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TRANSITIONS at SCHOOL

In this issue, we honor three of Camptonville School's longtime, beloved staff who are retiring this summer: **Sandy Ross**, Superintendent/Principal; **Pam Wilcox**, Office Specialist; and **Yakshi Vadeboncoeur**, 1, 2, 3 Grow. Together, they represent 80 years of combined caring for our children! We look forward to welcoming Patrick Brose, the new Superintendent/Principal, in the August *Courier*.

Sandy Ross, Retiring Superintendent/Principal

By Sidonie Christian

Camptonville School is bidding farewell to our courageous and intrepid leader, Sandra Ross. It is hard to imagine carrying on without her, but we will, and that's another story.

Sandy has spent 26 years at our school in a range of capacities, from Special Education para-educator to Superintendent/Principal/Special Education teacher. Her presence has been characterized by flair, humor, warmth, and a deep and constant attention to the needs of each student. That she has been able to do this while performing the bureaucratic functions of District Superintendent and School Principal has been a feat of juggling, perseverance, and just plain hard work! She has definitely earned a rest. She says she is looking forward to a period full of sleep, hiking, gardening, grandchildren, family, and house purging, adding that she knows whatever comes next is out of her control, and she is open to whatever else life brings her way.

Sandy has a history of managing many things simultaneously. While working full-time as a paraeducator, she went back to school and earned a Bachelor's degree. After that, she taught full-time in an internship capacity while earning her teaching credential. Nine years ago, she took the job at Camptonville School of Superintendent/Principal/Special Education teacher and completed both a Master's degree and an Administrative Credential simultaneously!

Extra-curricular activities have always been important to Ms. Ross. She started and ran an after-school enrichment program; a summer recreation program; a leadership advisory program; and wrote, directed, and produced two plays. In addition, she has made sure that the school is equipped with high-speed internet and other up-to-date technology. She has particularly enjoyed doing big hands-on projects with kids, as well as many hiking adventures in the Sierra Buttes and Grouse Ridge areas. She says she is particularly grateful to Barbara Hogan and Jeanne Black for partnering with her in the theater arena, and to many kids over the years who didn't mind her being a Slave Driver and Lecture Queen!

Sandy says that her goal at Camptonville School was always to give back to the community that gave both her and her children the opportunity to explore their full potential, and in turn to do the same for others.

Read more about Sandy on page 12



Photo by Shirley Dickard



The School's First Outreach Team, 1997 (L to R) Yana Slade, Counselor; Sandy (Radoff) Ross, Outreach Worker; Shirley Dickard, School Nurse; Barbara Mueller-Hogan, Outreach Worker



Sandy (front row, right) with Student Leadership at REACH Conference

From the Editor

– Shirley DickKard

No man is an island,
Entire of itself.

Each is a piece of the continent,
A part of the main.

If a clod be washed away to the sea,
Europe is the less.

As well as if a promontory were.
As well as if a manor of thine own.

Or of thine friend's were.
Each man's death diminishes me,
For I am involved in mankind.

Therefore, send not to know
For whom the bell tolls,
It tolls for thee.

– John Donne (1572-1631)

I still think about this poem nearly 57 years after my high school English teacher, Mrs. Davidson, made us memorize it. In this time of unimaginable stresses (pandemic, protests, politics), I think it's important to remember how we're "each a part of the main;" that "each man's death diminishes me;" and that when the bell tolls announcing someone's death, it tolls for each one of us. So now more than ever, we must follow our hearts, reach out, and be kind to one another.

R.I.P. Diana Malley

March 27, 1942 - June 27, 2020

Diana (Jayantha) was a beloved, former teacher at C'ville School



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Pam Wilcox, School Secretary, Retires

By Jessi Mullins

Our dearest secretary for the past 12 years at Camptonville School is ready to begin a new journey. Pam has worked at the school for a total of 26 years and will be retiring soon. Although this is a very exciting time, she is very saddened to leave her fellow staff, friends, and students. She will miss them all so much. She has loved greeting folks in the front office for 12 years and has loved spending time with the students.



Photo by Jessi Mullins

Twenty-six years ago, Pam started working at the school as the breakfast cook where she and Patsy Prout enjoyed cooking together for the kids. After being a chef for awhile, she then joined Americorp with CCP, and worked on the project of launching a school readiness program in Camptonville – 1, 2, 3 Grow. Pam designed the logo that is still used today. After a year with Americorp, she returned to work at the school. Moving forward, she transitioned into the classroom as a paraeducator for a few years; then she began working with Skip in the office to eventually become the next full time secretary.

As Pam transitions into retirement mode by working from her home a bit longer and helping train a replacement, she is looking forward to spending her extra time with family, a new grandbaby, and doing some traveling.

Camptonville School will forever miss Pam’s kindhearted spirit, her welcoming smile, and as one kindergartner said, “her stamps!”

The 1, 2, 3 Grow logo designed by Pam Wilcox



Yakshi with 1, 2, 3 Grow preschoolers on the alphabet rug



Photo by Christina Dondono



Photo by Shirley Dickard

Yakshi Retires from 1, 2, 3 Grow

By Christina Dondono, 1, 2, 3 Grow

“When I turn 70, I can retire.” You may have heard this from our beloved Yakshi Vadeboncouer – a treasured member of the team for many years, at both Camptonville Elementary School and Camptonville Community Partnership’s 1, 2, 3 Grow. This amazing woman has taught us all from her broad spectrum of knowledge: preschool and early childhood development, Spanish, librarian, gardener, chef, and proper use of the English language, and this list just touches on some of what she has brought to the table.

Yakshi moved to Camptonville in 1994 and began working at the school that year. Being the fourth child of ten, teaching has always been an essential calling for her. For me, it's been a privilege to work alongside Yakshi in 1, 2, 3 Grow the past six years. I honestly learned so much about life, work, culture, and community. She has a very special place in her heart for children and this lady can do a HEAD STAND! The kids love it, and as you can tell, I enjoyed it as well.

Poetry is one of Yakshi’s main passions. I have always admired her natural knack to toss some words together in a swift breeze to define the circumstances. She has published one book of her poetry, *The Feminine Face of God*. Maybe she will even write another book! Encouraging and mentoring are something very dear to Yakshi’s heart. Before COVID-19, she created Wordsmiths & Music Makers, a quarterly event at the Community Center. When the Center reopens, I strongly encourage you to go enjoy these evenings of local talent.

I hope that retirement brings extra moments for Yakshi to enjoy her three children, siblings, and other family members. I predict harvesting and foraging will become priorities as she continues her fierce competition with neighborhood squirrels in a race for the treasures growing in her yard. All in all, Yakshi, I love you and appreciate everything you do for our community!

California Humanities Keeps our Community Center Open

By Richard DicKard, CCC Advocates

Thanks to a \$5,200 grant from California Humanities, we can pay for the next five to six months of overhead expenses (\$975/month average) to keep the Center ready to open again as COVID-19 restrictions are lifted. We have not had any of the usual income-producing events at the Center since March due to COVID-19 restrictions, so our cash reserves (\$2,200) to pay monthly bills are almost depleted. Without financial help, we were looking at closing the Center.

The good news is that the \$5,200 California Humanities Grant will enable us to preserve what we have worked so hard to achieve and maintain at our Community Center. Thank you!

The funding is provided by California Humanities and the National Endowment for the Humanities as part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act economic stabilization plan, 2020.

Coffee Returns July 11th!

By Jocelyn Rapp, Volunteer Coffee Coordinator



At this time, we're excited to announce plans to recommence our weekly Saturday morning Coffee@The Center get together at the Camptonville Community Center. So many people have really enjoyed this weekly neighborhood tradition, and I was personally very sad to have had to cancel it during this uncertain time. We have decided the time has come to try again with a test run.

So, on **Saturday July 11th, from 10 am to 12 pm** we will hold Coffee for the first time since the beginning of state-wide closures in March. We will do our utmost to provide a clean and safe place to meet and will, of course, adhere to state and county requirements for public gatherings. At this time, we will begin by setting up outside in the back field, and we ask that people enter from the outside. We will provide hand sanitizer and ask all who attend to wear masks and maintain the appropriate social distancing. We have also committed to providing compostable single-use cups, plates, and cutlery, as well as single-serve creamers and sugar. Plus, if you don't like the idea of single use cups, you are welcome to bring your own mug from home!

The Coffee on July 11th will be a test run to see how these changes work for us as Coffee-goers. We hope you will join us and share in the good food and good neighborly vibes. If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to reach out to me: jocelyn.rapp@gmail.com or 575-1780.

During the COVID-19 Pandemic What's Happening? What's Not?



No Fire Department Picnic this Year



By Donna Tate, C'ville Fire Dept. Auxiliary

It is with much sadness that the CVFD Auxiliary announces we are cancelling this year's fire department picnic. We care deeply about the health and wellbeing of our community and want to make every effort to keep everyone safe.

The picnic is not only an amazing and fun event that connects us with our community, it is also a very important fundraiser for our volunteer fire department. Proceeds from the picnic provide needed equipment and supplies that keep our volunteers trained and ready to respond. If you would still like to support our fire department, you can send a donation to CVFD, PO Box 37, Camptonville, CA 95922. Your support is always appreciated. See you healthy and happy at the 2021 Camptonville Volunteer Fire Department Picnic!

Gardeners' Market Grows Again!

By Shirley DicKard, Editor



Plans are afoot to start the annual Gardeners' Market in August behind the Community Center, although details are still being worked out according to Christina Ledson, one of the organizers. The market has been a popular place to share, sell, or donate your garden produce, and to buy wonderfully fresh, local food. Questions? Leave a message at the Community Center: 288-5016, and check the August *Courier* for details.

Colossal Clothes-A-Rama – Wednesdays at the SJR Family Resource Center

By Diana Pasquini, San Juan Ridge Family Resource Center

Is your wardrobe ready for summer? Kids outgrown all their clothes? New baby in the house?

Visit San Juan Ridge Family Resource Center's COLOSSAL CLOTHES-A-RAMA in the **Oak Tree Lodge at 18847 Oak Tree Road on Wednesdays, 9 am–1 pm** to find clothes for the whole family. Gently used clothing is available for babies, toddlers, children, and adults.

This is a clothing giveaway, not a clothes swap; so absolutely no donations of any kind (except cash, if you insist!) will be accepted. Face coverings are required. If you cannot bring your own, we will be happy to provide one for you. Gloves are also required and will be provided. All children must remain within arm's reach of their adult at all times. The playground will not be open.

For more Info please call 292-3171 or email sjrfrcc@nevco.org. We look forward to seeing you soon!

A Day on the North Yuba

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

I spent a whole day on the North Yuba River this past week. It was SO beautiful! It's still fast and cold, but I did jump in for a few minutes. Here's a few of the different critters I saw.

Side-blotched Lizards were sunning themselves on the boulders along the river. They like to eat scorpions, ticks, spiders, mites, sow bugs, and insects. They are primarily ground dwellers and one of the most commonly found lizards in the area.

A **Foothill Yellow-legged Frog** jumped into the water along the edge of the river when I approached. They prefer to live along rivers and streams, not ponds. They mate from April to late June, but do not lay their eggs until the local streams and rivers subside. They eat moths, ants, grasshoppers, beetles, flies, water striders, and snails.

I was about to grab onto a dead tree hanging over the river, when I realized there was a **Western Aquatic Garter Snake** draped on the branch! It was easily 4.5 feet long. What a surprise! I wasn't worried about getting bitten, as this snake isn't poisonous. I waded back to shore and watched it another five minutes while it unhurriedly slipped into the river.

A group of male **Swallowtail Butterflies** were "puddling" in the sand, sipping nutrients from the damp soil near the river's edge. Only the male butterflies practice this behavior.

A beautiful **dragonfly** landed right next to where I was watching that Western Aquatic Garter Snake. Such fancy elaborate markings it had! Dragonflies are born underwater from gelatinous eggs that are laid on submerged plant stems in lakes and ponds, not rivers. Nymphs hatch from the eggs and live underwater for several years. In Spring, the nymphs crawl out of the water onto a plant stem. They will stay there for some time while their exoskeletons dry and crack down the middle of their backs. The adult dragonflies emerge from these dried exoskeleton, pump up their wings, dry off, and fly away. As adults, dragonflies feed on a wide variety of flying insects. They catch prey with their legs and eat them while they are still airborne! The adults may only live for a few days or a week.

A **Spotted Sandpiper** was walking along the edge of the river and flew out to the rocks in the middle as I approached. The spots are very obvious on its breast, making it easy to identify. It is the most widespread breeding, freshwater shorebird in North America. It is usually solitary, except during the breeding season. Uniquely, the male incubates the eggs and raises the young, while the female defends the territory! They may be monogamous, or the female may practice polyandry and mate with up to four different males. The nest is a shallow, 2-3" depression on the ground under broad-leaved plants, located within 100 yards of the shore of a river or stream. The young are born precocial, with downy feathers, open eyes, and the ability to walk and eat within one day of being born. Sandpipers feed on aquatic insects, midges, grasshoppers, beetles, worms, and snails. They infrequently dive underwater and feed on the bottom of a river.

Well, that's what I saw on the shore of the river in one day. Next, I'll talk about what is IN the river!

Let me know what you see!

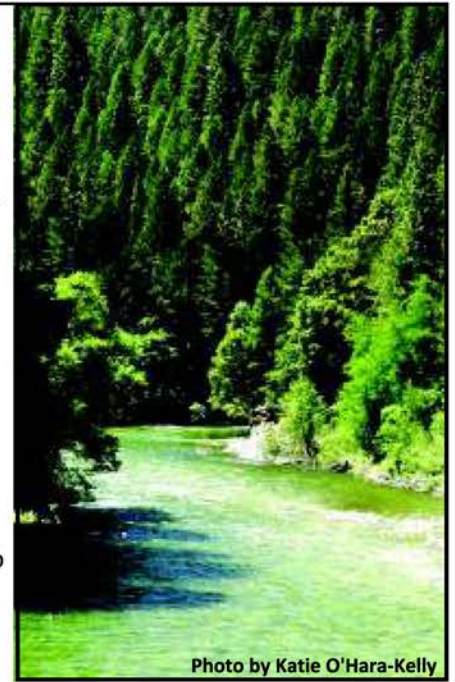


Photo by Katie O'Hara-Kelly

Indian Valley Outpost Resort Open!

By Karla, Dave, and Dawn, IVO

We are so happy that Sierra County has allowed us to open for lodging at our campground. The restaurant is open for takeout, and we have social-distance seating in our picnic area. Our pub offers wonderful micro draft brews by No Quarter Brewing out of Windsor. You can have a mason jar full to-go or enjoy on site. Our store is open for essentials like bug spray and raft tubes.

The weather is beautiful and summer is in full bloom. Bald Eagles have been spotted along the North Yuba. We are COVID-ready and meeting Sierra County requirements. Thank you for helping us comply by wearing face coverings when you enter the Outpost. We are complying to keep our communities safe and to survive economically. Thank you for your understanding, and let's all enjoy getting back outdoors. Happy camping, hiking, and water sporting. See you for a soft serve soon!

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Camptonville Community Center to Be Open During PG&E Power Shutoffs

By Richard Dickard, CCC Advocates

High temperatures, very low humidity, and record-high winds can create conditions where any spark at the wrong time and place can lead to a major wildfire. You may remember from last year that if severe weather threatens a portion of the electric system, PG&E may turn off electricity in the interest of public safety. This is known as a Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS).

New this year: PG&E has agreed to develop and use the Camptonville Community Center as a PG&E Community Resource Center (CRC) to support its local customers during Public Safety Power Shutoffs. Hours of operation during a PSPS will be 8 am to 10 pm.

Services are being provided in observance of social distancing practices and include pre-packaged Customer Resiliency Kits, including PSPS information, light snacks, water, small resiliency devices, and Personal Protection Equipment (PPEs) for customer use.

PG&E will provide a portable back-up electrical generator to keep lighting, air conditioning, camera security system, warming kitchen, rest rooms, and internet services functioning.

PG&E asks that customers wear masks and practice social distancing with other members of the public and PG&E employees. PSPS preparedness information shared at our Community Center is also available virtually on pge.com.

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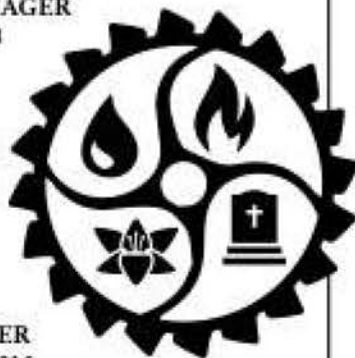
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Photo by Shirley Dickard

Are Your Pets Ready for Fire Season?

By Gretchen Cupp, Yuba Sutter Domestic Animal Disaster Assistance (YSDADA)

As fire season begins, Yuba Sutter Domestic Animal Disaster Assistance (YSDADA) urges all pet owners to be prepared to evacuate with their pets and bring what the pets need with you. Plan to take your pets to family or friends or make arrangements for them to stay somewhere out of the disaster zone.

There are a number of items small pets need:

- a crate for transport/or sleeping
- wet food (a special treat for your pets if you normally feed dry food), food, and water bowls
- toys, blankets, or towels to cuddle in
- leashes, collars, and any medicines your pet takes.

If your pets aren't micro-chipped, do so now, before a disaster. Pets staying away from home may get spooked and run away. Proper ID increases the chances of being reunited with your pets. For the Oroville Dam disaster and the Cascade and Camp fires, we were activated by Yuba County OES to set up a shelter for dogs. While we are willing to assume that responsibility, we know that you and your pets will be more at ease if they are by your side. There are further resources on our website: www.ysdada.org.

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Red Flag Warnings this Fire Season!

By Beverly Cameron-Fildes, Yuba Watershed Protection and Fire Safe Council (YWP&FSC)

It's SUMMER...hot, dry, and, sadly, dangerous. I hope you have all done your defensible space work and are now just keeping up with the tasks of hardening your house and landscape. Most importantly, we need to be concerned about days designated as Red Flag Warnings. A Red Flag Warning means that warm temperatures, very low humidity, and stronger winds are expected to combine to make fire danger higher than normal. There's also higher potential for dry lightning with summer storms. This is the time to be most vigilant. Are you prepared?

- Have your Go Bag ready with important documents, RX, pet supplies, chargers for phones, etc., and fresh batteries for your flashlights and radio.
- Put away straw brooms and porch and patio items like lawn chair cushions and door mats, except when in use. If you need to evacuate, you don't want to leave flammable items right at your front door.
- Get in the habit of keeping your vehicle tank(s) at least ¾ full and park your car facing out of the driveway.
- Review your evacuation plans and monitor radio, websites, and social media for fire news and updates.
- The "To Do List" on the July page of the YWP&FSC calendar is a great place to be sure that you are ready for any emergency.

The YWP&FSC has purchased Red Flag Warning "feather flags." The flags will be placed in strategic locations around the Yuba foothills and will be displayed when a Red Flag Warning is in effect. The US Forest Service in Camptonville has a flag and Cal Fire stations will get one. Other tentative locations will be post offices in Browns Valley, Brownsville, Challenge, Dobbins, Smartsville, Oregon House, and Rackerby, as well as rural fire departments or thrift stores. The flags will be posted at the beginning of the Red Flag event and then taken down when the event is over. We hope these flags will help call attention to periods of increased fire danger and help the foothill communities be better prepared. For more information, check the Yuba Watershed Protection & Fires Safe website (<http://yubafiresafe.org>) and the FB page. Be well and be fire safe!



Photo by YWP&FSC

Defensible Space Help for Folks with Special Needs

By Cathy LeBlanc, Camptonville Community Partnership (CCP)

Camptonville Community Partnership and the YWP&FSC have once again received a grant from PG&E. This funding, when received, will start in July and enable us to assist approximately 20 disabled residents or low-income seniors to provide defensible space around their homes. Please call CCP at 288-9355 for more information or go to the YWP&FSC website at yubafiresafe.org to fill out an application. This property must be your home residence.

Don't Drag your Chains Get Your "No Spark" Tow Chain Cover!

No Spark Tow Chain covers are available in several locations, including the Lost Nugget Market in Camptonville and Farmers Markets in Brownsville and Dobbins. Donations for the covers will go to the rural fire departments. Stay tuned for more locations. Be sure that you aren't "dragging your chains!"

— A public service of the Yuba Watershed Protection and Fire Safe Council



Fire Wise Communities

By Steve Andrews, Executive Director, YWP&FSC

When COVID restrictions are lifted, YWP&FSC, with CCP, will schedule public meetings throughout the foothills to share information about our ongoing update of the Community Wildfire Protection Plan (Fire Wise Communities) and to seek public input on potential fire safe projects. Training will be available for those interested in volunteering to become Wildfire Mitigation Advisors. The training will be conducted in a one-day training session and by shadowing experienced advisors on active reviews. If interested please contact Gary at gildes2001@yahoo.com or Jeanene at Jupton@yubafiresafe.org.

Community Wildfire Protection Plan Meetings

By Cathy LeBlanc, CCP

CCP is working with the YWP&FSC, Sacriver.org, and 34North to update the Yuba Foothills Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP). This group has worked collaboratively to build an amazing data platform to aid the YWP&FSC with fire safety planning. The community is invited, and needed, to give local information to make this effort as complete as possible. Meetings will be held (in-person or virtual - TBD) in each of the five fire districts. Stay tuned and watch for fliers and announcements of meeting schedules.



Monkey Mind: *We are the Ones*

By Jesse Golden

The *monkey mind* is a term sometimes used by the Buddha to describe the agitated, easily distracted, and incessantly moving behavior of ordinary human consciousness. As an ordinary human afflicted with monkey mind, I offer these thoughts for July.

November 22, 1963: I'm nine years old, standing with friends on my grade-school playground, trying to absorb the news: the president has been shot in Dallas. I feel afraid for my country and for my future. I've seen newspaper headlines about the March on Washington for Jobs and Justice, and a Ku Klux Klan bombing of an Alabama church, and I have a strong sense that this shooting is connected to Kennedy's support of the civil rights movement.

Through the 1960s, as I see images of demonstrators pummeled with batons, fire hoses, and police dogs, through burning crosses and lynchings and assassinations, I wonder with a child's mind: why do those people – those cops and politicians and Klansmen – why do they have to be so mean?

In school we learn about California history, but not about the extermination of native people. We aren't taught about the slave market once located in our city; not about how our city map was redlined to exclude non-whites from "nice" neighborhoods; not about violent and repeated mob violence against Mexicans, Asians, and immigrants. We learn about the Civil War and Reconstruction, but not about the Black Codes or Jim Crow laws.

Yes, I heard of Jackie Robinson as an example of progress, of a ground-breaker– but never described as the first African-American allowed by whites to play major league ball. Yes, I loved Aretha Franklin's records – but I had no idea that when she sang "R-E-S-P-E-C-T," she was also singing about the respect she had to constantly fight for in a way that I, as a white woman, would never have to.

I was 14 when I read *The Autobiography of Malcolm X* and had my eyes opened to the harshness of a young black man's life. I wanted the world to be better. I thought that more reforms, more tolerance, more kindness, would fix the problem. I did not yet understand racism as a multi-dimensional system for power and control. I did not yet see that I am immersed in that system as a fish is immersed in water.

I understand more now, thanks to so many activists and thought leaders. And I understand that it's not someone else's problem, and it's not someone else's job to fix this. It's my job. It's your job. It's this country's job. It's on us to make the change.



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A New Beginning? . . . Let's Cross Our Fingers!

By Christina Dondono, 1, 2, 3 Grow

Hello one, hello all! Cara Olson and I welcome you to join us in good health in 1, 2, 3 Grow this coming school year. 1, 2, 3 Grow is Camptonville Community Partnership's (CCP) free, parent participation, childhood enrichment program for children birth to five years of age, made possible by First 5 of Yuba County.

The COVID-19 Pandemic sure has given many of us a substantial amount of unfamiliar free time. I hope we are all taking this opportunity to spend quality time with our loved ones, maybe even getting a little dirty in the garden, or digging into some spring cleaning!

Staying safe with as little exposure as possible is suddenly key for the health of our future. First 5 and CCP are working diligently alongside the county and state to help families during this pandemic. 1, 2, 3 Grow will have some changes as well, though we are planning to deliver a program as familiar as possible. Every child and adult will be COVID-19 screened by 1, 2, 3 Grow staff before entering the classroom. We plan to have as many outdoor activities as feasible.

Change is inevitable, so let's embrace it! We all seem to long for our precious past of day-to-day life. A lot was taken for granted. The love for our children will always continue to grow. It will be different from the past. Hopefully we will soar together with growth and strength to better our future. I am crossing my fingers that we unite back at school with the return of the new 2020-2021 school year in August in our beautiful classroom.

If you are new to what 1, 2, 3 Grow has to offer children and their parents, please come and check us out. We are open for questions, comments, concerns, and of course suggestions. Feel free to leave a message at CCP (288-9355) with any questions or contact me directly at c.dondono@gmail.com. Read the August *Courier* for more information about 1, 2, 3 Grow and starting the new school year.



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Yuba Water Says Farewell to General Manager Curt Aikens, Welcomes Willie Whittlesey

By Bonnie Dickson, Yuba Water Agency

After 22 years of service, Yuba Water Agency’s longtime general manager, Curt Aikens, handed the reins over to assistant general manager, Willie Whittlesey, on July 1st.

“The agency would not be where it is today without Curt’s leadership,” said Randy Fletcher, Yuba Water’s board chairman. Fellow board members echoed Fletcher’s praise of Aikens, commending him for his trailblazing natural resource management and his creation of a culture of partnership and innovation at the agency.

Having served as the assistant general manager of Yuba Water since 2019, Whittlesey is already immersed in all aspects of the agency’s operations and management. Whittlesey grew up in the Sierra Nevada foothills and has been working in the Yuba River watershed for 25 years in roles ranging from forestry to hydroelectric power generation. Before joining Yuba Water, he spent 13 years with PG&E. A registered forester, Whittlesey is also a natural fit for leading the agency’s efforts to protect the Yuba River watershed from catastrophic wildfire through innovative partnerships and projects. This includes the North Yuba Forest Partnership, a group of nine organizations working on an unprecedented scale to collaboratively plan, finance, and implement forest restoration across 275,000 acres of the watershed. When asked about his near-term priorities as the agency’s new general manager, Whittlesey said that building relationships will be his primary focus in the coming months.

“I want to maintain, develop, and improve the relationships we have with our partners, the irrigation districts that we provide water to, the various reclamation districts in the area that are responsible for flood control, the cities, and the county,” Whittlesey said. “We have some really big, really important work to do, and to be successful, it’s going to take collaboration and a lot of partners all rowing in the same direction.”

Yuba Water’s board unanimously appointed Whittlesey in February. Aikens will remain with the agency working on special projects before he officially retires in January 2021. Learn more about the agency’s work at yubawater.org.



Curt Aikens and Willie Whittlesey

“We don’t have a right to ask whether we’re going to succeed or not. The only question we have a right to ask is what’s the right thing to do? What does this earth require of us if we want to continue to live on it?” – Poet and farmer, Wendell Berry

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A Safer Moonshine Road

By Richard DickKard, CCSD Board Member

Last year the Camptonville Community Service District (CCSD) asked for community input to prioritize the resurfacing of roads in the Camptonville area to make them safer. The criteria for ranking roads were that the roads were Yuba County maintained, were part of Camptonville school's bus route, were critical for emergency vehicles, and had a higher volume of traffic.

Moonshine Road was given the highest priority based on the above criteria. On June 22nd construction began. The existing Moonshine Road base was overlaid with 2 inches of asphalt, the side edges were cleared and filled with gravel, and a midline yellow line was placed. The estimated cost of this project is \$750,000.

Thank you to Yuba County Public Works for keeping Moonshine Road a priority even though 25% of their road maintenance-improvements were put off due to a decrease in gas tax revenues.

In 2021, streets in Camptonville town area will hopefully receive similar treatment to make them safer. However, the decrease in California's gas tax revenues to counties may put this off for a year.

Census 2020 - Do it Now!

By Cathy LeBlanc, CCP

With so many important things happening, it might be easy to forget to fill out the Census. If you have received a packet either in the mail or at your doorstep, fill it out. If you have a PO Box you will not receive a Census in the mail, but you may go online to my2020census.gov or call (844) 330-2020. You have until October 31, 2020 to do so, but why wait?

Look for Brian Price and the CCP Census Crew at many Yuba foothill locations. They'll be in our pop-up Census booth, complete with electronic tablets and giveaways. For the good of all of us, please take a few minutes to be counted.

Tahoe National Forest – Virtual Services

By Michele Woods, Administrative Support Assistant, TNF

The Tahoe National Forest has closed all offices to in-person visits and is implementing virtual services to protect the health and safety of employees and the public during the COVID-19 outbreak in accordance with federal and state guidelines.

- **Online Services:** Many services offered in our public offices are available online at our website: www.fs.usda.gov/tahoe/. We will update our website with current virtual service information as conditions change. To email the Tahoe National Forest, please use the 'Contact Us' function on our website: www.fs.usda.gov/contactus/tahoe/about-forest/contactus.

- **The following services are available online:** California Campfire Permits, California Residential Burn Permit, Annual or Lifetime Federal Recreation Pass, including all Senior Passes, Forest Maps, and Tahoe National Forest merchandise.

- **Updated phone numbers for local TNF Offices:**
(All area code 530) Tahoe National Forest Supervisors Office (Nevada City): 265-4531; Yuba River Ranger District Office (Camptonville): 362-8259; Truckee Ranger District Office: 536-0417; Sierraville Ranger District Office: 430-7093; and American River Ranger District Office (Foresthill): 492-5631.

Check the website for current information on open campgrounds and many other recreation activities.

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Practical Wisdom Learned as Superintendent/Principal

By Sandy Radoff

I have learned both the practical difficulty and extreme importance of listening and seeking to understand before judging.

I have learned that it is okay to make mistakes as long as you are willing to sincerely apologize and learn from them.

I have learned never to assume anything.

I have learned that kids learn way more when they are having fun; kids don't have to be sitting still and quiet to learn; kids don't want to drive adults crazy – they just want us to pay attention and listen to them. Frequently we can learn more from them than they can from us.

I'm proud of trying to hire and retain locals and ex-students; proud that kids I worked with 20–30 years ago think that it's important for their kids to go to Camptonville School; proud of getting high speed technology, of keeping our teachers and paraeducators on, of seeing students succeed academically, socially, and emotionally.

I enjoy stretching the rules more than I do following them, so the last nine years have been difficult for me as "the enforcer."

I would say:

Always be kind. Be the rainbow in someone's cloud
(after Maya Angelou)


From Sidonie Christian, School Board Member:

I hope I can speak for us all when I say that we will do our best to heed your advice; that we will miss you deeply; and that we as a community, and many of us as individuals, are much the better for your presence and your teaching and your care. Thank You, Sandy!

School Updates 2020-2021 – *The Times They Are a Changing*

By Sandy Ross, Retiring Superintendent/Principal

- First day of school for students is Wednesday, August 12th.
- Mrs. Manross will be hosting a Kindergarten Round-Up and Orientation for new kindergarten students on Monday, August 10th. The time will be announced.
- While the goal is to have a physical opening with students on campus, we are aware that it will depend on many factors and ultimately be determined by the status of public health in the county and the state. Updates will be posted throughout the summer, and staff will be working on a plan to safely reopen.
- Camptonville will be welcoming new Superintendent /Principal, Patrick Brose to lead through this time of change. I am confident that he will bring a fresh perspective along with his many unique gifts and experience. Patrick will be introduced in the August Courier.



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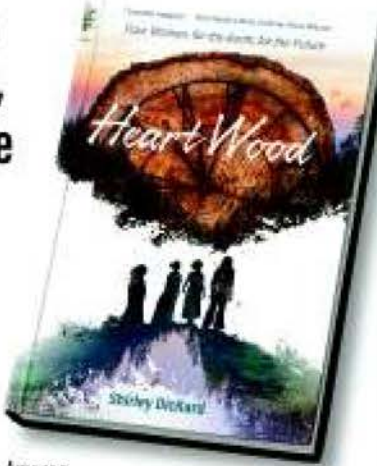
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 Camptonville:
- AA ----- 288-1001
 - Community Center Information ----- 288-5016
 - Elementary School ----- 288-3277
 - Post Office ----- 288-3348
 - Resource Center (CCP) ----- 288-9355
 - USFS (Yuba River Ranger District) ----- 288-3231
 - Vol. 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
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CCP Has Resources for Families During COVID-19

By Cathy LeBlanc, CCP

If you live in the Yuba County foothill area and are experiencing difficulty obtaining groceries and household supplies, there are a few local programs to help you:

- **\$50-\$200 grocery gift cards for Yuba County families with children 0-5 years of age.** The Yuba Family Resource Center Network has received a grant from the CA Family Resource Center Association for \$20,000 to obtain \$50-\$200 grocery gift cards for Yuba County families with children 0-5 years, while supplies last. Please register at <https://tinyurl.com/FRCneeds> or call the Camptonville Resource Center at 288-9355 for more information.
- **For seniors or persons with a disability having trouble getting necessary groceries or supplies** during Covid-19, you may contact FREED for the Friendly Delivery Program at 477-3333. They will deliver to you.

Donations of Money Needed!
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Food Distribution in the Yuba County Foothills

The Foothill Food Pantry:
 Lake Francis Grange in Dobbins
Thursdays 12-1:30 pm
 (Except we're closed the week of USDA distributions)
July 2, 16, 23, 30
August 6, 20, 27



The USDA Commodities Food Bank
 Located at Willow Glen Restaurant, Oregon House
The 2nd Friday: 9-10:30 am
July 10 and August 14
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Also in Nevada County:
 Food Bank, North San Juan Community Center
 For schedule: phone 272-3796
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JULY 2020 Community Calendar

The Camptonville Calendar and Courier Archives are online **IN COLOR** at Camptonville.com.

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

Due to the unknown
 status of COVID
 restrictions,
 always verify that event
 is being held before
 attending.

- July 11 – Coffee @ the Center 10 am–12 pm (pg 4)*
- August 10 – Kindergarten Round-Up (pg 12)*
- August 12 – First Day of School (pg 12)*



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 Thursday, 5 pm, at CV School
 Call to confirm time: 288-3277
- USDA Food Bank** - 2nd Friday, Oregon House (pg 13)
- NSJ Food Bank** - North San Juan Center (Info on pg 13)

On-Going WEEKLY Events

- (CCC = Camptonville Community Center)
- Tuesdays:** Community Lunch, 12–1 pm, NSJ Center (on hold)
 Yoga, 10 am, CCC - outside in back
 Camptonville Fire Dept Trainings, 6–9 pm, Fire Hall
- Wednesdays:** Clothes-A-Rama, 9 am-1 pm, Oak Tree Lodge, NSJ
- Thursdays:** Yoga, 10 am, CCC - outside in back
 Foothill Food Pantry, Dobbins (Not 2nd week, see pg 13)
- Saturdays:** Coffee @ The Center, 10 am–noon, CCC