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## From the Editor . . . Shirley DicKard

As of *The Courier's* last issue, the world has been transformed forever because of COVID-19. The Coronavirus quickly spread from warnings of suspicious cases in Wuhan, China, in the fall of 2019, to a pandemic level by March 2020. Worldwide, nearly every nation is now struggling to contain the virus and minimize its toll. In California (as of printing time), we are currently in a lockdown mode, restricted from leaving our homes except for essentials, and always with minimum of six-foot social distancing.

As a monthly newspaper, *The Courier's* role is not to provide up-to-date information. Instead, our role is to keep our community connected. We also serve as the community's archives, recording these moments as part of our history, so that when we look back (hopefully) we can remember what we went through, how we responded, how we survived, and what we learned.

## Together, We Are The Little Town That Could (And Does)

By Cathy LeBlanc, CCP



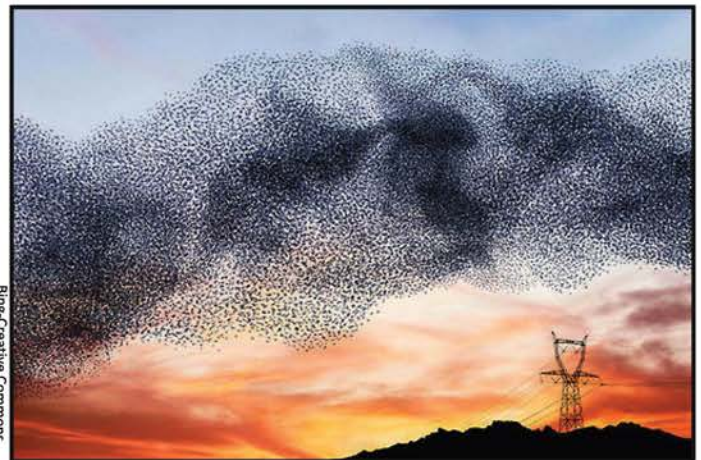
Let's come together through this crisis for the benefit of our community and each other. With that in mind, Camptonville Community Partnership (CCP) is spearheading a community response to COVID-19.

Have you ever seen how starlings can fly in the hugest flock, and then miraculously turn on a dime? Ever wondered how they do that? Well, all they need to do is pay attention to the *five birds* that are closest to them and move with them. Then before you know it, the whole flock has responded.

Imagine our community's response if we could do that? Can we reach out to our five closest neighbors in the next few days and see how they're doing? Is there something they need? Then they can reach out to their five closest neighbors and so on, and so on. We'll have a pulse of the community five people at a time. Do you remember the power of an old-fashioned phone tree?



CCP plans to host a CV19 community response dialogue. How can each of us help out, even a little? Please be thinking about what resources and assets we have locally to help us all get through this unprecedented time. Are you a baker? Do you have any extra rows in your garden that you could plant to share with the community? Can old greenhouses be converted for growing food? What other resources are available? If we all pitch in, we can weather this storm. *(Continued on Page 6)*



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A Murmuration of Starling Birds

## For immediate release from Yuba County: March 20, 2020 Statewide "Shelter in Place" Order

California Governor Gavin Newsom announced a "Shelter In Place" statewide order Thursday evening, March 19th.

Under the order, "all individuals living in the State of California (are) to stay home or at their place of residence, except as needed, to follow the federal critical infrastructure sectors."

The statewide order, which went into effect immediately, is a mandate that is enforceable. Businesses that must close include restaurants (except for takeout or delivery orders), bars/nightclubs, entertainment venues, gyms/fitness studios, public events and gatherings, and convention centers.

"Our Yuba-Sutter community needs to take in this information calmly, as our residents were already prepared to be in their homes to reduce the chance of exposure to the Coronavirus," said Yuba-Sutter Health Officer Dr. Phuong Luu. "This is NOT martial law, and nothing has to change overnight. *(Continued on Page 6)*

## What Helps Me Deal With Stress

By Shirley DicKard, Editor

Last month, I asked *Courier* readers to share how you personally keep your sanity and balance when times are difficult. Back then, I was referring to people feeling increasing stress about the current political and social scene. That looks mild compared to what we're now facing with the Coronavirus! We may be in this for the long haul, so hopefully we'll expand our ways of coping and reaching out to each other. Thanks to all who shared.

- I take long walks in the woods with my dogs
- Go to my garden and pull out weeds
- Put on my favorite music
- Read an escape book
- Sleep more. Naps!
- Creating beauty helps me balance the crazy in the world: planting flowers, photography, and mostly painting sets for a community theater. I can lose myself in creating "another world," and the motion of the brush is relaxing
- Groom my horses
- Practice heart focus
- Be present in this beautiful forest
- Phone my daughters and chat
- I sit and watch the birds at my feeders
- Breathe deeply and slowly
- Take big clippers and whack back bushes or pull Scotch broom
- Spend more time in my studio playing with clay while listening to music
- Call close friends and family
- The best way to stop stressing a situation is find a new stress that takes your total attention away from the original stress, and, of course, stressing several smaller stresses is much more stressful than just a big stress that gives huge relief when it's over and then you are rested and able to choose the next stress in a relaxed manner and whether you wish to choose big or small for the next one. Stress creates stress relief. This is sanity right? *(Continued on page 9)*

## Recommendations from the School During this Difficult Time

By Sandy Ross,  
Superintendent/Principal

The most important ingredient for your children's well-being is to feel a sense of consistency and calm. Creating a daily schedule with your child greatly helps with this.

- Get plenty of sleep with regular bedtimes
- Set aside specific time for reading and learning related skills. Limit screen time.
- Eat healthy meals and get plenty of exercise.
- If the weather is nice, get outside to hike, bike, and play. Bullards Bar is beautiful right now and there are miles of trails with social distancing just calling your name.
- Write letters to relatives, cook together, learn how to pay bills and balance check books, play musical instruments, and create artistic masterpieces are just some of the ways you and your kids can feel productive and engaged.

We urge you to abide by the governor's shelter in place order and only go out for essential needs. When you are out, take all precautions, but especially wash your hands thoroughly and frequently and practice social distancing.

You can't imagine how much we miss the students and look forward to the time when we can all be together again!



Photo: S DicKard



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## School In the Time of COVID-19

By Sandy Ross,  
Superintendent/Principal



While we began to come to grips with the need to close our school amidst this public health emergency, the school and many staff and families who live in the area were simultaneously plunged into darkness on March 15th for 7-9 long days due to a massive power outage. This presented an additional set of challenges for our district as we attempted to keep up with changing regulations through uncharted waters. Throughout this, keeping our community healthy and educating our students continues to be our priority.

### Timeline:

- 3-20-20: Governor Newsom announced *Shelter in Place* order for all Californians.
- 3-22-20: We announced school closure through Spring Break (April 6-10) with availability of voluntary educational experiences for all students.
- **Distance Learning** will begin the week of April 13th, but this may change depending on further guidance from the CDC. We will keep you informed.
- **School meal service** for students will begin on Wednesday, March 25th at 3 pm. To start, we will provide boxed or bagged meals to last students multiple days. This service delivery mode may change as needed. In order to participate, you must call the school between Monday and Wednesday morning at 9 am to place an order. This will be a drive-thru service, so please stay in your vehicles, and meals must be consumed off-site.

**General Information:** All non-essential employees are being asked to stay home, as well as with those over 65 and those with underlying health conditions.

Teachers are reaching out to students and their families in order to conduct our short survey and gather information.

Daily office hours will be from 9 am–4 pm. Please call the school at 288-3277 and arrange face to face meetings only if necessary.

# COVID-19

Protect yourself and loved ones

Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19

**+ WASH YOUR HANDS**

Wash your hands with soap and warm water regularly.

**+ COVER A COUGH OR SNEEZE**

Cover your cough or sneeze with your sleeve, or tissue. Dispose of tissue and wash your hands afterward.

**+ DON'T TOUCH**

Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth, especially with unwashed hands.

**+ KEEP YOUR DISTANCE**

Avoid close contact with people who are sick.

**+ STAY HOME**

If you experience respiratory symptoms like a cough or fever, stay home.

**+ GET HELP**

If you experience symptoms of COVID-19 (cough, fever, shortness of breath), call your health care provider or local health department before seeking care.

**MORE INFORMATION**

Follow the California Department of Public Health:  
@calpublichealth and www.cdph.ca.gov/covid19

## For Up-to-Date Information on COVID-19

Information changes daily. This is a short list of the most reliable online resources for the latest information from national to local Yuba County sources. *This first comprehensive site links to 26 websites related to COVID-19 (including all below):*

[https://padlet.com/lora\\_gonzalez1/YUBA\\_SELPA\\_COVID\\_19](https://padlet.com/lora_gonzalez1/YUBA_SELPA_COVID_19)

1. **California Department of Health:**  
[www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/ncov2019.aspx](http://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/ncov2019.aspx)
2. **California Coronavirus Response** (Includes applying for COVID-19-related Unemployment, Disability, Paid Family Leave, Small Business Help):  
[Covid19.ca.gov](http://Covid19.ca.gov)
3. **Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC):**  
[www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/)
4. **Yuba County:** [www.yuba.org/coronavirus](http://www.yuba.org/coronavirus).  
**A bi-county Call Center is also fielding general calls at 749-7700.**
5. **Yuba County Be Prepared (OES)**  
[www.yuba.org/departments/emergency\\_services/BePreparedYuba.php](http://www.yuba.org/departments/emergency_services/BePreparedYuba.php)

## Cast Your Vote for Top Three Projects at the Community Center! – By April 15th

By Richard Dickard, CCSD Liaison to the Community Center

After making amazing progress on repairing and renovating our Community Center since 2015, we now turn back to the community to help decide what should be done next for increased safety and function. Our March 21st community input meeting was cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions, so we've decided to ask for your input by phone or email.

Here is a long list of possible projects we can tackle once we have money to pay for the necessary materials. Much of the labor is either free or at a reduced cost.

### PLEASE PICK YOUR TOP THREE PROJECTS . . .

then email or call the number below **by April 15th** to let the Community Center Advocates know your recommendations.



1. **A second emergency exit in the Performance Room**, at the far end. Metal, fire resistant doors with panic hardware for both the Performance and the Community Rooms.
2. **Cement landings/ramps for the two back exit doors** for disabled/wheelchair passage.
3. **NEST – a smart, internet-connected smoke and carbon monoxide alarm system** tied into the existing Nest-controlled heat and air conditioning system. It will alert emergency responders via the Internet.
4. **Renovate the front, west side of the building** to remove dry rot and old broken windows so they match the already renovated east side, with dual pane windows and hardboard siding. This will include a **new metal front door** with emergency panic hardware to replace the old deteriorating front door.
5. **A seven-foot-wide front porch with shed roof** covering to go above the front door.
6. **Outside west kitchen wall**: remove broken window and underlying dry rot. Replace with solid wall.
7. **Kitchen equipment**: purchase and install a new stove to replace unsafe, poorly operating one; a dishwasher; two stainless tables; a secured storage rack; and an on-demand LP gas water heater.
8. **LED lighting fixtures** for the kitchen and Community Room.
9. **ADA-compliant bathroom sinks** to replace the old, chipped ones in the two bathrooms.
10. **Signage for emergency exits** and hazardous safety issues.
11. **Other?** Add your suggestions.

Please send the numbers of your TOP THREE projects **by April 15th** to: [rjdickard@gmail.com](mailto:rjdickard@gmail.com), or call me at 288-3479. Please include your thoughts, suggestions, and offers of help. I will compile and share with the Community Center Advocates and *The Courier* to help us decide our path forward. Thanks!

## Community Center News

By Jesse Golden, Manager



Most events at the Center in March were cancelled to protect the health of our community. As of *Courier* deadline time, we don't know how long cancellations will continue. Updates on the following events scheduled for April will be posted online, on Facebook, and on local bulletin boards.

### Events Tentatively Planned for April and May:

- **Belly-Dancing Class**, 5-class series, Wednesdays 7-9 pm starting **April 8th**. \$75 pre-paid for series, mother-daughter duos are encouraged. Call: 915-630-3716.
- **Easter Egg Hunt – April 11th**
- **Camptonville Flea Market & Plant Sale on Saturday May 9th**, 9:30 am-1:30 pm at the Community Center. Each 10x10 space is \$20.
- Tentative events: **Coffee @ the Center**, 10 am–noon on Saturdays; **Yoga with Lucille**, Thursdays at 10 am; **Rally Point** for youth on 2nd and 4th Thursdays, 5 pm-7 pm.

**Membership Drive:** The end of the 2020 membership drive is April 1st, but please, if you haven't renewed or become a member, visit the Center's membership page at: [camptonvillecommunitycenter.org](http://camptonvillecommunitycenter.org), or send your donation to CCCA, PO Box 414, Camptonville, CA 95922. Membership levels are \$10 Basic, \$25 Individual/Family, \$50 Violet, \$100 Morning Glory, \$200 Lupine, \$300 Poppy, \$500 Tiger Lily, \$250 Business. If you're wondering about your member status, please email the Advocates at: [cvillecommunitycenter@gmail.com](mailto:cvillecommunitycenter@gmail.com) or call 288-5016.

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**. . . Al (Shabda) Owens**

**By Linda Rose**

After moving to the San Juan Ridge 13 years ago, Al saw an opportunity to move to a nice house on property with acreage on Moonshine Road, where he has lived for the past six years. While he is fairly new to this community, Al is no stranger to Moonshine Road; he has been coming here for almost 40 years to work with longtime local resident and internationally renowned composer and pianist Terry Riley. Al has frequently toured with Terry as his piano tuner and technician, and has also performed with him.

Originally from Ohio, Al grew up working on the family farm where his parents boarded thoroughbred horses. He also worked at race tracks in northeastern Ohio for his father, a thoroughbred horse trainer. After high school, Al attended the Perkins Institute of Piano Tuning and Technology in Cleveland, Ohio to learn the piano trade. He eventually moved to upstate New York and worked as a piano tuner/technician there and in NYC.

After relocating to the Bay Area in 1979 to study music, Al met Terry Riley and began his long association with Moonshine Road and the Sierra Foothills. He obtained his B.A. degree, with a major in music, from the New College of California. During the 80s he founded "Motion Music," a music production company with studios in San Francisco and Marin County, serving diverse clients in film, television, multimedia, and theater. All the while, he continued his piano business.

Al has enjoyed a decades-long career in music as a vocal performer and instrumentalist, choral director, composer, producer, sound designer, programmer, recording engineer, and technician, to mention a few. As a master piano technician, he tunes and services concert grand pianos for many performing arts organizations in Northern California and many private clients. He has toured internationally as tuner/technician with various pianists and has studied with prominent composers and teachers. With a passionate interest in traditional vocal styles of the world, he continues to study North Indian classical singing with Terry Riley, as well as with master singers of other traditions.

Since the 1980s, Al has worked with various musicians and vocal artists as a producer and recording engineer. His most recent production was a solo record featuring local pianist Craig Palmer. Of his life's accomplishments, Al says the most rewarding have been in the music field, especially in performance as a vocalist both individually and with various ensembles.



For the past decade, Al has traveled to Ireland almost yearly to study the Irish language. He enjoys singing in the traditional "Sean Nos" (old style) Irish and visits Irish speaking areas to learn from local singers and musicians, many of whom are friends.

Al volunteers time for Terry Riley's Sri Moonshine Music Series held at the Camptonville Community Center. He is also involved with various animal rescue and welfare organizations as a donor and volunteer.

An active songwriter and singer, Al continues to perform and record his own music. In fact, he is currently in the process of writing and producing an album of new songs.

Stay tuned for still more.....



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## Use Shelter-in-Place Time to be Firesafe

By Beverly Cameron-Fildes, Yuba Watershed Protection and Fire Safe Council Education/Outreach Committee

First off, folks might be thinking of using their "Shelter in Place" time to do some pile burning, since we've had some good rain. But remember, you must still follow these guidelines!

1. Contact Feather River Air Quality Management District Residential Burn Status line after 9 am to ensure that it is, in fact, a legal burn day. (741-6299 or [www.fraqmd.org](http://www.fraqmd.org))
2. Be sure your pile only contains natural materials, i.e., no trash or items that would not naturally come from the land.
3. If it is a burn day, have the proper equipment nearby, including a hose, a shovel, and/or a rake to create a line around the pile. Be prepared to monitor the pile while there are still any flames/embers. In other words, until it is completely out, just as if it were a campfire.
4. If you have questions or concerns, check in with your local fire station. I'm sure they would be happy to have you ask so that the "burn" goes well and safely.

And, this is also a perfect time to do some defensible space and home hardening assessments and work by:

1. Assessing your vents and any other areas of your home that need repair. Do you need to change vent screens from 1/4" to 1/8"? Now would be a good time to do that.
2. Begin removing dead materials from roof valleys and gutters. You may have to repeat this later, but getting it done now means less to "tune up" come summer.
3. Tree removal, brush trimming, and removal of dead leaves from around the house. Remember the five-foot perimeter for no vegetation, and the 30 and 100 foot zones. If we have to be stuck at home now, might as well make good use of the time!
4. Lastly, check to be sure that your (and your pet's) "Go Bags" are stocked and ready and that you have an evacuation plan and/or reevaluate your plan to be sure that it's still viable.

Getting ahead of all these best practices will help us all create a "fire safe" community. Stay well and Be Fire Safe!

(Continued from Front Page... "Together")

Our community can be mobilized fairly quickly. Out of crisis comes the opportunity to be a better human. Speaking of that, CCP is working to help revive **Camptonville Prepared!** If you'd like to be part of this effort, please email or phone us soon with your interest/abilities, and we will keep you posted on the next steps. We are also cataloging a wide variety of resources.


If you want to know more, CCP plans to hold a series of organized, solution-oriented, virtual meetings very soon. We will post call-in information widely and keep folks updated in *The Courier*, email, Facebook, etc. If you'd like to receive our email, please send your information to: [corrin@theccp.org](mailto:corrin@theccp.org) or call 288-9355 and leave a message. If you'd like to contact me directly, my email is [cathy@theccp.org](mailto:cathy@theccp.org). Let's hear your "solutionary" ideas!

(Continued from Front Page... "Statewide Order")


"The state's order has the same guidelines that were in the Yuba-Sutter directive, so you're all prepared to stay home as much as possible, except for essential activities, to help slow the spread of COVID-19."

Dr. Luu emphasized residents will still be able to take walks, play with their children in the yard, and make necessary trips to grocery stores, banks, gas stations, pharmacies, and laundromats. Residents can also keep appointments with their doctors.

The state established a website to outline the Shelter In Place order and list essential services: [covid19.ca.gov](https://covid19.ca.gov).



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**Introducing Camptonville Community Partnership's Newest Staff**

**Cara Olson**

Hello to the amazing community of Camptonville. I would like to take a moment to introduce myself. My name is Cara Olson, and I have lived in Camptonville for the majority of the past 25 years. Most recently I am working at the Camptonville Community Partnership. My official position title is "front desk," but I think that might be a bit misleading. I am a wearer of many hats in this organization and enjoy every minute of it.

I attended Camptonville (and Downieville) Elementary School, graduated from high school in Grass Valley, and have worked hospice and home health (among other careers) in Yuba, Nevada, and Sierra counties. I am having fun finding new ways to contribute to the community that raised me as I work to raise my own little girls here. I value Camptonville's determination, self-reliance, and resilience and hope to do my part to maintain those strengths. I look forward to helping as many people as I can, in as many ways as possible. Thank you.

**Pam Cook**

CCP is happy to introduce our newest employee, Pam Cook. She will work with Lindsey Nitta on the Bioenergy project as the EPIC grant coordinator. Pam earned her Bachelor of Science in Education degree from Northern Illinois University in 1974, and since then has worked with children and families as a teacher, social worker, vocational counselor, program manager, and executive director. Pam retired in 2018 after working with Yuba County Children and Adult Protective Services for 19 years. Local volunteer activities have included secretary for the Dobbins-Oregon House Community Action Committee (DOACT) and bookkeeper for the Dobbins Volunteer Fire Department. She has been a CalFire Volunteer in Prevention (VIP), doing fire watch at Oregon Peak every Sunday since 2000. She is also a Council of Directors member for the Yuba Environmental Sciences Charter Academy and an active participant with the Yuba Watershed Protection and Fire Safe Council.

Pam has lived in Dobbins since 1999, where she lives on her grandparents' property. She has worked hard to become a "country mouse" after being a "city mouse" for most of her life. Environmental issues are very important to her; she loves the outdoors and has turned her small property into a haven for local flora and fauna.

She looks forward to working with CCP in bringing the Camptonville Forest Biomass Center to fruition, knowing it will help our forests while bringing energy, jobs, and businesses to our community.




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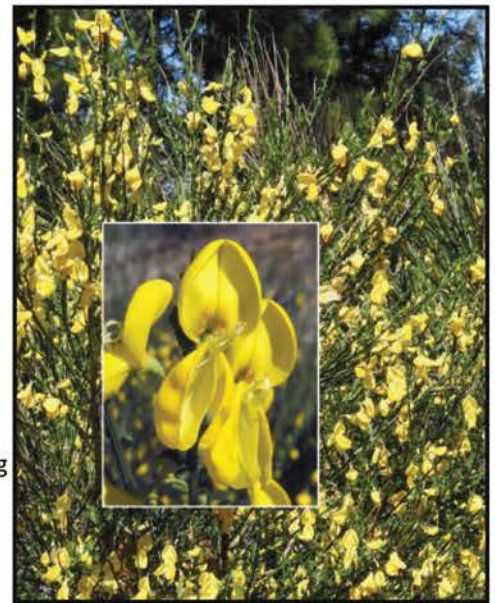
On the San Juan Ridge at:	15301 Tyler Foote Road	530.292.3478
In Oregon House at:	8676 Marysville Road	530.692.9073

## Scotch Broom - *Cytisus scoparius*

By Katie O'Hara-Kelly, North Yuba Naturalist

Since the recent rains, I've been pulling up lots of Scotch broom (*Cytisus scoparius*) bushes, a non-native, invasive species. I've been watching it move further and further up the North Yuba River Canyon over the past several years. Last year, I cut back a big patch of Scotch broom along the highway and hope to get much more removed this year.

This is the time of year to get rid of it, when the ground is damp and they haven't gone to seed. There are special "puller" tools available on the internet for removing large Scotch broom bushes. I don't have one, but right now the small bushes are easily pulled out by hand. Scotch broom is such a fast prolific grower that it outcompetes native shrubs, and its woody limbs provide volatile fuels for wildfire. While I was pulling out plants, I noticed some of them had lots of woolly galls on their stems. It turns out that gall mites have started attacking Scotch broom and are killing them. Wow!



Photos by Katie O'Hara-Kelly



The following information explains the history and current status of these gall mites.

from <http://www.ucanr.org/blogs/blogcore/postdetail.cfm?postnum=17357>.

"Scotch broom was introduced into North America in the mid-1800s from Europe as an ornamental, and for erosion control. The bright yellow flowers and rapid growth has made it a prized ornamental, however its ability to out-compete native plants and form dense stands has also made it one of California's worst wildland weeds. Since its introduction, it has invaded millions of acres throughout the golden state.

"The broom gall mite (*Aceria genistae*), which is actually not an insect but more closely related to spiders and ticks, has recently taken residence on the invasive plant Scotch broom (*Cytisus scoparius*). It attacks Scotch broom by forming small growths

on the plant's buds which greatly reduces the ability for it to grow and reproduce. In some areas, the gall mite has even killed large stands of broom. Native to Europe, the mite was first found on Scotch broom in the Tacoma, Washington and Portland, Oregon regions in 2005. Since that time, the mite has become established throughout western Washington and Oregon and even into parts of British Columbia. As of 2013 the mite had been found as far south as Ashland, Oregon with no occurrences in California.

"However, beginning in 2014, the mite has been found in many areas throughout El Dorado, Placer, and Nevada counties in California. How the tiny insect got there is another mystery. The mites are nearly invisible to the naked eye and only measure about 50-60  $\mu\text{m}$  or roughly the width of a human hair. Mites are known to travel long distances by wind currents or by animals, humans, and equipment. If you suspect evidence of Scotch broom gall mites, the University of California Cooperative Extension asks that you report it on their website <http://ucanr/edi/broomgallmite>."

If everyone got out and pulled out 50 or 100 of these plants, the benefits would be huge! So if you're looking for something to do, get out there and start pulling!

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Artists display their "Snow" theme at the March 7th Art Share  
Corky Dexter, Mary Yager, Katie O'Hara-Kelly

**(Continued from Page 2 ... "Deal with Stress")**

- In times where we have little control, I use a response I learned years ago from a grade school teacher. She taught me to gather all the love and compassion in my heart and send that energy out into the universe. If I need personal calming, I do the same, but direct the energy to the core of me
- Put things in perspective relative to the bigger picture
- Sniff noses with my cat and allow her to groom my hands and face
- Get outside and enjoy our beautiful surroundings
- I dance, jog, or walk with the dogs to de-stress. (Hope I'll be doing even more of that for a while!)
- Take a hot bath
- Turn off the TV or watch The Simpsons
- Bake
- Edit and sort photos...
- Clean stuff!
- Play favorite music and instruments! Sing!
- I hold my dog close while she and I have serious conversations
- I listen to Bach keyboard music
- I organize myself, clean up messes, and get rid of the unnecessary



**"And Yet, the 2020 Census Perseveres!"**

From NorCal Census Outreach/CCP

Amidst the health concerns related to COVID-19, California is still dedicated to a safe and complete count for the 2020 Census! From school lunches to plans for highways and even support for firefighters and families in need, census results affect your community every day. The results of the 2020 Census will help determine how hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funding flow into communities every year for the next decade.

Your safety and health are most important, and luckily, there are plenty of ways to participate in the 2020 Census from the safety of your own home! Here are some safe ways to ensure a complete count for your community:

- Fill out your questionnaire online. The online questionnaire is available 24/7 and can be filled out at [my2020census.gov](https://my2020census.gov).
- Want to fill out your census over the phone? Find your preferred language at <https://2020census.gov/en/ways-to-respond/responding-by-phone.html>.
- Mail-in questionnaires will be available mid-April for those who receive mail at their residence and who would prefer to mail in their census responses.

The U.S. Census Bureau will be taking necessary measures to ensure that college students, people in quarantine, and other hard to count people will be accurately counted as well. Find information about the census in your language at the 2020 Census website: <https://census.ca.gov/>.



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# Road Improvements in Camptonville

By Richard Dickard, CCSD

Moonshine Road will get an "overlay" surface treatment this summer. Streets in Camptonville town will get overlay surface treatments in 2021, according to Mike Lee, Director of Yuba County Public Works.

These areas were prioritized by the Camptonville Community Service District in their regular October 2019 meeting. The priorities were set based on traffic volume and safety for the Camptonville School's bus route.

An overlay surface treatment involves placement of a new layer of asphalt concrete approximately 1 to 3 inches thick. The Yuba County Board of Supervisors approved the budget for the Yuba County Department of Public Works Transportation Plan on February 25, 2020. This included the funds for resurfacing Moonshine Road.



Photo: Shirley Dickard

You know you're in the back country when the sign warns: "No Cells, No GPS, No Tow Trucks 'Past' Here!"

# March Madness / April Appreciation

By Yakshi Vadeboncoeur, 1, 2, 3 Grow



So much upheaval in our lives right now! Hard to adjust minds to all the changes demanded of us. March Madness takes on a whole new meaning! April finds us a couple weeks into sweeping governmental policies that have transformed our daily lives. It's good to take a moment to recognize the gifts that are always here.

At 1, 2, 3 Grow, we have rug letters, one of which is the first letter of the calendar month we are in. So let's say **Aa** is for **April** and **Appreciation**, and take time to appreciate family, friends, the natural beauty that surrounds us, and all the mutual love and support we give each other.

In 1, 2, 3 Grow, **Mm** is for **March** and **moon**, not for madness. It's for **magnets**, **marbles**, **math**, and **measuring**. In **March** we got out the **marble maze** and built fantastical runs for tiger-colored **marbles**.

We kept **Ww** for **winter**, **wind**, and **weather** because we were hoping for more rain and snow. In circle-time song, we danced up clouds and wind; we called down rain; we conjured mountains with falling snow. However, we were not at all specific about how much snow or how low in the mountains. So if you were inconvenienced by the recent snow, we apologize. Remember: preschoolers are only just learning to control bodies and minds and the wondrous powers they represent! Given support, guidance, and the freedom to explore, they will discover where and how to apply them in the most efficacious manner.

Remember that we are still here and committed to helping you keep them safe, supported, and learning in these disconcerting times.

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### Food Pantry Operations During COVID-19

By Lisa Baker, Foothill Food Pantry

The Foothill Food Pantry will continue our distributions as scheduled, while minimizing contact where possible.

- Please take what precautions you feel you need to
- Please leave the pantry premises in a timely manner, after you receive your food
- Please do not stay to visit/talk

At this time, no excesses will be available for the next few weeks. Thank you for your cooperation as the pantry continues trying to help community members during this challenging time.

### Food Distribution in the Yuba County Foothills



#### The Foothill Food Pantry:

Located at the Lake Francis Grange in Dobbins

**Thursdays 12:30–1:30 pm**

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

**April 2, 16, 23, 30**

**May 14, 21, 28**

#### The USDA Commodities Food Bank

Located at Willow Glen Restaurant, Oregon House

**The 2nd Friday: 9–10:30 am**

**April 10, and May 8**

Distributed by The Gleaners.

#### Also in Nevada County:

Food Bank, North San Juan Community Center

**The 3rd Thursday, 8 am**

### HELP & HOPE

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

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

- AA ----- 288-1001
- Community Center Information ----- 288-5016
- 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

Sheriff (Yuba Co)

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

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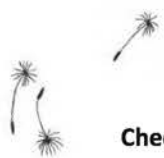
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### Planning an Event?

Check the Online Community Calendar for open dates ([www.camptonville.com](http://www.camptonville.com)) and get your event posted early to avoid possible conflicts!

## APRIL 2020 Community Calendar

The Camptonville Calendar is online at [Camptonville.com](http://Camptonville.com).

To add local events to the calendar, send an invitation from your electronic calendar or email: [calendarville@gmail.com](mailto:calendarville@gmail.com) with event information, or leave a message for Jesse Golden at 925-297-5375.

*We anticipate that most April in-person events will be cancelled, although some meetings may be held virtually.*

*See page 4 for list of planned events at the Center*

**By April 15th** – Vote for your top three work projects for the Community Center (Pg 4)

**May 9th** – Camptonville Plant Sale & Flea Market – tentatively planned (Pg 4)

### 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 Thursday, 6 pm, CV Com. Center  
Contact: 288-3676
- School Board** - Meets 3rd Wednesday at CV School  
Call for time: 288-3277
- USDA Food Bank** - 2nd Friday, Oregon House (pg 11)
- NSJ Food Bank** - 3rd Thursday North San Juan Center (pg 11)

### 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 11)  
Rally Point Teen Nights 5–7 pm, 2nd & 4th Thursday, CCC
- Saturdays:** Coffee @ The Center, 10 am–noon, CCC

