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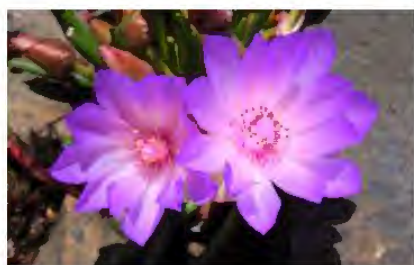
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North Table Mountain Ecological Reserve (story pg 8)



Table Mountain Heart Rock



Bitterroot



Majestic Oak



Goldfields and Blue Dicks

Photos by Katie O'Hara-Kelly

From the Editor

By Sandy Ross

April is filled with examples of the creativity and family focus of our wonderful community. Karaoke night, Earth Day celebrations, art classes, tea parties, and more are available for your entertainment and participation! Most of these events are free except for the cost of food and beverages. Of course, many of you freely donate, and on that matter, Camptonville is one of the most generous small communities around. It's a sign that gratitude and appreciation are in abundance!

Concurrently, eye-catching spring colors are popping out everywhere in the form of blossoms and wildflowers thanks to the recent rains. While you enjoy, continue to be vigilant about safety and fire. Our community's first fire took place a few days ago on Moonshine Road. With the help of our neighboring fire departments, Pike City and North San Juan, the fire was quickly stopped before spreading, but the potential is real. So get out those rakes, chainsaws, and whatever it takes to help make this amazing community more fire safe and continue to enjoy all of the gifts it has to offer!



April Events Happening at the Center

By Caroline Fowler

• **Karaoke Fundraiser: Friday April 12th, 5:30-10 pm**

Spring into April with a song! The Camptonville Christmas Club is having a karaoke night and spaghetti dinner fundraiser.

• **Earth Day Celebration: Saturday April 20th, 10 am-1 pm**
Celebrate Mother Earth at the Center with community. This event will begin during Saturday coffee. Come for earthy eats, eco-friendly offerings, live acoustic music, and lots of surprises.

• **Estate Sale: Sunday April 21st, 10 am-4 pm**
Many treasures can be found! An estate sale will be held at the Center.

• **Peacock Tea Party Fundraiser: Saturday April 27th, 3-6 pm**
The Camptonville Loose Ladies are hosting the first annual Spring Fling Peacock Tea Party fundraising benefit for the Camptonville Community Center. Lots of fun including games and a 50/50 raffle.



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Miss the Fun of a Movie Date? Come to the New Timberline Theater!

By Rod Bondurant

A small but enthusiastic group of movie fans have been attending a monthly Sunday matinee at the Center.



Producer Pam Davis along with projectionist Joel Morsberger (using a newfangled video projector) have recreated the experience from 1945 when the Timberline Theater operated in the auditorium of the Masonic Hall. Ned Kissig, who moved here from Los Angeles, started the enterprise. He purchased a new navy talkie movie projector outfit and a generator, which he used until PG&E power was brought to town. The hall was remodeled with new doors, ticket booth, and projection room. Ned also took the show on the road to Dobbins and Brownsville, carrying the screen on top of his sedan.

Unfortunately, it all ended in November 1946. All equipment was lost when the lodge burned from a fire started in rented quarters behind the building. Ned became a familiar face in town as he went on to become custodian and bus driver at the school for 27 years, retiring in 1975.

Join us for the old-time experience of watching movies with your neighbors. No longer 48 cents, but for 2 bucks you get popcorn too!



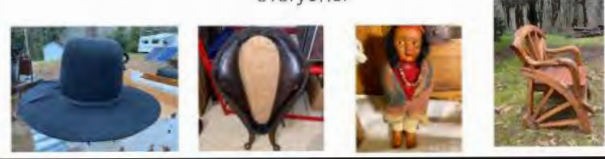
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The New Timberline Theater
Sunday April 7, 2 pm



Movie, popcorn, fun!
\$2 donation requested.
Good girl Sandy Olsson and greaser Danny Zuko fell in love over the summer. When they unexpectedly discover they're now in the same high school, will they be able to rekindle their romance? With John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John, rated PG, released 1978

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YFACA Homesteaders is hosting an enjoyable educational event! Bring your FRIENDS and family, \$10 entry fee, kids 10 and under free. Free admission to YFACA members and we warmly welcome new members.

Fundraiser Gratitude

By Tracey Munson, CCP

Dear, sweet, Camptonville, CCP wants to express our deep gratitude for all those who supported our St. Patrick's Day Fundraiser last month! Whether it was by baking a dessert for our auction, volunteering your time, or attending the event, each contribution was felt and is greatly appreciated. We also want to take this opportunity to share a little about our organization and the work this financial support is going towards:



Photo by Shirley Dickard

C'ville community celebrates St. Patrick's Day

- **"1,2,3 Grow" Parent-Participation Early Childhood**

Program: Promotes the healthy development of families with children from birth to five years by providing a free parent-participation early childhood center, parenting workshops, health screenings, and assessments for kindergarten readiness.

- **Family Resource Centers (FRCs):** We currently run two FRCs that offer connection to resources, free high-speed-internet, work stations, and act as a gateway to the community-building process. One FRC is located on the Camptonville Elementary School site behind the main building, the other FRC is located in Challenge at 10060 Quincy La Porte Road.

- **Forest Biomass Business Center:** Currently in its development phase, this project will include a community-scale bioenergy plant and other co-located wood processing businesses that will turn sustainably harvested biomass into energy, resulting in improved forest and watershed health, decreased wildfire risk, and increased jobs in our community.

- **"Rally Point" and "Foothills Youth Initiative" Youth Programs:** These youth groups happen twice a month and offer youth 10-18 years old opportunities to socialize with their peers while also learning about various interests, skills, and professions through themed meetings or volunteer presenters. These groups happen in Camptonville (Rally Point) and Challenge (Foothills Youth Initiative).

- **Rural Advocacy:** CCP has established itself as a major voice/advocate for the rural foothills and regularly attends meetings with various groups and organizations throughout Yuba County and surrounding communities.

If you have any additional questions, please reach out to us at Camptonville Community Partnership! You can give us a call at 530-288-9355 or stop by the Camptonville Resource Center during open hours (**Monday through Friday, 8:30 am – 12:30 pm**). Thanks, Camptonville, for all you do!

Early Childhood Explorations with 1,2,3 Grow

By Eugene Salganik, CCP



Happy April Camptonville! As we enter into the spring season, our little class is also merging into a new monthly theme of exploring habitats. From little insects crawling out of the dirt, to friendly flying bees entering and exiting their hives; from a bear in his cozy cave, to hard-shelled turtles slowly crossing the terrain; there's so much to learn from our animal kingdom friends. My personal favorite creature, the bee, was particularly fun to turn into a reality with some creative crafting. It is such a joy to introduce our kiddos to the wonderful natural world and how to work and play alongside it safely and respectfully.

Just before we merged into the topic of habitats, we celebrated the month of March with lucky charms, leprechauns, and pots of gold. We painted four leaf clovers and made epic rainbows out of our handprints. Each one is like a time capsule capturing their size as we watch the kiddos grow each month.

Temperatures have been dangerously close to springtime, and we are ecstatic for that! Finally, we're able to explore our outdoor play zone after months of downpours and frigid mornings. We've been enjoying our nature walks where we look and listen to the areas all around, watching little critters forage for food or sunbathe in the grass. This month is sure to bring many more explorations of our natural habitats and potentially some field trips to nearby spots that boast epic views, smells, and maybe even some yummy tastes.

1,2,3 Grow is a Parent-Participation Early Childhood Program. We are open every Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. We are located in the portable behind the main school building. 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.

Save The Date! Camptonville's Annual Plant Sale and Flea Market Saturday May 18th, 9:30 am-1:30 pm at the Lost Nugget Field



By Jesse Golden

Once again, plants, plant starts, used items, and art or crafts will be available.

Want to be a vendor? The \$20 fee for each 12x12 space (paid on the date

of the sale) benefits the Center (no charge for non-profits distributing information); get the full information and sign up now at bit.ly/cv-vendorinfo or call 530-288-5016 and leave your name, phone, and mailing address.

Off and Running

By Richard Dickard, CCC Advocates



Good, warmer weather opens the door for long awaited improvements to our Community Center.

- The front of the building will be painted.
- The raised asphalt by the front door has been repaired.
- Inside the final trim will be installed and painted.
- New, expanded LED lighting will be put in the Community Room ceiling.
- A new emergency exit will be made in the far back right of the Performance Room.

Many, many thanks for YOUR donations of time and money to make the above happen!

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Family Karaoke Night and Dinner Rescheduled **Friday April 12th, 5:30-10 pm**

By Donna Tate, Camptonville Christmas Club



This annual Camptonville Christmas Club Fundraiser is returning for more fun and good times!

Karaoke Night is a fun filled family event held at the Camptonville Community Center on Friday, April 12th, from 5:30-10 pm. Come and enjoy a Spaghetti Dinner and the best night of fun singing with your friends and community! Dinner is a suggested donation of \$10 adults and \$7 kids (5-12). Karaoke is free!

This event benefits the Camptonville Christmas Club, and is sponsored by the Camptonville Community Services District (CCSD).

Community Art at the Center

By Caroline Fowler, CCC



Did you know that **free art pop ups** have been happening at the Center? These easy art activities aren't just for the kids! They are for you too, no matter how old you are.

In April, I will facilitate some of my favorite art forms at Coffee@theCenter. Every Saturday is a new beginning in community art. Join me for **floral design** made with locally grown succulents. Look for a **community land art circle** made with intentional creativity and add your bits of flora and fauna.

Watercolor pop-ups will also continue. The Saturdays spent outside in nature painting in our own backyard create a healthier community. Thank you to everyone who joined in and picked up a paintbrush this past month, enjoying all the painting techniques we share. This community has so many wonderful artistic abilities. Hope to get creative with you soon!

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The April Letters of Rollin C. Smith

Brought to you by Jennifer Nelson,
Camptonville Postmaster

Spring is in the air now, and Rollin is learning how to survive in Camptonville 1862. Last month a homesick Rollin writes to his family faithfully, however he feels they have forgotten him since it took two months for correspondence to travel across the county. With lots of time to miss home and to dwell on his lack of love in his strange new world, he receives a letter from a young woman he met a year prior through a cousin in Connecticut. He begins an intimate correspondence with this young woman named Addie A. Wheaton. Let's see how he courts her from thousands of miles away.

Pittsford, Vt. April 14th, 1862, Dear Rollin,

You wrote that where you are they are mostly Southerners. I do not like that kind of atmosphere. I would not stay among them if I could do any better. Save what money you can earn, keep away from bad places. My respects to the Postmaster that you live with, hope you will be good friends. Let politics alone in that place. I see in this week's paper that Congress has Abolished Slavery in the District of Columbia. No more this time so good bye my boy.
Father and Mother

Camptonville, Cal. April 16th, 1862, Remembered Friend (To Addie A Wheaton, Madison, Conn.),

I have often thought of you and the many happy hours I spent in your company last summer and often do I sincerely wish I could recall some of them. I have been in this place about nine weeks, teaching a private school and a singing school. Have enjoyed myself as well as can be expected. Closed my school last week and am to take charge of the "Public School" this summer. I am to have \$100 a month, that would look like very large wages in Yankeedom but it is not very large in this country for it costs much more to live that even with large wages a person will have to be very economical.

I am very well pleased with California but not enough so to recommend any one coming here. Camptonville is a small village situated 45 miles N.E. from the City of Marysville and is on the western slope of the Sierra Nevadas — is some larger than Pittsford. It is filled up with people from all parts of the globe; there is not a nation, civilized or not that is not represented and the same may be said as regards society, for all grades can here be found, but as a general thing the bad predominates.

There is no church here and since I came has there been any religious service at all but I understand that they sometimes have preaching in the school house. So you can form some kind of an idea of the kind of place I am in. We came here in the "rainy season" but it is clear now and everything promising - fruit trees are in bloom - miners are at work, all business is quite lively and people look happy and contented.

I think the climate of this state is the best feature here. Never saw anything like it. We often have quite heavy snows but it only stays on the ground a day or two.

Friday, April 18th, 1862

This might sound strange to you but it is never-the-less true, I am keeping house. Now you will want to know when and to whom I was married - well I united my fortunes as far as cooking and other housework is concerned with the Postmaster of this place about two months ago, and can say as yet have not regretted the step taken, and enjoy myself much better than I expected. Think by the time I go back East I shall be competent to take whole charge of things, in doors and out, and thus save the unnecessary expense of getting a wife - to say nothing about the trouble of courting.

I went to Marysville last week to be examined for a teachers certificate and had a rather hard journey. It is most of the way through the woods with only here and there a house, and the worst road I ever saw. The stage upset this morning a short distance from here, and several passengers were badly hurt - two are not expected to live.

Addie, I do not know as you will care to write to a person with whom you have had so short an acquaintance but if you can consistently I should be most happy to receive them, and will try to make my next more interesting and instructive. If not commit this to flames as you requested me to do with yours and which I did not do. No indeed, I have read it many times and would be glad to read more from the same source.
Yours very respectfully,
Rollin C. Smith



A Scoop of School

By Alexis Lamb

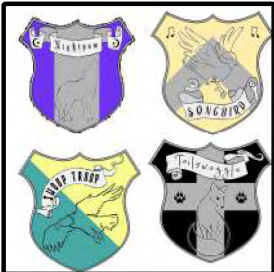
Hiya Kids! It's been a while. So, what's going on at the school? Well, by the time you read this, we'll be finishing up our Reading Marathon! Middle school is learning about the Age of Exploration.



Kindergarteners are learning about manufacturing; how we take raw materials from the earth and use those materials to make things (they'll get to visit an Alpaca farm soon!) Grades 1 and 2 are busy with writing sentences and 3, 4, and 5 are learning fractions!

The biggest thing afoot is that '23-'24 is the inaugural year of our House Cup! Some of you might be familiar with Hogwarts School for Witchcraft and Wizardry from Harry Potter. At Hogwarts they split their students into 'Houses' and each school year was a competition. We've borrowed the principle, but put a twist on it.

Our entire student body, from Kinders to 8th graders were sorted into four multi-generational houses with their own heraldic crests, colors, and native California wildlife mascots. There's Tailswaggle the cunning grey foxes, Swoop



Troop are our mighty eagles, our keen wolves are Nightpaw, and Songbird are the sweet chickadees.

If you come visit us on a Wednesday you'll see kids wearing tails or house T-shirts, and hear wolf howls or cries of

'Cheeseburger!' Students can earn points for their houses with attendance, but also for citizenship: by being kind to each other, caring for the campus, helping, having a positive attitude, showing good effort and participation, or following instructions.

The points are displayed on the screen in our front hall; it's a popular spot these days, the competition is hot! Nightpaw won in Trimester 1, Tailswaggle was in the lead at Trimester 2, and so far Trimester 3 is anyone's game! So far it's been a great success and we're excited to see how this House system grows and develops over the coming years.



Kindergarten Round-up!

By Patrick Brose, Camptonville School Superintendent/Principal



Camptonville families, it is time to register your child for Kindergarten. If your child turns 5 on or before August 12th, then they are ready for Kindergarten.

Registering now ensures that we can plan for staffing and classroom space for the coming school year. Registration packets are available in the office or online at www.cville.k12.ca.us. We look forward to seeing all of our new students soon!



Rally Point Happenings

By Amber Mehrmann, CCP



Last month we played games, discussed all the events and holidays that were happening, and just got to catch up with one another. Currently most of the youth that attend our meetings are about the same age and in the same class at school, so we wanted to send a reminder that Rally Point is open for anyone 10 to 15 years old. This means if your kiddo has turned 10 since the start of the school year, they're welcome to join in the fun at Rally Point now! You don't have to wait until next year. Those who are 16 to 18 years old are also welcome to participate as peer mentors. Our meetings in April will be on the 2nd and 16th; we hope to see you there!

Also, we wanted to remind community members that if you have a skill, hobby, or profession that you'd like to share with the youth, we'd love to have you join us for one of our meetings! If you're interested, please reach out using the contact information below. We hope everyone had a happy Easter/spring break and lovely beginning to the spring season!

Rally Point is a youth group provided for ages 10-15 that meets every first and third Tuesday of the month from 5 to 7 pm at the Camptonville Community Center. For more information, please contact Amber Mehrmann at amber@theccp.org or give us a call at 530-288-9355.

Take a Hike on North Table Mountain Ecological Preserve

By Katie O'Hara-Kelly

April is the best time to take a hike on North Table Mountain! It is the butte that's visible to the north of Oroville, about an hour and fifteen minute drive from Camptonville. It is a broad, mainly flat, prairie-like expanse of flowering grassland, interspersed with tiny creeks, valleys, and waterfalls. The top of it is capped by an ancient lava flow. It is one of the few places in California that has never been impacted by agriculture. Some cattle are allowed to graze there in the wet months, but apparently cause little impact on the native wildflowers. North Table Mountain became an ecological preserve in 1993, when Francis Carmichael, a local rancher, sold 3,315 acres of it to the State of California, to be managed by the California Department of Fish and Game. Now it is open to the public.

When the rains are good the bloom can be unbelievably spectacular. Carpets of yellow, white, purple, magenta, orange, and blue flowers fill the landscape, leaving only the natural deposits of volcanic rocks uncovered! There are over 400 species of wildflowers to be found on Table Mountain, including such wonders as Bitterroot, Meadowfoam, Goldfields, Red Delphiniums, Bird's-eye Gilia, Frying Pans, Kellogg's Monkeyflower, Sky Lupine, Owl's Clover, Blue Dicks, and Red Maids to name just a few.

There are also a variety of birds to observe including Meadowlarks, Horned Larks, Lark Sparrows, Chipping Sparrows, Savannah Sparrows, and many more.

The hiking is easy, with mild ups and downs. Weekends are super packed with people and cars, leaving weekdays a better choice for serenity. Everyone 16 years or older is required to have a "Lands Pass" that is available on line for a minimal fee at <https://wildlife.ca.gov/Regions/2/Wildflower-Viewing>.

Go there if you can, before it dries up. It's something you need to experience, especially if you love big skies and wildflowers!



Vernal pools

Photos by Katie O'Hara-Kelly



Kellogg's Monkey Flowers



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Beverly Cameron-Fildes, YWP & FSC



A few weeks ago, we were traveling home via the back roads out of Oroville and spotted a large billboard that read “Wildfire Season is Coming...Be Prepared.” It had a fiery background definitely designed to get one’s attention, and it did. I thought about it all the rest of the evening. The Education/Outreach Committee has discussed the idea of designing and installing signs on local roadways to remind the community to “be careful with fire when camping, don’t let tow chains drag and spark, and make sure that you have the requisite 100 feet of defensible space around your home.”

But by the next day, I admit, it was out of sight, out of mind and so begs the question: do those signs really KEEP our attention focused?

I’m sure for someone seeing the sign for the first time, it registers and maybe, if you frequent that stretch of road, you may even think, “Oh yeah, I

Photo by Beverly Cameron-Fildes



Regulation burn pile

need to get prepared,” the next time or two that you drive by it. However my hunch is that, like many other postings, we sadly can become desensitized to the sign and even to the message itself.

So how do we really get folks to take the message of “Be Prepared” seriously?

I have found that despite all the static messages that bombard us, we are still a species that crave and generally respond best to in-person, interactive contact. I see more results (including preparation and proactive behavior) after meeting with homeowners (Wildfire Mitigation Review), or with small groups (Firewise Community planning or Fire Education information), and when I share my story - my experience going through fire.

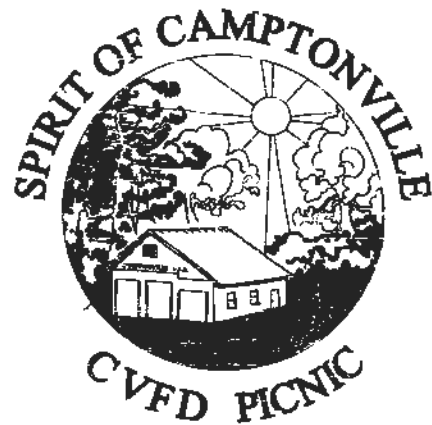
Yes, Wildfire Season is coming, and as the sign said, “Be Prepared.” Visit the website at YubaFireSafe.org to schedule a Wildfire Mitigation review or a neighborhood meeting to launch a Fire Wise Community. You can even arrange a group gathering for fire education. Let’s all “Get Prepared” together. Stay fire safe.

Calling All Artists: CVFD Picnic T-Shirt Design Contest!

By Donna Tate, CVFD Auxiliary

CVFD will be celebrating our 30th Annual Community Picnic this year. To celebrate this milestone, the Auxiliary is looking for a new T-Shirt design. We would love the new design to come from a local artist. Your design needs to be a single-color line drawing and should represent the Fire Department and the beauty of Camptonville. Please submit your design to the CVFD Auxiliary by June 1st, 2024 – cvfdauxiliary95922@gmail.com. The winning design will be announced in the July Courier.

Below is our current design. This was created several years ago by local artist, Jarrod Parker.



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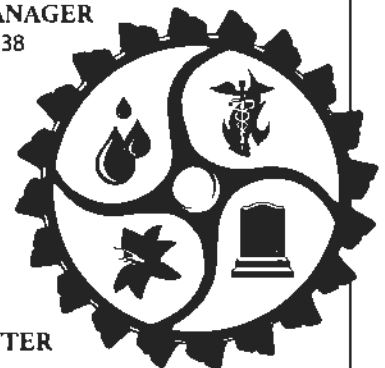
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Camptonville Volunteer Fire Department April Update - Get Involved

By Elizabeth Zapata, CVFD Administrative Assistant



Come get involved with our CVFD! We are looking for volunteers. You do not need to become a firefighter to be part of our vital organization! We have trainings at the Firehouse on Wednesday evenings, and we would love to have you come by to find out how you can help! We currently have 12 firefighters and one cadet on our roster.

Other ways everyone can help us to help you include: only burn on days with less wind and drive carefully after cold nights when roads can be slick

April 20th is the Hot Shot Half-Marathon on the Bullards Bar Trail. Come join members of the CVFD and others! If you're not familiar with the event, check out their website at <http://www.hotshothalf.com/home.html>

The Hotshot Half Marathon loops 14.5 miles on the beautiful Bullards Bar Trail. Registration fee is **\$75 (\$20 for kids up to 17) and includes a free T-Shirt.**

Registration will be open on RunSignUp until 4/19/2024 and available in person the evening before and the morning of the race until 8 am.

Register before March 20th to guarantee your free T-Shirt at hotshothalf@gmail.com or by phone: 530-559-5603.



Photo by Sandy Ross

Runner taking part in the 2023 Hot Shot Half-Marathon. Crossing Dark Day Rd towards School House.

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A Little Backstory on: Camptonville – a 1997 All-America Cities Finalist!

By Shirley Dickard



Let me take you back to June 1997 when 10 excited but a bit nervous Camptonville delegates boarded a plane for the All-America City competition in Kansas City, Missouri. As representatives of Camptonville, we were there to compete with 29 other finalists from much larger American cities. Ten winners would go home with the title of "1997 All-America City."

You may wonder how little out-of-the-way Camptonville with only 650 people got selected by the National Civic League to compete? In early 1997, Tonie Hilligoss spearheaded an intricate application process, making a case for why Camptonville should be considered despite not being a city with a formal governance or budget. We were chosen to compete because we exemplified a grassroots approach of building on the strengths of our residents to solve our problems and to create opportunities.

With so many Camptonville folks involved in the process, 10 eventually became our delegates, representing these 1997 organizations: Camptonville School Board (Donna Tate, Tonie Hilligoss, Dick Dickard); Camptonville Volunteer Fire Department (Matt Cooney, Cliff Hilligoss); US Forest Service (Donna Tate); Yuba Community Collaborative for Healthy Children/Camptonville Collaborative (Cathy LeBlanc, Shirley Dickard); Camptonville Outreach Project (Sandy Radoff (Ross)); Students (Ryan Montgomery, age 12, Devan Hilligoss, age 15), and Yuba Watershed Alliance (Tonie Hilligoss).

It wasn't until we got to Kansas City that we felt the full significance of being chosen. The three-day competition felt like a cross between a political convention and a gigantic community fair. We soon realized the huge convention hall was filled, not with competitors, but with compatriots who were just as eager to share what they were doing in their communities. Enthusiasm ran high!

We shared three projects that showcased our spirit. 1) **Building our own Fire Hall** through fundraisers and volunteer labor. 2) **The "Camptonville Collaborative,"** (precursor to Camptonville Community Partnership/CCP) for bringing together diverse people, groups, and organizations to work on common goals using Town Hall Meetings and Action Teams. 3) **Twilight School**, where the school offered its facility for evening programs taught by people in the community who wanted to share their gifts and skills.

Back to Kansas City. The first day we held rehearsals for our 10-minute multi-media presentation to the Jury, explaining why we should be named an All-America City. That evening, delegates handed out gifts from their communities at the Civic Action Fair booths. We gave California wildflower seeds in a muslin bag, hand tied with a poem by Yakshi – handmade by Camptonville folks. The big draw at our booth, however, was the basket of super-long sugar pinecones!

The next day, we took the stage, and everyone had a part in our formal presentation to the jury. We began by stating that Camptonville "is a very small town with very big plans." Nervous? Yes, but glad the hardest part was over. At the Awards Ceremony on the final day, we felt like delegates at a political convention, where the applause was sometimes deafening. (CCP still has our banner at the Resource Center). Everyone cheered us on because we were the smallest there. In fact, Fremont, California adopted us as their little sister community! In the end, it didn't matter that we weren't one of the ten winners. As one of 20 1997 All-America Finalists, we were honored to share with America our small-town approach to community-building and bring the recognition and pride back home.



Camptonville's All-American Cities Delegates, 1997

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A Look Back

by Jesse Golden

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20 years ago in the Courier (April 2004):

- **Foothill Billie and the Boys** implore visitors to Oregon Creek to "please let the newts be as they are busy laying eggs! We live in a beautiful, natural and wild place - let's keep it this way!"
- **Camptonville's markets, Rebel Ridge and Lost Nugget**, are profiled, and the **Grannies** announce the Annual Easter Egg Hunt at the Nugget.
- **Shirley Dickard** explains how to get healthcare services paid through the Rural Health Grant
- **Cheryl Zatuchini** gives advice for the spring garden



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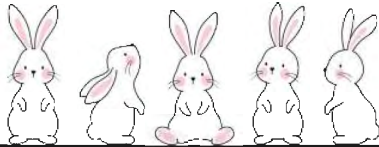
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WEEKLY Events

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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@TheCenter, 10 am-Noon, CCC
Qi Gong, 12:30 pm, CCC
Contact: 928-204-2677

MONTHLY Events

Call first to verify meeting times before attending

CCP Board - Meets 3rd Wednesday, 1 pm Resource Center. Contact: 530-288-9355
CCSD Board - Meets 4th Thursday, 5:30 pm, CCC Contact: 530-288-3676

School Board - Meets 3rd Thursday, 5 pm, at CV School Call to confirm: 530-288-3277

Thirsty Thursday - On the 2nd Thursday, 5-7 pm, CCC
Rally Point - Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesday, 5-7 pm, CCC

HELP & HOPE

For emergencies first call 911.
All area codes are 530 unless otherwise specified.

CAMPTONVILLE:

- Cemetery _____ 575-6172
- 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 Business _____ 913-3501
- 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
- Sheriff (Yuba Co) Non-Emergency _____ 749-7777
- Supervisor Jon Messick (Yuba Co) _____ 749-7510
- Yuba County Emergency Services (OES) _____ 749-7520
- Yuba County Health and Human Services _____ 749-6311

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Hot Shot Half-Marathon (pg 10)
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- April 27th - Peacock Tea Party Fundraiser (pg 2)**
- May 18th - Plant Sale and Flea Market (pg 5)**
- May 19th - Pollinators and Friends (pg 3)**

PEACOCK TEA PARTY
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