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Love is in the air

Messages of Love



Love is more in giving than in receiving.

Photo and words - Sema Kelly

For Mike:
In the game of hearts you are the King.
You even make our wedding ring
with peals of laughter and words so wise,
with you I'll always harmonize.

- Katie O'Hara Kelly

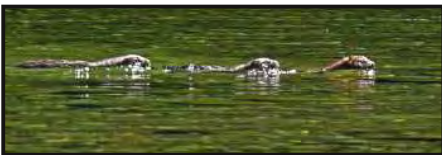


Motherly Love



By Katie O'Hara-Kelly, North Yuba Naturalist

Lifelong partnerships are rare in wild mammals. Of the roughly 5,000 species of mammals, only three to five percent are known to form lifelong pair bonds. Most mammals in our area (including Mule Deer, Black Bears, Ringtail Cats, mountain lions, raccoons, skunks, opossums, and squirrels) mate briefly. The males typically leave soon after mating, and the females raise the young. I've been lucky to see a few mammals with their young. Here are some photos to enjoy!



After mating, female and male **Columbian Black-tailed Deer** go their separate ways. Only the female raises the young. Female fawns usually stay with their mothers for two years; young bucks leave after a year.



Male and female **American Minks** only come together briefly to mate. The female raises the young. They remain with the mother through the summer until fall when they leave to establish their own territories.

American Black Bears only come together briefly with females to mate. The female raises the young. The cubs will stay with their mother through their second winter, until they are about 17 months old.



Gray Foxes are an exception to the rule. Some websites state that Gray Foxes mate for life. However, the male and female raise their kits together. Gray Fox kits will stay with their parents for approximately 10 months, and then disperse to find their own mates.



Enjoy Katie's weekly blog at northyubanaturalist.blogspot.com

Photos by Katie O'Hara-Kelly

From the Editor

By Sandy Ross



As nature takes its course, my hair grows more silver, and my body gravitates further towards the earth. I no longer think about love as something to be “in” but as a state of being. Not one to give unsolicited advice, I would like to share some simple daily practices that I find helpful for remaining in a state of love throughout my most challenging days. Maybe they will work for you.

- Start my day with yoga-“Breathe love in, breathe love out”
- Take a walk, long or short, to clear my mental clutter
- Pet my animals and listen for birdsong
- Forgive myself or someone else
- Laugh (a lot)



*If I go into the place in myself that is love,
and you go into the place in yourself that is love,
we are together in love.*

*Then you and I are truly in love,
the state of being love.*

That's the entrance to Oneness.

-Ram Dass

To all the “Santas” in Camptonville

By Barbara Mueller-Hogan

I want to give thanks for all the awe and joy that was brought to the children, parents, and grandparents of the Camptonville Secret Santa Project. I also want to thank my crew: Lisa, Joe, Charlie, Mike, and Rachel. I could not have done it without your help. You are truly appreciated. Many blessings for the New Year.



St. Patrick's Day Dinner Returns March 18th!

By Tyann Flower, CCP



Save the Date - **March 18th, 4-7 pm** for the **10th Annual St Patrick's Day Dinner and Dessert Auction.**

A wonderful Corned Beef Dinner will be paired with the chance to bid on fantastic desserts. Local bakers and candy makers will display their best confections throughout dinner. Come prepared to eat and compete for the yummy treats.

Yakshi is coordinating the donations for those who want to contribute to the dessert auction (all goodies welcome). Please contact her at yakshiv@gmail.com.

St. Patrick's Day Dinner is a Camptonville Community Partnership Event. For more information, contact Tyann at 530-288-9355 or email Tyann@theccp.org



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A Shining Stormy Night

By Yakshi Vadeboncoeur

After a three year hiatus, the renaissance of Wordsmiths & Music makers left everyone involved glowing: the audience, the presenters, and even the rainy, overcast night seemed brighter. The community welcomed the event back with gusto. What a depth and breadth of talent and creativity we have in our



Yakshi



Bettina Joy



Shabda



John

out-of-the-way small foothill haven! Lots of talented recent arrivals, too. Seems like we're adding to the talent pool every day. There were, of course, poems,



Barbara



Pam

both of the free verse and rapping rhyming variety. And there was prose: excerpts from John Deaderick's historical coming-of-age novel; a non-fiction biographical work from Shirley DicKard (an investigation into her great grandmother Emily Hoppin, a farmer and political activist around the turn of the 20th century, upon whom the character of Eliza in her novel *Heartwood* was based); and an animal story sure to hold the attention of both young and old from a collection Bettina Joy is working on.



Shirley

And woven between as well as holding the center of both halves of the program was music: haunting, rocking, rollicking, and pensive. Shabda Owens centered the first half and also made sure the Center's new sound system was functioning optimally for the rest of us. It was a feast of friends and neighbors, words, songs, guitar riffs, and actual food.



Jimmy



Marcy

Mark your calendars now for the Spring Equinox second comeback round of **Wordsmiths & Music Makers at the Community Center on Sunday afternoon, March 19, from 3-6 pm.** Everyone's invited, and if you wish to perform, contact Yakshi at yakshiv@gmail.com.



Joel



Mary

Community Center Update

By Richard Dickard, CCSD



Sunny skies and stripping stucco! Further removal of the old stucco front wall continues in order to check for more dry rot around the areas already exposed.

The next step, which may begin in February, weather permitting, is to rebuild the front wall and inner walls in the kitchen and two bathrooms. After that, the new cabinetry, dishwasher, gas range, and on demand water heater (purchased with a USDA Rural California Grant) will be installed. An engineered shed roof will be built over the concrete front porch area. Our Community Center is gonna' be safer, more functional, and lookin' good!

The recent generous donations by the community will fund the cost of materials for the reconstruction. Thank you to the volunteers who are helping to accomplish the renovation!

Call me at 530-288-3479 if you have questions and/or can help with the work.

Thirsty Thursday Continues February 9th!



By Jesse Golden

Join your neighbors at the **Camptonville Community Center on Thursday, February 9th from 5-7 pm** for beer, wine, non-alcoholic beverages, bar snacks and friendly conversation. There is no charge, but donations are appreciated.

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Water District Rate Changes

By Richard Dickard, CCSD



At the Thursday, January 19th Community Service District meeting, reasons for water rate changes were explained. The main reason is continued deficit spending. i.e., a review of the cash flows for the first half of the current fiscal year showed continued expenses greater than income. At the Public Hearing that evening no one contested the changes. The board approved the following changes:

Residential - \$65 per month for a minimum of 5,500 gallons of water. The amount is increased for now to 8,000 gallons per month given the large amount of precipitation in the last two months.

Institutional/Commercial - \$100 per month for a minimum of 8,000 gallons of water per month. That amount is increased for now to 12,000 gallons per month given the large amount of rain recently.

Overages – the cost of each 1,000 gallons of water over the amount set for the month will increase from \$11 to \$18 due to the increased cost of producing water.

If you have questions or concerns please call me at 530-288-3479.



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BOAT RENTALS

Inaugural NSJ Chili Cook-off February 18th

By Pamela Rasada, NSJCC Board Secretary

Is your chili THE CHILI that brings everyone over, bowl and spoon in hand? Do your guests tell you that your chili is THE BEST CHILI they have ever tasted? Do diners always take seconds and thirds, while exclaiming that your chili is THE BEST CHILI EVER? Are you ready to put their claims to the test by letting your community decide? If so, make up your best batch of chili and bring it down to the **North San Juan Community Center on Saturday, February 18th at 10:30 am** as we set up for the **Inaugural NSJ Chili Cook-off**. Doors open to tasters at **11 am**.

We invite the entire community to come down and wander through our vendor booths, enjoy live music from the open mic, and taste the chili. Your votes will determine the **Community's Choice Chili (\$100 prize)**, the **I'd Drive in Snow for That Chili (\$60 prize)**, and the **That's Damn Fine Chili (\$40 prize)**. Tasters pay \$10 for tasting set. Beverages, salad, and cornbread will also be available for purchase separately.

Chili Chefs pay a \$20 entry fee. Vendors interested in reserving a \$20 parking lot booth space and Chili Chefs seeking to register to participate, can contact the NSJ Community Center at NSJCommunityCenter@gmail.com or 530-522-8205.

All proceeds from this event support the warming shelter and other community programs hosted by the NSJ Community Center.

Check out our community calendar of events on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/NSJCenter> or our website <https://www.nsjcommunitycenter.org/>.

We look forward to tasting some delicious chili with our community and, with your support, continuing our work of providing service to our ridge family. The North San Juan Community Center is located at 29190 CA-49, North San Juan, CA 95960.

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Water, Water Everywhere

By Patrick Brose, Superintendent/Principal



Water, water everywhere...on the roofs, on the ground, in my hair and in my...shoes. Splish, splash, splash; the sounds of kiddos running to and fro through the wet weather brings me back to childhood when being soaked was a badge of honor and a sign that you were having a good time. As an adult...well, not so much. It is a gift for us all, after years of punishing drought, to see rain from the sky in such large amounts. It is also an incredible challenge as our drainage and waterways are operating beyond their normal capacities. But as it is in the mountains, all water flows downhill. Now, what do we do with all of that water? Camptonville School has a large project happening, but I will save that tidbit for next month!



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Rally Point Update

By Tyann Flowers, CCP



Camptonville Community Partnership (CCP) is happy to report that a successful fall session is leading into an exciting spring session of Rally Point. Students not only enjoy the fun and games, but they also learn the value of cooperation and inspire each other to think outside of the box. Rally Point welcomes all students ages 10-15 to join us, while building important skills they can utilize throughout their lives. These youth share in a night of friendship, fun and games, mixed in with leadership development and skill building.

Rally Point is held at the Camptonville Community Center on the first and third Thursdays of the month from 5-7 pm.

If you are interested in volunteering your time to the youth in our community, there are adult mentorship opportunities available at Rally Point. We look forward to watching where these students lead.

Rally Point is a Camptonville Community Partnership sponsored program. For more information or to fill out a permission slip, please call Tyann, at 530-288-9355 or email Tyann@theccp.org

Yuba River Ranger District (YRRD)

By Amanda Siciliano, YRRD

Fuelwood Cutting Permits:

Fuelwood cutting permits are now available for purchase. Permits can be obtained one of three ways: by calling our Nevada City or Camptonville offices, through our Tahoe National Forest website, www.fs.usda.gov/detail/tahoe/passes-permits, or by mail. When mailing your permit request, you must include your full name, your Identification number and expiration date, your physical address, phone number, vehicle information, how many cords of wood you are requesting, and a check or money order. The permit will be processed and mailed back to you. Permits are \$15 per cord, with a two cord minimum.

Residential Burn Permits:

Residential burn permits can be obtained online at burnpermit.fire.ca.gov, or by visiting our Nevada City office during regular business hours. Remember to keep your piles 4 ft x 4 ft or smaller; never leave a fire unattended; keep a water source on hand, and make sure the fire is dead out before leaving the area.

Before burning, always check to determine whether it is an allowable burn day by calling 530-274-7928 for Nevada and Sierra counties, and 530-741-6299 for Yuba County.

How to Reach us:

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



Fire Safety By the Colors, YWP & FSC

By Beverly Cameron

The Yuba Watershed Protection & Fire Safe Council 2023 is a calendar with a purpose. Not just pretty pictures, but real information focused on the local scene. Not just the beauty of the Yuba foothills, but real tips to keep it beautiful. When I say "tips to keep it beautiful," I'm referring to ways to prevent fire in our beloved "home."

The calendar, in its fourth year of production, has increasingly become a "check list" of sorts that helps the local residents plan for keeping homes and hills safe.

This year we chose to organize the calendar into categories that look at the "Four Facets of Wildfire Preparedness," not only reducing the risk of wildfire, prevention and readiness, but also learning to live with fire in our area. The calendar is broken into these four categories which are color coded. The border color of a page corresponds to the facet being addressed there. We hope that makes it easy to use and educational as well.

The month of January outlines this concept. From there we hope we've provided a variety of information that will get you ready for fire season in a logical and doable manner.

The February page is probably one of the most important in that it addresses "home hardening" and all that can be done to increase your home's resistance to heat, flames and flying embers. With all the rain we've had in January and all the defensible space work that will come later in the spring, now is the perfect time to look at your home and assess what hardening can be accomplished: items like new mesh covering on vents, gutter covers, replacing broken/cracked windows and installing metal flashing at the roof line. It's also a good time to schedule a Wildfire Mitigation Review to help you identify and prioritize what work will give you the most "bang for your buck."

Grab your **free** 2023 calendar, and schedule your Mitigation Review at YubaFireSafe.org

Calendars are available at Lost Nugget gas/market, CCC, CCP office and Camptonville Post Office.



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The Yew Tree

By Chris Mills

The last two newsletters included a summary of the six most common conifers. Last but not least is the Yew tree, least in numbers but richest in human history. The Yew tree is a shade-loving understory species which, in this climate, likes moist canyons and north-facing slopes. It has a leaf like the Redwood, is usually broader than it is tall, and has hard, heavy, resilient wood. There are two species of Yew in North America and one in Europe, and all have been used to make archery bows. Yew bows were the basis for the British long-bow military technology, and contributed to England's dominance over much of Europe for a couple of centuries, and its decline when England ran out of Yew wood. Three hundred English archers on a ship, each shooting an arrow every five seconds, could clear the deck of an enemy ship three hundred yards away. Their arrows could penetrate metal armor.



The Yew tree is the second most long-lived tree in the world, second to the Bristlecone Pine, of California and Colorado. There are 5,000 years old specimens in England, mostly in churchyards, where they have been protected for centuries. It is also a very slow grower: one inch of trunk diameter takes 25 years to grow. The Douglas Fir grows ten times faster in girth. There is one Yew specimen in Grizzly Canyon that is fully 750 years old. Consider the winters, the fires, and the history this tree has seen. Yew wood is the second best bow wood in North America, second to the Osage Orange from the midwest. The Achilles heel of Yew bows is that they occasionally shatter, but it does make very tough tool handles.

We Americans have our own recent history with the Yew tree as well. It is the source of the anti-cancer drug called Taxol, used in breast and ovarian cancers, formerly extracted from the bark of Yew trees. Independent crews went out in the forests of the Northwest during the twentieth century, cut down the trees, stripped the bark, and left the wood to rot. More recently, a means was discovered to convert a related

compound from the leaves into the drug. So now it is a renewable resource, where the leaves are stripped off nursery-grown stock, and grown back.



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Here is a tentative schedule for the upcoming program, meeting the third Sunday of the month:

- Soil amendment class, Micro-gardening styles, irrigation, mulching, compost tea class
- Beehive brew class, Cheese-making class, Paper-making, yarn/wool crocheting felting class
- Canning/preservation class, Foraging class, storage/drying techniques class
- Mending class, sewing machine clinic, quilt making class. And much, much more!

Classes starting in March are! Free for YFACA Members plus \$2/n and under: \$10 suggested donation per person. Day material costs would apply to all.

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Yuba Water Agency: 2023 Board Leadership, New Directors, and Flood Risk Reduction Work

By Bonnie Dickson, Yuba Water Agency Communications



Gary Bradford, Chairman

During its first meeting of the new year on January 3rd, the Yuba Water Agency Board of Directors unanimously selected Gary Bradford as chairman and Don Blaser as vice-chairman for the 2023 calendar year. The board also welcomed Wayne Bishop and Jon Messick as its two newest board members.

"I appreciate the board's trust in me and the opportunity to serve you another year as chair," Bradford said.

This is Bradford's second term as chairman. He previously served as chairman in 2022 and as vice chairman in 2021. Bradford has served on the board since 2017 through his role as a Yuba County supervisor representing District 4, which includes Plumas Lake and Wheatland.

Bishop was elected last year as the board's representative of South Yuba County. Messick was elected as Yuba County's District 5 supervisor representing Yuba County's foothill and mountain communities and rural eastern Yuba County. Both will serve four-year terms on Yuba Water's board.

Yuba Water's seven-member governing board is comprised of all five members of Yuba County's Board of Supervisors, plus two elected representatives of North and South Yuba County. The board works with the agency's general manager to set policy and make decisions related to the agency's missions of flood risk reduction, water supply reliability, fish habitat protection and enhancement, hydroelectric power generation, and supporting recreation at New Bullards Bar Reservoir. Their work is guided by a five-year strategic plan.

"I look forward to working closely with this new board to advance the agency's core mission areas and serve the people of Yuba County together in the years ahead," said Yuba Water General Manager Willie Whittlesey.



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The board also approved an additional \$1 million in funding for continued flood risk reduction work and levee improvements in South Yuba County. The funding adds to a previous financial commitment of \$9 million by the agency aimed at leveraging state and federal dollars for a total investment of \$41.6 million to complete design and implementation of a Climate Resiliency Project and to prepare a feasibility study for a multi-benefit project in an area of the lower Yuba River known as the Goldfields.

If successful in securing state and federal funding, Yuba Water and the Three Rivers Levee Improvement Authority will use the money to complete the design and implementation of the Climate Resiliency Project, which will create a uniform level of protection for Plumas Lake, Arboga, Linda, and Olivehurst. Those areas are currently certified at the 200-year level of protection for the state. This project will increase that level significantly, exceeding the state's level of flood protection requirements.

A 200-year level of flood protection is the state's current standard in the urban areas of the Central Valley and means there is a 1-in-200 or half of a percent chance in any given year that a storm more powerful than the system is designed to handle will come along.

Learn more about Yuba Water Agency at yubawater.org.



Photos by Katie O'Hara-Kelly



**More Random Lines
By Shirley DickKard**

Out of breath
Grandchild's laughter
Keeps me going

As the world turns
There is always dawn
Always more birdsong

If loving were easy
We would not
Notice it



**Random Lines on Love
By Shirley DickKard**


Like the beard on your face
My love for you
Grows and grows

A friend calls
A neighbor waves
For days my heart is warmed

Ants on the kitchen counter
Search for bits of love
To bring home



All I know of love
is in an ocean sunset
Slow and breathtaking
-Sandy



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Think Global, Shop Local

By Jesse Golden

Hello friends. In 2023, what will you be doing to save the planet? How about shopping more at Camptonville's **Lost Nugget Market?**

When we spend money at the Nugget, we help it to survive as a successful business. If it didn't, we'd have to go eight miles or more to buy gas, ice cream, and all the little sundries that make it so convenient to have a local market/gas station. Imagine how much more you would spend in fuel and time!

During rains and storms, the Nugget's business lags. What if we all resolved to spend a little more there, especially in winter?

Having a local store is not only a convenience, it makes life better for Camptonville folks. It means we drive less and have more options. It's a meeting place and a news center.

If you're looking for more ways to cope with and reduce the climate crisis, maybe you'll consider easy action - shop more at the Nugget. See you there!

North San Juan Community Center Sunday Brunch

By Pamela Rasada, NSJCC Board Secretary

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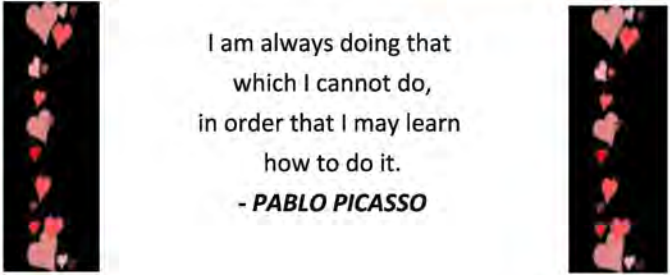


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how to do it.

- PABLO PICASSO





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February 3, 17

March 3, 17

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February 10

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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

Yuba County Health and Human Services — 749-6311

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



- February 2,16 - Rally Point (pg 5)**
- February 9 - Thirsty Thursday (pg 4)**
- February 18 - North San Juan Chili Cook-off (pg 5)**
- February 19 - Seed Swap (pg 7)**



- March 18 - St. Patrick's Dinner and Dessert Auction (pg 2)**
- March 19 - Wordsmiths & Music makers (pg 3)**

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, 5:30 pm, CCC
Contact: 288-3676
- School Board** - Meets 3rd Thursday, 5 pm, at CV School
Call to confirm: 288-3277
- Thirsty Thursday** - 2nd Thursday, 5-7 pm, CCC

(CCC = Camptonville Community Center)

WEEKLY Events

- Tuesdays:** Yoga, 5 pm, School Gym
Camptonville Fire Dept Trainings, 6-9 pm, Fire Hall
- Fridays:** HH Clinic on Wheels, 9:30 am-3:30 pm, CCC
- Saturdays:** Coffee @ The Center, 10 am-Noon, CCC
Qi Gong, 12:30-1:30 pm, CCC
- Sundays:** NSJCC Brunch, 11 am-2 pm, NSJCC

All Food Banks - See Page 11

