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As the Calendar Turns

By Beverly Cameron-Fildes

While I am generally able to find something redeeming about each of the four seasons, the onset of fall speaks to me as no other time of the year.

Turning the pages of the 2020 calendar in this pandemic has been nothing short of mind bending. It was March, and then suddenly it was summer with all the reminders that, while it was time for "vacation," vacations were not happening in the normal, expected fashion. In many cases, travel had been cancelled, and we were being encouraged to "stay in and stay safe." Time seemed to have stopped.

The end of August brought one of the most horrendous lightening bursts that any of us had ever experienced. The calendar became a litany of which fire was chewing through what town or county. A giant black hole that was dark and empty repelled the idea of even going for a morning walk or kayaking at the lake. By the first of September it felt like treading water in jello.

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But as we moved towards the end of September, I felt an imperceptible shift. There was a change in the air, a different tilt to the sun, and a noticeable tint to the sky. Despite vacillating temperatures as is often the case this time of the year, there was no denying the coming of autumn.

My morning walk revealed the surprise turning of leaves that I'd not noticed just a day or so before. A rain of acorns in the driveway and a softness in the air gave way to the desire to pull out fall decor and make a cup of spiced apple cider. There were pumpkins appearing at the local fruit stand, and an evening breeze with just a hint of chill (think a Friday night football game) brought the excitement of a gift just waiting to be opened.

We harvested apples as we turned over the calendar page to October. Yes, fall was definitely here, and despite it all, I heard a faint *whisper* in the crisp morning air that said, "breathe, it's OK."



Photo by Beverly Cameron-Fildes

Elderberry Summer

Song Lyrics By Barbara Graham

October 2020

*It was the summer of 2020, after the world turned upside down.
There was chaos, fear, and silence, after COVID came around.
So much was uncertain, everything in life had changed
No one told Mother Nature things would never be the same.
But her cycles were not disrupted, they marched forth and carried on
Heedless to the madness, continuing on and on and on.*

*And the berries kept on ripening, and the birds still sang their songs
It became an Elderberry Summer and an Elderberry Song.*

*And I harvested so many, I thought it was so fine
To make elderberry syrup, maybe some elderberry wine?
The tincture ages slowly, it takes a little time
But the harvest is still yielding in this unprecedented time.*

*So let us gather all the berries so tart, so small, so fine
Maybe you and I together could make some elderberry wine.
Make some elderberry sweetness and while away the time
In this Elderberry Summer, it's Elderberry Time.
Yes let us gather all the berries at this strange hinge in time
Why don't you and I together make some elderberry wine
Make some elderberry sweetness and cherish the time
In this Elderberry Summer, it's Elderberry Time.*



***What's the connection
between the Coronavirus
pandemic and the
shortage of products
with Elderberries?***
(Answer on page 12)



Barbara at the Gardeners' Market
Photo by Shirley Dickard

From the Editor – *What Abides?*

– Shirley Dickard

In my call for articles this month, I asked for relief from the incessant drumbeat of today's news. At times it feels I'm surrounded by divisiveness, but that's not necessarily reality. What's real is the air I breathe, the water I swim in, the earth I walk on. Those are real.

To paraphrase Ecclesiastes:

Newsfeeds will come and go, but the earth abides.

What's real are those pesky tomato worms (sorry, John), picking elderberries, autumn leaves, gathering with friends (safely outside). These are the realities we celebrate in this issue; the ones nature surrounds us with every day if we take time and notice.

By the December *Courier* issue, we'll each be processing the results of the elections, possibly dealing with a fall COVID spike, and wildfires will still be a possibility. Those will come and go, amped up by which news feed one follows.

So hold on to what abides in your world – birds migrating overhead, acorns crunching underfoot, the low slant of autumn sun, and a community of people who, despite our differences, care for each other. Let those sustain us for the long haul.



From our Camptonville Fire Chief

By Brandi Dudek, Fire Chief

COVID is still around, so as a reminder, in case you need to call for an emergency, CVFD is responding with masks, gloves, and eyewear. Please do not be alarmed; this is to protect you as well as us. We may be asking a series of questions prior to entering your residences and may ask you to put on a mask as well.

Updates: CVFD had eight page outs: six motor vehicle accidents and two medicals. Our roster stands at 23 firefighters, which includes eight new recruits and four cadets. I would like to welcome the new recruits; it takes a lot of dedication to be a volunteer! We are back to training every week.

David Pratschner has been promoted to Captain; he has been with this department since 2015. His greatest assets are his knowledge, calm demeanor, and great communication skills. This promotion comes at a perfect time with so many new firefighters needing training.

Call 911 for faster response! I would like to remind everyone that we are still in extreme fire danger. In case of emergency please call 911 instead of my house or the Lost Nugget. They will dispatch us while taking your call, which will get us moving in a timelier manner!

We are always looking for volunteers. Training is Tuesday evenings from 6–9 pm, with one Wednesday a month in NSJ for medical training. Stop by and check us out. All training will be provided at no cost. We also need volunteer support staff such as maintenance at the station and other non-firefighter projects. 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!



Visiting and enjoying the music at the Gardeners' Market – still enjoyably socially-distanced!
Photo by Shirley Dickard

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FREE Annual Flu Shots Offered by Sierra Family Health Center

By Anita Tonsing, SFHC

Flu shots are now available for anyone interested at Sierra Family Health Center's two locations: in Nevada City (on the San Juan Ridge) and in Oregon House. The clinics are waiving co-pays for the shots and are offering them for free.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends annual flu shots for everyone age six months and older. The flu vaccine is considered the best way to prevent the respiratory sickness and its potentially serious complications that particularly affect young children, seniors, and those with certain medical conditions.

While it won't prevent you from getting COVID-19, it's especially important to get the flu vaccine this year because it could reduce symptoms that might be confused with the coronavirus. It can also lessen the number of people who will need hospitalizations.

"It's quick and it's easy," said Anita Tonsing, a nurse and the center's clinical manager. "We're happy to do it for patients and nonpatients."

• **Shots are offered on the San Juan Ridge at the Sierra Health Family Medical Center, 15301 Tyler Foote Road, at these times: Every Monday from 2-3 pm and every Thursday from 9-11 am, and also Saturday, October 31 from 9:30-11:30 am.**

• **Shots are also available at Sierra Family Health Center in Oregon House, 8676 Marysville Road, on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 8:30 am to 5 pm.**

For more information, call 292-3478 (San Juan Ridge) or 692-9073 (Oregon House) or visit www.sierraclinic.org.

Qi Gong - Relaxing Movement – Saturdays at the Center

By Sema Kelly

Qi Gong is a beautiful gentle art of working with the "vital energy" in our bodies. *Qi (chi)* meaning energy and *gong* meaning work helps us to release energy blocks (which can express as pain, tightness, inflexibility) by relaxing our body, mind, and emotions. This vital energy can help us feel more energized, balanced, and healthy. The exercises are easy to learn, and involve moving as well as holding some positions. It can be done sitting down or standing up.

Qi Gong practice has so many benefits, including: increased immune function, increased lung and heart strength, increased bone mass, and increased balance and coordination, just to name a few. It is a fun and graceful way to move our bodies to achieve better health, improved energy, and calmer mind.

Come join us outside on Saturdays at 12:30 pm after Coffee @ the Center. Bring a mask, hat, and water. Fall Special: \$5.00. Presented by the Community Center. For information, call 928-204-2677.

Welcome Back Students!

By Patrick Brose, Superintendent/Principal

Camptonville School plans to reopen its doors to students on October 26th.

We are so excited to have our students back in the classroom. It has been eight long months since we have seen them, and we miss them. Opening the school has been a long planned out event with new safety practices being put into place to ensure that COVID does not spread throughout our community.

All visitors to the campus including staff and students will be wearing masks, have their temperatures checked, and be screened for symptoms daily. Only staff and students will be allowed in the classrooms as we limit the number of outside contacts to the school community.

We are continuing to partner with CCP and 1, 2, 3 Grow to provide a well-balanced and community-driven Camptonville School site, and we appreciate all of the community who participate with us. I can't wait to see you all soon! (More school news on page 8)



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Monkey Mind – Whatever You Do

By Jesse Golden

I'm writing this in mid-October, feeling more than a little anxious about the upcoming election, with a pile of pre-printed letters on the table waiting for me to add a personal note encouraging voting, then sign, address to voters in Florida, and mail. Is this little effort, writer's cramp and all, really worthwhile?



"Whatever you do will be insignificant to you, but it is very important that you do it." I encourage myself with the words of Mahatma Gandhi, a humble man who certainly knew a lot about making change.

My friend Karen is volunteering in Texas right now, registering voters and reporting great conversations as she knocks on doors, as well as plenty of nobody-home and I'm-too-busy. She's my hero, as are the thousands of folks who are helping people to vote, staffing the polls, and acting as poll monitors (Quick note: poll monitors are nonpartisan volunteers who are there to assist; poll watchers have at times been guilty of voter interference. In California, anyone can observe election proceedings as long as they do not interfere with the process or intimidate voters. Observers can ask questions of poll workers, but they cannot harass, attempt to coerce, or ask personal questions of voters. And any campaigning must take place at least 100 feet from the entrance to a polling place or vote center).

Here in Camptonville, there is an important race for CCSD – our Community Service District, so please inform yourself about the candidates. (I've posted my recommendations for this as well as California ballot propositions on Facebook at monkeymindthecolumn).

My anxieties continue. *Will people remember to bring their mail-in ballot with them if they come in person to the polls?* If not, they face delays and may have to vote a provisional ballot. *Will they remember to sign on the outside envelope, exactly as the ballot is addressed?* If not, the ballot will be invalid. *Will Camptonville folks remember, if they're voting in person or dropping a ballot on election day, that the polling place for now is the Alcouffe Center in Oregon House* (the big building on Marysville Road). I'd hate for anyone to show up at the Camptonville School and be disappointed or unable to vote because they can't get to Oregon House in time.

Anxiety, as we know, is seldom productive. May we all have a peaceful Election Day worthy of our democracy. And may our insignificant actions create the change we seek in the world.

The monkey provides ballot recommendations and endorsements at monkeymindthecolumn on Facebook and can be reached by Facebook Messenger or email: monkeymindthecolumn@gmail.com.



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My Adversary

By John Deaderick

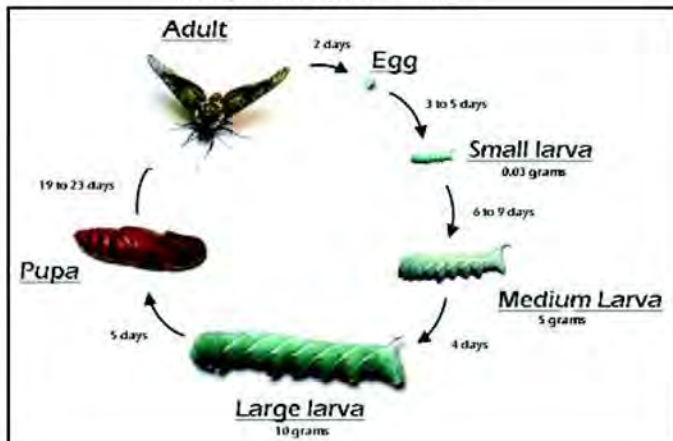
Yes, it pains me to admit, but I am seasonably engaged in a struggle with an adversary of subtle and malicious intent. It is, indeed, a struggle to the death. Lo, how my opponent comes as a thief in the night to gnaw at my delights, chew away at my dreams, and swallow my pride as well as my joy. In my youth I first encountered this villain – more on that shortly – and now, in the twilight of my years, he has returned to haunt me, to devastate what I work so very hard to cultivate.

I speak, of course, of the lowly **Tomato Hornworm, *Manduca quinquemaculata***, the larval form of the large moth variously named Hawk or Sphinx. Yes, this year marked a period of woe such as not seen for some time, as these dastardly creatures ate their demonic paths through my lovingly tendered fruits and vines.

Begin at the beginning: I remember well that initial encounter when as a youthful and exuberant lad of 13 experiencing the rapturous joys of his first tomato garden – a joy returned to annually as I near my dotage – I returned late one afternoon to the family homestead to find – what? Devastation! Slender naked stalks which once proudly displayed the fruits of their (and my) labor! Outraged, I picked off these offending green monsters and crushed them gleefully under foot, a practice I maintain to this day. Squished, they smell like tomato, which somewhat mitigates the horror of their execution.

Oh, what a year this has been, the indignity of the villain's return on top of everything else 2020 has brought. My friends, forgive me if I presume too much, but be forewarned lest the mighty crunching menace attack your own lovingly cared for nightshades! Look now, in the soil around your plants, for their large brown pupae and summarily eliminate them! Allow parasitic wasps in the garden as a biologic control! Shoo away the big moths before they lay their eggs under the leaves of your loved ones! I echo the cry of Doctor Who's Dalek enemy:

"Exterminate! Exterminate!"

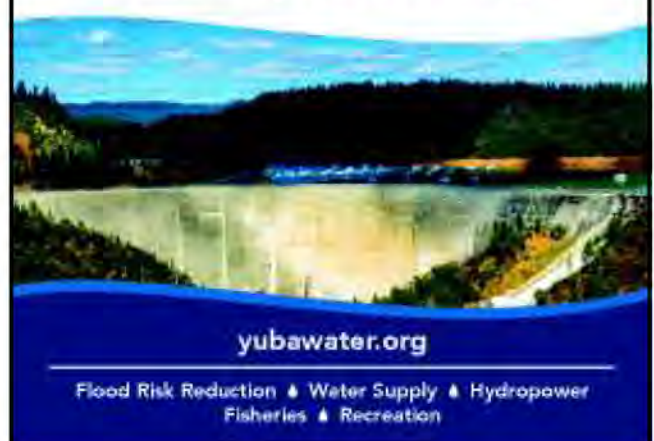


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Photo (and surviving veggies) by John Deaderick



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Boxes of Pine Cones

I am grateful for the lovely presents of fire-starting pine cones that someone left for me at our Community Center in a box with my name on it. I now have a good store of them for our colder weather. *Many Thanks!* Carolyn Mumm

Jimbo tempting us with his homemade delicacies!



Carolyn and Jimbo present market proceeds to Center Director, Christina

Gardeners' Market Season Wraps Up

By Rochelle Bell

We had another successful year thanks to all the loyal customers and dedicated crew of volunteers. The market raised over \$600 for the Center to assist in exterior maintenance.

Folks enjoyed escaping virus lockdown. We came to gorge on homemade culinary masterpieces, shop, safely socialize, and be serenaded by local talented musicians from their shady nook. Complying with the virus did give us a different look. Our faithful attendees coped with the new rules: masks, social distancing, and staying mostly outdoors.

A real treat this year was the additional attraction of live acoustic music hosted by our own Cheryl Z. She invited other musicians to join her in a casual open mic format. Some musicians hinted that they would drop by the continuing Saturday Coffees.

Thanks to market workers Mick, Cecilia, Christina, and Jimbo for cashiering and setting up. Also, we could not have had a market without all those who shared their fabulous produce.

Special thanks to Carolyn Mumm for her vision of the market and her many, many years of dedicated support and participation.



(R) Cecilia and Mick – our masked Market Masters!



(L) Christina (l) helping Faye (r) select her peppers and jams



Photos by Shirley Dickard

How is the Community Center Stayin' Alive?

By Richard Dickard, CCC Advocates



Camptonville folks have continued to enjoy Saturday Coffee and the Gardeners' Market all summer. But when the COVID pandemic hit in February, all our fund-raising events were cancelled. So what keeps the Center going? (...on a limited, COVID-protocol basis)

The answer is: donations, a grant, and volunteers. Without incoming money, our Community Center would be closed.

Many, many thanks to the following:

- The **Gardeners' Market** that recently donated \$636 to support specific projects at our Center.
- The **California Humanities CARE** program that gave the Center \$5,200 to pay for utilities, administrative costs, insurance, and basic maintenance from June-December 2020. This funding is part of the 2020 Coronavirus Aid, Relief, & Economic Security Act economic stabilization plan.
-AND, our many volunteers who generously and regularly provide their time, labor, and good food!

If the pandemic continues into 2021, staying open will remain a challenge. We welcome your offers and suggestions.

What's Happening at The Center?

By Christina Ledson



The Gardeners' Market has come to a close after continuing a few weeks longer than usual. This year was a great success and they have donated \$636 to the Center! The funds will be used to purchase new paper towel dispensers for the restrooms and to maintain the grounds of the Center, front and back. Thank you to all our vendors and patrons!

November Activities at The Center:

- **Student Internet Class/Homework hours:** Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 9 am-12 pm, hosted by CCP.
- **Coffee @ the Center** will continue on a week-by-week basis on Saturdays, 10 am-12 pm. Because of COVID restrictions, it will remain outdoors as long as the weather permits, and volunteers keep volunteering! To be put on the "Coffee Notification" list, email: coffeeatthecenter@gmail.com
- **Qi Gong with Sema** will also be held on Saturdays at 12:30 pm in the backyard while the weather is warm.
- **Yoga with Lucille** is on Tuesday and Thursday at 10 am, in the backyard.

Please remember when attending any event/class at the Community Center you must wear a face covering and socially distance. Keep each other safe!

Saturday Coffee Continues!

By the Coffee Crew

We had so much fun this summer that we are planning to continue the Coffee in some form. Currently we are serving the incredibly delicious spread of cakes, pies, and other treats indoors. Socializing has been kept outdoors to comply with county rules. As the weather gets cooler (and hopefully wetter), we will try to adapt. Anyone interested in helping keep the fun going by hosting or assisting, please contact Jocelyn at 575-1780 or email: coffeeatthecenter@gmail.com. See you at the Center on Saturdays, 10 am to noon!



Jocelyn (r) and Rochelle (c) serving up coffee and sweetness to Mary (l)
Photo by Shirley Dickard

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Introducing Pam Langley 1, 2, 3 Grow Program Manager



Hello, my name is Pam Langley, and I am proud to be a part of the 1, 2, 3 Grow program. I began working at

1, 2, 3 Grow in September and have been loving every minute of it. It is great to be a part of such a great community.

When I first arrived at CCP, I knew it was a great fit for continuing my passion for early childhood education. I have worked in early childhood for about 35 years. I began as an in-home childcare provider. I have also worked as a lead teacher in a small nonprofit childcare center as well as an assistant director at a large corporate childcare center. My most recent job was in southern Maine as a program director at an inter-generational preschool program.

My husband and I moved from southern Maine to North San Juan in July to be close to our son and grandson. This was quite an adventure as we spent about a month traveling from Maine to California in our Class C camper. This journey began in Northern Maine which is where I grew up. My husband and I have a love for travel, adventure, and family, so this move fulfilled our dreams. We look forward to being able to visit our daughter in Oregon as well.

I love being outdoors exploring all the great rivers and creeks in this beautiful area. I also enjoy riding my ebike. I am thankful to be a part of 1, 2, 3 Grow, working alongside a very welcoming and devoted team.

Be Part of Camptonville School's Community Phone Alert!

By Alix Lamb, Office Specialist

The school also has a phone alert system through Blackboard Connect that we'd like to start using again for wider community purposes.

How it works: When there is an alert or update for a Call Group, we record a brief audio message which the automated system will then deliver to the phone numbers in that Call Group. You can sign up for as many or as few groups as you would like. You can request to be removed from a Call Group at any time.

The Call Groups are:

- **Bus Riders:** Info about the school bus, bus routes, and bus service.
- **Camptonville Prepared:** Info from law enforcement, Yuba County Office of Emergency, or other emergency information.
- **School:** Closure information, due date reminders, and weekly update.
- **School Volunteers:** Requests for volunteers at the school.
- **Community Volunteers:** Requests for volunteers at assorted community events and locations.

If you want to be added to a Call Group, call 288-3277 or email the school at info@cville.k12.ca.us.

A Scoop of School

By Alix Lamb, Office Specialist

With a smidge of luck and a dab of social responsibility, by the time you read this our campus will be abounding with miniature people!

Unless the apocalypse steps up its game, in which case, we'll all be too busy running from the undead to be concerned with school attendance.

We went through a lengthy waiver process to be able to re-open, although decreasing Yuba County COVID levels also worked in our favor. As of October 26th, we will resume on-campus, in-person, full-day instruction, much to the excitement of teachers, students, and parents. We should remain open for the foreseeable future, unless we have a live COVID-19 case on campus, in which case, there is a 14 day quarantine period. In that event, I sure hope you all have something left on Netflix to binge.

In light of all this, we have some new health and safety protocols, including a strict sign-in policy for all people visiting campus for contact tracing purposes. Also; masks. If you come on campus, you will wear a mask. We have masks if you do not. No, pulling your t-shirt up over your nose does not count.

In other news, the peacocks are still lurking, not a single one of you volunteered free agricultural labor (It's almost like you all have yardwork of your own you need to get done, what's up with that?) and we hope to be breaking ground on our generator project soon!



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Note: The main Emergency Alert System for Camptonville is **CodeRED** through the Yuba County Office of Emergency Services/OES.

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Going to Seed

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

Plants have a variety of strategies for surviving winter. As the daylight hours shorten and temperatures drop, most plants become dormant. During dormancy, a plant's metabolism, photosynthesis, and respiration rate slows down, and growth stops. Some plants even produce a type of anti-freeze in their cells, to prevent damage from frost and freezing temperatures.



Photo by Katie O'Hara-Kelly

Some plants will create the buds for next year's bloom in the late summer and fall. These buds will remain dormant throughout the winter, but are ready to burst open once enough cold days have occurred and the temperature and daylight hours have increased.

Another way to ensure species survival over winter is through seeds. Since they cannot walk, seeds depend on wind, water, animals, and explosion to be dispersed. Aquatic plants depend on water movement to disperse their seeds. Animals can eat seeds, or fruits with seeds, and disperse them in their poop. Seeds can also hook onto an animal's fur or feathers and be transported. The dispersal by explosion happens when some dry seed pods burst open and propel their seeds.

At this time of year, many birds are switching from a diet of insects to a diet of seeds and fruit. The colder weather has made the insects mostly inactive and hard to find, whereas many plants have recently gone to seed or produced fruit.

Down in the garden there are more seed-eating birds than ever before! I think they might be refugees from burned areas. We have many volunteer sunflowers that attract birds in the fall. I've also decided to start feeding the birds, to make the process of fattening up a little easier for them. There are pros and cons to feeding birds. Basically, if you keep your feeding area clean, and provide good, nutritional seed, it is generally accepted that bird feeding is okay at this time of year. If you don't keep your bird feeders/feeding area clean, disease can be spread among those birds visiting your feeding station. I wrote extensively on this subject on my December 15, 2019 blog. Check it out (NorthYubaNaturalist.blogspot.com). It may help you decide to feed or not to feed.

Call for Local Photos for 2021 Calendar

By Beverly Cameron-Fildes,
YWP&FSC

Education/Outreach

The Yuba Watershed Protection and Fire Safe Council (YWP&FSC) is in the final steps in production of the 2021 calendar and is seeking local photos.



Photo by Beverly Cameron-Fildes

Last year we requested photos from foothill residents that addressed several topics of fire safety: defensible space in and around the home, home hardening (materials used to make the home more fire safe, i.e. roofing, siding, vent covers, repairs), safe execution of defensible space from weed clearing to tree removal, safe recreational habits, human and pet Go Bags, barbequing safety, as well as landscapes. The foothill community provided some beautiful and useful photos that made the calendar not only attractive but very helpful in demonstrating fire safe behaviors and the beauty of the watershed.

We would love to feature more pictures from around the foothill area, particularly pictures that demonstrate the beauty of the area and the steps that, as residents, we take to protect it and our communities. We will again have some great fire safety gifts for contributors – my favorite part of this. Many of you were recipients of those gifts last year.

If you have photos to contribute, please email them to calendarphotos123@gmail.com. Please include your name, phone number, and a line or two about the photo. If you have questions about a photo submission, feel free to contact me, Beverly Cameron-Fildes at luvdragonfly@yahoo.com or at (530) 755-2031. Looking forward to seeing all your great shots. Be fire safe!

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Update from the TNF

By Michele Woods, Administrative Assistant, TNF



All the Tahoe National Forest (TNF) offices are closed to in-person visits, and in accordance with guidance from federal and state authorities, have implemented virtual services to protect the health and safety of employees and members of the public during the COVID-19 outbreak.

Services traditionally offered in our public offices are available online. To access these virtual services, please visit our website at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/tahoe/>. We will continue to update our website as conditions change. To email the TNF, please use the "Contact Us" function on our website: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/contactus/tahoe/about-forest/contactus>.

Campground seasonal closures as of Nov. 1st:

Gold Lake Road - Packsaddle, Salmon Creek, and Sardine
 Marysville Road - Dark Day and Schoolhouse
 Interstate 80 - Indian Springs and North Fork
 Highway 49 - Rocky Rest, Indian Valley, Cal Ida, Wild Plum, Carlton, and Union Flat
 Highway 20 - Skillman and White Cloud

Woodcutting Permits

The TNF will issue free Personal Use Fuelwood Permits by mail until further notice. You must call your local ranger district to process your permit.

We require the following information:

- Permittee Holder, Name Permittee, Holder Address, Permittee Identification # and Expiration Date (normally driver's license number), Vehicle Information (the vehicle that will be used to gather personal fuelwood), and Number of cords of wood desired.

All firewood cutting rules remain in place. Permit packs must be in your possession at all times during woodcutting. Woodcutting requirements may vary substantially so please check with your local ranger district office to see if there are any specific local restrictions or requirements. Before cutting, call the fuelwood cutting hotline 478-6176

To contact your local Tahoe National Office, please use these updated telephone numbers: Tahoe National Forest Supervisors Office (Nevada City): 265-4531. Yuba River Ranger District Office (Camptonville): 362-8259.



Don't Move Firewood . . . Buy It Where You Burn It!

From dontmovefirewood.org

Are you aware that moving firewood can spread invasive species that kill our trees? New infestations of these insects and diseases can destroy our forests, lessen property values, and cost a great deal to monitor, manage, and control.

The websites: dontmovefirewood.org and www.firewood.ca.gov have details for how to buy and burn your firewood in a way that protects our local forests.

For example: "Ask your firewood seller where he/she obtained the wood. If it isn't nearby, or its origin is unknown, consider obtaining your firewood from another local firewood seller." (Thanks to Carolyn Mumm for suggesting this article.)



Updates from the Camptonville Forest Biomass Business Center Project



By Lindsey Nitta, CCP

The Camptonville Forest Biomass Business Center Project (Project) has some exciting updates to share with you. In May, the Project hired a firm, Designer Group USA, to conduct preliminary design and engineering on the site, to include: electrical work, general site design, and equipment bids. This work will allow us to better understand how the facility will function, the cost of the Project, and the specifications of the equipment we will need to purchase.

Last week, the Project took another big step forward by submitting the interconnection study fee (yet again) to enter the queue and secure a power purchase agreement (PPA) with PG&E to sell three MW of power to PG&E. This will be the main revenue source of the Project and its signing date will start a clock of completing the project in 36 months. The Project hopes to sign a PPA at the end of the year.

The Project has made tremendous headway on financing through the work of Phoenix Energy, which has great interest from banks to finance the Project and help manage the Project's ability to leverage Investment Tax Credits (ITCs) from the federal government.

Even through the pandemic, the Project has seen continued support and growth in interest. We have made so much progress through the support of the community and partners. We will continue to push through these critical remaining months in 2020 and hope to break ground in early 2021.

Michael Christopher Black Memorial Exhibit – Nevada County Photographer and World Traveler

WHAT: Michael C. Black Photographs of India

WHEN: October 10th through December 2nd, 2020

WHERE: North Columbia Schoolhouse Cultural Center

RESERVE: Reserve your spot for viewing these amazing photographs

Contact Molly at 265-2826, or email ncscc@nccn.net

There is no charge for admission to this exhibit.

Prints are available for sale at the exhibit and also online at michaelblack.com.

Enjoy some quiet time with the photographs and journal entries from former Nevada County resident, Michael Christopher Black. Over 40 of his favorite images from his travels in India have been meticulously reproduced and hand-picked by family members for this very special memorial exhibit. These photographs were taken in the high Himalayas near the Nepalese border on one of Black's trips to India in 2018. The displayed photographs were taken with a vintage Rolleiflex camera and are both color and black and white.

Michael traveled through the U.S., Mexico, India, Australia, Turkey, and many other places in Europe taking photographs and inspiring many wherever he went. He is remembered for his strong sense of justice and equality and was himself a mentor to many.


Michael was a peaceful warrior who traveled the world and tried to make a difference in people's lives. He helped many and enjoyed his time in the Sierra Nevada foothills, including North San Juan, Nevada City, and Yuba County. Michael Christopher Black -- 1989-2019.



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A New Way to Voice Your FIRE Concerns! Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP)

By Cathy LeBlanc, Executive Director, CCP



Here we go again!

Because of the PG&E Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS), our local CWPP community Zoom meeting was called off yet again. We hope to reschedule this meeting for all Yuba Foothill Fire Districts as soon as possible. But since we have no way to forecast when the next PSPS will occur, we have decided to gather community information through a variety of other ways.

Here's what you can do to voice your concerns:

If you know of an area of concern, (perhaps it's the road you live on, or an area you drive through) just jot it down in a note to the Yuba Watershed Protection & Fire Safe Council (YWP&FSC).

Email it to: jupton@yubafiresafe.org

or mail to PO Box 966, Marysville, CA 95951

In this note please give an address (can be crossroads), GPS location, or parcel number to pinpoint your area of concern. Describe your concern such as: one-way road in and out, heavy roadside brush, or closed roads, etc) Please also include your contact information (name, address, phone number, or e-mail) in case there are follow up questions.

Here's a little background on the importance of the CWPP collaborative process. It is an effective way to improve coordination and communication between emergency response agencies and the community. The first step in wildfire prevention education is to raise awareness of the responsibilities of living in a fire-prone environment. Individual and community action can ensure that homes and neighborhoods are prepared for wildfire. One of the most successful tools for addressing these challenges is the Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP). The development of this plan requires collaboration, prioritized fuel reduction, and the development of measures to reduce structural ignitability.

Please participate! If you have any questions, give me a call at the Resource Center at 288-9355, or email me cathy@theccp.org.

Answer to "Elderberries" From the front page

– Editor

Soon after it was apparent that we were heading into a Coronavirus pandemic, products containing elderberries quickly sold out. Why? My guess is the reputation elderberries have as an anti-viral and natural immune system booster.

Natural remedy websites discuss elderberry's antioxidants, ability to reduce inflammation and stress, and especially to lessen cold and flu symptoms. I recommend as you do your own research on how to safely use these berries, you ask Jimbo about his special Elderberry Syrup!



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Food Distribution in the Yuba County Foothills



The Foothill Food Pantry:

Located at the Lake Francis Grange in Dobbins

Thursdays 12–1:30 pm

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

November 5, 19 (Closed Thanksgiving)

December 3, 17, 31 (Closed Christmas Eve)

The USDA Commodities Food Bank

Located at Willow Glen Restaurant, Oregon House

The 2nd Friday: 9–10 am

November 13 and December 11

Distributed by The Gleaners.

Also in North San Juan, Nevada County:

Food Bank at Oak Tree School – November 10th

(The 2nd Tuesday, 10 am–Noon)

Do You Have Life Flight Insurance?

By Brandi Dudek, CVFD Chief

If you get in a car accident or have a major medical issue, such as a heart attack, where time is of the essence, you may be flown by air ambulance to a trauma center or a hospital. Helicopter rides are expensive and could cost in excess of \$25,000.

First responders in our area do not get the option of which air ambulance will be dispatched. It could be AirMedCare or Enloe FlightCare. So my recommendation is to have BOTH of these emergency air flight plans:

AirMedCare/Reach: www.AirMedCareNetwork.com

Phone: 877-870-3315. Membership is \$85/household; \$65/Seniors

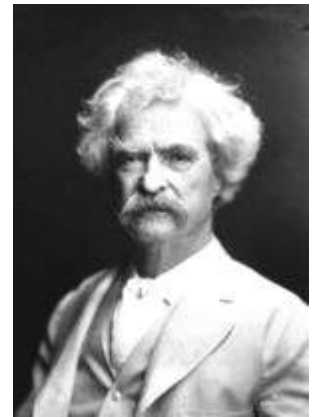
Enloe FlightCare: <https://www.enloe.org/services-and-treatments/emergency-services/flightcare/flightcare-program>. Phone: 530-332-6774. Membership is \$40/individual; \$50/family.



**“I've had a lot
of worries in
my life,

most of
which never
happened.”**

– Attributed to
Mark Twain



HELP & HOPE

For emergencies first call 911.

All area codes are 530 unless otherwise specified.

CAMPTONVILLE:

- Cemetery ————— 277-6737
- Community Center ————— 288-5016
- Community Partnership (CCP) ————— 288-9355
- Community Services District (CCSD) ————— 288-3676
- Elementary School ————— 288-3277
- Family Resource Center (CCP) ————— 288-9355
Hours 8:30 am–12:30 pm, Tues/Wed/Thurs
- Post Office ————— 288-3348
Hours 11 am–1 pm, 1:45–3:45 pm, M-F
- Volunteer Fire Department ————— 288-3303
- Yuba River Ranger District ————— 362-8259/288-3231

Alcoholics Anonymous: Local 24 hr Hotline — 272-6287

Burn Day Status (www.fraqmd.org) ————— 741-6299

CA Rural Legal Assistance (Yuba Co) ————— 742-5191

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) ————— 673-8255

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

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

Sheriff (Yuba Co) Non-Emergency ————— 749-7777

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

Yuba County Emergency Services (OES) ————— 749-7520

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Are you Voting IN PERSON on Election Day?

Tuesday, November 3rd

Don't Forget:

- **Camptonville now votes in Oregon House**
- at the Alcouffe Center (9185 Marysville Road)
- Bring your mail in ballot with you
- You can vote for **up to 3** local CCSD Candidates
- Further voting information on page 4 (Monkey Mind)

Thanks for Voting – Our Democracy depends on you!

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NOVEMBER 2020 Community Calendar

The Camptonville Calendar and Courier issues are online at Camptonville.com.

To add local events to the calendar, send an invitation from your electronic calendar or email: calendarville@gmail.com



*November 3rd - Election Day
November 11th - Veterans Day
November 26th - Thanksgiving Day
(School Break: 25-27)*

On-Going MONTHLY Events

Call first to verify meeting times before attending

- CCP Board** - Meets 3rd Wednesday, 1 pm
Resource Center. Contact: 288-9355
- CCSD Board** - Meets 4th Thursday, 6:30 pm, CV Com. Center
Contact: 288-3676
- School Board** - Meets 3rd Thursday, 5 pm, at CV School
Call to confirm: 288-3277
- USDA Food Bank** - 2nd Friday, Oregon House (pg 13)
- NSJ Food Bank** - 2nd Tuesday, Oak Tree School (pg 13)

On-Going WEEKLY Events

(CCC = Camptonville Community Center)

- Mondays:** Internet access for schoolwork, 9 am–12 noon, CCC
- Tuesdays:** Internet access for schoolwork, 9 am–12 noon, CCC
Yoga, 10 am, CCC backyard
Camptonville Fire Dept Trainings, 6–9 pm, Fire Hall
- Thursdays:** Internet access for schoolwork, 9 am–12 noon, CCC
Yoga, 10 am, CCC backyard
Foothill Food Pantry, Dobbins (Not 2nd week, see pg 13)
- Saturdays:** Coffee @ The Center, 10 am–noon, CCC backyard
Qi Gong, 12:30 pm, CCC backyard (see pg 3)