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Hail and Farewell to Brandi Dudek, Camptonville Volunteer Fire Department Chief

By Sandy Ross, CCSD and Donna Tate, CVFD Auxiliary

On Friday, May 19th at the Camptonville Community Center, CVFD firefighters and auxiliary, friends and family, chiefs from neighboring volunteer fire districts, and fire resources from the local TNF gathered to celebrate and bid

farewell to CVFD's beloved fire chief, Brandi Dudek. Brandi has served as our fire chief since 2014, and as such was the first female chief in Yuba County history! She will be greatly missed, but we wish her well as she begins her next chapter.



CVFD Fire Chief Brandi Dudek

There were very few dry eyes in the house as Brandi's contributions and accomplishments were elaborated in emotional tributes from her colleagues. As it was stated over and over, despite volunteer full-time status, the duties of the chief are more than a full time job. Brandi was essentially on duty seven days a week, 24 hours a day. Here are a few of the recollections (all paraphrased):

Jason Flores, NSJ Fire Chief: It takes leadership, honor, and time to fill the position. Brandi was often willing to learn on the fly.

Jim Buckbee, Pike City Assistant Fire Chief: You've always been there for us when we needed mutual aid.

Rae Bell Arbogast, Alleghany Fire Department: I would like to speak to your wonderful manner with the patients, especially the kids. I was always happy when you would show up on a call.

Grahm Rice, TNF Battalion Chief 31: One of the things you are good at (better than all the other chiefs) is answering your phone. You're on the radio, willing to respond immediately. You weren't always comfortable, but you always got in there.

Brandi Dudek: Thank you all for welcoming me, thank you all for letting me in your homes...This is not just

about me, but my firefighters, all of you willing to come and do this job. You all know it's not an easy job...This makes my heart full. Thank you everybody for all of the love you have given me. I am going to miss all of you and this community.

Note: Thank you to the CVFD Auxiliary for hosting this wonderful event. Stay tuned as the CVFD reorganizes. They are left in the capable hands of their assistant fire chief, fire captain, and station manager as well as their few loyal responders. Brandi leaves big boots to fill!



Chief Brandi and some of her CVFD crew



Brandi with NSJ Fire Chief "Flo"



Brandi with TNF's Jessica Prince and Matt Mullins (below)



Photos by Sandy Ross and Shirley Dickard

From the Editor - Sandy Ross

The school year is coming to an end; celebrations, graduations, and events are plentiful! It's time to relax and enjoy a much needed vacation for many. With rivers running fast, lakes full, and fire danger soon to be high, let's make sure that we take time for the preventive measures needed to make it a memorable summer in the best sort of way! This is also the greatest gift that you can give to our hard working Volunteer Fire Department and local Fire Crews. Have a fun and safe June, Camptonville!

Camptonville Country Faire and Parade - June 24th

By Tyann Flower, CCP

This year's **Country Faire** will be held **Saturday, June 24th, 2-5 pm**. Come out and join the community for this exciting annual event. We look forward to sharing this Saturday afternoon with our local neighbors.

Enter the **Decorate A Float Contest!** Float participants will gather at **1:30 pm** at the Camptonville School parking lot for line-up and judging. Cash prizes for First, Second, and Third place winners, top prize award of \$75! Decorate your truck, car, bike, boat, pets, and more! Join us just for the fun of a Camptonville Parade and the opportunity to place in the top

three of this event.

Judging will take place before the parade.

If you are interested in participating in the parade or would like a booth for your crafts or community information (no flea-



2022 Float Entry - The Peace Van

market items please), contact Tyann at 530-288-9355, or tyann@theccp.org for more information. Booth spaces are available at no cost.



What's happening at the Community Center in June?

By Jesse Golden, Camptonville Community Center



• **Saturday June 3, Bouquets to Art Show**, 10-2, come enjoy this community art show

• **Thursday June 8, Thirsty Thursday and Tech Drop-In**, 5-7 pm, donations requested. Get your tech questions answered by our volunteer "techsperts"



• **Wednesday June 21, Wordsmiths & Music Makers**, 7-10 pm, \$5 includes dinner

• **Saturday June 24, Camptonville Country Faire**, parade at 2 pm, crafts, resource tables, history museums

Ongoing events at the Community Center:

• **Fridays**, 9:30 am-3:30 pm, Clinic on Wheels - Harmony Health

• **Saturdays**, 10-noon, Coffee @ the Center, a community event



• **Saturdays**, 12:30 pm, Qigong class with Sema

Coming up:

• **Saturday July 22**, 4-7 pm, **Wine Shine** benefit for the Community Center

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

Please contact the Camptonville Community Center at cvillecommunitycenter.org, or 530-288-5016.

Renovations are continuing – can you help?

(See article on p.4.)

Call Dick at 530-288-3479

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Camptonville School Graduation - June 7th

By Patrick Brose, Superintendent/Principal



Camptonville School is excited to announce the

8th grade graduates of 2023:

Cole Bouchard, Savannah Chacon, Isabella Frost, Chandler Jones, and Christopher Zerwick

These amazing students have been such a wonderful part of the Camptonville School Community. Whether joining us just this year or having been with us since 1,2,3 Grow, we love them and wish them all the best as they head off to high school next year. I know these fine young men and women will represent Camptonville with the best we have to offer.

Camptonville School's 8th Grade Graduation takes place in the school gym at **5 pm on Wednesday, June 7th.**

Congratulations class of 2023!

Photo - Patrick Brose



Cole, Chandler, Isabella, Savannah, and Christopher

Wordsmiths & Music Makers - Sounds, Songs, and Stories of Summer - June 21st

by Yakshi Vadeboncoeur

Friends, neighbors, and creative free spirits, come join your community in a celebration of summer at the **Camptonville Community Center** on the longest day of the year, **Wednesday, June 21st** from **7-10 pm** for a **Summer Solstice Celebration** of the **Wordsmiths and Music Makers** of our community. Doors open at 6:30. A fabulous feast is part of your \$5 ticket price. Let Yakshi know if you want to be one of the performers so she can design a program that flows in cool creative waves from music to poetry to story. Children under 12 are free and must be accompanied by an adult.

For more info, contact yakshiv@gmail.com

Fire and Ice: A Pack and Go Training Event - June 17th

By Shonti Burke, Camptonville Prepared



We all mean to do it; we have the best of intentions, but somehow it doesn't always happen. It's one of those things that needs to be done and revisited every year. What is it? Packing your and your family's go-bags, all the essential and not so essential items to take in case you need to leave quickly in the event of evacuation during a wildfire!

Camptonville Prepared (along with the Camptonville Volunteer Fire Department) will be hosting an event on the ins and outs of packing your go-bag. Come on down to the Camptonville Firehall at **noon on June 17th.** We will have a few basic items to purchase at cost so you can assemble your bag there. Feel free to bring a bin or your bag of choice and any items you want to put in your bag, we will have checklists, literature and lots of practical ideas to get the job done, or at least most of it.

That's the fire part. What's the ice part? Well, we're going to have either snow cones or some other tasty frozen treats to enjoy while we take care of this task!

Tell your friends and family, and we'll see you **June 17th!**

Tech Help Drop-in June 8th

by Jesse Golden, Camptonville Community Center

- Why aren't I receiving my text messages?
- Why won't my tablet sync with my laptop?
- What is iCloud and how do I use it?
- How does this thing work, anyway?



These were some of the questions fielded by knowledgeable volunteers on Tech Help Drop-in Day during Coffee @ the Center on May 6, as community members brought their devices and their questions. Some of the questions needed high-tech attention ("We need to re-set how your phone talks to the mobile network."), and some were resolved by patient detective work ("Your friend's phone number is mis-typed in your address book.").

Thanks so much to our "techsperts" Elzeard Rapp, Jocelyn Rapp, Eugene Salganik, Viktor Rzesanke, and Jarred Grippe!

Do you need help with your phone, tablet, or laptop? We'll hold another **Tech Help Drop-in** event on **Thursday, June 8th** during Thirsty Thursday, **5:30-7 pm** at the Camptonville Community Center. Come on by! Please plan to make a donation in support of the Community Center – Thanks!

The Latest on Community Center Construction

By Richard DickKard, CCSD

Slowly but surely, the Center is still being deconstructed, and reconstruction will begin soon!

Hooray! We received a generous bid for materials from Builders and Consumers (B and C) in Grass Valley for the repair and renovation of the building that is within the amount of funds donated by the community.

Next up: after we expose all the areas that have dry rot, the left front wall will be put back together with new windows and Hardie Board similar to the right front half of the building. A shed roof will be made to cover the front porch. The west side of the building will have an



Photo - Dick DickKard

Removing old stucco

external cabinet for an on demand LP gas water heater.

There's gonna be a real makeover of the inside of our Community Center! New track lights will be installed in the Community Room; smoke and carbon monoxide detectors will be installed throughout; a 120 inch pull down movie screen will go into the Performance Room above the raised stage; new cabinets and counters, a dishwasher, and a range with hood will be installed in the warming kitchen.

Many, many thanks to the Camptonville folks who have already volunteered their skills to plan and carry out what needs to be done to repair and renovate our Community Center.

We still need help for these next stages! If you can volunteer, please contact me at 530-288-3479 or email me at rjdickard@gmail.com

Disaster Sheltering in Camptonville

By Richard DickKard, CCSD

The Camptonville Community Center will be used as a Yuba County temporary shelter for sheltering displaced Yuba County residents in the event of a natural or man-made disaster. The Camptonville Community Service District will receive a \$5,000 per year building maintenance fee to have our Community Center available. Yuba County Office of Emergency Services will provide personnel, equipment, and supplies plus janitorial services during and after the event.

This program is part of a statewide effort to have California fairgrounds and community centers as a core resource for emergency response personnel whenever extreme weather, fires, floods, and pandemics affect local communities.

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Neighbors Make Moonshine Firehouse More Firesafe!

By Shirley DickKard

With hoes, rakes, clippers, chainsaws, and loppers in hand, 16 neighbors and three folks from Camptonville's Volunteer Fire



Moonshine neighbors Firesafe Work Party

Department worked like beavers on May 7th to clear away trees, brush, leaves, and pine needles from around Moonshine Road's little firehouse. It was our first neighborhood Firewise USA project. After three hours, the perimeter of the firehouse was raked down to dirt, nearby trees were limbed and thinned, and the open cupola was closed with 1/8" screen (provided by the Yuba Watershed Protection & Firesafe Council and installed by Mason - thanks!) We stacked 12 piles for future chipping by the YWP&FSC's free chipping program.

<https://yubafiresafe.org/residential-chipper-program/>

Moonshine Road is one of Camptonville's six neighborhood zones that are working toward becoming a Firewise USA site. We like that the benefits include help with getting organized, active, greater fire protection, and possibly reduced fire insurance costs. For more information, visit: <https://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/Fire-causes-and-risks/Wildfire/Firewise-USA>

Moonshiners – mark your calendar for **Sunday afternoon, June 25th** for an information sharing meeting at the Moonshine firehall about what we need to do individually and as a neighborhood to qualify as a Firewise USA Neighborhood. For more information, contact Jody Deaderick at 530-288-3643 and watch for email updates.



Photos by Shirley DickKard

Construction of Moonshine Firehouse, circa 1980, by neighbors: Bob Rocheleau, Jim Austin, Jim Barnhart, Dick DickKard, and Victor Meyers

Water Witching Works Well

By Richard DickKard, CCSD

There will be greener times in Camptonville!

CCSD received a grant to fund drilling another well so that the Camptonville Water District (CWD) will have an additional water source when the surface water in Campbell Gulch dries up in late summer. Peters Well Drilling was selected to do the drilling. The site was determined by a hydrogeological study and by local water witchers.

CWD needs 30 gallons per minute (GPM) to meet California State Water Standards. During the week of May 15th, Peters Well Drilling got some water...but not quite enough. This new well located



Photo - Richard DickKard

Peters Well Drilling at a Test Site

below the water treatment plant looks to produce about 20 GPM (which is better than nothing!) So they drilled a second well near the first one. It produces about 17 GPM, which combined, at 37 GPM, brings the CWD well into compliance. The new wells should be hooked up to the water treatment plant hopefully before September.



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Located at our **Family Resource Center** behind Camptonville School
Monday thru Friday 8:30am – 12:30pm

High speed WiFi available for community use. Drop on by!

Highlights of our community-driven activities in the Yuba County foothills:

- 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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Summer has Begun at 1,2,3 Grow

By Tyann Flowers, CCP

What a pleasure it has been to dig our way out of this wild and active changing season. The joy of seeing new faces in the classroom is nothing short of heartwarming, and our outdoor spaces are ready and eager to get some hands and feet in and on them. With summer in full bloom and the sun shimmering brightly, it is a wonderful opportunity for families to enjoy the outside world.



In May our students' activities and conversations focused on transportation and vehicles that take us places. With the end of classes, our young students are ready to explore their worlds and go, go, go! The smiles, frowns, and overall experience of the children in our immersive environment show us every day how much children absorb, from the energy we put into teaching and guiding their learning to the moments where they show us they ARE listening.

As we transition from ending our school year to preparing for the next, we are beyond excited to try new projects and crafts that we discovered along our way and put in our back pocket. The last day of classes is June 2nd and will surely be a fantastic wet adventure where students drive themselves through a "carwash."

Try These Activities with Your Children

Stop And Go:

Make a steering wheel from a paper plate or cardboard. Indicate when your "driver" should stop and go, turn right or left, and reverse. They will learn basic driving safety while exploring large motor skills and critical thinking.



Back Seat Driver:

Continue the fun by allowing your child to use their steering wheels in the car. Verbalize the steps to driving: stops, turns, and rules of the road. Point out traffic signs and signals for your child to notice.

Vocabulary:

Seat Belt, Pedestrian, Stop Sign, Turning Signal, Traffic Light, Crosswalk

SAVE THE DATES:

- June 2nd Last Day of School

Carwash anyone? Bring your bike or trike or borrow one of ours to ride through our "carwash."

- June 24th Annual Country Faire

Walk with us in the Parade as we greet our community, and visit us at our 1,2,3 Grow Booth for fun, games, and activities.

Cemetery Superheroes

By Sandy Ross, CCSD

On Saturday, May 13th, a small group of dedicated volunteers showed up at the upper Camptonville Cemetery to tackle a big job. Several gargantuan branches from a giant oak tree had broken from the winter storms and were threatening to seriously damage multiple old gravestones and sites. The limbs had come down in an unstable tripod and were the very definition of "widow makers." CCSD's cemetery maintenance person, Mick Englert, organized a work party, manned the chain saw, and strategically took down the hazard. From there, the rest of the group worked in the heat to saw, split, chip, stack, rake, and burn. These fine folks included newcomer Lora Drotar, Earl and Candy Davis, Randy Rizzo, Bill Bone, Keith Montgomery, and Sandy Ross.



Damaged Oak tree

It takes a great deal of work to maintain a historic site such as the Camptonville Cemetery, and with little to no income, a lot of the work is completed on a volunteer basis. If you love our cemetery and would like to donate any amount to help with upkeep and maintenance, we would greatly appreciate your tax deductible support. You can send a check to CCSD at PO Box 327 with Camptonville Cemetery donation in the memo line, and we

will send you a receipt. Look for more information on the availability and cost of plots in the cemetery in an upcoming edition.



Cemetery Clean-up Crew
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A Cherry Festival!

By Katie O'Hara-Kelly

Our neighborhood is full of non-native fruit trees. This year they all bloomed while the weather was warm and will hopefully produce lots of fruit! Last year it snowed and stayed cold while they were in bloom. Since no insects could pollinate them, we had an overall crop failure. A lot of the native trees were also in bloom during the cold weather last year, and experienced a huge crop failure as well. I'm so glad that this year it's looking good for the availability of fruits, berries, and seeds. Right now, the cherries are RIPE!



Photos - Katie O'Hara-Kelly

In the spring, cherry trees fill our neighborhood with lacy clouds of blossoms. They then produce small cherries that are mainly pit, but the local birds love them. Every early summer, when the cherries are ripe, a "Cherry Festival" occurs in our neighborhood! For three or four days a whole variety of birds eat these cherries until they are all gone. Tanagers, Grosbeaks, Robins, Orioles, Steller's Jays, Towhees, Pigeons, Cedar Waxwings, and Doves join in the feast. Their constant chattering and movement is fascinating to watch and hear. To my delight, there are often many juvenile birds eating along with the adults. It's a sight to see, and fascinates me for hours!

Usually the birds all feed on one particular tree, and then move on to another tree the next day! Some birds swallow the cherries whole, some peck bites from them, others pick the whole cherry, roll it around in their beaks, and then spit out the pit. It is so fun to listen and watch all the birds feasting together in the trees. Such beauty! Get out there and take a look; you won't be disappointed!

A Room with a View!

By Beverly Cameron-Fildes, Oregon Peak Volunteer

I love lighthouses! I'm not sure if it's because they are by the ocean or if it's because of the solitude or maybe because of the romance I always associate with the dedicated life of lighthouse keepers (so many stories, so little time...). For me, a lighthouse is like a flame and I, the moth. So, it wouldn't be too far-fetched to find that a fire lookout tower might hold a similar attraction for me. Granted, there is no ocean with crashing waves to add to the grandeur, but maybe it's the idea of what it represents.

When I began volunteering in the Oregon Peak Fire Tower seven plus years ago, I realized how breathtaking it was to be up above the treetops. Just ascending the ladder, you feel a difference in temperature, and as you emerge from the trapdoor entrance into the "cabin," there is a sense of purpose that envelops you. Standing on the catwalk, you have the amazing 360-degree view of the Yuba Foothills and beyond. Then there is the sense of history in the tower: all the volunteers who came before you (many with 30 or more years of service), the camaraderie that develops as veteran lookouts train new volunteers, and the awareness of fires that were stopped long before they grew out of control because someone was there to spot the smoke early and "call it in." There is nothing more rewarding than to know, as a new lookout, that your efforts helped firefighters stop a fire at an acre or two. That's when you understand what keeps volunteers coming back year after year. It truly is about making a difference.



Photo - Beverly Cameron-Fildes

Oregon Peak Fire Tower

This coming fire season may start just a bit later than usual; however, it will come. Lookouts will still be at the heart of first response, and we can always use more volunteers. Consider joining the Oregon Peak VIPs (Volunteers in Prevention), and make a difference in your community.

To volunteer, contact Bill High at 530-701-7588.

Summer Sports and Art Camps Return to the Ridge!

By Diana Pasquini

Once again, Camptonville kids have the opportunity to join their "cousins" across the Yuba for summer fun at the **San Juan Ridge Family Resource Center**. Now in its twelfth year on the beautiful **Oak Tree Campus**, just one mile from the town of North San Juan, **SPORTS CAMP** provides three weeks of age-appropriate sports, games, and active play for kids 5-13 years old.

JUNIOR SPORTS CAMP (5, 6, 7 year olds) - **July 10th-14th, 9:30 am-12:30 pm**

INTERMEDIATE SPORTS CAMP (8, 9, 10 year olds) - **July 17th-21st, 9:30 am-2:30 pm**

SENIOR SPORTS CAMP (11, 12, 13 year olds) - **July 24th-28th, 9:30 am-2:30 pm**

SPORTS CAMP sessions are **\$50 per camper**. No child is turned away for lack of ability to pay, and partial or full "camperships" are available when necessary.


ART CAMP provides a week's immersion in high-quality visual and performing arts experiences mentored by local artists and culminating in a performance on the last afternoon of camp.

ART CAMP (1st-8th graders) - **July 31st-August 4th, 9 am-3 pm**

ART CAMP is **\$150 per camper**. No child is turned away for lack of ability to pay, and "camperships" are available when necessary.

SPORTS CAMP and ART CAMP are not drop-in programs. Children must be enrolled to attend. To register young artists and athletes or to get more information, please call the **San Juan Ridge Family Resource Center** at **530-292-3174**. These camps fill up fast, so the sooner you call, the more likely your camper will be able to participate.

Looking forward to seeing you this summer!



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Cherry Blossom Haiku

By Yosa Buson

(1716-1784)

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June Events at the North San Juan Community Center

By Shannon Bratt

The North San Juan Community Center Board looks forward to celebrating community Ridge-style at a multitude of exciting June events. Be sure to mark your calendars!

June 18th – Father’s Day BBQ (Noon-4 pm)

Did you hear about the Father’s Day BBQ? It’s on fire! Come celebrate dads and their jokes, Ridge-style. Hungry? Let Gold Country Cuisine beef you up with their dad-inspired menu, complete with bottomless keg for the dads! There will be local artists, field games, and drawings for a variety of awesome prizes. And as dads on the Ridge say, “Our mountains aren’t just fun, they’re hill areas.”



June 24th – The 127th Annual Cherry Festival (10 am - 5 pm)

Join us and gather for a day of deeply-rooted, small town, family friendly fun! The celebration begins at 10 am with a 30 minute parade, one of the longest running traditions of the Ridge, followed by a music and arts festival at the Community Center. There will be additional activities scheduled throughout town as well. If you are interested in signing up for the parade, or would like to set up a booth at the festival, contact NSJCommunityCenter@gmail.com. You may also pick up a parade form at The Ridge Cafe, Sweetland Garden Mercantile, Sierra Super Stop, Mother Truckers, or Oridgenal Thrift.

Friday Night Bingo! (1st and 3rd Friday ~ 6-9 pm)

Bring a snack to share, if you can.
 Invite a friend or three, and come on down to the Community Center.
 Nibble while you score.
 Gather and enjoy with your neighbors, then
 Outshine them with your winnings!



The Tuesday Night Dinner & Open Mic (5:30-7:30 pm)

The nights are getting longer, and the weather is getting nicer. So, Tuesday night dinners are back, and we are excited to feed you! Our simple and affordable menu (always with a vegetarian option) and talented chefs change weekly. Part of the proceeds goes back to nourishing the Community Center.



Sunday Swap Meet and Brunch (10 am-4 pm, food service 11-3)

Out for a Sunday drive? Don’t feel like making breakfast or lunch? Craving Eggs Benedict and free Mimosas? Then come join us for a delicious brunch at the NSJ Community Center, made to order by Chefs John Finnigan, Evan Gibbins, and Garth Melendez, rain or shine. There is plenty of seating, indoor and out, and kids under five eat free! Check out the locals’ booths, or listen to some impromptu local music while you wait. Sunday Brunch is an economic development partnership. NSJCC receives rental income and the chefs generously donate a part of their proceeds to nourish other Community Center programs.

Interested in Volunteering or Vending?

If you are interested in volunteering at any of our events or would like a booth for vending reach out and let us know. We have outdoor booth space available for local artisans and vendors at all of our events . Those interested in reserving a 10’x10’ booth space can contact the NSJ Community Center at NSJCommunityCenter@gmail.com or 530-522-8205.

The North San Juan Community Center is located at 29190 Highway 49 in North San Juan. All proceeds from our programs 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 facebook.com/NSJCenter or our website nsjcommunitycenter.org/

Camptonville Plant Sale and Market May 2023



Jessi's Veggie Starts



Camptonville School Student Leadership Booth



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Renewing Membership for the Community Center

More photos from recent community events!



Wendy with flowers and plants at the Plant Sale



Camptonville School Food Booth and Camptonville Historical Society



Mick at work in the Cemetery

Plant Sale Photos by Shirley DickKard
Photos of Cemetery and Brandi by Sandy Ross



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Yuba Water Community Impact Grants



By Alex Boesch, YWA

The Yuba Water Agency Board of Directors committed approximately \$3.6 million to support efforts to reduce catastrophic flood risk, improve water supply reliability, education, and public safety in Yuba County.

The majority of funding awarded will support projects to improve water supply management and water quality in Yuba County.

More than \$1 million in grants will help the North Yuba Water District repair aging water storage and conveyance infrastructure, ensuring Yuba County foothill residents have more reliable access to water supplies.

Camptonville Community Services District will receive a cashflow loan worth \$525,000 to assist with reconstruction of the Campbell Gulch Diversion, a core component of the district's residential water supply system.

The board granted \$19,000 to First 5 Yuba County to support Growing Up WILD, an early childhood education program that embraces the environment and natural resources. The grant will expand outdoor education opportunities and wildlife and natural resource conservation to early educators and children up to the age of seven, with an emphasis on underserved communities, rural areas, and the Hispanic community.

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Yuba Water effort to Benefit Yuba River Native Fish Species

By Bonnie Dickson, YWA Senior Public Information Officer

A framework agreement announced this week between Yuba Water Agency and state and federal agencies details one of the most ambitious watershed recovery efforts in California, which will also safeguard water supplies from the Yuba River for decades to come.

The agreement was announced during a joint press conference held on the lower Yuba River in Yuba County with California Governor Gavin Newsom, California Department of Natural Resources Secretary Wade Crowfoot, Director of California Department of Fish and Wildlife Chuck Bonham, Cathy Marcinkevage, administrator for NOAA Fisheries West Coast Region, and Willie Whittlesey, general manager of Yuba Water.

Yuba Water, CDFW, and NOAA Fisheries will partner on a comprehensive restoration agreement for the Yuba River, which includes a unique project to help salmon and other threatened fish get around Daguerre Point Dam in the lower Yuba River.

"Yuba Water's commitment to collaboration and environmental stewardship runs deep," said Whittlesey.

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Anxiety

By Yana Slade

I have been wondering why I am so anxious. During the snow events of this winter, I had such a severe anxiety, attack I thought I was having a heart attack. I called the Camptonville Fire Department and they couldn't get to me. They called the North San Juan snowmobile rescue team and they cleared 24 trees to get to our property. When they arrived at 9 pm, the temperature was 20 degrees. Since I was feeling a little better by that time, we didn't go with them.

The next morning my physical and mental symptoms had worsened, and I reached out again. This time Cal Fire came with both helicopter and snow cat. By the time I got to the hospital, I was beginning to understand that it was an anxiety attack, not a heart attack. Part of me is embarrassed. Part of me is relieved. I certainly never want it to ever happen again.

However, I did learn some things from this experience:

- Camptonville and North San Juan fire departments are incredible.
- In order for them to be more effective, **they need more snow rescue equipment!**
- Cal Fire is paid by our car registration, so there is no additional cost to the public.
- Scientists have discovered that anxiety is gene related, and it is passed down in families.

I will be researching snow equipment and grants. Have ideas? Call me at 530-955-1411.



Cal Fire loading the patient for transport



North San Juan Snowmobile Rescue Team



CHP Helicopter Landing

Photos - JT Rumsey



Haiku
By Yosa Buson
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 With belated cherry blossoms
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Annoying Insects and their Enemies: The Checks and Balances of Nature

By Chris Mills

We have a variety of stinging insects in these foothills, and



they vary in the likelihood and severity of their stings. I

introduced the Golden Paper Wasp in the previous article as benign, with mild stings delivered singly. Each nest has one dominant female who guards it.

On the other end of the spectrum of aggression is the yellow jacket, or meat bee, a type of hornet. While foraging, yellow jackets will zig-zag back and forth about six inches above the ground. Returning to their nest they will travel in a straight line six to eight feet up. If you are eating outdoors, they may hound you and follow your fork to your mouth. They will not sting while in pursuit of food or water, and you may safely ignore them anywhere away from their nests. They usually nest in holes in the ground, occasionally in hollow wood or even the walls of buildings. They vary in aggression from nest to nest.

While working one day, I got stung twice, ran one hundred feet, and got stung nine more times. As meat bees are beleaguered by so many animals, their defensiveness is justified. There were two nests in my yard last summer. I observed two Bald Face Hornets (large, black and white, and scary-looking) mysteriously loitering outside the entrance to the nest as the meat bees came and went. One emerged from the hole and was immediately attacked by the two larger hornets and carried off. I think the Bald Face Hornets do more good than harm.

Bald Face Hornets make nests that look like paper footballs hanging in trees as high as seventy feet up, and you are unlikely to run into one by mistake. According to the literature they are less aggressive than yellow jackets, however frightening they may be. They are preyed upon by mice, rats, badgers, wolverines, raccoons, weasels, beetles, preying mantises, starlings, magpies, woodpeckers, amphibians, reptiles, and larger wasps.

We also have some bumblebee and wasp species in these woods, none of which are a threat to humans. The large, ugly, solitary, black and orange wasps are predatory or parasitic upon certain species of insects and do not sting. The large black bumblebees, called carpenter bees because they make holes in wood for nests, rarely sting. The males do not have stingers. Black and yellow bumblebees will sting if their nest is disturbed, but will not go after you just for walking by.

Humans have a built-in fear of creepy insects, but it helps to have a little knowledge of what to be afraid of and what not to.

Tahoe National Forest Extends Seasonal Road and Trail Closures



By Lauren Faulkenberry, Public Affairs Officer, USDA/TNF

Tahoe National Forest has extended its seasonal road and trail closures through June 15th. Closed routes are generally located above 5,000 feet elevation, with closures necessary due to overly wet conditions and existing snowpack. The closures aim to protect trails and roadbeds from additional resource damage, reduce maintenance costs, and protect water quality. The TNF has responded to several calls of individuals getting stuck in ruts, snow, or muddy trail conditions. The closures outlined below are also an effort to reduce the impact on federal, state, and local law enforcement partners, search and rescue, and emergency medical services.

Motorized vehicles are prohibited on the following routes until June 15th unless conditions allow for the termination of the closure order on an earlier date:

Sierraville Ranger District

1. Forest Road 86 (Meadow Lake Road)
2. Forest Road 88 (Bald Ridge Loop Road)
3. Forest Road 70 (Pass Creek Loop)
4. Forest Road 12 (Yuba-Webber Road)
5. Forest Road 7 west of the 12 Road intersection to its terminus at Sierra County Road 301 (Heness Pass Road or Jackson Meadows Road)
6. Forest Road 07-40 Road (Lake of the Woods Road)
7. Forest Road 54 (Williams Creek Road)
8. Forest Road 04 (Bear Valley Road)
9. Forest Road 860-35 (Babbitt Lookout)
10. Forest Road 860-33 (Trosi Canyon)

The Tahoe National Forest extended its seasonal road and trail closures due to wet conditions earlier this spring, with today's extension reflecting only routes that continue to be impacted by snow and overly wet conditions.

Violation of the closure order is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization

To read more and get the complete list of road closures and maps including the Truckee Ranger District, please go to: fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fseprd1110116.pdf



Food Distribution in the Yuba County Foothills

The Foothill Food Pantry: Drive-through

Alcouffe Center, 9185 Marysville Road, Oregon House

1st and 3rd Fridays from 12 to 1:30 pm

(closed the week of USDA distributions)

June 2nd and 16th

July 7th and 21st

The USDA Commodities Foodbank:

Willow Glen Restaurant parking lot, Oregon House:

The 2nd Friday: 11 am to 12 Noon

June 9th and July 14th

Food Bank in North San Juan:

Located at Oak Tree School, Oak Tree Road, NSJ

Tuesdays and Thursdays: 12 Noon-3 pm

Free Clothing Closet: Call 530-292-3174 for hours



Robin eggs in the nest

Photo - Sandy Ross

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All area codes are 530 unless otherwise specified.

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- Cemetery _____ 559-1629
- Community Center _____ 288-5016
- Community Partnership (CCP) _____ 288-9355
- Community Services District (CCSD) _____ 288-3676
- Elementary School _____ 288-3277
- Family Resource Center (CCP) _____ 288-9355
Hours 8:30 am-12:30 pm, M-F
- Post Office _____ 288-3348
Hours 11 am-1 pm, 1:45-3:45 pm, M-F
- 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) _____ 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

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JUNE 2023 Community Calendar

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



June 2 - Last Day of School for 1,2,3 Grow (pg 6)

June 3 - Bouquets to Art Show(pg 2)

June 7 - Camptonville School 8th Grade Graduation (pg 3)

June 8 - Thirsty Thursday and Tech Help Drop In (pg 3)

June 17 - Pack and Go (pg 3)

June 21 - Wordsmiths & Music Makers (pg 3)

June 24 - Country Faire (pg 2)

June 25 - Moonshine Road Firewise Meeting (pg 5)

MONTHLY Events:

Call first to verify meeting times before attending

CCP Board - June Meeting, TBD
 Resource Center. Contact: 288-9355

CCSD Board - Meets 4th Thursday, 5:30 pm, CCC
 Contact: 288-3676

School Board - Meets 3rd Thursday, 5 pm, CV School,
 Contact: 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: Harmony Health, Clinic on Wheels, 9:30 am-3:30 pm, CCC

Saturdays: Coffee @ The Center, 10 am-Noon, CCC
 Qi Gong, 12:30 pm, CCC

All Food Banks - See Page 15