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Camptonville School – A Love Story

By Sandy Ross, Superintendent/Principal

Okay, it's not what you think...or maybe it is. After 30 years, my heart still skips a beat when I see this little red schoolhouse. Like any relationship, there have been good times and rough times. I started as a parent volunteer the year before my daughter started kindergarten, worked here as a library aide, a paraeducator, an outreach worker, and taught summer school before coming back as a teacher and administrator in 2011.

It's difficult to see that after reaching a high of 71 students five years ago, the district is currently experiencing declining enrollment. A shortage of affordable housing and employment, parent choice, and some state and federal regulations have affected our county, community, and school.

At the same time, our vision of nurturing, educating, and providing support to all students in our community has only grown stronger due to an incredible and dedicated group of teachers and support staff, strong and committed school board members, amazing natural resources, and a community that always looks to rally rather than give up.

The ability to rise above challenges has always come with the support of the Camptonville community, which is why I have chosen to live here for over 38 years. Whether you have been here for decades or just a short time, I hope that you can see the importance of the school in the community. Not only is this a place where children have opportunities to grow and learn, but it's also a place where many adults in the community have recognized their dreams and shared their talents. Currently, there is nothing more exciting for me to see than former students bringing their children here because they know that they will receive a level of individualized attention that exceeds most expectations.

Many of you may have heard that I was considering retirement, but after much deliberation, I realized that I just was not ready to stop serving the people and place that I love. I will be here for at least another year. With your support, Camptonville School will be here for another century serving the greatest community resource, our children.

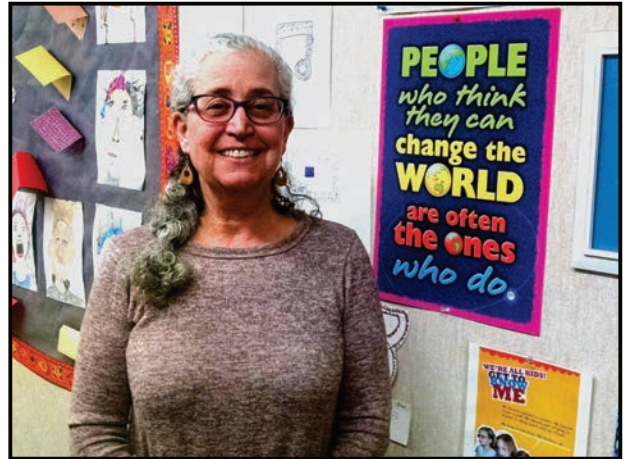


Photo by Shirley DickKard



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Rally Point Youth Nights Start February 14th



Cathy LeBlanc, Camptonville Community Partnership

Yuba County youth 10-15 years of age are welcome to Rally Point Nights, which are sponsored by Camptonville Community Partnership (CCP) with a grant from Sutter/Yuba Behavioral Health.

These will begin on February 14th from 5-7 pm and continue on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month (excluding holidays and school breaks). Rally Point will be held **at the Camptonville Community Center**. CCP will present this offering to four Yuba foothills schools where further information and a calendar will go home with every student* who signs up. Stay tuned and watch for fliers.

Rally Point will offer area youth learning opportunities and teach techniques to help shape their future. Some nights will offer a career speaker or community organizing training. Every night will offer fun through games, raffle prizes, yummy snacks, some homework help, and more.

Additionally, through participation in group projects and cumulative work, youth will develop their own story of living life in the woods, which CCP will help them to craft and present to Yuba County decision makers in the fall.

Rally Point can also be an excellent mentorship opportunity that could look great on any scholarship or work application.

For more information or if you'd like to volunteer, whether as a career speaker or a high school or adult mentor, feel free to contact Cathy Balan or Melody Dilka at CCP: 288-9355, or you may email me, cathy@theccp.org.

*If you're home-schooled, feel free to contact us if you would like to participate.

Family Heirlooms? Local Historical Objects? Come to "Bring Your Objects Day" – February 24th

By Stephanie Korney, Camptonville Historical Society

The Camptonville Historical Society invites you to **"Bring Your Objects Day" on Sunday, February 24th, 1-4 pm, at the Camptonville Community Center**. As part of our year-long project "Camptonville: A History in Objects," we hope you will share your part in the history of Camptonville by bringing a family heirloom or object that illustrates your experience and/or life in Camptonville.

The objects will be photographed, and your stories about them will be collected to include in the Camptonville Museum's exhibit scheduled for May 2019. We hope you can bring the actual object, but we will be happy to see photographs if available, or stories that identify and describe them.

Please join us as we work to create a more complete picture of Camptonville's history and the people who live here. Share your stories and experiences. Refreshments provided. For more information, call Stephanie at 701-6378 or Rochelle at 288-3550.

Treasures in Your Closet?

By Rochelle Bell, CHS

Camptonville Historical Society members Rod and Rochelle have spent many of the recent rainy days pouring over a scrapbook of newspaper clippings collected by Gertie Woosley in the 1960's. Sidonie Christian had it in her closet and has donated it to the "History in Objects" project.

Some of the interesting tidbits in this book are about the Women's Club, the establishment of the community library in 1938 which is now located at Camptonville school, and stories about prominent people and businesses in town.

Take a look in your own closet and see if there is a historical treasure to share. The CHS looks forward to exhibiting the contents at **"Bring Your Objects Day" at the Community Center on February 24th**.



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From the Editor

– Shirley DickKard

It's Time for a Change in Editors

"The time has come"—as momentous announcements often begin—for a change in Editorship at *The Camptonville Courier*. I'm proud of what I've accomplished in the last five years as the volunteer Editor, but it's time for me to put my energy back into some personal projects. When I tried to retire two years ago, Janie Kesselman stepped forward and offered to be my *Alternate Editor* and take on several issues a year to give me a much-needed breather. "OK!" I said.

We are now at the point where there will be NO JULY *COURIER* because neither Alternate Editor Janie Kesselman nor I will be here to do it.

At that time, *The Courier* will STOP PUBLICATION unless:

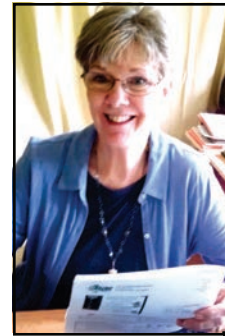
- * Someone steps up to become the next Editor, OR...
- * Someone (perhaps YOU?) offers to be the second Alternate Editor, thus creating a team of three volunteer Editors, each responsible for 3-4 issues a year. I'd stick around for that!

What does it take to be an Editor? Someone who:

1. Is community-minded.
2. Has basic computer skills.
3. Has access to the internet and phones.
4. Is good with details and deadlines!
5. Can set aside about one week per issue to create the month's *Courier*.

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Here's why this is a good time for you to say, "Yes!"

1. You will be well-trained in publication. I've developed a step-by-step manual, and both Janie and I will be at your side throughout your learning curve.
2. We have a terrific support team that helps on each issue.
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5. It's a very satisfying, fun, and creative process!
6. And most important: after 22 years of connecting the community, *The Courier* will continue!

If you're interested and want to know more, we'd like to talk it over with you! Please email me at: camptonvillecourier@gmail.com or call me at 288-3479 or Janie at 288-3600.



Sri Moonshine Music Series – 2019

By Richard DickKard

• **March 23rd: Wu Man** – the world's premier pipa (lute) virtuoso and leading ambassador of Chinese music. She has collaborated with composers Lou Harrison, Philip Glass, and Terry Riley. She has been for many years a featured member of the Silk Road ensemble directed by Yo Yo Ma. Wu Man has been a featured soloist with orchestras in major concert halls throughout the world.

Mark your calendars for these next concerts:

- **June 8th – The Living Earth Show**
- **September 28th – Kala Ramnath**



Your Camptonville Community Center!

By Richard Dickard, CCC/CCSD Liaison

- **Membership Drive:** We're more than half way to reaching the 2019 Membership Drive goal of \$2,019! Your membership helps support a wide variety of events and activities such as Saturday morning coffee gatherings, Oktoberfest, Easter and Christmas events, performing arts programs, ping pong, and public meetings. Our Community Center is a warm, wonderful gathering place for any and all of us. Please support it! Memberships begin at \$10. Donations are gratefully accepted. Application forms are available at the Post Office and Community Center at Saturday morning coffee or at:

camptonvillecommunitycenter.org/membership.

- **The septic system** should be repaired by early February. Many thanks to those folks who volunteered time and equipment to the repairs – with special recognition to **John Wilcox** and **Dillon Teal**.

- **Help Wanted for an Events Manager** for the CCC. At the January 14th meeting of the Camptonville Community Center Advocates, the board voted to fund this new, part-time, paid position. The intent is to make the handling of events go more smoothly by having one person in charge. See the "Help Wanted" notice on this page.



Change in Food Bank Dates

The USDA Food Bank in Dobbins has changed the distribution date to the 2nd Friday of the month.

Details are on page 13.

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HELP WANTED: Event Manager for the Camptonville Community Center



By the Camptonville Community Center Advocates

The Camptonville Community Center Advocates are seeking a committed, community-minded individual who will guide and support volunteers in creating engaging, inclusive events at the Center.

This position will be funded through the Camptonville Community Service District (CCSD) for up to an average of 20 hours per month at \$15 per hour.

The ideal candidate will bring experience and skills in one or more of these areas: event management, volunteer management, public relations, fundraising, and finances. The candidate should have a good working knowledge of web-based scheduling, communications, and document-sharing. Flexibility, problem-solving, excellent communication skills, and an ability to inspire and motivate others are all highly desirable traits.

Responsibilities may include: scheduling, handling contracts and payments, and set-up, supervision, and clean-up for events, reporting to CCSD and the Camptonville Community Center Advocates, and, participating on select committees.

If interested, please send an email (preferred) or letter as soon as possible, stating why you're interested and what you feel you can contribute, and attach or enclose your resume. Send to: cvillecommunitycenter@gmail.com, or P.O. Box 414, Camptonville, CA 95922

Postponed:

The Lioness Tale Workshop, scheduled for February has been postponed and will be rescheduled for the spring.
Stay tuned!

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Saturday is Coffee Time!

By Jocelyn Rapp

Coffee @ the Center got off to a great start this year with four different hosts serving us up with coffee and goodies in January. Plus all the many friendly faces and helping hands!



I encourage you all to check out Coffee @ the Center on **Saturdays 10 am–12 pm at the Camptonville Community Center**. If you'd like to help out, contact Jocelyn at 288-0619 or jocelyn.rapp@gmail.com, and I'll give you the low-down on how you can host or co-host or just get involved.

We are currently looking for hosts for these Saturdays in **March: 2, 9, 23, 30**. If you have one of these mornings free, consider spending it making coffee for your neighbors. It's easy, fun, and rewarding. Hope to see you Saturday!

Yuba River Ranger District News

In response to *The Courier's* call for articles, our four US Forest Service contributors sent this automated response:

"I am not in the office at this time. I am on furlough without access to email, due to the lapse in federal government funding. I will return your message as soon as possible once funding has been restored."

As of printing, the Federal Government shutdown (the longest government closure on record) seems to have been resolved. We're happy that our USFS contributors (and all federal employees) will be paid, back to work, and writing their updates for the March issue!

Presidents Day, Monday, February 18th



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The Play's the Thing

By Yakshi Vadeboncoeur, 1, 2, 3 Grow



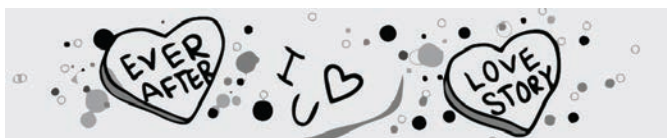
We regularly hear how important for language development it is to talk to our babies and to read to our toddlers. It is, however, equally vital for children simply to play – to use their bodies, engage their minds, and run away with their imaginations.


Play is childhood's work, its school, its social interaction, its energy release. Recently at 1, 2, 3 Grow, we've been able to reinvigorate the School Readiness part of our program with renewed oral and written language development opportunities, as well as through growing ties and shared experiences with the K-2nd grade classroom at Camptonville School. Thank you, Mrs. Sims. You rock!

Nonetheless, we all still love to play. January and winter weather bring us two of our most beloved activities – the Jack-in-the-box and the catapult. The Jack-in-the-box enters our classroom solid and strong every January and leaves tattered and worn out some time in March. It is nothing more (nor less) than a large, cardboard box coupled with imagination and nursery rhyme. A child climbs in; the rest of us close the top and crank our hands round and round on the side singing *All Around the Mulberry Bush*. When we reach *POP Goes the Weasel*, we hit our hands against the side of the box, and the child pops up.

The catapult, on the other hand, is an actual catapult, albeit a small one. That is absolutely no hindrance to huge amounts of fun. Made of wood and maybe six inches long, its frame has a small red bucket mounted on a hurling arm that is powered by rubber bands. It only comes out on rainy days after snack, and everybody loves it. Even toddlers less than two are imbued with superhuman powers of patient turn-taking as we each get a chance to shoot 3 or 4 ping pong balls across the room into our blue, library-book tub (emptied of books for the job).

All ages love these two activities. Eyes shine and imaginations light up in anticipation of the "POP" of both weasel and child. But to watch our youngest toddlers patiently waiting for a turn and their studied concentration when they get it as they master the idea, the mechanics, and the motor skills of the catapult, well, that is just plain awe inspiring and an advanced course in the value of play.





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Learn How to Help Injured or Orphaned Wildlife

By Ann Westling, WR&R

This spring, Wildlife Rehabilitation and Release (WR&R) is holding three general meetings to share what we do and to interest new volunteers; and four sessions on songbird care. All of these meetings will be held at WR&R's Intake Center at 809 Maltman Drive in Grass Valley, across from Taco Bell in the Brunswick Basin.

• Wildlife Rehabilitation Orientation Meetings

Have you ever rescued a bird after it flew into your window and wondered how to help it? Learn where to go for help and how you can be involved in saving amazing wild birds and mammals.

When: February 16th (1-3 pm), February 24th (2-4 pm), and March 6th (5-7 pm) All are free.

• Introduction to Songbird Rehabilitation

February 2nd: Saving Our Backyard Birds (free) 1-3 pm

February 23rd: Learning from Nature – How Birds Are Cared For (free) 1-3 pm

March 23rd: Feeding and Care of Baby Birds (\$10 members /\$15 nonmembers) 1-3 pm

April 6th: WR&R Intake Center Practices and Procedures (\$10 members/\$15 nonmembers) 1-3 pm

RSVP is important, as space is limited. Contact Kathleen Willis: 470-0565. For more information on Wildlife Rehabilitation and Release see: <http://www.cawildlife911.org/>



Young Black-headed Grosbeak, injured after colliding with a window, is being fed a blueberry. Photo by Ann Westling

Love is in the air



Photo by Katie O'Hara-Kelly

Pair Bonding!

By Katie O'Hara-Kelly, northyubanaturalist.blogspot.com

Just a few days ago, I saw a Common Raven fly past with a lichen-covered twig in its beak! Is it already nesting time for Ravens? It turns out that Ravens can begin nesting any time from late January to mid-April, depending on their habitat.

Typically Ravens will build a nest on a protected rock ledge or in a crotch close to the top of a large tree. They will also readily build nests on man-made structures such as telephone poles, bridges, and billboards.

I've often heard that Common Ravens mate for life, but have recently read on www.birdsna.org that "Established pairs often stay together throughout the year, but there is no data (e.g., from long-term marking studies) to test the often-cited contention that ravens mate for life." However, it is documented that Raven "pair bonding" lasts for several years.

Last November I came across a pair of Common Ravens preening each other while I was up in the Lakes Basin. To me it appeared that these Ravens "cared" for each other! They groomed each other so gently. They stood so close. It was just lovely to watch them "allopreen" each other. Check out my December 2018 "Fox Sighting" blog to see a few more photos of this Common Raven "couple."

Happy Valentine's Day from Mother Nature!



Meet Your Local Community “Go-to Guy” – Jeff Murphy

By Linda Rose

If you live in Camptonville and have had construction-related projects, repairs, or maintenance needs, chances are someone has suggested Jeff Murphy. Since moving to Camptonville six years ago, Jeff has acquired a long list of clients who often refer to him as the “Go-to Guy.” Jeff quickly earned his reputation through word of mouth, that he performs good work in a timely manner at a reasonable rate. Most other contractors are not local and charge additional fees to drive to Camptonville, and their rates are higher. Living in the community, Jeff provides a much-needed service.

Most of Jeff’s 30 years in general construction were spent in Sacramento. He started out in the warehouse at Sacramento Roofing and soon became a roofer. For many years, he did carpentry piecework for several construction companies where he learned all aspects of residential construction, and ultimately progressed to journeyman and to supervising work crews. He later established his own business, Murphy Construction.

While he excels in carpentry and roofing, Jeff has worked in every phase of residential construction, from building houses from the ground up to remodels and additions, and installing drywall, tile, electrical, and plumbing. Jeff loves the challenges of construction work. He is always learning something new and enjoys problem solving. When faced with a new challenge, he researches and learns as much as he can, using his “mechanical mind” to solve the problem.

Here in Camptonville, Jeff has taken on several challenging jobs. The first was to design and construct a metal rose arbor using his recently acquired welding skills. Other challenges included designing and constructing septic systems, requiring an extensive learning curve as he researched septic system construction and requirements, as well as county and other regulations. A more recent challenging job was making a trailer look like a built home. Challenging or not, he enjoys what he does. It is all rewarding as he feels he is “leaving my mark” and “improving people’s quality of life.” His work is also his hobby.

In addition to being the “Go-to Guy” in the Camptonville community, Jeff is Assistant Water Systems Operator, working under the direction of Mark Jokerst. Mark and Jeff rotate weekly shifts and are on call 24/7 making sure the Camptonville community has clean, safe drinking water. During his shift, Jeff runs the many aspects of the water plant, monitors the weir to measure the amount of water flowing through the creek after the water is taken for the town, and reads the water usage meters.

Jeff is very proud of his three children: Nicole and Jeffrey, Jr. and their families live in the Sacramento area, while Melissa lives with her family in Ukiah. All in all, Jeff has seven grandchildren. They bring him joy and he loves hanging out with them. And then there’s “Road Dog” Tabitha, Jeff’s constant companion wherever he goes.

For fun and relaxation, Jeff enjoys playing poker, going on a drive, hanging out at the river, walking in the forest, hiking, backpacking, fishing, and rafting. His future dreams include experiencing a tornado and traveling to other states.

Jeff is inspired by many people in the community. He respects and admires elders such as Robert Mumm and the late Lois Butz who grew up in the community during hard times and shared many life stories. He also admires and respects Yakshi Vadeboncoeur and Diane Pendola for their wisdom, for being aware but non-judgmental and not “locked in their own boxes.” And much admiration and respect go to Dick Dickard and Mark Jokerst, “good guys” working hard behind the scenes in the community without seeking acknowledgement for all they do.

Jeff volunteers on the “Fix It Crew” for the Camptonville Community Center and as needed elsewhere. He enjoys being in Camptonville and loves the sense of community among the people here, “which is greater than any other place I have lived.” He finds it “refreshing,” driving him to be “part of it.” THAT’S MY BOY!



Photo by Linda Rose

Current Thoughts: A Compromise – Good for the Fish and the Economy

By Brent Hastey, Chairman of the Yuba Water Agency (YWA) and President of the Association of California Water Agencies.

Happy New Year! There are many things to look forward to in the new year and in the ever-changing landscape of water policy. Some of the biggest topics to keep an eye on are the ongoing Bay-Delta negotiations and the proposed voluntary settlement agreements.

The State Water Resources Control Board has proposed flow requirements for rivers that feed the Delta based on a percentage of *unimpaired flows*, which would require a large portion of each watershed's total flow to be dedicated to the Delta. If approved, this *unimpaired flows* approach would have significant impacts on farms, communities throughout California, and the environment.

We join many other water agencies in our belief that alternative measures, specific to different rivers and areas of the region, can achieve California's coequal goals of water supply reliability and ecosystem protection, finding balance among the diverse interests of local, state, and federal agencies, as well as among farmers and environmental groups.

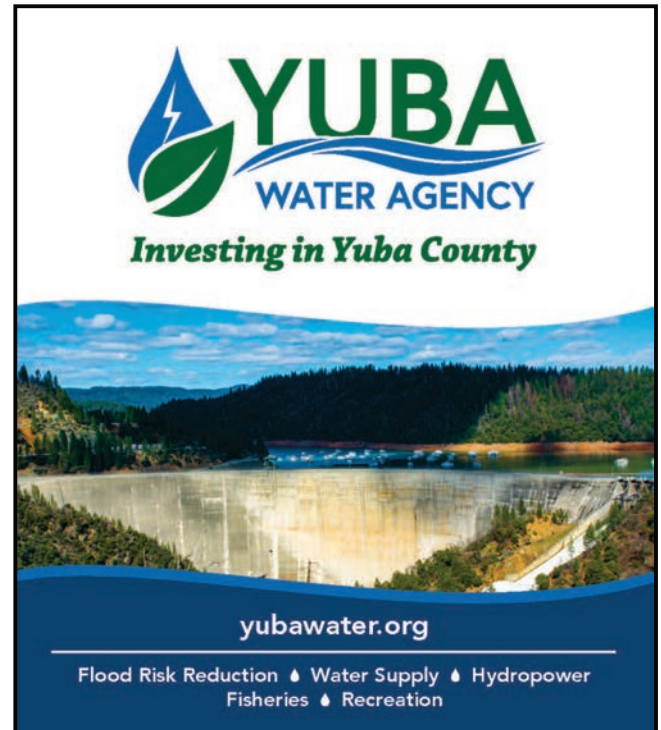
We recently agreed with the Brown administration on a framework, following months of negotiations and years of work, that would provide water supply reliability for fisheries and our local farmers, and would ensure significant fish and wildlife habitat restoration for many years to come.

Our proposal for the lower Yuba River includes releasing more water to the Delta, habitat restoration, and new funding to improve conditions for salmon and steelhead.

Representatives from the California Department of Water Resources and Department of Fish and Wildlife presented this framework to the State Water Board on December 12th as part of a package of agreements from water agencies throughout the region, as an alternative to burdensome regulatory requirements.

We have specifically proposed to release up to 50,000 acre-feet of water annually for fisheries, the restoration of up to 100 acres of habitat at a cost of up to \$10 million, and an annual \$520,000 investment for a new Bay-Delta watershed science program. This innovative agreement would allow us to receive compensation for releases to the Delta, estimated at \$80 million over the term of the agreement. That critical funding could do a lot to further reduce flood risk here in Yuba County.

The State Water Board's actions in December opened the door for their consideration of these voluntary agreements as they determine the best way ahead. The board will take action on this issue in March, so stay tuned for some big news.



Yuba Water Agency Reelects Brent Hastey as Chairman, Randy Fletcher as Vice-Chairman

By Alex Boesch, Yuba Water Agency

Directors Brent Hastey and Randy Fletcher will again serve as Yuba Water Agency's chairman and vice-chairman for the next year. The board of directors unanimously approved their reappointment for 2019.

"It is an incredible honor to be able to serve you and the Yuba Water Agency," said Chairman Hastey. "I look forward to being able to continue doing great things for the region and people of Yuba County." Hastey has been on the board of directors since 2015, following his previous term from 1993 to 2000, and is currently the President of the Association of California Water Agencies.

Fletcher has served on the Yuba Water Agency Board of Directors since 2015, and is also a Yuba County Supervisor whose district includes the foothill communities.

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Photos from Lester Wolfe's Scrapbook

The Moonshine Sawmill

By Les Wolfe

About 1946 or '47 (give or take a year or two), army surplus wood-framed tents were set up on the bank of Moonshine Creek, the upstream side where Moonshine Road crosses the creek. The tents were put in place for living quarters for people while building a sawmill and then manning the sawmill.

One of my very best friends, Gene Woods, lived in one of the tents. His dad was first to bring his family there. In the span of three to four years (maybe five) the tents were put in place, the sawmill was built and then dismantled.

After the shutdown, there were still logs in the pond, and Gene and I would jump around on them. We hiked the hills in every direction. We hiked the firebreak across from our driveway to Marysville Road and over to the old Kelly Ranch where we would feast on apples and, in case of rain, go into the barn for shelter. In the other direction, we would cross Moonshine Creek and up the hill to Daily's Point, where an old miner's shack was still standing. It was built of split cedar just big enough for a cot. The cook stove was outside, and tin cans were scattered about. We would look down on the Middle Yuba and across to Highway 49 at Rocky Point.

At this time, with the mill shut down, Gene was about 15 years old and on his own. He lived in Grass Valley and was setting pins at the bowling alley. When my dad, mom, and I would go the big city, I would get to see him. I remember one time he was all excited and said there was a new place in town, and we had to go get a frosty. I had no idea what that was, but he convinced me I would like it, and I did, my first Foster's Freeze frosty!



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A New Blueprint for Building the Health of Sierra Nevada Watersheds and Communities

By Randy Fletcher, Yuba County Supervisor, District 5

In December 2018, the Governing Board of the Sierra Nevada Conservancy approved their Strategic Plan for 2019-2024. As you may know, the Conservancy is a California state agency that works to protect the environment and economy of the Sierra Nevada region. The Strategic Plan will guide the Conservancy's activities for the next five years and will focus on these main goals: improving health of the region's watershed and forests, supporting vibrant recreation and tourism, conserving high-risk and high-priority land, and building resilient communities.

The magnitude of the challenges facing the Sierra Nevada's environment requires innovative strategies to increase the pace and scale of improvement efforts. In light of this fact, a key element of the Strategic Plan is the elevation of the Sierra Nevada Watershed Improvement Program (WIP) as the Conservancy's overarching initiative. We know that government entities can get in a rut, sometimes making little or no progress while spending significant amounts of time and money. Launched in 2015, the ground-breaking Watershed Improvement Program has already had some success in breaking down organizational, political, and bureaucratic barriers that previously delayed urgent work. Under the WIP, the Conservancy will be supporting projects to design and field test new ways of doing business, and will then document and share the outcomes. The focus will be on efforts to improve and protect the quantity of water available year-round, reduce the risk and consequences of large, damaging wildfires, improve and protect air quality, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, as well as stabilize carbon storage, improve socioeconomic conditions and public safety, and improve and protect habitat for wildlife, fish, and plant species.

There is a wealth of information online about the Sierra Nevada Conservancy and the Watershed Improvement Plan, including ways to get involved. Visit <https://sierranevada.ca.gov/> and www.restorethesierra.org to learn more.

Yuba Water Agency Reaches Significant Milestone in Relicensing its Facilities

By DeDe Cordell, Yuba Water Agency

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) recently issued the Final Environmental Impact Statement for relicensing the Yuba River Development Project, which is owned and operated by Yuba Water Agency (YWA). FERC has regulatory authority over most hydroelectric projects in the U.S.

This milestone represents FERC's final independent environmental analysis of the impacts associated with issuing a new license to operate Yuba Water's facilities for the next 40-50 years. Those facilities include *Our House and Log Cabin diversion dams, New Colgate and Narrows 2 powerhouses, and New Bullards Bar Dam and Reservoir*.

Through this environmental document, FERC staff largely supports YWA's proposed conditions for the projects' future operations. For example, instream fisheries flows based on the Yuba Accord form the basis of the flow requirements proposed for the new license, with some small previously negotiated changes. Other key license conditions proposed include:

- Construction of a new secondary spillway at New Bullards Bar Dam to enhance YWA's ability to manage large storm flows, significantly reducing flood risk for the areas of Yuba and Sutter counties, and enhancing dam safety.
- Construction of a new tailwater depression system at New Colgate Powerhouse to enhance power generation capability.
- Enhancement of existing recreational facilities around New Bullards Bar Reservoir and at Our House Dam.
- Development of new plans to plant riparian vegetation and to place large woody material along the lower Yuba River to benefit fish and wildlife.

Next steps include working with the State Water Resources Control Board on compliance with the Clean Water Act, and FERC completing consultation with the National Marine Fisheries Service regarding the Yuba River's fish species. Once these are finalized, FERC can issue a new operating license to YWA, which may differ from this document. This process may take several years to complete.

YWA's facilities benefit the people of Yuba County. Collectively, these facilities generate over 400 MW of clean, renewable hydropower for homes and businesses throughout California, supply water for nearly 80,000 acres of Yuba County farmland, reduce the risk of flooding for residents in Yuba and Sutter counties, and offer numerous recreational amenities. The environmental impact statement is available for public review on FERC's website, as well as the Yuba Water Agency website.

(Read the complete text on www.yubawater.org - Editor)

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Christmas Family Food Box Thank You!

By Lisa Baker, Coordinator, Yuba Foothills Agricultural Communities Association (YFACA), Dobbins

The 2018 Christmas Family Food Box distribution was again a fantastic effort that saw every household receive nearly a week's worth of food! So many wonderful donors and volunteers helped make this happen.

With many fresh and canned or boxed components for each daily meal, and for the holiday feast itself, toys, toiletries, and slippers, the families had help at a time when it was really needed. Because of the generosity of our donors, nutritious foods were available, and the families very much appreciated everything.

Volunteers from the Foothill Food Pantry and association members put in many hours of shopping, bagging, and boxing everything. Muscle power to carry it all was supplied by Boy Scouts from Troop #6400 and pantry volunteers. Many thanks, and much appreciation for all the labor!

Many heartfelt thanks to all who helped make this possible - we couldn't have done it without you!

Pepsi Beverage, Marysville	Barbara Hogan, Camptonville Coordinator
Premier Mushrooms	Wal-Mart, Linda
Sacred Heart Church	Yuba-Sutter Toys For Tots,
Butte Sierra District Dental Society	Bob Harlan, coordinator
Filaki Farms	Yuba-Sutter-Colusa United Way
Fletcher And Associates	Grocery Outlet
Food Bank Of Nevada County	Hal Stocker
Foothill Food Pantry	Oregon House Grocery

...and several other community individuals and businesses who also gave generously!

February School Calendar

February 8	Basketball Game, Downieville, 4 pm
February 14	Parent Round-up, 8-8:40 am, Room 1
	Awards Assembly, 8:45 am
	Staff Develop. Min. Day, 12:45 pm dismissal
	Catapult EMS Simulation
	Kindergarten Schedule, 8:25 am-12:45 pm
	Valentines Dance, Grades K-4 (and 1, 2, 3 Grow)
	– 10:30-11:30 am
Feb. 15, 18	Presidents' Days, No School
February 20	Lockdown Drill, 10:45 am
	School Board Meeting, 5 pm, Room 1
February 22	End of 2nd Trimester
February 25	Site Council Meeting, 3 pm, Room 1
February 27	Staff Develop. Min. Day, 12:45 pm dismissal
	Kindergarten Schedule, 8:25 am-12:45 pm

Upcoming School Highlights

By Sandy Ross, Superintendent/Principal

- **Parent Volunteer Round-up** (Grandparents and Community Members too!): February 14th, 8-8:40 am. Come join current Parent Club members and me for donuts and coffee. We would like your input on how you can support students, classrooms, school facilities, and staff. We need you even if you just have a couple of hours a year to pitch in!

- **Carnegie Link-up:** Mrs. Spiers' 3rd-5th grade class is participating in the Carnegie Link Up – a music education curriculum designed specifically for students in 3rd-5th grade. Following a set repertoire, her students are learning to sing and play recorders, culminating in a full-scale concert where kids from all participating schools throughout Nevada County gather together to perform with a professional orchestra.

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Important Announcement! Date Change for USDA Food Bank

By Lisa Baker, Foothill Food Pantry

Yuba Sutter Food Bank (aka Gleaners), who distributes our USDA commodities in the Yuba foothills, is changing the day of the week they will be up here.

Starting in February, they will be distributing on the **second Friday of each month**. The location and time are still the same. Mark your calendars – February 8th for USDA!

The Foothill Food Pantry (FFP) had already set the February calendar, so February will stay the same. March will reflect the Gleaners date change, as the pantry is closed the week of USDA distributions in the Yuba foothills.



Food Distribution in the Yuba County Foothills

The Foothill Food Pantry:

Located at the Lake Francis Grange in Dobbins

Thursdays 12:30–1:30pm

(Except we're closed the week of USDA distributions)

February 7, 14, and 28

March 14, 21, and 28

(March reflects the new USDA Change)

The USDA Commodities Food Bank

Located at Willow Glen Restaurant, Oregon House

The 2nd Friday: 9-10:30 am

February 8 and March 8

Distributed by The Gleaners.

Also in Nevada County:

Food Bank, North San Juan Community Center

The 3rd Thursday, 8am

More Thank Yous to Santa's Helpers

By Barbara Mueller-Hogan

I wish to make an addition to my thank yous to Santa's Elves for December's Secret Santa Project: Tutti, Richard, and Kelly were also "muscle" help, along with Joe and Larry. Thank you all so much!

And yes, "P" and "C" – there really is a Santa Claus. He lives in the heart of Camptonville and Dobbins.

And last, I'd like to give a special thank you to Arlo Acton for giving me my first California childcare job 31 years ago. You will be missed by many! (Editor's note: Arlo Acton, North San Juan's well-loved resident, passed away December 13, 2018)

HELP & HOPE

For EmergenciesFirst Call 911
(All area codes are 530 unless specified)

CA Rural Legal Assistance (Yuba Co) ----- 742-5191
Camptonville:

- AA ----- 288-1001
- Community Center Information ----- 288-5016
- 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
- DVSAC Crisis Line (Nevada Co) ----- 272-3467

KNCO 830 AM (Nevada Co) ----- 477-5626

KUBA 1600 AM (Yuba Co) ----- 673-5400

KVMR 89.5 FM (Nevada Co) ----- 265-9555

Legal Center for Seniors (Yuba) ----- 742-8289

Mental Health 24 hr Crisis Line (Yuba Co) — 673-8255

NAMI -Support for Mental Illness ----- 272-4566

OES - Office of Emergency Services (Yuba Co) 749-7520

PG&E Outage Line ----- 800-743-5000

Red Cross of NE California ----- 673-1460

Road Conditions CalTrans ----- 800-427-7623

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FEBRUARY 2019 Community Calendar

The Camptonville Calendar is online at Camptonville.com.

To add local events to the calendar, send an invitation from your electronic calendar or email to calendarville@gmail.com with event title, date, time, recurrence, location, event description, cost, contact phone and email for more information.

Or leave a message for Jesse Golden at 925-297-5375.



February 14 - Rally Point Youth Nights Start (pg 2)

February 18 - Presidents Day Holiday

February 24 - CHS "Bring Your Objects" Day (pg 2)

March 16 - St. Patrick's Dinner/Dessert Auction

March 23 - Sri Moonshine Music: Wu Man (pg 3)



On-Going MONTHLY Events

Call first to verify meeting times before attending

CCP Board - Meets 3rd Wednesday, 3 pm
Resource Center. Contact: 288-9355

CCSD Board - Meets 4th Monday, 6:30 pm, CV Com. Center
Contact: 288-3676

School Board - Meets 3rd Wednesday, 5 pm, at CV School
Contact: 288-3277

USDA Food Bank - 2nd Friday, Oregon House (pg 13)

NSJ Food Bank - 3rd Thursday North San Juan Center (pg 13)

On-Going WEEKLY Events

Tuesdays: Yoga, 5:30 pm, Camptonville School Gym
Camptonville Fire Dept Trainings, 6–9 pm, Fire Hall

Wednesdays: Community Lunch, 12–1 pm, NSJ Center

Thursdays: Yoga, 10 am, Camptonville Community Center
Foothill Food Pantry, Dobbins (Not 2nd week, see pg 13)

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