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The Fire-Safe Edition

Need-to-Know Websites for Fire Season. Keep this List Handy!
Fire Season Started May 20th!



By Beverly Cameron-Fildes, YWP&FSC

Fire season normally starts sometime from mid-May to early June dependent on weather conditions, and runs until there's sufficient rain to substantially lower the fire danger, usually between mid-October to early November.

We suggest you put these websites on your cell phone or computer as a quick reference:



Yuba Watershed Protection & Fire Safe Council
www.yubafiresafe.org and on Facebook



Burn permits: www.preventwildfireca.org



Burn Day status: www.fraqmd.org

Fire seasons will typically begin with lower levels of fire danger (moderate to high) and will progress to higher levels (high to extreme). As time passes the fuels (brush, grass, weeds, and trees) become drier and will burn more readily. During this progression, relative humidity decreases.



Red Flag Warnings: As dry weather systems move through the area they tend to produce periods of increasing pressure gradients and high winds. When this occurs, "Red Flag Warnings" are posted and fire dangers are extreme. This latter part of fire season is the most dangerous and can begin as early as mid to late August.



Red Flag weather:

www.wrh.noaa.gov/sto/versprod.php?sid=STO&pil=RFW



National Weather Service Fire Weather Forecasts:

www.spc.noaa.gov/FIRE/

See pages 5 and 7 for further Fire Safe information

More Fire Weather information:



www.gacc.nifc.gov/oncc/predictive/weather/index.htm

Radio and TV weather reports will also address **Red Flag Warnings**. When "Red Flag" conditions are anticipated (a "Red Flag Watch"), a forewarning can give you time to make doubly sure that your home and property are as fire safe as possible.

When the *Red Flag Warning* is set, you should disconnect all outdoor power cords and refrain from all activity that could start a fire. If you are going to be away from home, disconnect all electrical equipment that you can (newer electronic equipment is never fully off; some control circuitry is always energized). Also, it may be wise to close up your home and outbuildings as if a fire were approaching, since you won't be there to do so if one starts while you are gone.



CDF Fire Season Information: www.fire.ca.gov



Yuba County Office of Emergency Services (OES):

www.BePreparedYuba.org and 530-749-7520

Sign up for Emergency Alerts here.



For Emergencies: 9-1-1

Camptonville Volunteer Fire Department: 288-3303

Save the Date!

Support our Fire Department

Camptonville Fire Department Picnic

September 7th, 2-10 pm at the Lost Nugget Market

The CVFD Auxiliary and Fire Department are getting geared up to host our 27th annual Camptonville VFD community picnic. There will be local entertainment throughout the day, a delicious BBQ dinner, raffle prizes, t-shirts, glow sticks, and dancing to "Sons of Boogie." More information will be in the August *Courier*.

Anyone interested in volunteering to help serve food, ticket sales, setup/cleanup, etc., please contact Rita Ortega at 288-3421 or Tudy Tardiville at 288-3588.





The Courier's Editor Collective: (l to r)
Shirley DicKard, Marcy Risque, Janie Kesselman

Photo by Dick DicKard

From the Editor

– Shirley DicKard

The Courier will continue! Welcome Marcy!

It gives me tremendous pleasure to introduce our new alternate editor, Marcy Risque. With our new Editor Collective (Senior Editor Shirley DicKard; Alternate Editors: Janie Kesselman and Marcy Risque), we will rotate issues throughout the year – giving each issue a unique touch, while staying true to *The Courier's* mission and vision.

Marcy has lived on Moonshine Road in Camptonville for 15 years with her husband Jonathan Finegold and children Rachel and Aidan. You may know her as a dancer and yoga teacher. She also enjoys writing poetry, reading, gardening, and being outside as much as possible. Marcy is excited to join *The Courier* crew!

Bear Visitor on Moonshine Road By Grant Bowen

I was 30 feet away.
Needless to say, we were
both polite to one another!



**Reminder:
NO JULY ISSUE.
See you back in August!**

A Call for Visual Artists

By Katie O'Hara-Kelly

The Camptonville Community Center is seeking local artists to display/sell their work in a Community Art Show on **September 21st, from 1–4 pm**, with setup on September 20th.

The show will be a mix of 2D art, sculpture, ceramics, pottery, woodworking, fine jewelry, and fiber art. Painting or works on canvas must be either framed or on a gallery canvas. All works will be hung on the walls or displayed on stands/tables. The show will not be juried, but pieces submitted will be subject to review by the staff.

Our next planning meeting is **10:30 am, Saturday, June 8th, at the Community Center**. Please attend or call Katie O'Hara-Kelly at 289-3588 if you're interested in being in the show. We hope to see you there!

Kyle Ledson! June 15th

By Kathy Fletcher

Please join us for a fun night of acoustic music with Camptonville's own Kyle Ledson at the Chestnut Grove in **Brownsville**.



Live music under the stars in a truly amazing setting! Pack a picnic basket with a favorite drink or bottle of wine for a relaxing evening with friends and neighbors. Tables and chairs are provided.

Saturday, June 15th, 6–8 pm. Gates open at 5 pm.

Cost is \$20 adults, \$5 kids

ADVANCE RESERVATIONS PLEASE! Email Kathy at katfletcher@syix.com or call 743-7979. Please note: There will be no on-site food or beverages sold, no pets, and no smoking. Thank you!

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The Living Earth Show Will Rock You!!

Sri Moonshine Music Series – June 8th

By John Deaderick

This dynamic duo touches down from the stratosphere **Saturday, June 8th at the Camptonville Community Center.** Instrumentalists **Travis Andrews** (guitar and electronics) and **Andy Meyerson** (all manner of things you hit) bring extraordinary energy and commitment along with exceptional virtuosity to the production of sounds you have more than likely never, ever, heard before. They can be meditative, raucous, lyrical, demanding, all in a moment. Their showmanship excels, and the two are nothing if not wholly original and fabulously entertaining.

They are classified as “electro-acoustic classical musicians,” but as always, categorization is a box meant to be smashed. Even the term “classical music” has become utterly devoid of any recognizable meaning. These two San Francisco-based artists have traveled all over, delivering their vibrant energy to enthusiastic receptions. The San Francisco Classical Voice noted: "The duo performs with such show-biz panache that it's easy to overlook their superior musicianship. Every piece . . . is performed with energy and visible enthusiasm. They make everything they do fun."

The utterly amazing **Sri Moonshine Music Series** continues to bring the highest quality musicians to its tiny 100 seat venue; The Living Earth Show adds another quite unique color to its palette of performances. Curator and Artistic Director Terry Riley continues to seek out an extraordinary lineup. Stay tuned for more, and don't miss The Living Earth Show!

When: Saturday, June 8th. Doors open at 6:30 pm; **Performance at 7:30 pm.**

Where: Camptonville Community Center, 15333 Cleveland Avenue, Camptonville, CA 95922

Tickets can be purchased at BriarPatch Food Co-op, brownpapertickets.com, and at the door, if available.



Country Faire and Parade – June 22nd

By Jesse Golden and Barbara Ramirez



Come on up to "downtown" Camptonville for the annual Country Faire and Parade **at high noon, Saturday, June 22nd.** This event is sponsored by the Camptonville Community Partnership and Camptonville Community Center and features - YOU! Please consider joining the parade - we line up at 11:30 am at the Fire Station. Contact Barbara Ramirez at 288-3392 for parade information. Decorate your car, float, bicycle, horse, or dog to compete for "Best Parade Entry."

After the parade, plan to visit Camptonville's historic museums and artifact collections – yes, we have more than one! The Community Center invites nonprofits, crafters, and artisans to bring tables and set up in back of the Center. Leave a message at 288-5016 if you're interested.

Camptonville Historical Society Open House – also June 22nd

By Stephanie Korney, CHS President

The Camptonville Historical Society invites you to join us during the Country Faire on **June 22nd**, for the official opening of our new exhibit space extension located in the **historic Cabrini Church building on Spencer Street.**

From 1–4 pm, we will be showing “Wheel of Fortune,” an episode of the vintage “Death Valley Days” television program hosted by the Old Ranger in the 50s and 60s. This is a fictionalized story about Lester Pelton and the invention of his innovative water wheel in Camptonville in 1878. Information about Lester Pelton and the development of his water wheel will be on display. Tours of the exhibits at the Methodist Church next to the cemetery will also be available. For more information, call 288-3550 or 701-6378.

Thanks to Les Wolfe for the following information on the old TV show, Death Valley Days (S6, Ep12, 23 January 1958: Wheel of Fortune) -editor.

"The mining town of Camptonville, California is home to millwright Lester Pelton in the 1870's. With the aid of the Groves family sewing machine (yes, we're talking Skip and Tudi's family here - editor), Lester devises a way to use hydraulic energy to revolutionize mining."



By L. A. Pelton - US patent 233692, page 1, Public Domain, <https://commons.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?curid=14735695>

With Snapping Fingers and Tapping Feet Wordsmiths & Music Makers – June 21st

By Yakshi Vadeboncoeur

Get ready to rock, tap your feet, sing the blues, and soothe your soul! Things will be heating up **Friday, June 21st, 7 pm at the Camptonville Community Center**. Wordsmiths & Music Makers returns with its Summer Solstice celebration of local creativity.

We're getting the summer started right with two musical groups wrapped 'round a young Camptonville poet. There will be our traditional open mic slots before and after each featured artist, so bring a song or a page or two, your community wants to know what you've been up to.

Jesse Golden will get the evening humming, strumming her guitar, and singing a mix of original compositions and cover songs. Will Staple and Yakshi originally conceived Wordsmiths & Music Makers as a seasonal event where old and young, experienced and newly-minted artists could have a platform to share voice and creativity with their friends and neighbors. We're proud to keep that intergenerational exchange going with **Ty Riley** holding the center. His poems will reveal what is going on in the heart and mind of one shaped by this town and by this landscape, someone who grew up right here and doesn't plan on leaving home anytime soon.

Batting cleanup we have **Jhon Renoir** (sound sculptor and sultan of the sticks) together with singer **Traci Southwell** as the band *Lucky Star*. They'll probably raise the decibels a bit and send us running the bases, flying off into inner and outer spaces before they rocket us out into the shortest night of the year to head home.

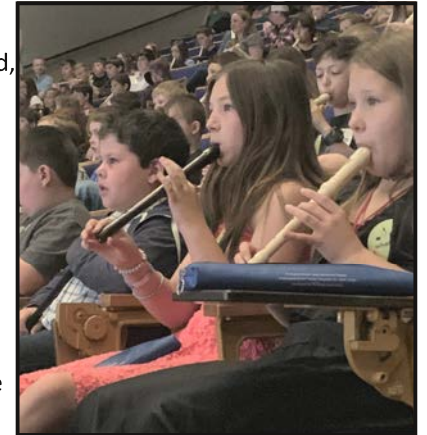
Come join the fun, join in the creative energy, or just let the rhythms and words flow over you. Tickets are \$5 at the door and include a wonderful buffet of finger foods. No one will be turned away, but children under the age of 14 must be accompanied by an adult. If you are short on funds, volunteer to set up, bake a special treat, or help with clean up. For more information or to get on the featured artist list, email Yakshi at yakshiv@gmail.com.

"The Orchestra Sings" - Camptonville Kids Perform in Music in the Mountains

By Sandy Ross, Superintendent/Principal

This year's 3rd through 5th grade students had the thrilling opportunity to participate in an interactive concert with the Music in the Mountains Orchestra at the Don Baggett Theater on May 10th. Although this was the first time for Camptonville School students, Carnegie Hall's Link Up Program (for students in grades three through five) guides students and teachers around the country through a yearlong exploration of the orchestra culminating in a performance.

As Mrs. Spiers stated, "This is a low risk way for students to learn and perform music through creative choice." Her class prepared for this occasion by learning to read music, playing the recorder, singing, and learning basic musical concepts such as tempo and



(L to R) Ryan Dondono, Charlotte DeMaranville, and Nola Black

Photo by Sara Spiers

beat. They also did some choreography, danced, and studied famous composers and their works. All of her students sang, danced, and played recorder to an eclectic repertoire including "Come to Play" (recorder), "New World Symphony" (recorder), "Ode to Joy" (singing), "Oye" (dancing and singing), and "Simple Gifts" (singing).

The looks of pure joy on their faces as they experienced making music firsthand was breathtaking. Needless to say, we will continue to take part in this visual and performing arts program for many years to come. "Bravo" to Mrs. Spiers and her students for taking the risk to try something new and wonderful!!

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From our Yuba River Ranger District

By Izaya Lewis

May 20th is the start of the 2019 Fire Season, and the Yuba River Ranger District is ready to go. We have four fire engines on seven-days-a-week and our 20 person Hotshot Crew up and running and training for the field season. Be sure to stop by and see Smokey Bear at the Camptonville Country Faire on June 22nd at the Community Center.

Forest Service campgrounds are still opening up. With the above-average winter and late season storms bringing a little snow to the mountains above Sierra City, and over 62 inches of rainfall as of May 17th, Mother Nature is not operating in our favor. As of May 17th, all of the Bullards Bar campgrounds are open for use. For reservations at Emerald Cove Marina, call 692-3200. Along Highway 49, campgrounds are open as far as Union Flat. We intend to open up Wild Plum and Loganville on May 23rd and Salmon Creek and Sardine Lake on May 24th, weather permitting.



Fun in the Sierras!



- **July 20th Packer Lake Fish Day.** The Sierra County Fish and Game Commission and the U.S. Forest Service are partnering together for the annual Packer Lake Fish Day. Fishing licenses are not required for ages 15 and under. Bring the kids up for a fun day full of education and fishing! Contact Yuba River Ranger District at 478-6253 for more information.

- **August 1–4 Downieville Downhill Bike Race.** Join us and ride the epic 26.5 mile cross country route to the Sierra Crest and back to town, or take in a double dose with 15 miles of the Downieville Downhill in the All Mountain World Championships. Or just come to enjoy the bike festival for the weekend. This event supports the trail work of the Sierra Buttes Trail Stewardship. For more information about the event, go to downievilleclassic.com. Hope to see you out there!!

FIRE SEASON HAS ARRIVED!

By Brandi Dudek, CVFD Fire Chief

CVFD has already been called out for escaped debris fires. Even green grass is burning. Due to all the rain this winter, we have an over-abundance of vegetation.

NEVER leave your piles unattended, and please, even if it is a burn day, *do not burn when there is wind*. Let's all be smart and protect our community!

It is the time of year to have your Go Bag ready! Get your 100 feet or more defensible space clearance around your home. There is really good information on the CALFIRE website at www.readyforwildfire.org and www.fire.ca.gov.

CVFD spent the day before Mother's Day training for what is called an "active shooter" class. We had a half-day of lecture on bleeding control, communications, and how to work effectively with Law Enforcement. We spent the second part of the day doing scenarios where we utilized the skills we had learned.


Last month, CVFD had 12 page-outs including 1 motor vehicle accident, 7 medicals, 1 vegetation fire, 1 structure fire in another district, 1 assist, and 1 smoke check.

Our roster stands 19 firefighters, including three new recruits and one Probational Firefighter. We are always looking for volunteers. Training is 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 have need of support staff for non-firefighter projects such as maintenance at the station. 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.

Petition for Fire Breaks and Escape Routes!

By Denise McVey

I am working with the U.S. Forest Service to get fire breaks and escape routes maintained so they are functional in an emergency. 

There have already been volunteer offers of local heavy equipment and some labor to clear and make passable the fire break road off Moonshine that goes up to the Old Toll Road.

Anyone who lives on or off Moonshine or Old Toll Roads, and anyone else concerned about not repeating what happened in Paradise, please contact me about starting a petition to the Forest Service. We are petitioning to be allowed to fix up the fire break road and other such breaks and roads AND then to have these fire breaks and escape routes in the Tahoe National Forest be maintained by the U.S. Forest Service.

Anyone interested in helping with this, please call me at 288-1226. If no answer, keep trying. If the machine answers, leave me a message. Thank you!



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Meet Your Local Collector of Old Relics, Heirlooms, and Historic Artifacts – Bob MacDonald

By Linda Rose

A self proclaimed “junk collector,” Bob MacDonald has been collecting old relics and historical artifacts most of his life. He says “stuff just follows” him. He has collections from Oregon, Colorado, and many other places. Since being in Camptonville, his collections have significantly increased.

From the age of 17, Bob has worked in construction, advancing from laborer to foreman and ultimately to supervisor. After 26 years, he became an inspector for Roseville Telephone where he remained until his retirement 6 and a half years ago. Through his employment, Bob met and worked with Gene Hanson, a local Camptonville resident and major property owner whose family has roots in the area. Becoming good friends, they often spent time cutting firewood and hunting together. Liking the Camptonville area, Bob asked Gene to let him know if he ever saw a place for sale. In 1997, Gene mentioned there was a Methodist church for sale. It just so happened that the land upon which the church was built had been donated by the Hanson family. After seeing the church, Bob had to have it. He immediately made an offer, which was accepted. Through this sale he also acquired its entire contents which have significant historical interest.

The church is still designated as a Church Assembly, and Bob has maintained a minister’s license.

For the past 22 years, Bob has lived part time in Camptonville. The rest of the time he lives with his wife of 39 years, Claudia, in Carmichael, where they raised two daughters and two sons. They now enjoy seven grandchildren. Bob and Claudia met in Novato where they were raised, and later relocated to Orangevale. Both Bob and Claudia come from large families: Bob, one of seven children; and Claudia one of 11.

Known for his passion and respect for historical objects, Bob has been given hundreds of items from families with local roots. The Hanson family gave him historical family artifacts, heirlooms, and relics. Leland Pauly’s nephew, Allan Johnson, and other family members have donated a multitude of items from Leland’s massive life-long collections. The Church family donated the contents of the Camptonville Catholic Church upon its purchase by Bob several years ago. Bob has also received items from Don Deane, who recently sold the Willow Creek Campground, and Faye Melinger, as well as many items from other residents.

Since so much of what he has collected represents Camptonville history, Bob wants to share these historical treasures with the rest of the community. He has spent the past year or so transporting and organizing his stored collections which are now on display in both the Methodist and Catholic churches. Recently, Faye has led tours for school classes, the Camptonville Historical Society (CHS), and other residents in the community. The collections are amazingly rich in local history. While Bob doesn’t consider the churches “museums,” he has partnered with the CHS for their use as extensions of the museum located in the Camptonville

Community Center (CCC) for tours, meetings, and other events as needed and desired. As a side note, Bob is quick to express his gratitude to Gene Hanson, who generously contributed the initial funds needed to complete the acquisition of the Masonic Lodge, without which neither the CCC nor the CHS museum would exist.

If you are interested in learning more about Camptonville history and want to see this amazing collection of historical relics, heirlooms, and artifacts, contact either Bob at (916) 844-4074, or Rochelle Bell and Rod Bondurant of the CHS at 288-3550. Be prepared to spend some time. There is so much to see and absorb!



Photo by Linda Rose

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Fire-Safe Actions to be Taking Now!



By Beverly Cameron-Fildes, Yuba Watershed Protection & Fire Safe Council

There have already been a few small fires in the area, so we all need to be ready. The time to prepare is NOW!

JUNE – FIRE-SAFE ACTIONS

- Double-check that you have signed up for the community warning systems. Do that at the www.BePreparedYuba.org. Select "Stay Connected" to sign up for emergency calls, texts, and emails.
- Plan and practice your evacuation route(s). If you have multiple ways to go, drive them so there are no surprises if you can't use the most frequently used road.
- Have a "Go Bag" packed with important papers, a change of clothes, medications/RX numbers/a list of emergency numbers that go with you (doctors, family, other numbers you might need if you weren't in your home), a couple bottles of water.
- In case of a sudden evacuation at night, keep a pair of sturdy shoes and a flashlight near your bed.
Double-check that flashlights have fresh batteries
- Be sure that gutters and roof "valleys" are free of over winter debris (pine needles, leaves, etc). This may need to be a monthly check. Keep items such as brooms off wood decks. A straw broom can ignite in seconds and focus heat up against a house.
- Remove firewood from deck and move wood pile away from house.
- Continue the cleanup around the house; remove dead leaves/vegetation back 5 feet from around the house.
Continue working on the zone from 5 to 30 feet away from the house. Thin and clear brush and downed branches.
Mow (early in day when humidity is high).
- Weed eating to create the 100 feet of defensible space should be close to completion. Be sure to do this work early in the day when moisture/humidity is high. DO NOT USE a metal blade as a strike against a rock in dry brush can create a spark.
- Create spaces/paths through plants. Walkways/clear paths may help stop fire progression in your landscape.
If you have mulch around plants, be sure that it is two to three feet away from your home and is kept wet.
- Check deck furniture for flammability. Replace with non-flammable materials, if possible. If not replaceable, put away (off the decks) when not in use. Also remove baskets, dried flowers, and propane tanks from decks. Enclose the area underneath decks with fire resistant materials
- Get 1/8-inch mesh screen in vents to prevent embers from entering the house.

JULY – FIRE-SAFE ACTIONS

- Continue cleanup and house preparations.
- Barbecue season – be sure you have a safe place away from anything combustible to start you BBQ.
Have a cleared area (gravel only) for the BBQ use.
- Fireworks should be of a legal nature AND only be used in designated areas. Check with local fire personnel about firework use in your area. You may have to go to a community fireworks display. Safety should be your first priority.
- Talk to your neighbors about being sure that your neighborhood is ready, trees trimmed, 100 feet of defensible space, and the neighborhood has an evacuation plan.
- Continue to monitor Fire Safe websites for more information that can help us get through the season safely.

Remember...Fire Safe is all year long!



Yuba Watershed Protection and Fire Safe Council Meetings are every 2nd Wednesday of the month, 9:30 am at the Alcouffe Center in Oregon House.
Everyone's invited to attend!

Check Out Yubanet.com for Week-by-Week Fire Safety Tips



<https://yubanet.com/category/fireseasonprep/>

Here's a sample of the topics covered so far:

Pet and Animal Evacuation, Burn Piles, Go Bags, Vehicle Safety, Plan and Practice with your Kids, Driveway Access, Take an Inventory, and more.



Michele Pearcy with students
Rocco Querequincia (L) and Clayton Flowers-Nettles (R)

Michele Pearcy – Classified Educator of the Year

By Sandy Ross, Superintendent/Principal

Camptonville School was honored to recognize Michele Pearcy as our nominee at Yuba County's Educator of the Year Awards held on May 2nd at Wheatland High School. It was no surprise that Michele was selected as one of three Yuba County classified employees to go on to the state level competition.

Michele is a super hero at Camptonville School! For the past six years in her position as Intervention Specialist, her priority has always been the students. She recognizes that many kids come to school just to get some extra love; so she puts caring and empathy first while somehow squeezing in high quality small group instruction at the same time. Michele's tenacity with students is the reason why kids grow stronger as learners both during the school day and at the After School Program that she helped develop to make sure students are able to get help with math and completing their homework. She consistently bestows positive reinforcement, encouragement, and motivation that makes students want to succeed.

Michele demonstrates that being an educator is truly rewarding – she knows her impact goes beyond the classroom and touches the lives of every learner at Camptonville School. Students and staff alike know that they can depend on her warm, enthusiastic, and caring nature to make it through the day. Watching Michele's versatility and ability to teach any age group or subject, our instructional staff and administration have encouraged Michele to pursue her teaching credential now that her own children are grown. Michele is an educator who will forever leave a lasting impression in the minds and hearts of students and adults whose lives she has touched.

Rally Point Camptonville

By Melody Dilka



Derived from *Rally Point News* by Joel Williams (7th grade)

So far we have had an amazing group of local kids join us on the second and fourth Thursday of each month for Rally Point at the Community Center. The career guest speakers have ranged from the Forest Service with Danny and Crystal Rasmussen and Matt Mullins, to an arbor culturist, Zeno Acton. Quite recently we had veterinarian, Dennis Spence.

The kids appreciate the Q&A with the speakers. They have also enjoyed the speaker demonstrations, illustrating the how-to's of their jobs. The kids get the opportunity to learn different advocacy techniques. The snacks provided by Jessi Mullins are always a satisfying delight. At every Rally Point two youth win raffle prizes.

April's Questions & Answers:

Q-1. What is your favorite aspect of Rally Point?

A-1. The guest speakers.

Q-2. What other type of guest speakers would you (and the fellow Rally kids) like to see in the upcoming Rally Point nights?

A-2. Maybe some people who could tell us about the history of Camptonville.

Q-3. Do you or any of your fellow Rally kids have any ideas for Rally Point? Let's use our imaginations!

A-3. It might be fun to do a Q&A with one of our politicians.



Veterinarian Dr. Spence at Rally Point Night Photo by: Cathy LeBlanc



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Your Forest Biomass Business Center Update: Jobs, Community Meeting, and Grant Award!

By Lindsey Nitta, CCP



There is so much activity happening with the Camptonville Forest Biomass Business Center, it is hard to keep up. Leading the updates are two great employment opportunities and an event.

- **Employment Opportunities:** We are happy to announce we have posted the Forest Health Watershed Coordinator jobs. Learn more at: <https://syrcl.bamboohr.com/jobs/view.php?id=29>.

The two positions will focus on facilitating and managing the new Forest Collaborative as well as furthering the progress of four projects: the North Yuba Project, the Forest Biomass Business Center, and two additional projects, yet to be determined.

- **Community Meeting:** Mark your Calendars: **Thursday, July 18th** is the next Community Meeting to provide exciting updates to the status of current efforts and next steps for the Camptonville FBBC. Keep a look out for more details.

- **Camptonville Forest Biomass Business Center Awarded the 2019 Wood Innovations Grant!**

A cluster of four small-scale, community-driven forest biomass-to-energy projects located in California's Sierra Nevada joined forces to submit and receive the U.S. Forest Service Wood Innovation Grant. All four projects have reached late-stage project development, with commercial operations planned to begin as soon as 2020. The projects included in the grant are: the Camptonville Forest Biomass Business Center, the Grass Valley Biomass Project, Blue Mountain Electric Company Biomass Facility, and the Mariposa Biomass Project. Combined, these four plants when completed will utilize 119,900 bone dry tons (bdt) of forest biomass per year, equating to treatment of 9,223 acres of mixed conifer forest land annually, and create up to 80 full-time, living-wage jobs in rural, low-income forested communities. The grant will support the completion of the final late stage development tasks, bring their projects to construction and commercial operation, and provide templates for future plants. The grant awarded to the four projects is \$248,858.

The Forest Service received 140 proposals, exhibiting expanding interest in traditional and unconventional ways to utilize wood. Of those, 41 projects were selected to receive funds.

The Wood Innovation Grants are in response to the past decade of low harvest rates, aging forests, mortality from insect and disease infestations, and extreme weather events that have combined to create conditions prime for catastrophic wildfires. These grants support the development of consumer products that use the excess forest material.



Photo by Lindsey Nitta

Forest Biomass Business Center Highlighted in Upcoming Film



By Lindsey Nitta, CCP

California is burning at a rate of more than a million acres every year. Radu Sava and Rebekah Hood-Sava, filmmakers and educators living in the foothills of the Golden State, wanted to know why this was happening and felt compelled to do something about it.

According to Radu and Rebekah, "The risks and challenges we face are in having time and funding to be thorough and in depth with the film. We are willing to put much of ourselves and our finances into the project, but we are limited. The more funding we can get, the longer and better the film can be, and the more time we can spend getting the word out about it."

Camptonville Community Partnership Executive Director Cathy LeBlanc (pictured above) was interviewed at the potential Forest Biomass Business Center to discuss the dangers of unhealthy forests to local communities, potential to support healthy forest growth while boosting local economies, and why forests are so important to everyone.

When asked about the project by Radu and Rebekah, Cathy stressed, "This is a community benefits project. Supporting a biomass facility near Camptonville will support our families and our community through improving public safety from wildfires, creating local jobs, and spurring entrepreneurship."

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Responding to Changing Climate Conditions: YWA, DWR Launch Research to Enhance Reservoir Operations

By DeDe Cordell, YWA

Yuba Water Agency has launched an initiative with the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) and University of California San Diego's Scripps Institution of Oceanography to improve storm and runoff forecasting, and significantly reduce flood risk through enhanced operations of New Bullards Bar and Oroville dams.

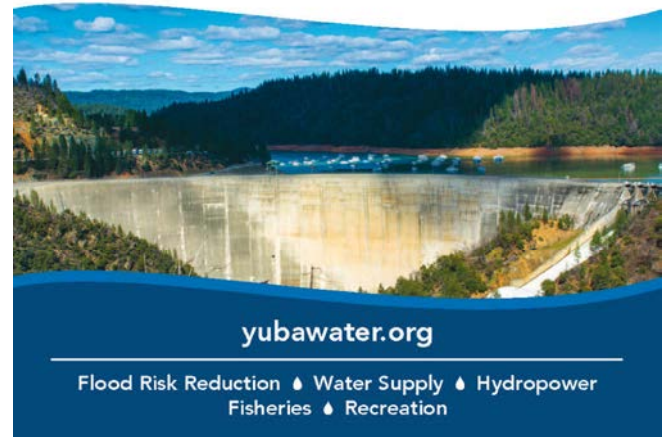
This research will supply information needed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in order to update the 1970's-era water control manuals, which dictate the storm-season operations of both reservoirs. Yuba Water's goal is to have a new water control manual approved about the same time the agency completes construction of a new, planned secondary spillway at its New Bullards Bar Dam, estimated for completion in 2024.

"The updated manuals, combined with the planned secondary spillway at New Bullards Bar, will help us maximize the value of that critical infrastructure improvement, enabling us to respond to changing climate conditions," said Yuba Water Agency General Manager Curt Aikens. "This will significantly improve our ability to operate the project in extreme events, and help us more efficiently manage water for local farmers, ranchers, and fisheries, as well as the 80 percent of Yuba County's population that relies on groundwater for their primary water supply."

Implementing forecast-informed reservoir operations reduces flood risk and improves public safety by using weather forecasts to determine the optimal releases for a dam in advance of threatening storms. Currently, dam operators are required to keep the reservoir at a significantly reduced water level during storm seasons, ensuring enough space to handle possible storms, regardless of the forecast, even during drought.

"We're excited to partner with Yuba Water Agency to modernize how our facilities are operated in this new reality under climate change. It's important we collaborate, as our infrastructure is part of a larger system and cannot operate in isolation," said DWR Director Karla Nemeth. "As California continues to adapt to the impacts of climate change, preparing our water system for intense storms and periods of drought is more critical than ever."

The \$1.95 million contract with Scripps will fund a three-year research program into how atmospheric rivers (also known as "Pineapple Express" storms) impact flood flows in terms of snow line, snow melt, storm location, duration, and intensity, as well as improving data collection for better forecasting. The contract costs will be split evenly between Yuba Water Agency and DWR.



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YWA Helps Foothill Fire District with Rescue Training and Equipment

By Alex Boesch, YWA

The Foothill Fire Protection District will be better equipped to handle emergency rescue situations in the Yuba County foothills with the help of a grant from Yuba Water Agency. The \$8,500 grant, part of the Bill Shaw Rescue Equipment and Training Grant Program, will help the fire department train 12 firefighters to the California State Fire Marshal standard for low angle rope rescues as well as purchase new harnesses, rescue rope, personal flotation devices, and hardware for emergency rescue operations. The Foothill Fire Protection District provides first responder and emergency services to 112 square miles in the Yuba County foothills, including the areas around the agency's New Bullards Bar Dam and Reservoir and New Colgate Powerhouse.

YWA Helps Fund New Levee to Reduce Flood Risk, Improve Habitat

By Alex Boesch, YWA

A project to reduce the risk of flooding and improve habitat along the Bear River is moving forward with the help of funding from Yuba Water Agency. The agency approved \$2.1 million this week to help design, construct, and permit the 2,800-foot Bear River Setback Levee on the north bank of the Bear River, which is approximately two miles upstream of the Carlin Bridge along Pleasant Grove Road. As a result of historic seepage, the California Department of Water Resources identified the project as a critical erosion site.

YWA Earns Award for Unique Sediment Removal Project at Log Cabin Dam

By Alex Boesch, YWA

A project to maintain dam safety and increase reservoir capacity by removing and hauling away sediment from upstream of one of Yuba Water Agency's diversion dams is the winner of the 2018 American Society of Civil Engineers, Sacramento Section Outstanding Construction Project of the Year award.

In less than two months, the agency removed approximately 12,000 cubic yards of sediment from behind Log Cabin Dam, which is located in the Yuba County foothills in the remote community of Camptonville. The sediment buildup was a result of previous winters' storms and heavy flows in the creek.

In addition to working in steep terrain, the project also required careful cooperation with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and all of the agencies involved to rescue and relocate foothill yellow-legged frogs, fish, and other aquatic vertebrates using the waterway. To do this, water was diverted from the creek to bypass the dam, and then a road was constructed to gain access to where the sediment had built up.

"It was challenging to bypass the water in this remote location because we had to do it without any interruption in flows to maintain habitat downstream," said Yuba Water Agency Chief Dam Safety Engineer Tim Truong. "It could not have been done without the support, communication, and coordination between all the agencies, consultants, and the contractor."

After successfully diverting the water away from the dam, the sediment was excavated and allowed to dry at a temporary location before it was then loaded into trucks and transported to a final stockpile near Yuba Water Agency's New Bullards Bar Dam and Reservoir.

The Log Cabin Sediment Removal Project was completed without any injuries to workers, while successfully rescuing and relocating wildlife and maintaining flows to avoid harming downstream habitat.

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60-Plus Miles of Yuba County Road Repairs

By Russ Brown, Communications and Legislative Affairs Coordinator, Yuba County Administrator's Office

The Yuba Water Agency recently gave a \$9 million loan to Yuba County that will allow what would have been multiple years' worth of road repairs to happen within the next few months. The arrangement makes it possible for the county to complete an additional \$4 million in road fixes. Yuba County plans to use revenues from the road tax passed by state lawmakers in 2017 to pay off the loan over the next ten years or sooner. Total Estimated Cost is \$12 million.

A tentative list of roads slated to be done this year can be read on www.yubawater.org under "News." Phase I roads are in the valley floor. Phase II are in the hills. (There are no roads in Camptonville under this loan – editor)

Nestlings and Fledglings!

By Katie O'Hara-Kelly

northyubanaturalist.blogspot.com

In June and July, lots of baby birds will hatch. Except for waterfowl, most hatchlings are *altricial*, or born in an undeveloped state, and require care and feeding by their parents. While the hatchling is growing in the nest and being fed by its parents, it is called a *nestling*. Usually nestlings remain in the nest for two to three weeks. When a nestling grows its flight feathers and



Photo by Katie O'Hara-Kelly

is ready to leave the nest, it takes its first flight or fledges, and flutters to the ground. A bird that has just fledged is called a *fledgling*. Since these young fledglings cannot fly, most will live on the ground for a week or more, while their flight feathers continue to grow and their wing muscles get stronger. The parents will continue to feed the fledglings on the ground until they are able to fly. Once fledglings can fly and feed themselves, they are called *juveniles*.

IF YOU FIND A FLEDGLING ON THE GROUND, PLEASE LEAVE IT ALONE!

If you pick it up, your human scent will make it easier for it to be found by a predator. The parent birds will continue to care for the fledgling until it can fly. If you have a cat, keep it inside and away from the fledgling. The best thing to do is to leave wild things wild!

There is a local group of experts, Wildlife Rehabilitation & Release, that can care for injured or abandoned birds, but only those found in Nevada County. If necessary, please call them for more information at 432-5522 or check out their website at www.cawildlife911.org. I am currently volunteering with this organization and am learning about the care of baby birds. Perhaps in the future, we could start a Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation Center in Camptonville!

2019 Gardeners' Market Starts August 3rd


By Christina Ledson



Well it's that time of year again, the Camptonville Gardeners' Market will begin on **Saturday, August 3rd, and will take place every Saturday in August and September.** It will start at 10 am and wrap up around 12 pm and will still be at the **Camptonville Community Center** out in the back.

We are always looking for new local artisans and gardeners to participate. If you have items to sell but cannot be there to sell them, you can drop them off and I will sell them for you. The cost to sell is 10% of your total sales. If you are interested in participating in this year's market and have questions, please feel free to email me at christinaledson@gmail.com or call 288-3655. You do not need to be there every week.

I am looking forward to another great year with Coffee @ The Center continuing on Saturday mornings. It's a great place to catch up with your neighbors and get some fresh veggies. We will see you all soon!



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June Community Center News

By Jesse Golden

Starting in June, the Community Center will be seeking your help to improve disabled access, including a front door ramp and rails, a wider bathroom door, and disabled parking spaces. Please watch for the fundraising drive materials, and let's make sure that ALL our friends and neighbors can be part of activities at the Center! To volunteer, call us at 288-5016.



Coming up at the Camptonville Community Center:

Ongoing events:

- Saturday coffee • Thursday morning Yoga • Rally Point Teen Nights on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays.

Special events:

- Saturday June 8th, Sri Moonshine Music Series – The Living Earth Show (see article pg 3).
- Friday, June 21st, Wordsmiths & Music Makers (see article pg 4).
- Saturday June 22nd, the Country Faire, sponsored by Camptonville Community Partnership (see article pg 3).
- The Gardeners' Market begins August 3rd, and continues every Saturday through September (see article pg 12).

You can receive email news from The Center: just send a request to cvillecommunitycenter@gmail.com.

And They're Off!

By Yakshi Vadeboncoeur, 1, 2, 3 Grow



In blue gowns and self-decorated, tasseled caps; celebrated with poetry and song; and sent off with a portfolio record of life as they see it in their own words, nine children graduated from CCP's 1, 2, 3 Grow preschool program on Thursday evening, May 30th. And what wonderful, unique stories they all have to tell! Their unfolding personalities, curiosity, sense of humor, their leaps and lapses of insight and attention all shine through, as well as their increasing storytelling and linguistic abilities. These nine are so ready to expand their learning community and adventures!

Congratulations to **Brytne Dilka, Dale Rich, Donny Scott, Charlotte Wilson, Isabelle Hines, Jaden Henslee, Jamie Jaynes, Kian Wolfrik, and Xzanden Sauer.**

Congratulations and thank you also to the parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and family friends who showed up every week to make the children's participation and the preschool program itself possible. From art materials to snack supplies, from snack prep to classroom cleanup, bathroom runs, to storybook voices, these caregivers do it all, including expert swing pushes and parachute lifts and falls. It takes a village, and this village includes families from Camptonville, Pike, North San Juan, Downieville, Dobbins, and Challenge.

We are especially grateful to First5Yuba County for generous funding support and, of course, to Camptonville School which includes us in all its exciting special events and provides our classroom, garden, and playground learning environment, as well as a seemingly endless supply of hugs, high fives, and encouragement. High fives all around, 1, 2, 3 Grow Graduates! And you're off!



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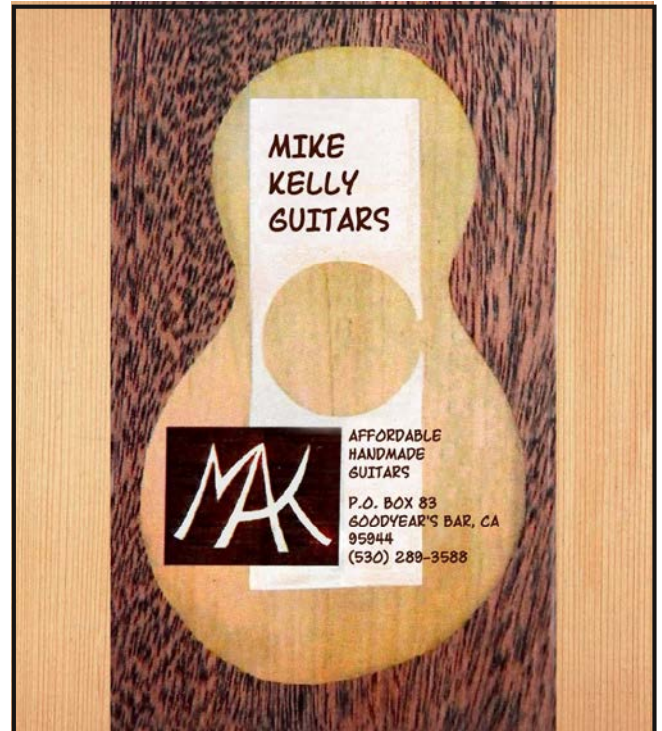
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- June 5 Volunteer Breakfast, Room 1, 8 am
Awards Assembly, 8:45. Minimum Day, 12:45 pm dismissal
Eighth Grade Graduation, Gym, 6 pm. Dance, 6:30-8:00 pm
- June 6 Lake Day at Lake Francis, Last Day of School, Late Start (1 hr)
- June 7 Teacher Work Day
- June 18-21 Writing Camp (Sponsored by CCP for ages 6-13)
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JUNE 2019 Community Calendar

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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 288-5016.

- June 8 Art Show Meeting (pg 2)
- June 8 Living Earth Sri Moonshine Concert (pg 3)
- June 15 Kyle Ledson Concert (pg 2)
- June 21 Wordsmiths & Music Makers (pg 4)
- June 22 Country Faire (pg 3)
- June 22 Historical Society Open House (pg 3)
- July 18 Biomass Community Meeting (pg 9)
- August 3 Gardeners' Market starts (pg 12)
- Sept. 7 Fire Department Picnic (pg 1)
- Sept. 21 Community Art Show (pg 2)

On-Going MONTHLY Events

Call first to verify meeting times before attending

- CCP Board - Meets 3rd Wednesday, 3 pm
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- CCSD Board - Meets 4th Thursday, 6 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 15)
- NSJ Food Bank - 3rd Thursday North San Juan Center (pg 15)

On-Going WEEKLY Events

- (CCC = Camptonville Community Center)
- Tuesdays: Community Lunch, 12–1 pm, NSJ Center
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 (Not 2nd week, see pg 15)
Rally Point Teen Nights 5–7 pm, 2nd & 4th Thursday, CCC
- Saturdays: Coffee @ The Center, 10 am–noon, CCC