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## *The Election Issue*

Once again, we find ourselves on the verge of another primary election this June 7th. Camptonville's current Supervisor since 2014, Randy Fletcher, is soon to retire – which opens the field for someone new to fill his shoes and serve the people in the 5th District of Yuba County.

We are pleased to present candidate statements from each of the three men who are running to represent us at the local and county level: Bob Bagley, Zachary Cross, and Jon Messick (See pages 4-5).

As democracy faces ongoing and new threats around the world and within our own country, it is vital – now more than ever – to respectfully let our voices be heard, to question, debate, and listen, and whenever we can, participate in the ongoing process put in place by our founders.



**Bob Bagley**

### **Yuba County 5th District Supervisor Candidates**



**Zachary Cross**



**Jon Messick**

## Plant Sale and Flea Market Returns May 14

By Jesse Golden



Yes, it's happening! The 2022 Camptonville Plant Sale and Flea Market takes place **Saturday May 14 9:30 am-1:30 pm**. Join us at the Lost Nugget Market field on Highway 49 for plants, used items, arts and crafts, and more!

At the sale, the Community Center will also kick off its **Raffle Fundraiser**, with prizes including cash, gift certificates, original art, and more. So the question is – are you feeling lucky?

The \$20 fee for each 12' x 12' space benefits the Camptonville Community Center. Volunteers will sell baked goods and beverages to benefit Camptonville School.

All applicable county guidelines for COVID safety will be observed at the event. Rain may cancel or postpone. Please don't block the gas pumps at the Lost Nugget, and park thoughtfully. Updates will be posted at the Nugget, at the Post Office, and online at [facebook.com/camptonvillecc](https://facebook.com/camptonvillecc).

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## A Gift of an Emergency Generator!

By Richard DicKard, CCSD



Wow! The Yuba County Office of Emergency Services has made a gift of a 13-kilowatt diesel generator to the Camptonville Community Center.

Many, many thanks to Yuba County for providing this critical tool for emergencies to Camptonville!

The generator will be used in emergency situations such as extreme cold or heat to provide lighting, heating, or cooling at the Center when PG&E's electricity is not available. The Community Center will only be used as an emergency shelter on a short term/one day basis until affected people can get to better, long term accommodations.

## Job Announcement Camptonville School is Hiring!

By Patrick Brose, Superintendent/Principal

As many of you have heard, our long-time maintenance and transportation lead, Norm Ross, is retiring at the end of this school year. This is a major change for Camptonville school as Norm has been a fixture here for 18 years. Norm is excited about the prospects of retirement and all that it brings. Congratulations Norm!

This means that Camptonville School is hiring! We are looking for a new **Maintenance, Operations, and Transportation Technician**. This is a major opportunity for a full time occupation in Camptonville that includes many benefits such as medical, dental, paid vacation, and retirement plans via CALPERS. We are looking for someone who is interested in working in a wide variety of settings including outdoors, in the school, and on the bus. There are many opportunities for paid overtime to travel with classes on field trips.

Our school is an amazing place to work (frankly, it is the best school I have ever worked in over the past 20 years!), the staff is incredible, friendly, and helpful, and we are looking for our newest team member.

If you have questions or would like more information, please contact me at: [pbrose@cville.k12.ca.us](mailto:pbrose@cville.k12.ca.us) or **530-288-3277**. You can also come by the school during operating hours (M-F, 8 am-4 pm) to schedule time to meet with me. We look forward to hearing from you!



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## Camptonville Prepared! (CP!)

By Cathy LeBlanc, CCP

Since the December storms hit Camptonville and after numerous discussions and emails with local partners, (including CCSD, CUESD, Yuba County OES, CCP, and more) we all agreed that CCP would convene a community meeting to discuss disaster preparedness and build an Asset Map with Camptonville Prepared! (CP!) as the driving force.

The meeting was held on March 31, 2022 at the Camptonville Community Center. After a brief introduction of all in attendance (25), we dug into what emergency response currently exists in Camptonville. Each organization had a few minutes to share what their role is in case of an Emergency/Disaster in Camptonville.

The organizations present were Camptonville Community Service District, Camptonville Community Center, CVFD, Camptonville Unified Elementary School, *The Courier*, USFS, a local FireWise Community start-up, CCP/Resource Center, Yuba County Office of Emergency (OES), and CalFire.

We had a dynamic roundtable discussion and debrief with everyone present. Together we built a DRAFT Disaster-Preparedness Asset Map which yielded 14 Institutions, 10 Associations, and nine individuals with available assets to share in case of a YOYO 72 event (You're On Your Own for the first 72 hours).

In closing, five people (+CCP) volunteered to build on this map and look at developing structure for CP! If you'd like to be involved or for more information contact CCP 530-288-9355 or [cathy@theccp.org](mailto:cathy@theccp.org).

## Camptonville Christmas Club Presents Family Karaoke Night and Dinner May 20

By Sonja Rice

It's that time again to sing and dance with your friends and neighbors... we all had such a great time in 2020 we wanted to bring it back! We hope to see all of you there!

**Where: Camptonville Community Center**

**When: Friday May 20th, 2022, 5:30 pm**

**Enjoy a homemade Spaghetti dinner and great fun!**

**\$10 Adults, \$7 kids 5-12**

This event benefits the Camptonville Christmas Club and is sponsored by the Camptonville Community Services District.



Photos from 2020 by Donna Tate and Pam Wilcox

## Blue Dot Marks the Spot

By Beverly Cameron-Fildes

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Jack Cohen, a fire Research Scientist, has studied fire behavior, and more importantly, ways homes are vulnerable to fire. He also stresses that there are many techniques that homeowners can implement that will increase the chances of a home's survivability in a wildfire. That's something that we talk to homeowners about when doing Wildfire Mitigation Reviews.



But what if I suggest that you can go even beyond the usual defensible space and home hardening? What if there is something that you can do around your home that can help firefighters help you? Here is a clue: many homes in a rural setting have large water holding tanks. In fact, new construction requires the construction/installation of a tank.

During a recent Wildfire Mitigation advisory visit, I saw a line of three individual, blue reflective dots on posts, lining the common drive that lead into the "neighborhood" where I was doing the review. I'd recently been at a California Fire Safe Council conference where one of the speakers talked about homeowners using these blue reflective dots to let first responders know where water was available. The three dots, the homeowner explained, were to indicate that there were three tanks in the immediate area, and each water tank had a blue dot next to the respective tanks. My suggestion to the home owner was that since his address sign was some distance from the tank itself, that he might consider adding a blue dot next to his address sign, right at the fork in the road that led to his home, letting fire fighters know about the water availability even before they entered his driveway.

Which got me to thinking: what if they each posted a blue dot by their respective address sign? And they then took it one step further by letting the local fire departments know that they had accessible water tanks at these three addresses, creating a "neighborhood" resource map for fire suppression. During a fire, time is of the essence and logistically speaking, this is one more step towards being fire safe.

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# Introducing Candidates for Yuba County's Supervisor for District 5



## Bob Bagley

Hello Camptonville Courier dear readers!  
We have all worked hard to be able to live in this part of Yuba County, and I will work hard to represent the people of our District, protect our property rights, improve our quality of life, and keep the country country!

Now retired, I have

unlimited time to serve as your Supervisor. I am passionate about forest management, fire risk reduction, broadband expansion, protecting agriculture, and preserving farm land.

I successfully managed large business operations for over 40 years throughout California and Nevada, including Target and Michaels arts and crafts stores. I am excited to apply my private industry experience to running the County. I will be focused on leadership and management training, creating a culture of customer service, and controlling payroll and operational expenses.

Locally, I served on the Yuba-Sutter United Way board and the Yuba-Sutter Chamber of Commerce board.

My wife Marcy and I have been proud 5th District residents for over 33 years and we will be celebrating our 50th wedding anniversary in August! We have 2 children, 5 grandchildren, and the best dog named Bali.

To learn more about me and join my team, visit [www.bagley4supervisor.com](http://www.bagley4supervisor.com) and [www.facebook.com/bagley4supervisor](https://www.facebook.com/bagley4supervisor).  
Vote Bob Bagley for Supervisor!

## Zachary B. Cross

I have lived in this area my entire life. My family has been in Yuba County since the late 1800s. I love living here and I want to help make Yuba County a place people come to thrive and live out their dreams. I will work to bring in new businesses and aggressively support our existing businesses and protect their rights against the tyranny we have witnessed by our state officials.



I am committed to devoting 40 to 80 hours each week when I become your supervisor. We have been without adequate representation for far too long. I will work as much as is necessary to give District 5 the attention it needs and deserves. I will be available and accountable as your representative. I will be transparent in all my work and decisions. I will share my schedule and foster community involvement.

I am a man of the people and plan on using a citizen consensus approach as your supervisor. I will be a voice for the residents of District 5. I will fairly represent each unique area in District 5. I will bring your issues and concerns to your Board of Supervisors. I will fight for your rights, your liberties, your interests, your concerns, and your safety.

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## Jon Messick

A lifelong resident of District 5, I'm a 5th generation farmer, father, and businessman who cares about advocating for families, children, seniors, and everyone in between.

Having served 13 years on the Yuba County Planning Commission, I've helped residents navigate the complex red tape that comes with land use, permitting, and

code enforcement issues. I continue assisting residents with a variety of county-related concerns even today.

A strong proponent of public safety and fire prevention, I am a Commercial Pilot currently serving as the Commander of the Yuba-Sutter Sheriff's Aero-Squadron. Yuba County must do a better job of protecting our foothill residents from wildfires through forest management and mastication projects. We must have ample water and professional firefighters staffing our stations with state-of-the-art firefighting equipment to effectively save lives and property. We cannot afford to become complacent when years pass with no notable fire events. We must remain vigilant.

Agriculture is the heart of District 5. As a local farmer, I fiercely support protecting our water rights and infrastructure. I feel strongly about preserving the rural way of life we enjoy in Yuba County; it's something worth fighting for.

Together with my wife Amy, we have seven children ranging in age from 14 to 35. I am currently a Board Member for the Hallwood-District 10 Community Services (Fire) District, have been involved with Browns Valley, Rocky Hills, and Hallwood 4-H Clubs, and am a past Commissioner for the Yuba County Trails Commission. I'm a lifelong supporter of the Yuba-Sutter Fair Jr. Livestock Auction.

As your County Supervisor, I'll maintain an open-door policy. When I give you my word, trust that I won't quit until the job is done. It would be the honor of my life to serve as your County Supervisor. I humbly ask for your vote on June 7th.

## Ideas for a Sustainable Future in District 5

By Alton Wright

From the vibrant forests of Camptonville to the rolling grasslands of Loma Rica, Yuba County's District 5 is beautifully diverse yet commonly connected through the consequences of climate change, primarily wildfire and water challenges. There are also issues like changing agricultural practices, diversifying emergency communications, improving community health, and monitoring alternative livelihoods affected by environmental impacts. Candidates seeking the open D5 supervisorial seat must respect climate change realities, champion solutions, and have visionary perspectives. Here are some ideas for sustaining a healthy, vibrant community for all:

- Keep our water local – in open ditches, cisterns, and tanks, as well as on private property and government-funded ponds/lakes, all to be used for fighting wildfires, sustaining greenbelts, and growing micro-ag businesses.
- Install sirens in the foothills, subsidize shortwave radio networks, and other communication/warning backups.
- Improve east-to-west evacuation routes, as well as establishing more emergency-only, public camping clearings.
- Hold regular evacuation drills throughout Yuba County.
- Implement better sustainable agricultural practices on the valley floor.
- Seek reasonable frameworks for allowing small, legal growers' opportunities by changing current rules that endanger people's property rights.
- Continue partnerships that the Yuba Water Agency now leverages that reduce forest fuel loads and improve the watershed.
- See that the Camptonville Biomass facility goes online.
- Seek partnerships to attract solar manufacturing facilities here (jobs!) and envision a publicly owned/operated solar energy facility.
- Encourage county-based programs for mobile health clinics (especially after a wildfire) and provide educational outreach to remote foothill areas and challenged populations.
- Revise permitting/building codes assisting small businesses and property owners to make improvements without financial hardships.
- Expand all broadband and mobile services to improve students' education, ensure reliable connectivity of medical monitoring devices, and support home learning.
- Seek more Yuba County Sheriff deputies in the Foothills through Measure K funding.

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*-Rene Descartes, Principles of Philosophy*

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## Grants for Fire Defense Available

By John Stone, OES



Ahead of this year's wildfire season, the Yuba Watershed Protection and Fire Safe Council announced the launch of a program to help homeowners protect their homes from a catastrophic disaster.

As part of the Defensible Space Cost Share Program, Yuba County residents will be able to turn in a submission for grant funding on a first-come, first-served basis.

The Yuba Watershed Protection and Fire Safe Council, a community-based nonprofit group, said the grants will allow Yuba County foothill residents to be reimbursed for creating a defensible space and hardening their homes against wildfires.

The districts targeted for this funding include Camptonville Community Service District, Foothill Fire Protection District, Dobbins Oregon House Fire Protection District, Loma Rica Browns Valley Community Service District, and Smartsville Fire Protection District, the council said.

Residents who want to get the process started can schedule a free home mitigation review to qualify for the program. Those who qualify can get reimbursed for up to 50 percent of the cost – a maximum of \$2,000 – for eligible home hardening improvements and defensible space mitigation work completed by November 30.

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection describes a defensible space as the buffer that is created between a building on a property and the grass, trees, shrubs, or any wildland area that surrounds it.

For more information and to learn what actions must be completed to participate, visit <https://yubafiresafe.org>.

## The Uses of Biochar Burning to Share Part 2

by Yakshi Vadeboncoeur

April showers! Even an honest-to-goodness rain storm, 24 hours straight of water falling from the sky! Every plant in my yard perked up. The compost pile, too, drank deeply, also holding on to more of that water because I'd been layering in biochar from 3 separate kiln burns. Some of that compost is now ready to feed May flowers.

Last month *Burning to Share Part 1* explained the crucial difference between a biochar kiln and a burn pile. To recap briefly, plants are made of carbon. When we burn a debris pile, all that carbon is released into the atmosphere as carbon dioxide. When we burn in a biochar kiln and quench the embers before they become ash, 95% of the carbon is sequestered in the biochar thus produced. This sequestration, alone, is enough reason to replace our burn piles with kiln burning, but this month we are going to explore the wonderful uses to which the biochar thus produced can be put.

Biochar retains the cellular structure of the material that was burned, only now those cells are completely empty. They act like a sponge. If you fill a 5 gallon bucket with biochar, you can pour in another 5 gallons of water, and the char will absorb it all. This hungry emptiness is biochar's super power. It is also why you should not add it directly to your garden without first inoculating or activating it: it will soak up the water and nutrients that your plants need. Preparing the soil for a garden, it can be added to improve the soil's water retention properties and to act as a filter to scrub the soil of environmental toxins. But best of all, if inoculated with desirable bacteria, it can attract the microbiome and mycorrhizae that will feed and foster the health and growth of your plants.

The process is actually quite simple. Next month we'll offer a few possibilities. Until then, clean up your yard debris, keep it dry, and borrow my kiln on a burn day to make some biochar. For those who can't wait. Fill a container with half compost or potting soil and half biochar. Then add compost tea, mix well, and let sit for 3 or 4 days. Now put it to use in your garden.

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# Monkey Mind – By Jesse Golden Flowing with Climate Change

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 –Jesse Golden

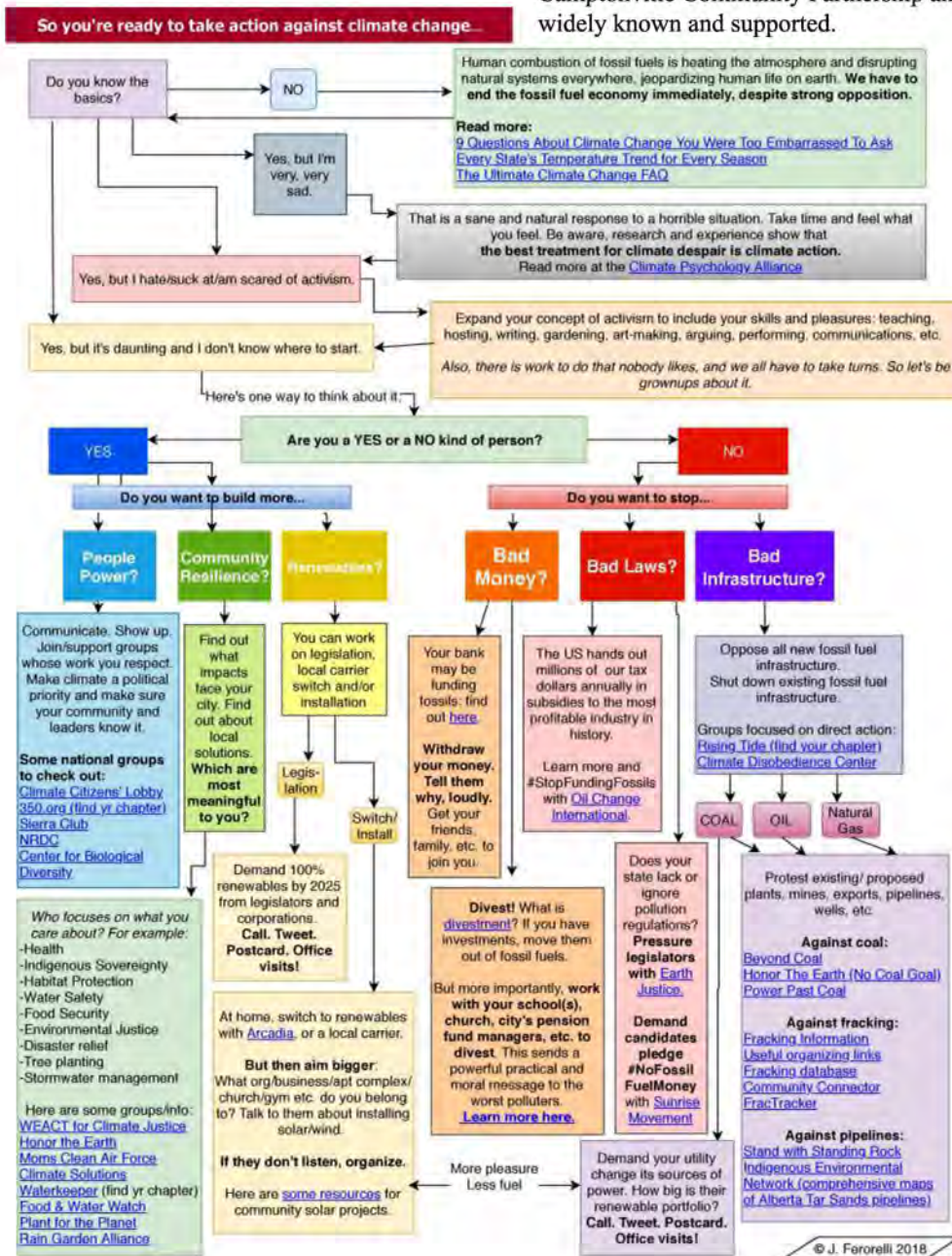
How are you feeling about climate change? In denial? Scared? Frustrated? Numb? You might want to check out an interactive flow chart with live links that you can find at:

[bit.ly/actionclimatechange](http://bit.ly/actionclimatechange). This flow chart will guide you:

- If you're not ready to take action...see the links to three articles to learn more.
- If you're ready, but you're very, very sad...there is sound advice and links to [climatepsychologyalliance.org](http://climatepsychologyalliance.org).

- If you know the basics, but you hate/suck at/are scared of activism...there are ways to expand your concept of activism.
- If you're ready but it's daunting, and you don't know where to start...you can choose from "YES" options like: building People Power, Community Resilience, and Renewables, and "NO" options such as: stopping Bad Money, combatting Bad Laws, and taking on Bad Infrastructure.

Locally, we have a big project underway that will make a meaningful impact in our area, reducing fire danger and fossil fuel emissions and producing electricity as well. If you don't know about the Camptonville Forest Biomass Energy Center project ([camptonvillebbc.org](http://camptonvillebbc.org)), do familiarize yourself. This is an amazing community-driven effort spearheaded by the Camptonville Community Partnership and deserves to be widely known and supported.



Detail from Climate Action Chart © J. Ferorelli 2018  
See the full chart at [bit.ly/actionclimatechange](http://bit.ly/actionclimatechange)



## Yuba River Ranger District Report

By Amanda Siciliano, YRRD

The following lists the current status for YRRD business:

- Our Camptonville office is currently closed until further notice.
- You can still contact the Yuba River Ranger District by calling **530-362-8259, Monday-Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm**. In-person appointments can be made if needed for some services.
- The **Nevada City Supervisor's Office** is open **9:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday-Friday 530-265-4531**.

Burn permits are required after April 18th in Nevada, Yuba, and Placer counties. You can get a burn permit online at <https://burnpermit.fire.ca.gov/>, or make an appointment to get one at our Camptonville office. Permits may also be obtained during normal business hours in our Nevada City office.

### Safety Tips from our Fire Staff:

- Make sure that your address is clearly posted on your driveway and/or residence so that emergency services can locate you in the event of an emergency.
- Please ensure that your driveway is cleared so enough that large vehicles can access your residence. Remember to check vertical clearance, too.
- Have an evacuation plan in place! Prepare an evacuation checklist and have your documents, medications, and essential items organized and ready to go.
- Try to plan two exit routes in the case of emergency, and make sure that you are familiar with all alternate routes.

### The Oregon Creek Day-Use area will open on May 1st.

The following campgrounds are open – all campgrounds are 90% reserved unless indicated. Reservations can be made at [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov).



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## Yuba Sutter Food Bank Partners with Yubakami for Fresh Produce Delivery to Seniors

By Michelle Downing, CEO Yuba-Sutter Food Bank

The Yuba-Sutter Food Bank has partnered with Yubakami to provide fresh produce grown by local farmers to Yuba County seniors participating in the Senior Delivery Program, formerly known as the Homebound Delivery Program.

“This partnership increases the access to locally grown produce by getting healthier foods to low-income seniors and, in addition, contributes to improving the local food system,” said Food Bank CEO, Michelle Downing. “I am happy we can utilize grant funding to provide nutritious food and support our local farmers.”

Yubakami is made up of local farmers in the Yuba County foothills who grow nutritionally rich, healthy, and primarily organic, fruits and vegetables. Yubakami will deliver seasonally fresh, locally grown fruits and vegetables, approximately 12 to 15 pounds, and ½ dozen eggs, to Yuba County seniors who participate in the program. Delivery started on Monday, April 4, and continues through October 31, 2022, with a goal to deliver 160 bags of produce weekly.

“The partnership between the Yuba-Sutter Food Bank and Yubakami gives impetus to small local farmers to expand their plantings to levels that make them profitable. And it helps meet a core mission we share: to make delicious, nutrient-dense produce available to everyone in our community,” said Yubakami owner, Steven Dambeck.

The Yuba-Sutter Food Bank Homebound Delivery Program was initiated during COVID-19 to make sure vulnerable, at-risk seniors in Yuba and Sutter counties had access to nutritious food. It has continued to serve seniors in the region through the Senior Food Delivery Program.

To sign up for the Homebound Delivery Program, please call **530-673-3834** or go to [www.feedingys.org](http://www.feedingys.org).

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### The Courier Celebrates 25 Years!

By Shirley DicKard, Senior Editor

The Camptonville Courier celebrated its 25th year of publication by inviting the community for cake and a celebratory toast with mimosas during Coffee@theCenter on April 9. We think it's amazing that our 100% volunteer-run community newspaper has been publishing free newspapers that connect the community for 25 years. When asked how many people have done something for The Courier in the last 25 years (contributed writing, art, helped fold, volunteered as staff, etc.), almost everyone in the audience raised their hands. Thanks to everyone for being part of The Courier's long-run success!

Did you know that two of our current advertisers have been with us since the first Courier – April 1997? We were pleased to honor The Lost Nugget Market and Emerald Cove Marina with plaques commemorating their amazing community support. Stop by and tell them thanks!



### Reflections on The Courier

By Yana Slade

At The Camptonville Courier 25th celebration, I was astonished to see the many ways Camptonville has manifested many of the things we laid out at one of the first meetings back in 1997. (Thank you Shirley Dickard for all the work that went into the display of Courier issues!) It was very gratifying to reconnect with community members, with whom, in 1997, we focused our collective energies to make our little town truly "the little town that could."

Here is a list of currently active groups that were an outgrowth of those first meetings :

- The Camptonville Courier
- The Camptonville Community Partnership
- 1-2-3 Grow 0-5 Parent Participation Preschool
- The Resource Center
- The Camptonville Community Center
- The History Museum
- The Spring Plant Sale
- The Gardeners' Market
- Coffee@theCenter

After two years of COVID isolation it's a blessing to physically see my friends and meet new people. Camptonville is a special place, and we are blessed that so many people dedicate time and energy to support so many opportunities. Remember to read The Courier each month to get the latest activities coming up.

Photos by Shirley DicKard and Marcy Risque

## The Passing of My Beautiful Friend, Lisa Burns

By Wendy Hanna

There is so much I want to say. Lisa was a wonderful, loving, caring wife and friend, and an amazing artist and cook. She was also a wonderful volunteer for our great community. She was my best friend.

Friendship transcends death. Memories made will never be forgotten, and have created a lasting impression on those they left behind. Everyone became a better person for having known Lisa and been her friend.

I am better for knowing her, better for loving her, better for having met her. May she be as blessed in the next life as I was in this one by knowing her.

A best friend gone too soon is a tragedy. But what would have been worse is never to have met her. I am grateful to have been Lisa's friend in life and will continue to be her friend in death, honoring her in all I do. Saying goodbye this soon feels wrong. So instead, I'll just say 'I love you' and know you are with me always.



### *Invitation to Celebrate Lisa*

Hi Everybody,

I'm throwing a party to celebrate and commemorate Lisa's life, at my house on **Saturday, May 7th, at 1 pm.**

We're having barbecue and southern food (in Lisa's honor, of course).

I'll supply the barbecue, beer, wine and dessert; bring a southern side dish, salad, or whatever you'd like.

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- Family Resource Center
- Community Health Action Plan
- 1, 2, 3 Grow Parent participation child enrichment for 0-5 year olds
- The Camptonville Courier

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# A trip to Sierra Valley!

By Katie O'Hara Kelly

This week my friends Rod and Rochelle and I went on our annual Spring trip to Sierra Valley. It's about two hours from Camptonville, but well worth the drive. Every year we see something unexpected, and this year was no exception. We were a little bit



Photos by Katie O'Hara-Kelly

early for a lot of the songbirds, but the waterfowl were numerous. It was a beautiful blue-sky day with a hint of clouds, and lots of water in the valley. Around two in the afternoon, Rochelle spotted a HERD of American Pronghorns in the sagebrush – WOW!!! We had never seen this many pronghorns together in one group! I couldn't get an accurate count, as they were in a sagebrush thicket, but there were somewhere between 15 and 20 individuals. Most of them looked like females. Of course they didn't linger, and quickly headed east and out of sight. They were absolutely amazing to watch. We couldn't believe our luck!

Pronghorns are not antelopes, and are not related to antelopes, but are often known colloquially in North America as the american antelope, prong buck, pronghorn antelope, prairie antelope, or simply antelope. They are the ONLY species in their Antilocapridae Family, and the only animal on earth that has branching horns that are shed annually. They are more closely related to giraffes than to the antelopes that are indigenous to various regions in Africa and Eurasia, comprised of many species of even-toed ruminants such as gazelles. Many (but not all) pronghorn herds are migratory, traveling long distances to warmer climates in the fall, and back to greener locations in the spring.

Their horns are keratinized sheaths which cover extensions of the frontal bone. The sheaths are shed annually. Both male and female have these horns. The horns of the males grow up to 11.8–19.7 inches, female horns are smaller at 2.9-3.9 inches.

Males have lyre-shaped horns that curve inwards whereas females usually have straight horns. The female's horns are generally smaller than their ears, or absent, and aren't pronged. Additionally males have short black manes on their neck, as well as a neck patch and a black stripe that runs across their forehead from horn to horn. Females lack these black facial patches, but have a small mass of black hair around their nose. Breeding doesn't occur until mid-September to October when males acquire small harems of females. One to two offspring are born the following spring. They are usually weaned in three weeks, but will remain with their mother for a year and a half. What a thrill it was to watch these amazing, wild, native mammals!

These beautiful pronghorns are the swiftest animals in North America, and have been recorded running as fast as 59 mph! They can outrun any predator Their limbs are cursorial (built for speed) but not for jumping. Fences have had a detrimental effect on their population, as they cannot jump over them. They need to live in areas that are wide open and basically treeless, like Sierra Valley. They feed on a wide variety of plants, especially sagebrush in the winter.



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## Dollars and Sense

By **Monica D. Murgia**

Between filing income taxes and rising prices of most goods, money and personal finance are on everyone’s mind lately. You’ve probably felt the impact of this inflation, specifically when filling up your vehicle with gasoline. It can feel challenging to adapt to a changing economy – but it isn’t impossible. April is Financial Literacy Month, 30 days dedicated to help Americans learn more about finance. Consider this an accelerated course on how to improve your personal finances:

**1. Ask for Advice:** Most people are overconfident and underprepared when it comes to money. Find resources and trusted professionals who will educate you about budgeting, investing, and tax preparation. The questions you’re too afraid to ask are probably costing you a fortune!

**2. Pay Down Debt:** Do you have an outstanding mortgage, student loan, or credit card bill? Making payments above the minimum amount due will save you money and time. Even an extra \$5 will help speed up the payoff. Keep your momentum going by paying off the smallest debt first.



**3. Save for the Future:** It’s never too late or too early to start saving for your future. Saving for retirement should be a top goal. Sadly, most Americans don’t feel confident that they could ever retire and just avoid the topic. While building a nest egg does take time and patience, it’s important to start.

**4. Free Money:** Find additional resources to increase your savings. Most employers offer a retirement plan and will often match contributions to your 401(k). That means you are getting additional money once you are enrolled. If you don’t have an employer sponsored retirement plan or are self-employed, you can set up an Individual Retirement Plan for yourself and business – even if you’re a sole proprietor!

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## North Yuba Forest Partnership Gains National Support for Forest Resilience Work in North Yuba River Watershed

By Alex Boesch, Yuba Water Agency

On April 12, 2022, the U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack and U.S. Forest Service Chief Randy Moore announced the North Yuba River watershed as one of the 10 initial landscapes funded for the U.S. Forest Service's 10-year Wildfire Crisis Strategy implementation.

Launched earlier this year, the strategy outlines the need to treat up to an additional 20 million acres on national forest lands and up to an additional 30 million acres of other federal, state, tribal, private, and family lands over the next decade. The approximately 313,000-acre North Yuba landscape will receive significant federal investment beginning this year as part of the strategy.

The North Yuba Forest Partnership (NYFP) was formed in 2019 to improve and protect the health of the forests and communities in the North Yuba River watershed. NYFP members appreciate Secretary Vilsack and Chief Moore's leadership and look forward to making a difference in the North Yuba.

"We are thrilled that the North Yuba landscape has been selected as an early priority area to implement the strategy," said Matt Millar, National Forest Foundation's Sierra Nevada program senior manager. "With this national support, the partnership's effective methods to increase the resilience of our forests, economies, and communities can become a model for the nation."

The partnership is using the latest science to integrate multiple stakeholder priorities into projects with the objective of accomplishing forest restoration and wildfire risk reduction at a landscape scale. Planned activities include meadow restoration, ecological thinning of forest density, and prescribed fire.

"With this support from the federal government and each partner's unique resources, we can advance work on the ground sooner and at an unprecedented landscape scale," said Melinda Booth, executive director at South Yuba River Citizens League.

The North Yuba landscape stretches from New Bullards Bar Reservoir in Yuba County up to the Sierra Crest along Highway 49 in Sierra County. The anticipated resilience work builds upon and scales up previously successful and innovative efforts in the North Yuba River watershed, including the utilization of a groundbreaking, public-private financing tool called the Forest Resilience Bond (FRB).


By mitigating the risk of high-intensity wildfire and restoring forest health, the NYFP will protect a variety of vital resources, including wildlife habitat, water supply, opportunities for recreation, as well as multiple communities.

"We thank Secretary Vilsack and Chief Moore for joining forces with us to move forward with this important work, which will protect our communities and water supplies by reducing the risk of high-intensity wildfires," said Willie Whittlesey, Yuba Water Agency's general manager.

"The North Yuba Forest Partnership is the type of large-scale, collaborative work we need across California, to adapt to the intensifying impacts of wildfires, drought, and climate change," said Dan Porter, forest strategy lead with The Nature Conservancy.


Founded in 2019, members of the NYFP include Blue Forest Conservation, the National Forest Foundation, the Tahoe National Forest, Yuba Water Agency, the South Yuba River Citizens League, Sierra County, the Camptonville Community Partnership, Nevada City Rancheria, and The Nature Conservancy.

For more information about the North Yuba landscape and the North Yuba Forest Partnership, please visit [yubaforest.org](http://yubaforest.org).



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## Qi Gong

By Sema Kelly

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All ability levels are welcome – you will be accommodated. You may attend with your walker, wheelchair, or cane. You can do Qi Gong sitting down or standing. It will help improve whatever your health status is at this time. Come join us on Saturdays at 12:30 at the CCC.

I look forward to seeing you there!



## Food Distribution in the Yuba County Foothills



### The Foothill Food Pantry:

Alcouffe Center, 9185 Marysville Road, Oregon House

**1st and 3rd Fridays, 12-1:30 pm**

(Closed the week of USDA distributions)

**May 6 and 20**

**June 3 and 17**

### USDA Commodities Food Bank:

Willow Glen Restaurant, Oregon House

**The 2nd Friday, 10:30-11:30 am**

**May 13 and June 10**

### North San Juan Food Bank:

Located at Oak Tree School, Oak Tree Road, NSJ

**The 2nd Tuesday, 10 am-12 noon**

Free Food and Clothing: 530-292-3174 for hours



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**- Ursula K. LeGuin**

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- Community Partnership (CCP) \_\_\_\_\_ 288-9355
- Community Services District (CCSD) \_\_\_\_\_ 288-3676
- Elementary School \_\_\_\_\_ 288-3277
- Family Resource Center (CCP) \_\_\_\_\_ 288-9355  
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- Post Office \_\_\_\_\_ 288-3348  
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- Volunteer Fire Department \_\_\_\_\_ 288-3303
- Water Plant \_\_\_\_\_ 775-980-7138
- Yuba River Ranger District \_\_\_\_\_ 362-8259/288-3231

Alcoholics Anonymous: Local 24 hr Hotline — 272-6287

Burn Day Status ([www.fraqmd.org](http://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

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Supervisor Randy Fletcher (Yuba Co) \_\_\_\_\_ 749-7510

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## May 2022 Community Calendar

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To add local events to the calendar, email: [calendarville@gmail.com](mailto:calendarville@gmail.com)

### SPECIAL Events

May 14 - Plant Sale, Flea Market, and Raffle Fundraiser (pg 2)    June 7 - Primary Election Day  
May 21 - Bouquets to Art Show, 9 am-12 noon (pg. 11)                  June 25 - Camptonville Country Faire, 2-5 pm

### WEEKLY Events

(CCC = Camptonville Community Center)

**Mondays:** Yoga, 9-10:30 am, NSJ Family Resource Center  
**Tuesdays:** Yoga, 5 pm at the school gym  
Camptonville Fire Dept. Trainings, 6-9 pm, Firehall  
**Thursdays:** Yoga, 10 am at the Center  
**Fridays:** HH Clinic on Wheels, 9:30 am-4:30 pm, CCC  
**Saturdays:** Coffee@The Center, 10 am-noon  
Qi Gong class, 12:30-1:30 pm  
All Food Banks – pg. 15

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### MONTHLY Events

**CCP Board** - Meets 3rd Wednesday, 1 pm, Resource Center. Contact: 530-288-9355  
**CCSD Board** - Meets 4th Thursday, 6:30 pm, CCC. Contact: 530-559-1629  
**School Board** - Meets 3rd Thursday, 5 pm, CV School. Contact: 530-288-3277  
**Pendola Road Association** - Meets on 3rd Saturday, 11 am, CCC

Call first to verify meeting times/location