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Summer!

Photos by Shirley DicKard

Community Blooms with Plant Sale & Flea Market

By Jesse Golden

Camptonville's annual May plant sale and flea market was festive this year with plant starts from Rebel Ridge Organics, Sunrise Farms, Garden Valley Permaculture, and Karma Farms; more plants from locals such as Pam Saporta, Mick Englert, and Jasmine Crimmel; pepper plants in versions hot, hotter, and OMG from the Matthiesens of Forbestown; jewelry and precious stones from Dale Mansfield and Beth Keech; crafts from Kayla Bolle and Sunrise Farms; used items and tools from locals and neighbors from Forbestown; and handmade soaps in every color and scent from Genevieve's Garden.

With newly revised public health guidelines, fully vaccinated people were able to remove their masks and give everyone a smile. Those folks wearing masks (presumably not fully vaccinated, or preferring an additional measure of safety) were much appreciated for doing so.

Delicious baked goods and drinks were provided by Alexis Lamb and Ellen McCarthy for the benefit of the Camptonville Elementary School, and Carolyn Mumm and Tula Star pitched in with vegetarian dishes benefitting the Camptonville Community Center. Bob Seym's donation of assorted bottles of wines, available by donation as a benefit for the Community Center, made local wine-lovers very, very happy.

All proceeds in excess of expenses will benefit the Camptonville Community Center, which is raising money for ongoing renovations and expenses.

Many thanks to Mike and Randy at the Lost Nugget Market for allowing use of the field; volunteers Jim Esry, Carolyn Mumm, Lian Ball, Cathy LeBlanc, Molly Spackman, and Jasmine Crimmel, for help with parking, planning and logistics, vendor support, and signs. Let's do it again next May!



From the Superintendent's Desk

By Patrick Brose, Superintendent and Principal

Let's all take a moment to breathe. Our last day of school this year is June 4th, and we culminate with an all-school Field Day. Typically, this end-of-the-year event is held at Lake Francis, but given all of the restrictions still in place for schools, we are holding our event at the school. It is a time of excitement and fun for all of us to celebrate a year of hard work and determination. I have had a little time to reflect on all of this and have come to the conclusion that while this has been a logistically challenging and ever-evolving school year, it has also been one of the most enjoyable for me personally.

Joining a new community is always challenging; learning the customs, traditions, occasionally putting my foot in my mouth, and always being a little nervous about fitting in. After a year at Camptonville School, I can honestly say that this is my favorite school I have ever been a part of.

As summer begins, I am already looking forward to the next school year. Planning new activities, getting the school back to a true "normal" and continuing to be part of this incredible campus community are all at the forefront of my mind. But I must take a breath. A little vacation maybe. A few lazy days at the river. You know, just enjoy life. It's that time of year to take a rest, slow down a little and be a little lazy.

I can't wait to see you all in the fall and I love every one of you a whole bunch.

Thank you for an incredible school year!

To the Graduates of Camptonville School

By Barbara Mueller-Hogan

I want to thank all of you for letting me be part of your grade school experience. From special projects like the Starry Nite Mural and your Anima masks, to making pizzas at your dances, finding costumes, help with the kids' shopping area, and "Baba Yaga's" reading room—you helped make it happen!

I have known most of you since you were little people, and I've enjoyed watching you grow and mature. I send you to high school knowing that all of you will be successful and grow into productive adults.


COVID-19 has dictated how much I've been involved with each of you this past year and how much I can be involved with graduation. But just think about me messing up your hair every time I came to "pick on you" at head lice checking time and know that EACH of you are in my heart.



From the Editor - Marcy Risque

Greetings Camptonvillians! Every year I'm thrilled to witness the early days of summer and all the chattering, buzzing, and humming of animals and insects, and the new growth of trees and plants—it's so uplifting! Nature's continuous miracles and society's post-pandemic reopening bring much hope.

May you have a happy, healthy, safe, and fun summer. See you in September!



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What's NEW at Your Community Center?

By Jesse Golden and Richard DicKard, CCSD

Christina Ledson is retiring as the manager of our Community Center. Her organizational skills and hard work at the Center will be missed. Many thanks to Christina for her service over the last few years!

Jesse Golden, who is very capable, and has served in this position before, is once again taking her position as Events Manager at the Center.

The Sri Moonshine Music Series presents **Sarah Cahill**, "a fiercely gifted pianist," on **June 26th** (see back page).

This month at the Community Center, you may be able to attend a **Saturday Coffee @ the Center**, take an **outdoor Yoga class with Lucille on Thursday mornings at 10 am**, or join a **Qi Gong class outdoors on Saturdays at 12:30 with Sema**. We say "may," because, well, it depends! Saturday coffees depend on having volunteer hosts; if you can help, please contact Jocelyn at coffeeatthecenter@gmail.com. And—all our events depend on staying within public health guidelines for COVID.

What, you might ask, is Qi Gong, and how does the class work? Our teacher Sema says, "Qi Gong is a beautiful, gentle art of working with the 'vital energy' in our bodies, 'qi' (chi) meaning energy, and 'gong' meaning work. It helps us to feel more energized, balanced, and healthy. The exercises are easy to learn. Our class is an hour long, with a requested donation of \$5-\$10. Wear comfortable, loose clothing, and bring water and a mask." For questions, please call 928-204-2677.

To reach Jesse Golden or the Camptonville Community Center Advocates, email them at cvillecommunitycenter@gmail.com, or leave a message at 288-5016.

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Volunteer Fire Department Update

By Dakota Pratschner, CVFD Volunteer Firefighter

For most of the month of May, volunteer firefighters worked exclusively and intensely on wildland firefighting skills. Kai Pratschner (former Hotshot and current Wildland Firefighter) hosted the training and demonstrated tips and techniques that he has acquired from his many seasons of experience. We are so fortunate to have professionals help out at training to further our knowledge and experience. Thank you Kai!

We need your help! Although we have had many great additions to our department over the past year, we still struggle to have enough available personnel to meet our basic maintenance needs. Washing, drying, and rolling hose is a very time consuming task that most of us firefighters struggle to fit into our schedule. Maintaining equipment and facilities, and even helping wash the vehicles would free up a lot of time for the first responders, chiefs, and captain.

My fellow volunteers have all had such great attitudes about the personal expenses of being a first responder. Things like boots, headlamps, gloves, and gear bags are all examples of necessary items that we have to pay for ourselves. As volunteers, we value sacrificing personal freedoms to assist our community, but what many don't realize is just how hard it is for a small group of regular civilians to provide both EMS and fire protection services to an entire district. Over the course of the next few weeks we will be calling on community members for donations and helping hands. Anything helps! The more help we receive from the community the better we can serve you.

Training is still every Tuesday night from 6-9 pm.

Remember that there is always something valuable and interesting to learn. Come on up to the station on 15410 Mill Street!

For more information contact Brandi Dudek, CVFD Fire Chief, AEMT at 288-3303 or 305-4495.



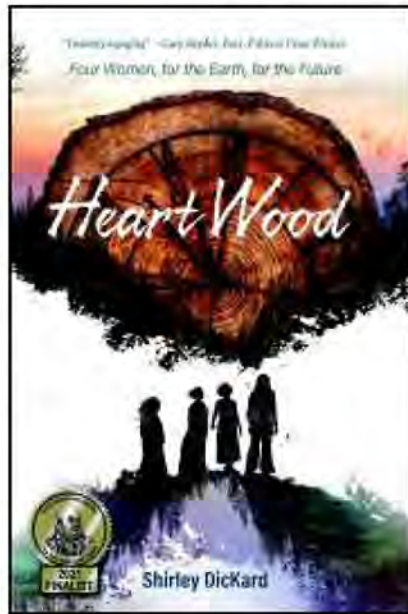
Three of our volunteers in their full Wildland Firefighting gear. Kaley (left) Cecilia (center) and Eryn (right).

Heart Wood Receives National Recognition!

By Shirley Dickard

I am thrilled to announce that my book *Heart Wood* was selected as a 2021 Finalist for the Eric Hoffer Award's Montaigne Medal. This national award is given to the most thought-provoking books that either illuminate, progress, or redirect thought. Out of the 2,500 books being considered, *Heart Wood* was chosen for this category. It validates what so many readers have told me, that the book touched them deeply.

You can buy *Heart Wood – Four Women, for the Earth, for the Future* at local bookstores, on Amazon, or directly from me (autographed) by emailing: heartwoodnovel@gmail.com.



"And so with the sunshine
and the great bursts of leaves
growing on the trees, just as
things grow in fast movies,
I had that familiar conviction
that life was beginning over
again with the summer."

-F.Scott Fitzgerald,
The Great Gatsby

A "Lunch and Learn" Forest Health and Watershed Resilience Webinar

By Alex Boesch, Yuba Water Agency

The Yuba River watershed, the source of water that feeds the tributaries and reservoirs managed by Yuba Water Agency, has extensive areas of overly-dense forests susceptible to high-severity wildfire. Recognizing this, Yuba Water Agency launched a trailblazing Watershed Resilience Program in 2018 to reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire in our region. Learn more during this one-hour webinar.

We are hosting the webinar on **June 30th at 12 pm**. It is free to anyone who would like to sign up; however, registration is required since we are hosting it on Zoom. To register, go to yubawater.org/Calendar.aspx?EID=363.

Speakers during the webinar will include Yuba Water Agency General Manager Willie Whittlesey, Yuba Water Agency Project Manager JoAnna Lessard and Blue Forest Conservation CEO/Co-Founder Zach Knight.

More information can be found on yubawater.org.

A Scoop of School

By Alix Lamb, Office Specialist, Camptonville School

Business first: Thank you to everyone who donated money at our booth at the Plant Sale and Flea Market! You were all incredibly generous, and it's giving our coffers a nice bit of buoyancy!

Congratulations are in order for our students. Huzzah! One week remains! The end, she is nigh! The Fat Lady is warming up!

And what a week! There are several trips planned for that first week of June, graduation is on Wednesday, and the week will culminate in the Field Day and BBQ that parents will be allowed to attend. Look forward to a lot of screaming on June 4th!

Graduation will be outside. Theme: Under the Sea. Songs: Danny Elfman's Batman Theme and Star War's Cantina Band. Me: not asking questions about any of those choices.



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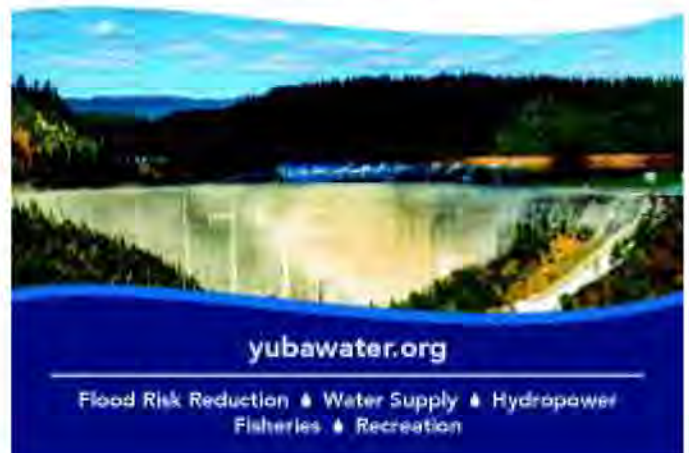
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Poor Ray; No One Calls it Kinesics

By Alix Lamb

Last month I talked about people in their raw tentacle monster form; let's move on to the meat. Do you know the old saying '55% of communication is body language, 38% is tone, and 7% is the words?' Total hokum. Widely debunked.

We most often use the term "body language" to describe nonverbal communication, but the guy who founded the field of research called it Kinesics. He was Dr. Ray Birdwhistell, and if you imagine a stereotypical mid-40s white guy in the 1950s, you've seen Ray. He described Kinesics as "facial expression, gestures, posture and gait, and visible arm and body movements." He was mentored by the bitchin' Margaret Mead, an anthropologist who traveled the world and worked cross-culturally. She was incredibly quotable. Seriously, check her out—she was a bisexual, no-nonsense fluffy-bobbed anthropologist who thought we should all be more chill about sex, and was good friends with Dr. Spock (the pediatrician, not the Vulcan.)

That's right. While the study of linguistics can be traced back to the 18th century, the field of Kinesics is fairly young. Charles Darwin wrote *The Expression of the Emotions in Man and Animals* in 1872, but it wasn't seminal. The broader study of nonverbal communication didn't really begin until the 1950s, with anthropologists like Ray. Between 1872 and 1950 psychology was all the rage, psychoanalysis and behaviorism being primary subjects of study.

Monkey Mind – June Pride

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 the month of June.



I often talk to friends about the hope for change in our world. For many of the biggest social issues, it doesn't seem like there's been a lot of change during our lives. But when I feel very discouraged about the possibilities for a more just and equal society, I think about how different the world is for LGBTQ+ people.

In the 1950s and 60s, "queer" was one of many disparaging words used for anyone whose gender or sexuality was thought to be different from "normal." Anyone obviously different was a social outcast, and anyone accused as a "deviant" was subject to firing, harassment, prosecution, and violence.

But attitudes have changed, thanks to many different forms of activism and the courage of many people who refused to be shamed into hiding, even when it wasn't easy. A 2019 New York Times article reported, "In 1977, Americans were split on whether lesbian and gay sex should be legal at all: 43 percent believed it should be, 43 percent believed it should not, and the remaining 14 percent had no opinion. Today, 83 percent say such intimate relationships should be legal." This is one of many indicators that show a huge shift in public opinion over a relatively short time period.

In June 1970, the nation's first gay pride march took place in New York, expanding to "Pride Month" each June with annual events in thousands of cities. Perhaps you can imagine how amazing it has been for millions of LGBTQ+ people to claim "pride" in public celebrations after such a history of fear and secrecy. Being "queer" still isn't easy for many of us, but it's a whole lot better than it was.

Whether you're gay or straight, cis or trans, butch or femme, nonbinary or polybinary, hug a friend this month and remember—things do change, sometimes.

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COMMUNITY MEETING on June 17th: Camptonville to Seek "Solutionary" Action on Yuba River Ranger District Closing

By Cathy LeBlanc, CCP

In May the Yuba River Ranger District (YRRD) Station announced to their employees that the lease on the building is up in 2023, and they have no plans to renew. When we got the news at Camptonville Community Partnership (CCP), on behalf of the community, I sent an email to those in charge, Lon Henderson and Eli Ellano. Lon is the YRRD Ranger and Eli is the Tahoe National Forest (TNF) Supervisor. I informed them that the closure of this office would be detrimental for the local community for many reasons. I received word back from Lon that "Overall, I think the impact, other than symbolic, will be much less than you think, and regardless, our responsibilities to the land and communities would be the same."

We subsequently arranged a call and asked Sheri Elliot, retired from the USFS and a CCP Board member to join us. We heard, as part of this plan, that the Nevada City office would close, and a new office in Nevada City would be built. Some USFS workers would relocate there, and some would stay in Camptonville. The USFS has two other Camptonville locations, Vista Point near the dam, and the Fire Crew office at Cleveland and Pike City Roads.



On the call, we asked for and offered to facilitate a "solutionary" (solution oriented) community meeting, so we may all work together to develop a plan of action to honor Camptonville's priority issues around this move. Some issues may include:

- The USFS is Camptonville's largest employer, and also the conduit for youth employment in the area. These youth often proudly become adult employees of the USFS. As a result, if the YRRD closes, our already "at risk" school could have a significant drop in enrollment.
- Our small businesses will lose significant revenue as well. Many USFS partnerships within the local community would be made much more difficult by closing the well-located Highway 49 office.

The meeting will be held at the Camptonville Community Center, **Thursday, June 17th at 6:30-8:00 pm.** We want to know: how will the Agency (USFS) honor community responsibilities if the Camptonville office isn't there?

Expect to be part of a structured process where we will identify community issues, and then break into small groups to address those issues. We will then return to the main group to share, get feedback, and present our work to Lon and Eli, who will be there as well. We will ask for their response and prompt follow-up by the USFS.

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Ember Danger

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

"You don't have to live in a concrete block house with stainless steel doors and a metal deck all around it. You just have to remember...it's the little things that count." -Jack Cohen, Research Physical Scientist, U.S. Forest Service.

According to Merriam-Webster the definition of "ember" is as follows: "a glowing fragment (as of coal) from a fire, especially: one smoldering in ashes; the smoldering remains of a fire" and even, "slowing dying or fading emotions capable of being revived." In other references an "ember" is referred to as a glowing piece of wood or charcoal, a firebrand. No matter what you call it, an ember is still one of the greatest threats to your home in a fire.

In a Texas A&M Forest Service publication called "Be Ember Aware," it states (as does Cohen routinely) "Embers, also known as firebrands, pose the greatest threat to homes. These fiery little pieces of wood shoot off from the main fire and get carried to other areas by fast moving air currents. A high intensity fire can produce a virtual blizzard of embers. Some can travel more than a mile ahead (we now know that they can travel far greater distances ahead) of the fire before landing. They can get into the smallest places and easily start a fire that can burn down an entire home."

In the film "Can Your Home Survive a Wildfire" Cohen walks viewers around a home and points out the potential areas where a "handful of embers" can cause significant damage and even complete loss of the structure. Cohen says, "If leaves collect there, then that's where embers will land."

We saw this during the Cascade fire. While our home survived, much of the outside landscape didn't due to embers landing in small collections of leaves and or dead twigs near wooden steps and fence posts.

One of the best forms of fire defense is to survey your home for those places where leaves collect: roof valleys, vent openings, rain gutters, corners at the roof line where leaves/pine needles might pile up against wood, or at the base of the home near steps. Even a broom or patio cushions can harbor an ember.

Firewood stacked on decks or against the house is another danger. Firewood should be moved/stored at least 30 ft from structures.

For more detailed information about the danger of embers to homes in a wildfire check out Jack Cohen's YouTube videos. Also consider a free Wildfire Mitigation Review by one of the YWP&FSC volunteers to help you spot the small dangers that can make a big difference in surviving a wildfire.

Contact **Jeanene Upton** at jupton@yubafiresafe.org or **Gary Fildes** at gildes2001@yahoo.com to schedule a Wildfire Mitigation Advisory visit or to sign up to become a volunteer.



Photo by Beverly Cameron-Fildes



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Yoga for Everybody!

By Lucille Rovnak

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1,2,3 Grow

By Christina Dondono

Congratulations to 1,2,3 Grow graduates!
Blossoming minds are leaping into kindergarten.

Ms. Manross and Jeanne Black, it is an honor to pass these little hands off to you.

Here we are at the brink of summer, and we are not only receiving beautiful gardening weather, but have many hands, big and small, to help us. HUGE SHOUT OUT to **Sweetland Garden Mercantile** for their wonderful donations to help restore our 1,2,3 Grow garden. We are grateful for the generous contributions including soil amendments and a variety of fruit and vegetable starts. More thanks go to **Carolyn and James Fowler** for their contribution, and for getting this restoration in motion. The time that you volunteer for our program goes above and beyond, and you are cherished.

To help preserve water for our community, Camptonville School will be shutting irrigation water off in June. Hearing that, we got nervous about our beautiful new garden. Within a week we found a solution. We have two more people to thank, **Autry Dean**, who listened to my concern and sought an answer for our program, and **Jim Esry**, who donated a 50-gallon water drum! Cheers to you both!

My article would turn into a novel if I name-dropped each individual who sponsors our garden. You are each deeply appreciated. All of your hard work is a major contribution to the development of our youngest generation. We thank you for making 1,2,3 Grow such a great community program.

With this school year coming to an end, and as the next school year grows closer in sight, keep 1,2,3 Grow in mind. Please contact me directly with any questions: christina@theccp.org or at the **Camptonville Community Partnership**, 288-9355.



Snack time at 1,2,3 Grow!



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Ask the DMV – Learn More about DMV Services Online!

By Tyler Bushnell

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, the California DMV is increasing the number of transactions that can be completed without a visit to a field office. The DMV has several methods to serve customers, including online self-service options, through DMV Now kiosks, or via a DMV business partner so that customers can “visit” the DMV by other means. The following questions cover some of the most convenient ways to access DMV services and complete essential transactions without setting foot in a field office.

Q: I have to complete some DMV business in the near future, but I want to avoid an in-person DMV visit. What are my options?

A: The health and safety of all customers and Californians is a top priority for the DMV. While a few select services need to be completed in a field office, most DMV transactions can be completed online. The DMV is urging customers to use their expanded online services or DMV Now kiosks to complete most transactions including eligible driver’s license and vehicle registration renewals, change of address, replacement sticker or registration card, notice of transfer and release of liability, duplicate driver’s license and vehicle license fee refund requests, among many others.

Nearly all California drivers are now eligible to renew their license online or by mail – even if their renewal notice states that an office visit is required. Use the DMV’s Service Advisor tool at dmv.ca.gov/online to learn what options are available for you depending on your needed service.

Customers who must come into a DMV office for services in person during the COVID-19 pandemic will find increased health screening and safety protocols. To best serve customers and maintain appropriate physical distance, the number of people allowed in DMV offices is limited, chairs are appropriately spaced, and plexiglass shields have been installed. Additionally, all employees and customers are required to wear a face covering while inside a DMV office and during a behind-the-wheel drive test exam, and must maintain six feet of physical distancing. Customers should anticipate longer than usual wait times while these preventive measures are in place.

Q: I saw a DMV Now kiosk at my local grocery store. What is that, and can I use it to renew my vehicle registration?

A: There are hundreds of DMV Now kiosks located throughout the state to help customers complete their vehicle registration renewal, submit proof of insurance, receive a driver or vehicle record, and more. DMV Now kiosks are convenient and allow customers to conduct transactions quickly and efficiently. Customers simply scan their document, pay the fees using a card or cash (where available) and then print their registration card and sticker, planned non-operation acknowledgment, and more. To locate the DMV Now kiosk nearest you, go to: www.cadmvnowkiosk.com/kiosks.

Q: I am over 70 and received a letter in the mail that states I need to renew my license, but I cannot get to the DMV before my renewal date. What can I do?

A: Californians age 70 and older with a noncommercial driver’s license are now eligible to renew online or by mail, eliminating the need to visit a DMV office. Licenses with an expiration date starting March 1, 2020 are eligible.

This new option waives the requirement for many seniors to visit a DMV office during the COVID-19 pandemic. Californians with a suspended license are not eligible.

Q: I still need to get my REAL ID. Can I do this online?

A: To limit the amount of time spent in a DMV office and to best prepare for your DMV visit, customers should start their REAL ID application online and use the REAL ID checklist to make sure they have the correct identification documents. The applicant can then upload their documents before coming to the office. After completing the online application and uploading identification documents, the applicant will receive a confirmation code that will be stored for up to one year which DMV employees can quickly access when applicants visit the DMV office—no appointment is needed. Learn more at dmv.ca.gov, so you can be ready when the time is right for you to get a REAL ID.

For more information or answers to questions not listed here, please visit dmv.ca.gov.



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Tahoe National Forest Update

By Michele Woods, Yuba River Ranger District



The Tahoe National Forest is continuing to keep offices closed and implementing virtual services to protect the health and safety of employees and members of the public during the COVID-19 pandemic in accordance with guidance from federal and state authorities.

For Virtual services, please visit our website at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/tahoe/>. We will continue to update our website with current virtual service information as conditions change.

You can still contact the **Yuba River Ranger District** by calling **362-8259** during normal business hours Monday-Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, or go to the Tahoe National Forest Webpage to learn about what services are available.

California Residential Burn Permits are currently REQUIRED. You can obtain your Permit at <https://burnpermit.fire.ca.gov/>

Firewood Cutting Permits: The Tahoe National Forest Firewood Cutting Permit process has changed. Fuelwood permits are currently not required. Call for further information at the Yuba River District Office at 362-8259.

- Please refer to our 'permits' page for more information, <https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/tahoe/passes-permits/and/or-call-for-further-information-at-362-8259>.
- Before cutting, always call the fuelwood cutting hotline at 478-6176.
- In addition, the following requirements are still in place: Gathering of firewood on private land is not authorized. It is your responsibility to determine the ownership of the land before cutting. If you have any doubts, or questions, please contact the nearest ranger district or forest officer.

Many services traditionally offered in our public offices are available online at www.fs.usda.gov/tahoe/:

- California Campfire Permit
- California Residential Burn Permit
- Annual or Lifetime Federal Recreation Pass, including all Senior Passes
- Forest Maps
- Exclusive Tahoe National Forest merchandise offered through our partner organization the Eastern Sierra Interpretive Association.

To email the Tahoe National Forest, please use the 'Contact Us' function on our website:

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/contactus/tahoe/about-forest/contactus>.

To contact your local Tahoe National Forest Office with specific questions, please use the updated telephone numbers below.

Tahoe NF Supervisors Office (Nevada City): 530-265-4531

Truckee Ranger District Office: 530-536-0417

Sierraville Ranger District Office: 530-430-7093

American River Ranger District Office (Foresthill): 530-492-5631

Yuba River Ranger District Office (Camptonville): 530-362-8259

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Madrone Cove Campground	Open- boat in only-access farther due to water levels.
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Cottage Creek Campground (New Campground)	Opening July 4th weekend

Hornswoggle Group Camp Highway 49

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Chapman Creek Campground	Closed for the Season
Fiddle Creek Campground	Open
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Loganville Campground	Open
Ramshorn Campground	Closed for the Season
Rocky Rest Campground	Open
Sierra Campground	Closed for the Season
Union Flat Campground	Open
Wild Plum Campground	Open
Yuba Pass	Closed for the Season

Gold Lake Road/Sierra Buttes

Berger Campground	Open
Diablo Campground	Open
Packsaddle Campground	Open
Salmon Creek Campground	Open
Sardine Campground	Open
Snag Lake Campground	FCFS always

The Tahoe National Forest is increasing access to the public by providing additional developed recreational opportunities. We encourage visitors to check our website and social media pages for the most up-to-date information on what is open so that you can plan your visit.

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Wild Mothers!

By Katie O'Hara-Kelly, North Yuba Naturalist

In the early summer, the local wildlife is busy raising young. In this article, I mainly discuss the role of the female parent. Next month, I'll discuss the role of the male parent.

Bird species vary greatly in the way they care for their young. In some cases, both parents share the duties of nest building, incubation, brooding, feeding, and care. Sometimes only the mother builds the nest and takes care of the young.

In the case of the local spotted sandpiper, the female starts building the nest, but the male finishes it. Then, usually only the male incubates the eggs, broods, feeds, and cares for the young. Sometimes the female helps, but mainly she spends her time defending the nesting territory and breeding with up to two other males!

After young birds fledge, or leave the nest, most songbirds continue to care for them for a month or more before the young disperse on their own. In general, larger birds like cranes and geese stay together with their offspring for their entire first year! I've been enjoying watching a local family of Canada geese lately. The goslings are very well protected by their watchful parents!

After mating, female and male mule deer go their separate ways. Only the female raises the young. The following information is from northernwoodlands.org: *"Young fawns' scent glands are not well-developed. When a fawn is born, the doe licks it clean, removing odors that might alert predators. A few hours after birth, when the fawn can stand and walk, she moves it from the birth spot to a new hiding place. A fawn spends most of its first weeks of life bedded down alone. The doe stays away from her newborn except to nurse it periodically, and to lead it to new bed sites—that way her scent does not attract predators to the area where the fawn is hiding. If she has twins, which is common, the doe will typically hide them in separate places and make the rounds to nurse them. She may also consume the fawn's droppings to destroy evidence of its presence. Although secrecy is a fawn's main defense, it has another: mom. If a fawn is in distress, it bleats, and the doe, which stays nearby, usually comes running, ready to defend it with her sharp hooves."*

Fawns grow rapidly on their mother's rich milk. By two to three weeks of age, they begin to nibble green vegetation. After a month, they will browse on tree seedlings. At this age, they begin to choose their own bedding sites and twins are reunited. By summer, young deer can outrun most danger, and trail their mother closely. Fawns usually are weaned at two to three months. In early autumn, a fawn's spotted coat is replaced by the gray-brown winter coat of an adult deer. Female fawns usually stay with their mothers for two years; young bucks leave after a year. A buck fawn can be identified when only a few days old by the two round spots on its head where the antlers will grow."



Photos by Katie O'Hara-Kelly



A few years ago I saw an American mink and her three young swimming across the North Yuba River! Wow! Male and female American mink only briefly come together to mate. Only the female raises the young. The following information is from animaldiversity.org: *"Both males and females begin mating at ten months. Once a female is impregnated, her gestation period varies from 40 to 75 days. Mink dig their burrows in the banks of rivers, lakes, and streams, or they may utilize the old dens of other mammals, such as muskrats. Mink may line the interior of their home with dried grass and leaves, as well as with the fur from past prey. The young are born in late spring (April or May), with litter sizes usually ranging between 1 to 8 individuals. Each newborn weighs less than half an ounce and appears pink and wrinkled, with a thin coat of white fur covering the body. The young open their eyes at three and a half weeks and are weaned at a month and a half. They remain with the mother through the summer until fall, when they leave to establish their own territories. Staying with their mother until fall enables the young to learn a great deal about staying safe and successfully catching prey. Once they are ready to leave, they must seek and establish their own territories, as the American mink is a basically solitary and territorial animal."*



What, Softball on The Ridge?!

By Lucille Rovnak

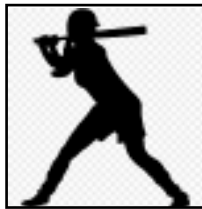
Mark your calendars for **June 19th and 20th, 11 am**, for the first annual "Father's Day Slowpitch Softball Tournament" at the newly restored Oak Tree Community Park Field in North San Juan. Anyone can play; however, those under 18 will need parental consent. The entry fee per team is \$300.

The tournament is just the beginning! Starting June 27th, there will be "Softball on the Ridge" league play every Sunday.

NCASA (Nevada County Adult Sports Association) has been restoring the field for the last several months. Some of the improvements include new dugouts, benches and bleachers, a newly restored infield, and new bases. A scorer booth is being built, and fencing is being repaired as well.

Most of the work is being done by Rich Ramirez (of NCASA) and myself, Lucille Rovnak, along with other volunteers, and donations from citizens and local businesses.

We are still seeking donations to finish the project. Donations of any amount can help! These may be sent to: **NCASA, PO Box 2191, Grass Valley, CA, 95945.** Donations of \$300 or more will receive a 3'x5' banner along the outfield fence. For more information, please call NCASA at **575-9142**. *Thank you for your support!*



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June 11

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The 2nd Tuesday 10 am-noon



HELP & HOPE

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All area codes are 530 unless otherwise specified.

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- 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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June 2021 Community Calendar

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

To add local events to the calendar, email: calendarville@gmail.com

Call first to confirm meeting times and whether held virtually or in person

JUNE 20TH - FATHER'S DAY!

JUNE 21ST - SOLSTICE, THE LONGEST DAY OF THE YEAR

WEEKLY Events

- Tuesdays:** Yoga, 5 pm at school gym starts June 8th
Camptonville Fire Dept. Trainings, 6-9 pm, Firehall
- Thursdays:** Yoga, 10 am, field behind the Center
Foothill Food Pantry, Dobbins (Not 2nd week)
- Saturdays:** Coffee@The Center, 10 am-noon, behind the Center
(Starting June!)

MONTHLY Events

- CCP Board** - Meets 3rd Wednesday, 1 pm, Resource Center. Contact: 288-9355
- CCSD Board** - Meets 4th Thursday, 6:30 pm, CCC. Contact: 559-1629
- School Board** - Meets 3rd Thursday, 5 pm, CV School. Contact: 288-3277
- USDA Food Bank** - 2nd Friday, 10:30 am-11:30 am, Oregon House (pg. 13)
- Foothill Food Pantry** - Thursdays, 12-1:30 pm, Dobbins (pg. 13)
- NSJ Food Bank** - The 2nd Tuesday, 10 am-noon, Oak Tree School (pg. 13)
- NSJ Food and Clothes Closet** - Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 am-2 pm, Oak Tree School