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Fall Kokanee

Green river.

Granite shouldered.

Grand palms of cupped light

leaf your hipped boulders.

Pebbled brown bed

falls with white water.

Silver dappled ripples

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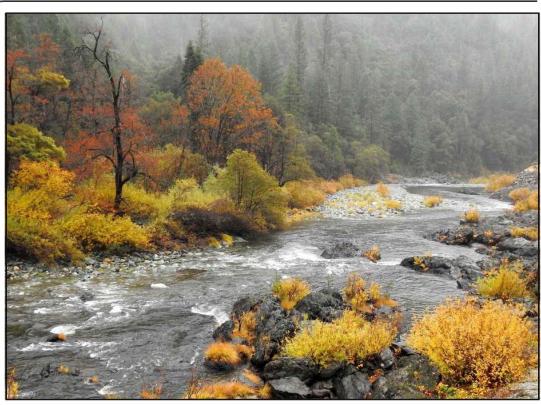
red in its natal blood,

splashing against currents

to a calling

more fierce

than any fear.



North Yuba River Photos by Katie O'Hara-Kelly



The November Splash of *COLOR* is sponsored by *The Mountain Messenger*, our newspaper compatriots in Downieville, on the North Yuba River.

"The Mountain Messenger wishes it could afford to color every issue!"

Established in 1853, they are California's oldest weekly publication – that's 170 years of print – makes us just newbies with our 26 years. Thanks Carl, Ryan, and Angela!

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Diane Pendola

(Remembering Teresa Hahn)

From the Editor: At a Crossroads

- Shirley DicKard

Whenever articles and events are submitted by community neighbors to the north, south, east and west of us, I'm reminded how Camptonville is situated at a "Crossroads of the Sierra." Historically, Camptonville has always been at a crossroads. I haven't yet researched how the indigenous Nisenan traveled this area, but I imagine their trade routes crisscrossed around us. After Europeans arrived here during the Gold Rush, wagons and stagecoaches, miners, and travelers usually passed through Camptonville on their way *North* to Downieville and Sierra City; *West* to Oregon House, Dobbins, and Marysville; *South* to Nevada City and Grass Valley; and *East* to Pike, Alleghany, and the Henness Pass.

The Camptonville Courier is a small newspaper, but being at a crossroads of the Sierra, we like to promote events and opportunities in our neighboring communities whenever space allows. So pick a direction – north, south, east, and west – and take a drive. We live in gorgeous country among creative, caring people and communities. (Need ideas? Check out pages 8-9 for nearby events.)



Historic Marker in the rice fields outside Marysville, noting "C'Ville" is 42 1/4 miles away. Photo by Shirley DicKard



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Mark Your Calendars – for Community Fun! See Pages 8-9 for more nearby events

Community Altar: Remembering Those Who Have Passed – November 4th

By Jesse Golden, CCC

On **Saturday, November 4th, 9 am,** bring your photos and remembrances of those who



Camptonville's 2022 Altar

have passed away and add them to the Camptonville Community Altar in the Performance Room at the Community Center.

The altar is in the tradition of Día de los Muertos, or Day of the Dead, a Mexican holiday that honors deceased loved ones (celebrated on November 1st and 2nd). During Día de los Muertos, families welcome back the souls of their deceased relatives for a brief reunion that includes food, drink, celebration, and setting up a candlelit altar so spirits can find their way back to their relatives.

Come enjoy Camptonville's Altar from 10 am-Noon on November 4th during Saturday Coffee.

Christmas Club's Fall Brunch November 5th

By Jessi Mullins

The Camptonville Christmas Club is once again hosting our annual fall brunch (one of our largest fundraisers) to support bringing *Santa to Town* for the kids of Camptonville and surrounding communities. Please join us on **Sunday, November 5th from 10 am-Noon at the Community Center** for brunch and visiting!



An Autumn Affair – November 11th By Jesse Golden, CCC

Please join us on **Saturday, November 11th, 4-7 pm**, for **An Autumn Affair** – fall-flavored feasting, frivolity, and fun!

\$10 admission includes: soup, bread, and beverage, plus access to the Trivia Challenges, Cider Pressing, Scarecrow Contest, and good company! Pie is \$3 a slice. Also available by donation are beer, wine, and a signature cocktail! Proceeds benefit the Camptonville Community Center. Let's help them pay their bills!

This event is thrown by the Loose Ladies. If you have questions or would like to donate food or volunteer your time, email us at CvilleLooseLadies@gmail.com, or talk to Tyann or Alix.



By Pam Davis

On **Sunday, November 12th**, we are having our first movie day **from 4-7 pm at the Community Center.** The first movie we are showing is **"Princess Bride,"** which is the movie most requested by you folks.

We are asking for a \$2 donation. There will be popcorn and drinks of some kind for all who come. So come and support your Community Center and enjoy spending a Sunday afternoon watching a really great movie.



Thanksgiving Potluck – November 19th By Peter Terry

Thanksgiving is the perfect occasion for a potluck community gathering to celebrate our friendships and the many blessings of living here in the Sierra Nevada.

The Camptonville Community Center has generously agreed to have Pam Davis and Peter Terry host such a gathering on **Sunday, November 19, from 3-6 pm** (more or less). We need to decide whether to cook one, two or three turkeys. **So please RSVP to peterry19@gmail.com.**

If everyone brings their favorite dish, we will eat like kings and queens. Hope to see you all ... costumes optional.

Holiday Craft Fair-December 2nd!

By Tracey Munson, CCP

Camptonville Community Partnership is once again sponsoring the annual Holiday Craft Fair on Saturday,

December 2nd from 12-3 pm at the Camptonville School gym (16585 School Street, Camptonville).

This fair will include goods from a variety of Camptonville artisans, providing an opportunity for our community to gather while supporting our local economy. For \$15, a vendor will receive a 4' x 6' space. For more information or to get on our list of vendors, please contact Tracey Munson at 530-288-9355 or tracey@theccp.org

New Spots Available on CCP's Board of Directors!

By Tracey Munson, Executive Director, CCP

Interested in getting more involved with the community? Camptonville Community Partnership (CCP) is seeking two individuals to join our Board of Directors! CCP is Camptonville's local nonprofit that works to support the health, education, and economic and social wellbeing of Camptonville and the larger foothills area. Some of the work we're currently doing includes:

- Parent participation early childhood programs for infants and toddlers (1,2,3 Grow)
- Programs for youth and teens (Rally Point in Camptonville, Foothills Youth Initiative in Challenge, and Camptonville After School)
- Partnering in the school garden at Camptonville Union Elementary School
- Resource Centers in Camptonville and Challenge
- Developing the Forest Biomass Business Center
- Rural Health Advocacy (advocating for the physical, social, and economic wellbeing of our frontier/rural foothills community)

As a Board Member, you would have a voice in these existing projects and would have the opportunity to help create future passion projects. Ideas for future work could include:

- Trail systems to improve walkability
- Public transportation to improve access to resources provided in other towns
- Skill building workshops
- A summer concert series
- Programs and resources to allow for "Aging in Place"

If you have big hopes and dreams for our community, then you're the perfect person to join our team! For more information, please email our Board President Jimbo Garrison at **BOD@theccp.org**



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- Youth enrichment and skill building projects
- Family Resource Center
- 1, 2, 3 Grow Parent participation child enrichment for 0-5 year olds
- Community Health Action Plan
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What's Up at Rally Point!

By Amber Mehrmann, CCP



We had a great second meeting of Rally Point on October 3rd. We spoke more about gratitude and how and why it is so important to practice it. Also, how it can impact your life in a positive way. Lynn made delicious snacks as always and we played several games outside and inside.

On our October 24th meeting, we received educational supplies from the "Carrot Ladies," Melissa and Kenia, to learn more about sugar, like how much sugar is contained in items we like to consume and the impact of sugar on our health. We also made a healthy fun snack and learned about other sweet healthy alternatives to the sugary stuff we typically reach for. Of course there werei also fun games and banter.

Rally Point is a youth group for ages 10-15 that meets every first and third Tuesday of the month from 5-7 pm at the Community Center. Those between the ages of 16 to 18 are welcome to come participate as "Peer Mentors." For more information, please contact Amber Mehrmann at amber@theccp.org or give us a call at 530-288-9355.

At our first meeting of Rally Point we asked if any of the students would like to write a small article for *The Courier*. Twelve-year-old Aria Knipe volunteered, and this is what she had to say:

Rally Point

By Aria Knipe

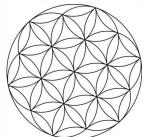
"There are a couple of reasons I come to Rally Point, including it's nice to be social, meet new people, and try new things. To be honest, there's not much I can say good or bad about Rally Point 'cause it just started. So, Rally Point is a new thing that I'm going to add to my weekly plans."



Aria Knipe



Photos by Katie O'Hara-Kelly



Going to Seed!

By Katie O'Hara-Kelly, North Yuba Naturalist

As the daylight hours shorten and temperatures drop, most plants become dormant to survive the freezing temperatures of winter. Another way to ensure species survival over the winter is to produce seeds.

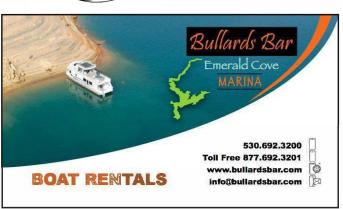
There are five main modes of seed dispersal: gravity, wind, ballistic, water, and animals. The gravity method is self-explanatory. With wind dispersal, the seeds are simply blown about and land in all kinds of places. The seeds have bristles that function like a parachute and help the seeds float on the wind. The "ballistic" method refers to seed pods that burst open and expel seeds. The water method is the dispersal of seeds via rain, rivers, streams, and lakes. The animal method has two processes of dispersal: through the droppings of animals and by "sticking or hooking" onto an animal's fur or feathers.

To assure their chances of survival, most plants produce LOTS of seeds. On average, a single dandelion plant can produce ten flower heads. Each flower head has 150-200 florets, and each floret produces one seed. That means that a single Dandelion can produce up to 2,000 seeds!

Seeds come in all shapes and sizes. Some have golden, parchment-like, translucent pods, some are covered in lots of tiny curved hooks, while others are covered in gossamer hairs which, when lit by the sun, resemble brilliant sparklers! They all add color, movement, and sometimes even sound to the changing fall landscape!







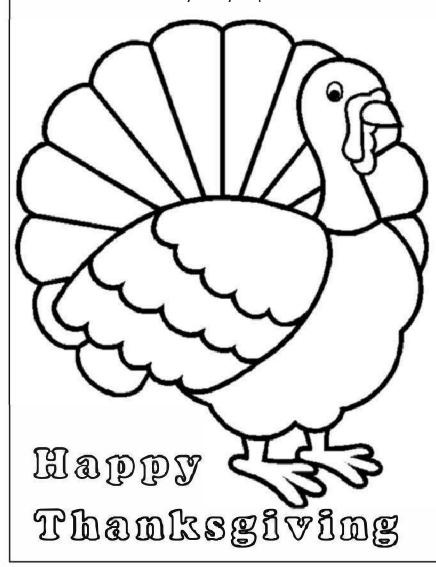






Color your turkey, below. See how colorful you can make it!

By Marcy Risque



School News

By Patrick Brose, Superintendent/Principal

The weather is turning, the rain falling and the leaves changing. Our kids and routines are humming along nicely. Thanksgiving is upon us and our annual school feast is being prepared again. Alix has been dutifully decorating the school and putting us into the holiday spirit. We are preparing for our annual Winter Program, which is December 14th this year. The days are shorter and cooler, but our kids are just as active as ever. My hope is that all of you can have a wonderful Thanksgiving with your friends and family.



Leaf-ing a Trail of Fun: Adventures in Classroom Learning!

By Eugene Salganik, 1,2,3 Grow, CCP

Being a teacher is a blast when you get to dive into fun activities with the students. Take leaf rubbings, for instance. It's a simple yet magical way to connect with nature. Armed with crayons and paper, the kids explore leaves, uncovering cool patterns and textures. It's a mini adventure that sparks wonder and love for the outdoors.

Then there's the nature walk, where the classroom escapes into the wild. Every tree, flower, and critter becomes a lesson. They witness the seasons changing, see plants and critters in action, and get a real feel for how nature works. It's like bringing the textbook to life, making learning stick.

And let's not forget crafting time. With scissors, glue, and a bunch of materials, the kids turn everyday stuff into amazing creations. From building tiny ecosystems to making historical scenes, it's a mix of learning, problem-solving, and teamwork, all wrapped in fun.

In the middle of all this, you'll hear giggles and see friendships blooming. The classroom turns into a hub of excitement, where learning is an adventure, not a chore. These moments, etched in memories, lay the foundation for a lifelong love of learning.

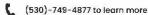
1,2,3 Grow is open every **Tuesday, Thursday,** and **Friday from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm,** providing a flexible schedule for families to participate. For any inquiries or questions, please feel free to reach out to Eugene at eugene@theccp.org or give us a call at 530-288-9355.



Completing a regular milestone screening is one of the best things you can do to ensure your child reaches their greatest potential.



Scan the code to complete an at-home screening today!



A program of:



"Always Plan Ahead: It Wasn't Raining When Noah Built the Ark"

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

I know that over the last few years I've repeatedly mentioned the word "preparation." As we come to the close of 2023, I am once again going to my favorite topic: planting a seed or two about how you can make good use of the coming months to "prepare to be prepared."

Reducing the home's wildfire risk should always be on our minds, particularly in these fall months when we have seen some of the most catastrophic fires in recent history. I'll grant you that we've had an extremely mild summer with limited fires. While I'm particularly grateful for the respite, I am also concerned that many may become complacent and think that it is now safe to put off that work that can well increase your homes survivability. Please DON'T think that we are "out of the woods."

I will say emphatically that it's not too early to start planning projects, spreading the work out over the year.

So, what can you be doing now that fall is upon us?

Defensible space addresses dead vegetation and trees on your property, limbing up that needs to be done, and even gutter cleaning. Fall is the time to collect all those materials and get them into covered burn piles (4' X 4'). When all burn restrictions are lifted, you can then safely burn the vegetation using cautions that are specified by state law. You may also want to look at our free chipping program.*



Photo by Beverly Cameron-Fildes

Home Hardening addresses the components of your home such as roofing material, siding, windows, decks, and fencing, and how they are installed. Done properly, these hardening techniques can go a long way to increase the resistance of your home to heat, flame, and embers.

If you need assistance with where to start, request a free Wildfire Mitigation review* and a trained advisor can assist you in setting priorities. Till next time ... stay fire safe.

*Go to YubaFireSafe.org for Chipping Program and Wildfire Mitigation Review signups.

From our Volunteer Fire Deptartment

By Elizabeth Zapata (EZ), CVFD Administrative Assistant

Happy November! Stay fire safe!

The burn ban has been lifted, but please only burn on burn days. Call 530-741-6299, or check fraqmd.org/burn-day-status to verify it is a burn day. We don't want your backyard fire called in. Even though our firefighters are friendly and love an outing, we don't want to send them scurrying on false alarms.

Our firefighters (FFs) had 11 calls in September, and in October (as of October 25), the FFs have answered 10 calls. We currently have 10 FFs on the roster, and one cadet.

Remember, your Camptonville Volunteer Fire Department is always looking for volunteers. You don't need to make a huge time commitment – just keep your training up-to-date and respond when you can. If you feel you are not up to it physically, you can be a Supporter. Training is Wednesday nights from 6-9 pm at the station on Mill Street. Come on by and learn the details of how to get involved.

Please keep your burn piles attended and keep shovels and water nearby – a gust of wind can send things out of control faster than you think!

Also, some of us are cooking more; there is nothing quite like home-made soup on a chilly evening. According to Cal Fire, "Unattended cooking is the leading cause of home cooking fires." Be safe and take care!



More Neighboring Events in November











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Invitations from our San Juan Ridge Neighbors

North San Juan Community Center Invites Camptonvillle to Join Them!

By Shannon Bratt

There are so many events happening at The North San Juan Community Center this November, and most are celebrated with food!

November 4th – Annual Harvest Stew Fundraiser, 4-7 pm. Please join us for a hearty, locally-sourced stew served with side dishes, desserts, and a variety of beverages, acoustic music, and a silent raffle. The suggested donation is \$15 per person or \$25 per couple.

November 23rd – Free Thanksgiving Dinner, 11 am-2 pm, with your favorite roasted turkey and gravy, mashed and sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, green beans, stuffing, pies, and drinks.

Sunday Brunch is **11 am-2 pm**. The menu changes weekly, but often offers classic eggs benedict, salmon hash, specialty omelets, steak and eggs, blueberry pancakes, and more! The latest menu is on Facebook.

Take-Out Tuesday Dinners are every Tuesday night,

5:30-7:30 pm for affordable dinner options. Tuesday Dinner is part of an Economical Development Program that provides an opportunity for aspiring chefs to apprentice with experienced chefs through the planning, preparation, and serving of the menu.

Contact us at: NSJCommunityCenter@gmail.com



Thirsty Thursday - November 9th

Come by the Camptonville Community Center from 5-7 pm for drinks, snacks, and often, music!



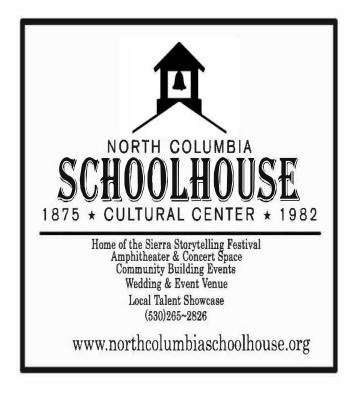
Have Fun at the San Juan Ridge Community Library!

By Roo Cantada

Welcome Camptonville to the San Juan Ridge Community Library – a fine-free, local nonprofit library here for you and your family. We have over 10,000 items for check out including large print books, fiction for kids and adults, toys, local history, and tons of DVDs and documentaries. We offer fast WiFi with a FIBER connection for incredible upload and download speed, and Bluetooth printing from your device or ours. We offer public computers and printing, too.

In November we have lots of crafts planned including Thanksgiving centerpieces, tiny books, garden crafts, and more. Our Harvest Music Jam is November 22nd from 2:30-5 pm, so bring an instrument or just drop by and listen! On December 16th we offer a cookie exchange and holiday craft day. All our programs are posted on our Facebook page, on our windows, and on bulletin boards around town. We offer Qi gong and Spanish on Fridays, and Minecraft Club on Saturdays.

We are open Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 10 am-6 pm, and Fridays and Saturdays from 12-4 pm, and are located at the Oak Tree School lower site. For information, call us at 530-292-3008.

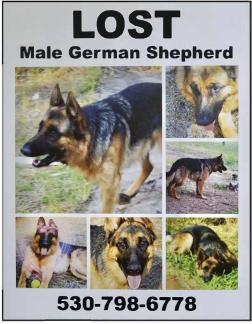


Fall Equinox Wordsmiths & Music Makers

By Yakshi Vadeboncoeur

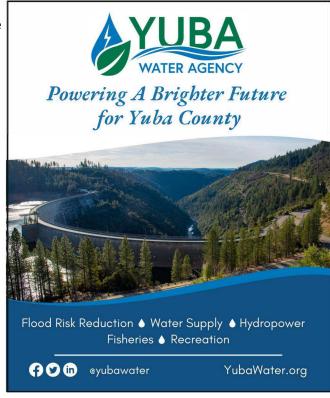
I just want to thank everyone: participants, audience, and especially food and cleanup helpers, Pam Saporta and Mary Yager, who helped make our end-of-September event such a success. The autumnal equinox marked a year since we started Wordsmiths back up again after a long COVID hiatus. Honoring each of the seasons and the creative energy of our community, while supporting the ongoing renovation of the Community Center, is an important part of the rhythm of my year. I will have more details in the December *Courier*, but wanted to both express my gratitude to all who make it happen and to remind people that I push the winter

solstice event into January. So I hope to see everyone after we've had a chance to recover from the holiday festivities. The January event will be a bit more streamlined and shorter. Those details, also, will be in the December *Courier*.











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November 3rd and 17th December 1st and 15th

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Ongoing Meetings and Classes in Camptonville

MONTHLY Events

CCP Board - Meets 3rd Wednesday, 1 pm

Resource Center. Contact: 288-9355

CCSD Board - Meets 4th Thursday, 6 pm, CCC

Contact: 288-3676

School Board - Meets 3rd Thursday, 5 pm, at CV School

Call to confirm: 288-3277

All Food Banks - See above, this page

WEEKLY Events

Call first to verify meeting times before attending CCC = Camptonville Community Center

Tuesdays: Yoga, 5 pm, School Gym

Rally Point, 5 pm, CCC, 1st and 3rd Tuesdays

Wednesdays: 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: 12:30-1:30 pm, CCC



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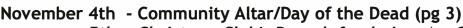
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NOVEMBER 2023 Community Calendar

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