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Bullock's Oriole, male

## Travel To the Tropics In Your Own Backyard!

By Katie O'Hara-Kelly, North Yuba Naturalist

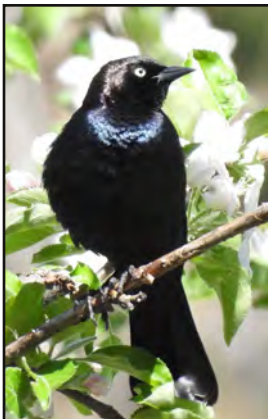
The weather has warmed up, plants are blooming, bugs are flying, and birds are returning to our neighborhood! Now's your chance to see tropical birds without having to travel! Just this week the Black-headed Grosbeaks returned from Mexico, and the Bullock's Oriole returned



Black-headed Grosbeak, mature male



Violet-green Swallow



Brewer's Blackbird, male



Rufus Hummingbird

from Central America. The orioles feed on nectar and insects, and the grosbeaks feed mainly on seeds, berries, and some insects. They are sexually dimorphic, with the males being the most colorful. Both species will make nests and raise their young here.

A Rufus Hummingbird showed up this week! These orange-hued hummers are only passing through our neighborhood on their way from their wintering grounds in Mexico to their breeding grounds in Alaska, a total journey of 3,900 miles!

A flock of Brewer's Blackbirds returned from their wintering grounds in Central America this week! They will stay here to breed and raise their young. They are sexually dimorphic, with the male being more dramatic in its glossy black feathers. They love to eat seeds, grains, and insects.

The Violet-green Swallows have returned from southern Mexico, and even Costa Rica! They feed exclusively on flying insects, including true bugs, bees, wasps, ants and beetles. The males are beautifully colored with green and violet feathers. The females are a drab grayish-brown. Both males and females have white throats, breasts, and bellies. They will stay and raise their young here.

The Olive-sided Flycatchers have flown from as far south as Bolivia, a distance of approximately 5,300 miles! They win the prize for the bird that flies the farthest distance from its winter habitat to our neighborhood. They too



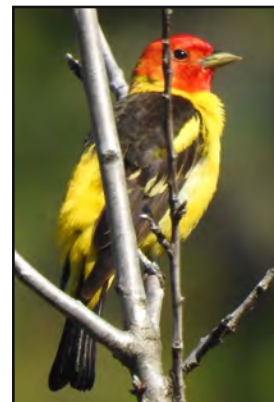
Yellow-breasted Chat

will stay and raise their young here. They are easily identified by a repeated "What PEEVES you?" call.

Yellow-breasted Chats have just arrived from as far south as Panama! Their arrival is obvious, as they have the loudest and most variable call/song of any other local birds, so delightful to hear. They will stay and raise their young here as well.

And finally: the Western Tanager! These unbelievably colorful birds have migrated all the way from Costa Rica to breed and raise their young here!

So travel to the tropics in your own backyard this month, enjoying the incredibly brilliant colors and songs of these long distance migrants!



Western Tanager



Olive-sided Flycatcher

Enjoy Katie's weekly blog at:

[northyubanaturalist.blogspot.com](http://northyubanaturalist.blogspot.com)

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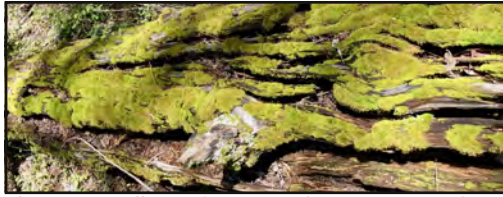


## From the Editor

-Janie Kesselman

Outside my cabin, the air vibrates with migrating birdsong. Evidence of the rites of spring bathe my senses as I enter the garden, where everything is swelling and budding out, encouraging the happy bees.

With days growing longer and hotter, the woods are drying out: it's time to get our brush piles burned before fire season sets in! Our community is taking steps to make sure we're better prepared this year. Check out the report-back from the **Camptonville Prepared!** meeting (see page 6), where neighbors pledged to coordinate with their fellow residents to help each other in cases of emergency.



The moss is still green!

Photo - Janie Kesselman

## Tech Drop-In Day at the Community Center – May 6th

By Jesse Golden, Camptonville Community Center

Your laptop is running slow... your tablet's acting wonky... your smart phone has a mind of its own... your app doesn't act right... We've all been through it – the technology blues. Fortunately, there's help!

Come to the Camptonville Community Center for **Tech Drop-In Day on Saturday May 6th, 10:30am – Noon**, and our volunteer experts will see what they can do. Service will be on a first-come, first served basis.

### Be sure to bring:

- Your devices (laptops, phones, tablets, or whatever you've got) and their power cords
- Relevant passwords, including Google, Microsoft, or Apple



There's no fee for this event, but donations to the Community Center are always welcome! For more information, call the Community Center at 530-288-5016.



## Community Center Happenings: So much to do this month at the Center!

By Jesse Golden, Camptonville Community Center

- **Tuesday May 2nd and Tuesday May 9th**, 5-7 pm, **Twilight School**, presented by Camptonville Community Partnership.
- **Saturday May 6th, Tech Drop-in Day**, 10:30-Noon during Coffee@theCenter. Bring your devices, questions, cords, and passwords and our volunteer experts will do their best to solve your problems or teach you new skills.
- **Thursday May 11th**, 5-7 pm, **Thirsty Thursday!** Volunteer hosts needed – contact us.
- **Saturday May 13th, Introductory Meeting for Bouquets to Art** with Katie O'Hara-Kelly, 10:30 am during Coffee@theCenter. Learn how to be part of this community art show!
- **Saturday May 20th, Plant Sale and Market**, 9:30-1:30, at the Lost Nugget Market field. Enjoy food, crafts, browse used items, or sell your stuff! Vendor information at: [bit.ly/vendorinfo2023](http://bit.ly/vendorinfo2023).

### Ongoing events at the Community Center:

- 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 5-7 pm, Rally Point for Youth
- 2nd Thursdays, 5-7 pm, Thirsty Thursdays
- Fridays, 9:30-3:30, Clinic on Wheels - Harmony Health
- Saturdays, 10-noon, Coffee@theCenter
- Saturdays, 12:30 pm, Qigong class with Sema

### Coming up:

- \* Saturday June 3rd, Bouquets to Art show
- \* Thursday June 8th, Thirsty Thursday
- \* Wednesday June 21st, Wordsmiths & Music Makers
- \* Saturday June 24th, Camptonville Country Faire



Want karaoke? More bingo? Dancing? Music? Kid's events? Games? Crafts? Festivals? All we need are – **volunteers** to help make it happen!

### Renovations are continuing – can you help?

Contact the Camptonville Community Center at: [cvillecommunitycenter.org](http://cvillecommunitycenter.org) or 530-288-5016.

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# Camptonville Plant Sale and Market – May 20th

By Jesse Golden, Camptonville Community Center

On Saturday May 20th, come join your neighbors from 9:30-1:30 at the Lost Nugget Market Field on Highway 49 for plants, arts and crafts, used items, and more at the 2023 Camptonville Plant Sale and Market!

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art & crafts  
✿ used goods  
✿ food and  
more!



The \$20 fee for each 12'x12' vendor space benefits the Camptonville Community Center. Nonprofits can have information tables at no charge. Volunteers will sell baked goods and beverages to benefit the Camptonville School.

And when you become a member of the Community Center or renew your membership, you can spin the Wheel of Fortune and win – who knows? Perhaps wine, a plant, a book... come try your luck!

Rain may cause us to 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).

Want a space? Use this link for information: [bit.ly/vendorinfo2023](https://bit.ly/vendorinfo2023), or call 530-288-5016 and leave your name, phone number, and mailing address.

# Going Away Party For Fire Chief Brandi Dudek – May 19th

By Tonie Hilligos



Mark your calendars for Friday, May 19th at 5:30 pm and join us in thanking Brandi for her service. This will be a potluck and BYOB event at the Camptonville Community Center where we can say goodbye before she moves to Texas.

Brandi has been Camptonville's fire chief since 2014 and has done an outstanding job. This will give us an opportunity to let her know how much we appreciate everything she has done for this community. See you there!

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# Ask Me if I Speak for the Snail



First line from Characteristics of Life by Camille T Dungy

and I will tell you that my tongue has withered and fallen from my mouth; my fingers stick figures waiting to kindle fire. The portrait on the mantel is not my grandmother I did not inherit the necklace of perfect pearls. I am grit in the oyster shell. Swerve here to avoid my scatter of rocks, roadside granite rockslide from canyon wall after atmospheric river. Fragments of granite chitchat roughen gurgles rumbling in my throat. This is the real story – It all begins with rubble. It is always beginning from rubble. These holy hole-riddled lettuce leaves they speak for the snail, speak for the compost pile, speak for all new beginnings



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### Stepping Back In Time

By Rod Bondurant and Rochelle Bell

Last summer we visited an operating 19th century, steam- powered sawmill located in the coastal redwoods, in the hills between Santa Rosa and the coast. We learned about the mill from Camptonville residents Bob and Debbie Seyms, who are volunteers at the museum. Bob is one of the mill operators, and volunteers in the

Bob Seyms shows Rochelle how to sound the Sturgeon’s Mill donkey whistle Photo - Rod Bondurant

restoration of the mill and the machinery; Debbie organizes the fine lunch you can buy there. Their enthusiasm had convinced us to go and see. We spent a delightful full day exploring and enjoying the rumble of the machinery and listening to friendly docents tell stories. It all helped us imagine what was going on in and all around Camptonville in the late 1800s.

The mill is only open for tours four weekends this year:

- May 6th and 7th,
- June 17th and 18th,
- September 16th and 17th, and
- October 14th and 15th.

We encourage all to visit. This sawmill is a real working mill, first built and operated in 1914. You can find directions, more information, and stories on the website: [sturgeonsmill.org](http://sturgeonsmill.org).

Feel free to call Bob with any questions: 707-236-0372.





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### Coffee@the Center: A Yummy Event!

By Janie Kesselman

Come shmooze and enjoy hot drinks and homemade goodies with your neighbors, family, and friends **every Saturday from 10 am-Noon**. Free and Fun! To volunteer, text Rochelle: 530-575-7124.



### Hip Hip Hooray For the Country Faire!

By Tyann Flower, CCP

Camptonville Community Partnership (CCP) invites everyone to **SAVE THE DATE** for the Annual **Country Faire and Parade** in downtown Camptonville on **Saturday, June 24th, 2-5pm**. Come out and join our community event featuring fun, food, entertainment and MORE.

Please consider participating in the parade. Decorate a truck, car, trailer, bicycle, trike, or wagon; decorate anything that can move along the parade route, pets and people included. The more participation, the more dynamic our parade will be.

Calling all crafters and community groups: booth spaces are available for crafters, artisans, and information. Spaces are free, however pre-registration is needed as spaces are limited. Food vendors are welcome!

We are looking to get an early start on planning this community event, so if you are interested in securing a booth space or a place in the parade, or you would like to perform, please call Tyann at 530-288-9355.



### Sing In the Summer With Wordsmiths & Music Makers

By Yakshi Vadeboncoeur



Spring came in with a burst of creative energy exchange with Wordsmiths & Music Makers at the Camptonville Community Center. Thank you to everyone who helped to make the afternoon of March 19th magical.

Now, we’re planning on a repeat performance to sing in the summer. So save the date: **Wednesday evening, June 21st from 7-10 pm** for an evening of song, stories, and poetry. Whether on stage or in the audience, your presence helps keep the energy flowing. So join your friends and neighbors to celebrate the amazing talent that our community attracts and nurtures.

Your \$7 adult ticket comes with an all-you-can-eat feast and helps pay for renting The Center and for all the wonderful restoration and upgrades being made to it. Performers get in free, but do let Yakshi know you’re coming, so she can fashion a lineup ([yakshiv@gmail.com](mailto:yakshiv@gmail.com)).





## Honoring Our Awesome School Staff!

By Patrick Brose, Superintendent/Principal

This month I would like to take some time to recognize two of our staff members. **Kimberly Frost** has been named **Teacher of the Year** representing Camptonville School and **Alexis Lamb** has been named **Classified Staff of the Year** representing Camptonville School. These two amazing women do so much to make our school as special as it is.

Kim joined us three years ago as our Special Education and intervention teacher. During her time in Camptonville, she has created a full intervention program supporting all students and staff. This year, when we were short a teacher, Kim stepped in and took over the K-1st grade classes in addition to her usual duties – a true super-teacher!

Alix joined the school as the school secretary at the same time that I joined three years ago. She has been my right hand the entire time, taking on a huge number of duties and bringing stability to our office daily. Recently, Alix was elevated to Office Manager as she has brought a strong, well-thought-out, and creative dynamic. You all know her around town and see the amount of color and creativity she brings to our school.

Congratulations Kim and Alix! You are two of the best I have ever had the privilege of working with.



Ruby, Dahlia, Kieran, Tansy, and Danika build a Magnatile fortress

Photo - Tyann Flower

## Spring Has Sprung!

By Tyann Flower, CCP



Spring has finally sprung in our little town, and our *1,2,3 Grow* kiddos are finally able to enjoy the outside. We've been working hard to get our classroom and outdoor spaces ready for spring. In April we began to explore the theme of life cycles. From butterflies to frogs and flowers, our students are exploring how things grow.

One of the highlights of April included chickens of every age and size visiting our garden. As we continue to reimagine our garden layout, students have had an opportunity to plant flowers and start seeds. Spring truly is an exciting season.

*1,2,3 Grow* will have a booth at the Camptonville Plant Sale and Market, where our topics of the day will be art and exploration. Our instructors will be hosting some fun activities, including planting sprouts and digging for treasures in sand. We hope to see y'all there!

In May we will be focusing on transportation and water safety. We look forward to riding trikes and scooters with a little splash in the sun. This month will be our last full month of classes – we have a lot of fun and learning planned.

### Try This! Lima Bean Life Cycle Science

**Plant a Lima Bean in a Ziploc bag, tape it to a window, and help your kiddo observe the stages of growth from bean to seedling.**

- 1 • Add 2" of soil to a quart size Ziploc bag.
- 2 • Moisten soil with 3-5 Tbsp of water. (Soil should be wet but not soggy.)
- 3 • Plant 2-3 Lima Beans in the soil.
- 4 • Observe the sprouting of the beans.
- 5 • Mark their height on the bag as the beans grow.

**Vocabulary:** Bean, Soil, Sprout, Roots, Seedling, Growth

### **1,2,3 Grow Families SAVE THE DATES:**

- May 5th – Field Trip Reschedule  
*Ananda Village Tulip Garden Exploration*
- May 11th – Parent Workshop  
*"Carrot Lady" Cooking Demonstration*
- May 16th – Parent Workshop  
*Growing Up Wild Activity Kit*
- May 20th – Plant Sale and Market  
Visit the *1,2,3 Grow* booth for some exciting activities, and get some garden sprouts.
- May 23rd – Parent Workshop  
All your questions answered by the wonderful Thelma Amaya

# Community Members Rock Camptonville Prepared! (CP!) Meeting

*We met, we learned, we planned!*

By Jesse Golden, Camptonville Prepared! committee member

Camptonville residents and neighbors met on April 19th for a light supper courtesy of Yakshi, presentations on emergency preparedness, and project planning for **May 6th, Community Wildfire Preparedness Day**. Sponsored by **Camptonville Prepared! (CP!)**, a volunteer organization promoting emergency preparedness, it was facilitated by Cathy LeBlanc, a CP! committee member.

The meeting opened with announcements about the **need for volunteers**, both to **join and support the Camptonville Volunteer Fire Department**, and to **join the rotating fire lookout crew at Oregon Peak** (for lookout crew, contact Bill High at 530-701-7588).

We heard a brief talk about services from the Yuba County Office of Emergency Services (YC-OES, [bepreparedyuba.org](http://bepreparedyuba.org)) from John Stone, Emergency Operations Planner and active participant on the CP! committee. YC-OES will be part of **Be Prepared Day, Thursday, May 18th, 5:30-7:30 pm at the Ponderosa Community Center in Brownsville**.

Sandie Marotti-Huckins, Firewise Programs Coordinator for the Yuba Watershed Protection & Firesafe Council (YWP&FSC, [yubafiresafe.org](http://yubafiresafe.org)) and Executive Director Allison Thomson shared information on the **Firewise USA program** (see below\*) and other programs and services. Among the no-charge resources provided by YWP&FSC (by reservation) are a free visit by a chipping contractor and use of a Tool Trailer.

We broke into groups by emergency zone (see [community.zonehaven.com](http://community.zonehaven.com)) and did some quick planning to identify and choose key projects for **May 6th, Community Wildfire Preparedness Day**. Please contact these folks for the latest on a project near you:



- **Downtown Camptonville** area, contact Patrick Brose
- **Moonshine Road**, contact Jody Deaderick
- **Oak Valley area / Willow Creek Campground**, contact Tyann Flower
- **Old Toll Road**, contact Lucille Rovnak
- **Pendola / Oak Valley** area, contact Wendy Hanna
- **Sleighville Creek Road** area, contact Cathy LeBlanc



Please think about what you could do on May 6th, and watch for fliers about projects planned in your neighborhood.

More information: [camptonville.net](http://camptonville.net), click link for **Camptonville Prepared!**

**\*Benefits of the Firewise USA program:** (more at [yubafiresafe.org/firewise-usa](http://yubafiresafe.org/firewise-usa))

- Encourages community preparedness
  - Helps neighborhoods build an actionable plan to resist wildfire
  - Firewise sites may be eligible for special grant funding in the future
  - May trigger discounts on fire insurance
- (search "CA.gov insurers offering discounts" for the latest info)

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## Wildfire Community Preparedness Day – May 6th

By Jesse Golden, Camptonville Prepared!

**Saturday May 6th** is a great day to do a wildfire prep project at home or with your neighbors. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) has suggestions: “Projects that reduce wildfire risk and increase preparedness can be accomplished by people of all ages with a variety of time commitments. You might ask, “What can I do in a single day to help stay safer from wildfire?” Answer?: “A lot!”



The NFPA’s suggestions for projects include:

- **CHECKING:** Trim overgrown vegetation covering or blocking the address numbers on your home in case firefighters need to find you; locate two alternate routes out of your neighborhood and plan and practice a family evacuation drill; move wood piles at least 30 feet from your home. Check in on others such as elderly relatives or neighbors who might need help entering emergency numbers into their cell phones.
- **CLEARING:** Rake and remove pine needles and dry leaves to a minimum of 3-5’ from a home’s foundation – over time, continue up to a 30-foot distance; sweep porches and decks, clearing them of leaves and pine needles; remove low-hanging branches on mature trees up to a height of 4’ from the ground; join forces with neighbors and pool your resources to pay for a chipper service to help clear debris (or sign up with *Yuba Watershed Protection & Fire Safe Council* for free chipper use!)
- **COMMUNICATING:** Create a family communication plan and build or update a 72-hour evacuation kit for you, your family, and your pets; work with neighbors to develop a phone tree that can be used to alert everyone about a fire or evacuation.

Watch for fliers – perhaps there will be a neighborhood project you can join on May 6th!

## Preparation is Everything!

By Beverly Cameron-Fildes, YWP&FSC



May is National Wildfire Preparedness month, the perfect time to begin running through the checklist of all you need to do to be ready for wildfire season. As I’m fond of saying, **“Prepare, prepare, prepare.”** Not very original, but it certainly brings it into focus. Panic is *not* preparation, and that’s why I stress getting it all in order ahead of a potential emergency. So let me offer some possible assistance in getting you on your way.

- Mark your calendars. The **Yuba County Preparedness Fair** will be held on **Thursday, May 18th, 5:30-7:30 pm**, at the **Ponderosa Community Center in Brownsville**. There will be many agencies represented, including the Yuba Watershed Protection & Fire Safe Council (YWP&FSC), Yuba County OES, various fire agencies, Yuba County Resource Conservation District, Yuba County Sheriff’s Department, Domestic Animal Rescue, and many more groups that will be giving away materials that could very well make the difference between success and failure during an emergency.

- **Schedule a Wildfire Mitigation Review** through the YWP&FSC at [YubaFireSafe.org](http://YubaFireSafe.org) and have one of our trained advisors help you identify and prioritize work around your home and property that can increase your fire resilience. Simple no-cost and low-cost improvements may very well make the difference between your home surviving a wildfire or not. The advisors can also help you apply for cost-share grants that help with defensible space work.

- **Find ways to help in your neighborhood**, whether it’s helping clean up your road, helping neighbors sign up for *Code Red/Zone Haven Alerts*, creating a *Firewise USA Site*, or even starting a phone tree that will allow you to check on each other in the event of an evacuation. Remember, it’s about planning and making progress, not perfection.

- **Check out the May page on the YWP&FSC 2023 calendar** and find out how you can PREPARE to be Fire Safe. Go to [YubaFireSafe.org](http://YubaFireSafe.org) for more information.

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# Yuba Water's Board Ensures Reliable Water Supply

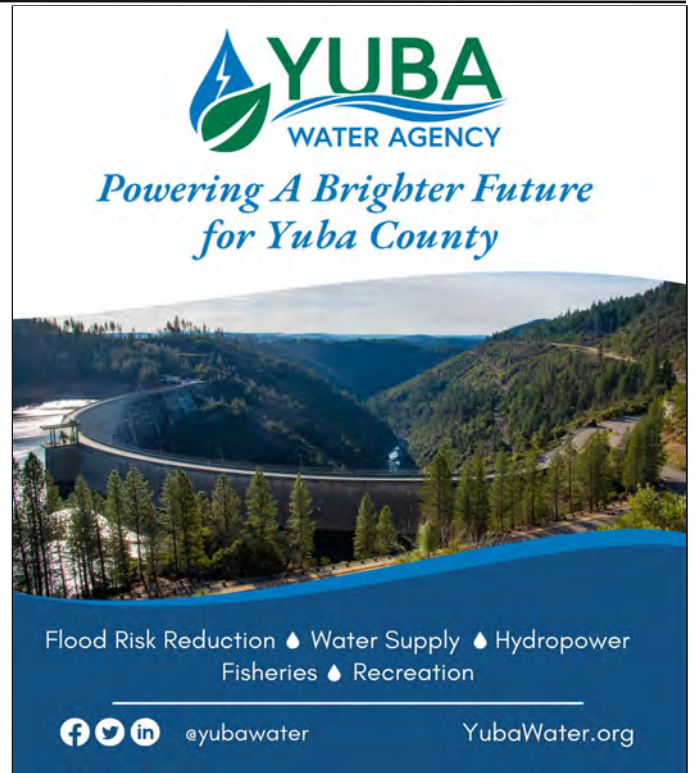


By Alex Boesch, Yuba Water Agency

Water supply in Yuba County is in excellent health. That's how Ryan McNally, Yuba Water's Director of Water Resources and Flood Risk Reduction, portrayed the condition of Yuba County's surface and groundwater supplies to Yuba Water's Board of Directors. McNally also described how Yuba Water works closely with its local irrigation partners to manage those supplies. He detailed the agency's extensive water delivery infrastructure and the upgrades planned to ensure continued water supply reliability.

In addition to discussing the agency's partnerships and efforts to ensure a reliable water supply for the region, Yuba Water's board committed more than \$1.8 million to help Browns Valley Irrigation District (BVID) modernize its hydropower facility at Virginia Ranch Dam, located at Collins Lake. Delays and challenges related to sourcing specialty parts and equipment needed to keep the powerhouse running have resulted in longer and more frequent outages.

Learn more at [yubawater.org](http://yubawater.org).



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Jon Messick meets the Camptonville Community Photo - Shirley DickKard

# Supervisor Jon Messick Meets Camptonville



By Cathy LeBlanc, CCP

Jon Messick was the center of attention at our meet and greet on March 30th at the Camptonville Community Center. The meeting brought us together with both "give and take." Thirty folks sat in a circle and introduced themselves. Then we introduced Supervisor Messick and explained some of what Camptonville is all about.

We had representatives there to share the background, history, and function of Camptonville School, Camptonville Community Partnership's numerous programs (including the Forest Bio-Energy Project and *The Courier*), Camptonville Community Service District (including the Volunteer Fire Department, Community Center Advocates, and Camptonville Prepared!), The Christmas Club, and members of the US Forest Service and the North Yuba Forest Partnership.

Messick spoke to us about his reasons for becoming Supervisor, his availability, and how he could assist us with our concerns. We then opened up the floor for discussion of Camptonville's most pressing concerns.

Not surprisingly, ROADS were on everyone's mind. Folks out Pendola and Weeds Point wanted clarity about what can be done so people wouldn't be stranded (some for up to three weeks during the last set of storms!) waiting for snow to melt or the county to get out there to plow. Jon heard the urgency in our requests, and said he is available to us. Call him at **530-682-7160**.

We invited him to the Fire Department picnic, and he said he'd be there!



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## North Yuba Partnership Project Reduces Wildfire Risks



By Alex Boesch, Yuba Water Agency

A new \$25 million Yuba II Forest Resilience Bond builds on the North Yuba Forest Partnership's success with the Yuba Project to finance two more projects planned by the Forest Service. The Trapper Project will reduce the risk of a large damaging wildfire to both forests and nearby communities in the North Yuba River watershed, and the Pendola Project will restore forest ecosystems previously impacted by wildfire. These 16,800 treated acres will protect over 48,000 acres of forestland across Sierra and Yuba County.

The Yuba II Project includes carefully designed restoration treatments, including general fuels reduction, underburning, and prescribed fire. Removing fuels from the landscape while retaining large, fire-resistant trees creates a more fire-resilient landscape. Where possible, trees and vegetation removed as part of the project will be used for commercial products, supporting the local restoration economy as a co-benefit to wildfire risk reduction. Underburning will restore fire back into a fire dependent ecosystem, improve forest health, and reduce accumulations of small, dead, and downed fuels. Similar to thinning, intentional burns reduce the risk of wildfires becoming large and uncontrolled. Implementation of the Yuba II treatments will begin this year.

For more information on this stellar local project, go to:  
[yubawater.org/317/North-Yuba-Forest-Partnership](http://yubawater.org/317/North-Yuba-Forest-Partnership)

## \$117 Million For Tahoe National Forest Wildfire Risk Reduction!



By Lauren Faulkenberry, Public Affairs Officer, USDA

To help reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire, promote fire adapted communities, and improve forest health, Tahoe National Forest (TNF) is providing National Forest Foundation (NFF) with \$117 million to implement forest management in the North Yuba Landscape (NYL). This watershed is one of the most at risk in the United States to large-scale, catastrophic fire, and includes the 275,000-acre North Yuba Landscape Resilience Project (NYLRP), a multi-phase vegetation and fuels management project to be implemented over the next 15-20 years.

NFF plans to treat over 21,000 acres, producing over 55 million board feet of timber. These treatments will lower wildfire risk and change fire behavior to protect utility infrastructure and escape routes while also improving forest health and boosting resilience to climate change.

The NYLRP will support nearly 2,000 jobs each year in the logging, wood products, and ecological restoration industries in Sierra and Yuba counties, including Camptonville, Downieville, and Sierra City.

To implement work on the NYL, Tahoe National Forest has partnered with eight organizations passionate about the health and the resilience of the North Yuba River watershed, establishing the North Yuba Forest Partnership. The watershed supports substantial forest habitat with high biodiversity and is an important source of water to downstream users.



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(from longtime residents Yana and Paula)

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## New Exhibit Opening at 'Uba Seo Gallery

By Ember Amador, Executive Assistant,

California Heritage: Indigenous Research Project (CHIRP)

'Uba Seo gallery is closed during the installation of the new exhibit *hamukum: Whispers Through Time*, which opens **Saturday, May 13th, 11 am-6 pm**. After that, normal gallery hours are Thursdays and Sundays, 12-6 pm, Fridays and Saturdays, 11 am-6 pm at **225 Broad Street, Nevada City**. For more info, go to: [ubaseo.org](http://ubaseo.org)

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## May Events at North San Juan Center

By Pamela Rasada

We're excited to announce the **North San Juan Community Center's Springy Thingy Festival!** Join us for a day of music, shopping, and family-friendly fun on **Saturday, May 6th, from 2-11 pm** at 29190 Hwy 49, NSJ. Our festival features local musical artists and thrift vendors, along with activities for all ages. Tickets are sliding scale, with a \$20 suggested price. Support the NSJCC while enjoying a day of Springy Thingy fun!

Celebrate moms at our **Mothers Day Lunch, May 14th, from 12-4 pm**. Treat Mom to a day off cooking by bringing her to the NSJCC for lunch! Chef Garth Melendez is creating a special menu for the day, and all moms will receive a free mimosa with their meal. There will also be a silent auction for baskets filled with goodies that Mom will love.

All proceeds from events support the warming shelter and other community programs hosted by the NSJCC.

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## Scotch Broom Breakfast – May 14th

By Marilyn Mociun

After a three-year hiatus, the **Mothers Day Scotch Broom Breakfast** is back! For 59 years the North San Juan Volunteer Firefighters and Fire Auxiliary have celebrated Mothers Day at the North San Juan Fire Hall on Reservoir Street with this fun-filled family event. Attendees can drop in any time between **8 am and Noon on Sunday, May 14th** to buy raffle tickets and a tasty, all-you-can-eat breakfast!

This year's grand raffle prize is a colorful 71" square quilt created by local master quilter Mary Moore. Winners need not be present to win. Look for raffle ticket sales at Mother Truckers and Sierra Super Stop in NSJ, and Nevada City SPD.

Come support our fire department! One hundred percent of net proceeds directly benefits North San Juan Firefighters.



## Tulip Viewing Extended To May 14th

By Mai Lee

The spectacular tulip bloom that fans have come to expect at Ananda Village's Crystal Hermitage every April is late this year. Only a few of the expected 19,000 tulips have bloomed so far, so the **Springtime at Ananda Tulip Festival** has been extended through May 14th. The colorful flowers are taking their time due to the last few months' heavy snow and rain.

The garden is **open seven days a week, 10 am-5 pm, at 14618 Tyler Foote Road, Nevada City**. Check the status of the tulips and buy tickets (\$10-\$25) at [crystalhermitage.org](http://crystalhermitage.org), or call 530-478-7574.



## Food Distribution in the Yuba County Foothills



### The Foothill Food Pantry:

Alcouffe Center, 9185 Marysville Road, Oregon House

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

(closed the week of USDA distributions)

**May 5th and 19th**

**June 2nd and 16th**

### The USDA Commodities Food Bank:

Willow Glen Restaurant parking lot, Oregon House

**The 2nd Friday: 11 am-12 Noon**

**May 12th and June 9th**

### Food Bank in North San Juan:

Located at Oak Tree School, Oak Tree Road, NSJ

**Tuesdays & Thursdays: 12 Noon-3 pm**

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- Youth enrichment and skill building projects
- 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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## MAY 2023 Community Calendar

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



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- May 6 — Tech Drop-In Day (pg 2)
- May 6 — Wildfire Preparedness Day! (pg 7)
- May 11 — Thirsty Thursday! (pg 2)
- May 13 — Intro Meeting for *Bouquets To Art* (pg 2)
- May 14 — Mothers Day Scotch Broom Breakfast (pg 11)
- May 14 — Mothers Day Lunch (pg 10)
- May 19 — Chief Brandi Dudek's Farewell Party (pg 3)
- May 20 — Plant Sale and Market (pg 3)
- June 3 — Bouquets To Art (pg 2)



### WEEKLY Events:

• CCC = Camptonville Community Center •

- Tuesdays:** Yoga, 5 pm, School Gym,  
Camptonville Fire Dept Trainings, 6-9 pm, Fire Hall
- Thursdays:** Rally Point, 5/4 and 5/18, 5-7 pm, CCC
- Fridays:** Harmony Health *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

### MONTHLY Events:

• Call to verify meeting times before attending •

- CCP Board** 5/24, 1 pm, Resource Center: 530-288-9355
- CCSD Board** 4th Thursday, 5:30 pm, CCC: 530-288-3676
- School Board** 3rd Thursday, 5 pm, CV School: 530-288-3277
- Thirsty Thursday** 2nd Thursday, 5-7 pm, CCC

**All Food Banks – See pg 11**