment from the early 1900's known as a "Cash Receipts Register." This differed from a cash register in that it functioned as a kind of file cabinet for holding the receipts of customers, many of whom ran tabs and paid monthly. This cash receipt register was saved from destruction in the 1908 fire by Meek who, for some reason, decided to take it home with him the night before the fire broke out. Leland Pauly kept the register during his lifetime, and now it has passed on to Bob McDonald, who is allowing it to be included in the museum exhibit that will open as part of the project in 2019.

The cash receipt register is a great example of the kind of thing CHS is seeking to fill in the historical picture of Camptonville. If you know of any artifacts that reflect activities or events in the town's history or just want to talk about the project, please contact Stephanie Korney of the CHS at 701-6378 or skorney9@gmail.com.



### Picture Identification Party (P.I.P.)

By Rod Bondurant, CHS

Over eight thousand images scanned and still counting! Camptonville is so grateful to our mother and daughter team, **Ellen McCarthy** and **Alix Lamb**, for the amount of time and energy they have donated to our community. They have been steadily and diligently scanning, sorting, and indexing over 8,000 photos and documents from the Leland Pauly Archives.

We invited some long-time locals and former residents to come have lunch and help identify people, places, and events in the photos. A fun time was had eating the fabulous lunch prepared by Ellen and Alix while old friends and neighbors looked at the photos and shared stories and lots of laughter. We will be having another P.I.P. in the spring. Please contact Stephanie if you'd like to be notified: 701-6378.



Photos by Rod Bondurant



## Remembering Our Friends



### Debra Foote

November 11, 1956 – August 9, 2018

On August 9, 2018, Debra Foote, my wife of 20 years, passed away after an almost equally long journey with cancer. First diagnosed in 1999, she soldiered on for many years. Through various treatments of chemo, radiation, immunotherapy, and multiple clinical trials, she refused to quit the fight, surpassing all the doctors' expectations.

Being born on Veteran's Day 1956 in Albuquerque, New Mexico was appropriate since her father was in the military and the family traveled and lived at many bases and locations during her childhood, including Texas, Oklahoma, Florida, California, and New Jersey. She eventually settled in California and after studying forestry at Sierra College, went to work for UPS in Auburn and later Sierra Insulation in Grass Valley.

But work never defined her: it was her love of animals. She loved all critters, but her greatest satisfaction was a dog at her feet and a horse visible in the pasture. Through all the years of travelling to Santa Monica for treatments, it was always "I need to get home and see how the horses are doing" (the dog was in the back seat of the car!) There was nothing more rejuvenating for her than some time in the sun with the animals free-ranging around her, and the pasture was her favorite meeting place to socialize.

She is survived by her husband, Scott Usedom, mother Norma, twin brothers Carl and Paul, step-son Angus, and numerous other family and friends. Love, blessings, and gratitude to the many family and friends who supported us through the years.....we could not have done it without you!

By Scott Usedom, Husband



### Philip J. Simmons

February 27, 1935 - October 6, 2018

On Saturday, October 6, 2018, longtime Camptonville resident Phil Simmons passed away in Yuba City following an illness.

Phil made his home in the Camptonville area for nearly 30 years and valued the beauty and solitude of living in the Sierras.

When not working as a school psychologist, he spent his time in nature, working on his property and enjoying time with his dogs. Phil was a prolific woodworker, often milling his own boards and creating art or functional pieces for others. He loved being outdoors and showing friends and family his latest projects.

Phil was preceded in death by his wife of 47 years, Lillias M. Simmons. He is survived by his children Jennifer (Dan) Reiswig, Philip J. "Skip" (Jill) Simmons, his grandchildren Kate (Matt) Boyd, Peter (Brenna) Souza, and his great-grandchildren Jonathan and Sarah.

No services are planned. Those wishing to honor the passing of Phil are asked to plant a tree in his memory.

By Kate Boyd, Granddaughter



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The Camptonville Water Department has a part-time position available. We are seeking a qualified applicant to commence work immediately as a water system operator and manager trainee. The successful applicant will be trained over a period of many months to become intimately familiar with the water system, to become licensed in the State of California as a Water Treatment Operator (T2) and a Water Distribution Operator (D1) and upon successful licensure will be trained to assume Water System Manager duties.

Job Description: This position involves both skilled physical labor in sometimes difficult conditions and skilled office work. It also involves providing customer service as well as acting as a supervisor and department head for the Camptonville Community Services District. Hard, physical work doing a variety of skilled tasks including excavation and backfill, plumbing, carpentry, concrete work, weed-eating, meter reading, brush removal, etc. Skilled labor includes maintaining sensitive electronic and mechanical equipment and taking precise measurements as well as operating a complex water treatment plant and metered water distribution system in accordance with State and Federal regulations and District policy. Office work includes: Remote monitoring of water operations; Daily written and oral communications with customers, district trustees, government officials, vendors, contractors and employees; Secure record keeping; Use of Excel or other software to record, maintain and present water usage data; Use of mathematics to solve water treatment problems and to process statistical data; Use of the internet to receive and send messages, reports, data to multiple government agencies and regulators. As the system manager, the applicant will be expected to report and meet monthly with the CCSD board of directors. As a water treatment operator, the applicant will be expected to remain within a two hour drive to the treatment plant when on duty and is "on call" 24 hours per day when on duty.

Work Conditions: The work may be done under cold & wet or hot & dry conditions. When water service is interrupted by equipment failures, working under uncomfortable conditions may be required until service is restored. The applicant is responsible for providing their own appropriate clothing. The applicant is responsible for providing their own office equipment including computer terminal with live internet signal and a scanner/printer. The operator must have portable internet receiving equipment to receive alarms and notifications from the treatment plant.

Work Hours, Wages & Benefits: This is a part time position. The current operator-manager works between 20 to 30 hours per month; starting applicants can expect approximately 16 hours per month plus training time. Starting wages are \$20.00 per hour with no other benefits. The district will pay for training tuition expenses. The district provides workers compensation and professional liability insurance. The district provides cost-of-living increases and a higher wage rate for successful completion of licensing requirements. Wages are paid on the 4th Monday of the month following the one-month payroll period.

Training: Applicants must have the physical skills and office skills mentioned above and a high school equivalent understanding of algebra and mathematics. The applicant will be sufficiently trained in water treatment and water distribution at an operator training facility in Sacramento, qualifying the applicant to apply for and test for the necessary water treatment licenses.

Applications: For any questions, call Mark Jokerst at 288-9320. Applicants must fill out a complete job application. Blank applications are available at the Post Office, the Lost Nugget, or from Mark Jokerst at 15247 Cleveland Ave.

**Deadline for Applicants: Friday, November 16th, 2018, 5:00 PM***Deliver or via U.S. Mail to: Mark Jokerst, PO Box 163, 15347 Cleveland Ave, Camptonville, CA 95922***Camptonville Community Services District**



## This Month at the Community Center

By Cathy Balan, Director

November is the month of gratitude, which, I am excited to report, I have plenty of at this time!

We had a successful, yummy Oktoberfest FUNdraiser, and it was fabelhaft! (fabulous!) Thanks to the great work of **Lisa Burns** who spearheaded, organized, and cooked traditional German fare for the event. Delicious, it was! We all enjoyed the warm autumn afternoon in the decorated backyard of the Center, with some folks even dancing to the festive polka music and other moving melodies. It was such a welcoming ambience, with a variety of ages attending and some just popping in for a hello and a dinner to go. A good time was had by all.

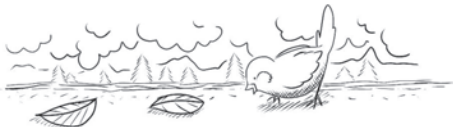
So, if you have any desires or inspiration to spearhead your own festive event for the Center, please, please, give me a call.

I want to thank **Cecilia Gallardo** for maintaining the Gardeners' Market in September. I am so grateful to all the volunteers and folks who just step up and get involved. This is why our Center shines.

Coffee @ The Center will continue inside on Saturdays, 10 am to Noon. Enjoy a cup of coffee, a yummy treat, and laughs with your neighbors. Please call Jocelyn (288-0619) if you can host a Saturday. Volunteers are what keeps the coffee going! Thank you **Jocelyn Rapp** for coordinating this!

If you are interested in volunteering or have ideas or suggestions, feel free to email me:

Cathy Balan at [suncat13@me.com](mailto:suncat13@me.com), text, or give me a call at 434-3309.



## Community Takes Action to Strengthen Our Community Center

By Jesse Golden, Community Center Advocates

At the October 18th meeting, members of Community Center Action Teams reported on ideas and plans for the future of the Center.

The **Marketing Team** will be creating a proposal for a large informational sign in front of the Center and sandwich-board signs in different community locations. Facebook posts will be increased as a marketing tool. Jesse Golden is the team's contact person.

The **Volunteers and Membership Team** suggested several ways to increase community participation: first of all, ask, ask, ask! The team did informal polling and reported that several people said they hadn't become members or helped with events because they hadn't been asked. The team

recommended implementing a lower basic rate for membership, establishing a way to accept recurring monthly pledges, and simplifying membership levels. Rochelle Bell is the contact person.

The **Safety Team** reported that a security camera system has been installed at the Center and work continues toward installing a front door entry ramp. Wheelchair access is still an issue for the Center, and permanent signs and striping need to be installed in the parking lot. Additional needs are motion sensor lighting, better lighting at night, and a roof over the entry. Sidonie Christian is the team's contact person.

The **Activities Team** generated ideas including quarterly themed dinners similar to the recent successful Oktoberfest; fun nights such as movie, games, or karaoke; partnering with community organizations such as CCP for events; and

encouraging private rentals of the Center. The contact person is Cathy Balan.

The Community Center Advocates will be working with the teams toward implementing many of these ideas. If you'd like to be part of the future of the Center, please call 288-5016 or email: [cvillecommunitycenter@gmail.com](mailto:cvillecommunitycenter@gmail.com).



Robert Mumm, Flip Blakeslee, and Ted Sapp  
Setting the Pelton Wheel in the Wall.

Photo by Bob McDonald

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## Make a Difference on the School Board!

By Richard DicKard, Board Member

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## Meet Our New Teacher: Dawn Contreras-Douglas

Special Education and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) Teacher

By Dawn Contreras-Douglas

I am beginning my 33rd year in education. I am doing what I love and what inspires me, which is serving



children! I grew up in the central San Joaquin Valley town of Visalia. I love animals, the outdoors, sports, and children.

I recently fulfilled a dream by purchasing an acre and a quarter outside of Marysville where I live with my beautiful Tennessee Walking Horse, sweet, long-haired dachshund, and a stubborn but lovely cat. I have two grown children and three beautiful grandchildren.

**My Journey In Education:** "Inspiration, Service, Learning."

I love learning and hope I never stop! I received all of my degrees and advanced degrees from California State University, Fresno including my Bachelor of Arts in Education, Master of Science in Counseling, Master of Arts in Education Administration, and Doctorate in Educational Leadership. This journey has taken me to several places beyond the Visalia Unified School District. I have worked in small rural districts as well as suburban and urban school districts, serving as elementary and middle school teacher, middle school principal, high school principal, chief accountability officer, superintendent, and founder of a charter school.

I began serving large numbers of students with disabilities at my charter school. Despite my education and experience, I decided I wanted to know as much as I could about special education in order to best serve students with disabilities. Hence, I am obtaining an education specialist add-on to my multiple subject and administrative credentials.

**My Education Philosophy:** "Never Give Up."

All children can learn. Each child is unique, with special gifts, talents, and abilities. Our patience is often tested. In instances when we think we are having little success, we dig deep, find our perseverance and never give up. We always find a solution, sometimes in the deepest of struggles. Having a sense of humor in education and in life helps!



## Cougars Cross Country Team Goes the Distance

By Sandy Ross, Superintendent/Principal

If you are looking for athletes that show grit and strength of character, look no further than the **Camptonville Cougars Cross Country Team**. This year's team of fourth through seventh graders participated in up to six meets on different school courses throughout Nevada County. Each trail was over one mile and students experienced various terrain, all of which included at least one "killer" hill. Just crossing the finish line was an enormous feat, but many of our team members pushed themselves to finish among the top twenty (sometimes competing against 100 or more students at their grade level).

Our two hardcore consistent medalists were **Olivia** (4th grade) and **Charlotte** (5th grade), whose ability to dig in and keep pushing never failed. **Macie** (6th grade) persistently attended and competed in every single meet and put her best foot forward until she joined her peers in the *Top Twenty Club*. **Kellen** (4th grade) surprised even himself with a great finish in his first race, and he continued to make strong showings throughout the season. **Savannah** (4th), **Autumn** (5th), and **Mandalin** (7th) overcame obstacles and continued to go the distance until they crossed the finish line. And last but not least, **Angelo** (7th), a natural and tireless runner, continually made great showings against a very competitive group of 7th and 8th grade boys. Each one of these athletes deserves special recognition, and I hope to see them continue with this mind and body building sport!



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Enough drumsticks for Thanksgiving



## Preschool Music & Movement Class

By The San Juan Ridge Family Resource Center

The San Juan Ridge Family Resource Center (FRC) is happy to announce that preschool-aged children (3-5 years) now have the opportunity to have fun while learning in a Music & Movement Class with Jessica Navarrete.

Having spent a lifetime working with young children, Jessica explained that as a child, she loved helping in her mother's (Mindy Morton) day care. When she was old enough, she opened her own home day care in North San Juan and always tried to keep kids engaged and learning in a safe environment that included a structured music time. She feels an early introduction to music is beneficial.

Music & Movement is *not* a drop-in class. All participants must be pre-registered at the FRC. To enroll, come by the San Juan Ridge Family Resource Center on Oak Tree Road, NSJ, or call us at 292-3174.



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## Monkey Mind – Building Community

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.



You may have seen the colorful poster titled **How to Build Community**. It lists 44 community-building actions, starting with: *Turn off your TV • Leave your house • Know your neighbors • Look up when you are walking*, and ending with: *Seek to Understand • Learn from New and Uncomfortable Angles • Know That No One is Silent Though Many Are Not Heard - Work to Change This*.

Camptonville is fortunate that many people are taking action to build community. Right now, two of our key organizations, *The Courier* and the Community Center, are asking for input and participation. You can help by participating in one of the Community Center's Action Teams and also by responding to *The Courier's* survey when it comes out early 2019. Our small town is unusual for its community spirit. Let's build on what we have and ensure that our organizations are sustainable and responsive to community needs!



This is a section of Karen Kerney's poster: "How to Build Community." You can see it at CCP's Resource Center and purchase it at: [www.syracuseculturalworkers.com](http://www.syracuseculturalworkers.com)



## Reading, Ritual, and Routine

By Yakshi Vadeboncoeur, 1, 2, 3, Grow



Chase hoops and hop on shapes; trace rug letters and your name; search for water table treasures or try something new at snack. Reading, writing, and "Ring around the Farmer in the Dell." We have so many routines and rituals at 1, 2, 3 Grow – in the classroom, in the garden, and on the playground! There's always lots going on in little bodies; lots going on in growing minds! It's so important to feed both properly.

Full disclosure here – I admit I think ice cream is an essential food group, and that I sometimes bribe myself with it. Still, it's wiser and kinder not to lure our little ones down that path. The best way to feed lifelong good habits and nourish little bodies (even when inhabited by very finicky eaters) is to offer a wide range of healthy choices at every meal. These can be fresh, uncooked, and easily identifiable, or well-hidden in soups or baked goods. What we should avoid, however, is disguising a healthy choice with sugar. Keep sweets for an out-of-the-house adventure or special event.

Feeding minds is often easier and more fun. They're sponges, taking in everything we say or do, even when apparently ignoring us. Your baby can hear and recognize your voice in the womb. From the start, talk, sing, and read to your little ones. Language acquisition begins at birth. Articulate what you are doing. Give words to what you see them doing. And whatever can be said can be sung. A song can go with changing clothes, cleaning up toys, and brushing teeth. A song can make a ritual of transition or chore or nightly routine. Words are power. They help children feel more in control, both of themselves and of the situation.

Reading together is a chance for greater connection, a shared experience, or adventure. Reading to infants, you can wing it; talk about the pictures or whatever captivates them. There are all sorts of interactive and tactile, sensory books, but don't be shy of words. Rhyming or repetitive stories give children a chance to fill in what comes next. Your reading of longer stories expands their vocabulary and their understanding of complex sentence structures, not to mention, complex social situations.

In 1, 2, 3 Grow, students are again dictating stories to the teachers. Then they illustrate them. It's wonderful to hear their imaginations at work and play. It's wonderful to see their pride when we share their words in circle.



## The Ladybugs are Back!

By Katie O'Hara-Kelly,  
North Yuba Naturalist

These Ladybugs arrived this week. They fly up from lower elevations and congregate to mate. They will stay here in large dormant clusters throughout the winter. To keep from freezing, they produce an anti-freeze in their "hemolymph" (insect body fluid). They've been returning to our neighborhood every fall for years. I was so happy to see them return again!



Photo by Katie O'Hara-Kelly

The word "bug" is commonly used as a name for any insect. However, Ladybugs are not true bugs, they're beetles! A more scientifically correct name for them is Ladybird Beetles. There is an actual group of insects called "True Bugs." These are insects that includes aphids, cicadas, leaf hoppers, plant hoppers, and shield bugs. They are distinguished from other insects by having piercing and sucking mouth parts that are, in most species, used on plants.

In science, all living organisms are classified into ordered groups. Insects are in the kingdom Animalia, the phylum Arthropoda, the subphylum Heteropoda, and the class Insecta. There are 30 Orders of insects within the class Insecta. Ladybugs are in the class Coleoptera, or Beetles.

In the United States, 91,000 different species of insects have been classified, just a fraction of the total 8.7 million insect species found on Earth!

## From Your Fire Chief

By Brandi Dudek, CVFD Chief

Thank you to everyone who came out to support us at the annual Fire Department Picnic. We appreciate the support!



CVFD had 5 page outs including 2 motor vehicle accidents, 2 medicals, and 1 smoke check.

Our roster now stands at 20 firefighters, including 4 new recruits and 2 probational firefighters.

We are always looking for volunteers. Trainings are Tuesday evenings from 6–9 pm, with one Wednesday per month in North San Juan 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 need support staff such as maintenance at the station and other non-firefighter projects. If you are interested in donating time and being part of a great team, please feel free to give your Chief a call at 288-3303.

## Yuba River Ranger District Report

*After-Hours Use of Oregon Creek Site and More*

By Jessica Prince, USFS Fire Prevention Technician



Wrapping up! As of October 15th, all Forest Service campgrounds have been closed. This means the water and trash services have been shut down, but you can still use the space on a first come first served basis! Just remember: what you pack in must be packed out.

Fire restrictions have been lifted but we are still experiencing high winds and warmer weather, so please use caution if you plan on having a campfire!


The past few months we have seen a large increase in "after-hours" use at the Oregon Creek Day Use Area. Many locals have used the 9-1-1 system to report illegal fires in that area. We just want to advise the public that the area is being monitored closely. We are aware of the issue of occupancy there. The Oregon Creek Day Use area is closed from Dusk until Dawn, but there seem to be 10-20 people who are coming in late, parking, cooking, and staying overnight.

The Camptonville Volunteer Fire Department, as well as the USFS, have responded many times late at night to investigate these allegations. Upon response, we found that the majority of the complaints have in fact been legal fires in the designated BBQs. The USFS is working with the Yuba County Sheriff's Department to patrol for the nightly closure and to ensure the fires are extinguished before asking the occupants to move on. Oregon Creek Day Use area closed for the season on November 1st. The Yuba River Ranger District is working on a plan for next season on how to better manage the area including better signage for *Day Use Only* and that *Overnight Parking and Camping is Prohibited*.

If you have questions, concerns, or suggestions, please contact us at the Yuba River Ranger District: 288-3231. We ask that you only call 9-1-1 if in fact, you see a wildfire in the area. Thank you all for your cooperation and for helping to keep our community safe!

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that put on weight,  
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## Sierra Club's Stance on Biomass Plants Such as Camptonville's Proposed Plant

By Cathy LeBlanc, CCP

Every once in a while I am asked about the proposed Camptonville Biomass Plant and the Sierra Club Policy concerning biomass to energy plants.

"But," folks ask, "isn't the Sierra Club against that?"

My answer is no. Our proposed Camptonville biomass plant actually falls within their criteria of projects to support, because the biomass we will receive meets the Sierra Club's general guidance, which states:

*The Sierra Club may support the renovation of existing biomass plants or the construction of new plants and subsequent operation if they are properly scaled and designed to accept shrubs, branches, tops of trees, and small diameter trees that are the byproduct of ecological restoration. Additional forest biomass may be supplied in cutting shrubs and trees in the Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI), and creating defensible space around buildings.*

Furthermore, Sierra Club recognizes that, under certain degraded conditions, many types of forests may benefit from active management to restore ecosystems. When conducted properly, this management may reduce unwanted high intensity fires and aid in restoring a more natural fire regime and reducing fire risk near communities. The byproducts of such ecosystem restoration and public safety work provide biomass that can be available for use in energy generation. The availability of a nearby forest biomass plant can provide an alternative to the usual practice of open pile burning, which generates emissions that can degrade air quality.

(See Appendix A, Compatibility of Guidelines with Existing Sierra Club Policies.)

So if someone brings up this concern, you can smile and say that, actually, the Sierra Club approves!



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**Editor's Note:** *The Courier* focuses on issues happening within our local community area and with solutionary approaches. We are running the following article by request because the writer asked to rebut opinions expressed in a column in September that went beyond this scope. In future issues, we will be more diligent in adhering to our guidelines.

It is outside of *The Courier's* scope to fact-check national issues. If you would like to check facts yourself, you might want to begin with these Internet searches:

- Is possible voter fraud (the topic of the following article) a significant problem in the US in 2018?
- Is possible voter suppression (the topic of the September article) a significant problem in the US in 2018?

## Voter Eligibility

By Teri Stewart

I read with interest and a degree of skepticism about voter suppression being a potential threat. I am a strong believer in truthfulness in general and honest elections in particular. The notion that photo ID is difficult or costly to obtain is incorrect. You cannot get public assistance without photo ID. Applying for aid includes issuing a photo ID. Anyone who legally drives, flies commercially, or gets medical care must have photo ID. In other words, virtually everyone already meets the requirement. Those who advocate the necessity for presenting photo ID have included provisions for registrants in need. Everyone legitimately eligible to vote will be provided the appropriate ID.

When voter rolls are not purged, the dead and those who have moved out of the precinct are still registered to vote. This facilitates voter fraud. Motor voter laws also facilitate voter fraud. California DMV just admitted forwarding 23,000 erroneous registrations to the Secretary of State. It is logical to conclude there may have been other errors. Only citizens have the right to vote but, over time, registration options have expanded to the point of virtually inviting fraud. It isn't out of the realm of possibility that this has been intentional.

To be candid, there are those who benefit from voter fraud. But the majority, I believe, want and benefit from honest elections where only citizens who are eligible, vote. Bear in mind that voter fraud is at least as great a potential threat as is voter suppression. Given the facts presented above, fraud is likely a more probable threat to free and fair elections than is suppression. Any change to voter eligibility requirements should be made through the legislature—with consent of the governed. Arguing against photo ID when it is universally available only opens the door to voter fraud.



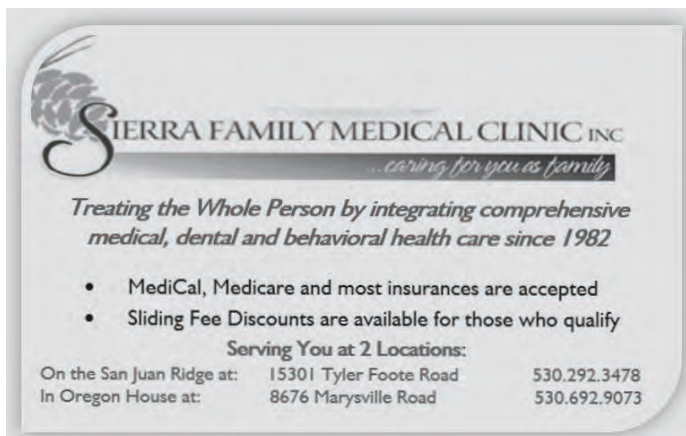
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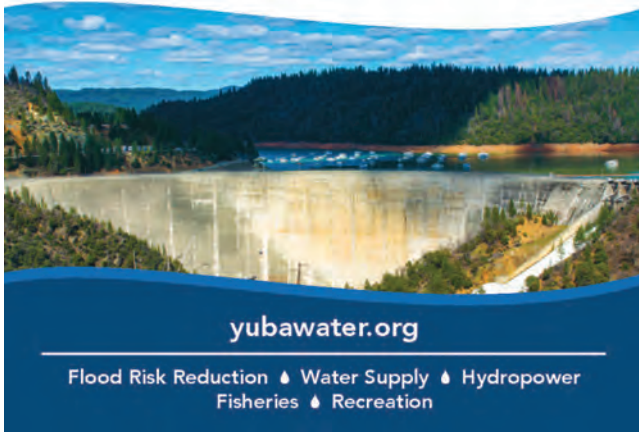
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## YWA's Updated Strategic Plan

By Alex Boesch, Public Information Specialist

Focused on ensuring that its projects, programs, and community investments have a direct impact on improving the quality of life for Yuba County residents, Yuba Water Agency has recently updated its Strategic Plan.

Yuba Water Agency (YWA) was created in 1959 to reduce the risk of flooding and to ensure a reliable and sustainable water supply for the economic benefit of the county. The revenue generated from power sales associated with YWA's Yuba River Development Project funds the ongoing operation of the project, and provides the means to accomplish its other missions.

The strategic plan identifies YWA's long-term goals and lays out a general plan as to how the agency will achieve them. It also spells out the agency's commitment to transparency and community engagement.

YWA also recently updated its reserve policy which outlines how the agency saves money for future project needs and operational security.

View Yuba Water Agency's strategic plan on [www.YubaWater.org](http://www.YubaWater.org).

## Yuba Water Agency's New, User-Friendly WEBSITE

By Alex Boesch, Public Information Specialist

The Yuba Water Agency (YWA) has revealed its redesigned, more interactive website, further helping the nearly 60-year-old public agency develop a stronger relationship with the people of Yuba County. The updated website uses a simplified, user-friendly platform to house pertinent information about agency operations, current news, public documents, and more.

"Our website is like a digital 'front door' to our organization," said YWA General Manager Curt Aikens. "As we continue to grow our community outreach program and connect more with the people we serve in Yuba County, we want our website to better represent us as the high-performing organization we are, and - at the same time - to make it easier for us to be transparent about our operations."

As part of the updated branding and new moniker, the website address has changed to [www.YubaWater.org](http://www.YubaWater.org). The revamped website additionally allows members of the public to subscribe to updates for more information on agency operations, public meetings, and specific topics of interest.

Yuba Water Agency is a stand-alone public agency governed by a board of seven elected officials to serve the people of Yuba County. Established by a special act of the California State Legislature in 1959, the agency's primary missions are flood risk reduction, water supply, fish habitat protection and enhancement, hydroelectric generation, and recreation.



Check out the new website:  
**[www.YubaWater.org](http://www.YubaWater.org)**

for further information on the following topics:



## YWA Supports "Fish in the Classroom"

YWA gave a \$2,500 grant to the California Aquatics Education Program, also known as "Fish in the Classroom," where students set up aquariums in their classrooms, observe the early days of salmon or steelhead eggs, and learn the importance of fish, the watershed, and how their everyday lives can impact the health of the river. (Camptonville School has participated in the past, but not this year - Ed)

## YWA Helps With Swift Water Response

A \$15,000 grant will help recently formed regional Swift Water Rescue Response Team purchase personal protective equipment and accessories, rescue ropes and hardware, and training for 10 people to become certified in swift water rescue operations. The new regional response team consists of Linda Fire Protection District, Olivehurst Public Utility District Fire Department, and Wheatland Fire Authority, and was formed to ensure an adequate, timely response to water rescue situations associated with the Yuba River and other waterways in Yuba County.



## Food Distribution in the Yuba County Foothills



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**November 1, 8, 15, 29**

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- Community Center Information ----- 288-5016
- 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
- DVSA 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)

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

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

(Contact Editor for additions or corrections)

## November School Calendar

- November 1 Staff Development Minimum Day, 12:45 pm dismissal  
Kindergarten Schedule, 8:25 am-12:45 pm
- November 5 Site Council Meeting, 3 pm (rescheduled from 10/29)
- November 7 CSU Chico Middle School Campus Tour and Gateway Museum, 7 am-2 pm
- November 8 End of First Trimester
- November 9 Veteran's Day Observance, 10:20 am, at CV Cemetery.  
All Veterans and community members are invited
- November 12 Veteran's Day (School Closed)
- November 14 Awards Assembly, 8:45 am
- Nov. 14-16 Minimum Days for Parent-Teacher Conferences,  
12:45 pm dismissal. Kindergarten: 8:25 am-12:45 pm
- November 16 Fall Dance, 5th-8th grades, 6-8 pm
- Nov. 21-23 Thanksgiving Break (School Closed)
- November 26 Site Council Meeting, 3 pm
- November 28 School Board Meeting, 5 pm



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#### MONTHLY Events

Call first to verify meeting times

**CCP Board** - Meets 3rd Wednesday,  
3 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

## NOVEMBER 2018 Community Calendar

### November/December Events

**November 4** Terry Riley's

*Raga Concert* (pg 2)

**November 14** FireSafe Council Meeting  
(pg 2)

**November 18** Christmas Club Brunch  
(pg 3 and back cover)

**December 2** Holiday Craft Fair (pg 3)

**December 21** Solstice Light Celebration  
(pg 3)



#### WEEKLY Events

**Tuesdays:** • USDA Food Bank, Oregon  
House (see pg 15)  
• Yoga, 5:30 pm, School Gym  
• C/V Fire Dept Trainings,  
6-9 pm, Fire Hall

**Wednesdays:** • Community Lunch,  
12-1 pm, NSJ Center

**Thursdays:** • Yoga, 10 am,  
Community Center  
• Foothill Food Pantry,  
Dobbins (see pg 15)  
• Food Bank, 3rd Thurs,  
NSJ Center (see pg 15)

**Saturdays:** • Coffee@The Center,  
10-Noon, Community Cntr

**Sundays:** • Open Mic, 4-7 pm, Burgee  
Dave's, 2nd & 4th Sundays

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