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MAY IS WILD FIRE AWARENESS MONTH



Yuba Watershed Protection & Fire Safe Council

May is National Wildfire Awareness Month, with the first Saturday, May 4th, designated as *Wildfire Community Preparedness Day*. The Yuba Watershed Protection & Fire Safe Council (YWP&FSC) would like to thank *The Camptonville Courier* for giving us space each month in hopes that the information we offer will not only help prepare you for wildfires but will also create interest in becoming an active member of your community preparedness groups.

Thank you to the Yuba Watershed Protection & Firesafe Council for sponsoring May's Color Covers.



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From the Editor

– Shirley DickKard

How many times does a message need to be heard before it sinks in? Before we take action? The magic number is around seven, according to advertising wisdom. So readers, we've had ample opportunity to read about and take action – thanks to the Yuba Watershed & Firesafe Council's persistent monthly firesafe articles.

Soon it will get hot and dry, and fire danger will accelerate. It's only early May, and there have already been at least two-three well-intended, but not necessarily well-attended local burns that got out of control. You never know when Mother Nature will also throw an unexpected curveball, such as a change in wind.

YWP&FSC is there to support us with a website full of helpful information (YubaFireSafe.org). Page-7 in this issue has a list of free resources that YWP&FSC provides, including personalized reviews of your home's fire safety and financial help to get the needed work done. What are you waiting for?



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Photo by Caroline Fowler

Celebration of Life for Betty Leffew

Saturday May 11th at 2 pm

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(May 12, 1940 to November 22, 2023)

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Betty always loved a good potluck!

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Mark Your Calendars for these MAY Events!

Community Art @the Center – Mother's Day Cards, May 4th

By Caroline Fowler, CCC

Join in community art and come make a handmade Mother's Day card on **Saturday May 4th**, during Coffee@theCenter from **10:30-11:30 am**. All materials will be supplied, yet feel free to bring your own techniques to share and combine creativity. This is a welcoming creative environment with no pressure! Good vibes, creative nurturing, and a passion for artistic expression are a few of the reasons I love to gather with community and make art. What do you love to create and why? Please share it with us at Coffee!

The creative juices flowing in our community create genuine gratitude and togetherness. I'm so thankful for the art bounty that is being shared and appreciate this community so much. A big shoutout to those young and those forever young at heart who made tiny bouquets and painted during April at the Center. Your open hearts are making a difference with art.

See you soon at Coffee and in our community!

May 18 - Camptonville Plant Sale & Market

By Jesse Golden

On **Saturday, May 18th**, come join your neighbors from **9:30 am-1:30 pm** at the Lost Nugget Market Field, 16448 Highway 49, for plants, arts and crafts, used items, and more.

The \$20 fee for each 12'x12' space benefits the Camptonville Community Center (no charge for non-profits and educational organizations). Volunteers will sell baked goods and beverages to benefit the Camptonville School, and 123 Grow will provide activities for young folks.

At the sale, the Community Center will also wrap up its Growing Community supporter campaign with a raffle at 1 pm.

Rain may result in postponement or cancellation; watch for updates posted at the Lost Nugget, at the post office, and online at facebook.com/camptonvillecc.

To learn about how to get a space, set-up time, vendor parking and more, use the web address bit.ly/cv-vendorinfo or call **530-288-5016** and leave your name, phone, and mailing address, or email: cvilleplantsale@gmail.com.

As always, many thanks to the Lost Nugget Market folks for allowing use of the field – please show them your appreciation!



It's been at least 27 years since the first Camptonville Plant Sale. Thanks to Carolyn Mumm, pictured here with Laura DeRapp at the 2001 Plant Sale held at the School, and to all the community volunteers who've built the Plant Sale into a vibrant community event!



Fundraiser for Foothill Scholarship Fund

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Mad Hatter's Tea Party - May 14th

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Timberline Theater's Sunday Movie, May 5th – Dr. Strange

While on a journey of physical and spiritual healing, a brilliant neurosurgeon is drawn into the world of the mystic arts. This Marvel movie from 2016 stars Benedict Cumberbatch, Chiwetel Ejiofor and Rachel McAdams and was a 2017 Oscar nominee for Best Achievement in Visual Effects. Shows 2 pm at The Community Center. \$2 admission.



Check out the Underground Gold Miners Museum

By Rae Bell Arbogast, Administrative Assistant

You're invited to follow this link to see our most recent post from the Underground Gold Miners Museum in Alleghany!

www.undergroundgold.org/post/carbide-graffiti



Growing Community – Be a Supporter!

By Jesse Golden

Our Camptonville Community Center is surviving and thriving, thanks to the generosity and persistence of so many community members. YOU, too, can be a supporter! The **Growing Community** flyer in this month's *Courier* includes a form you can use, or go online at bit.ly/beasupporter.

Through May 18th, the Center's board and volunteers hope to raise at least \$2,400 through the donations of community members. This campaign is called GROWING COMMUNITY, because that's what the Center is about – growing community by helping people connect and create. When you see the friendly bustle at events like Saturday Coffee and Thirsty Thursday pub night, or y'all-come fundraisers such as CCP's St. Patrick's dinner and auction last March, or the Christmas Club's Karaoke night in April, you know that the tiny town of Camptonville is creating something big!

It's 10 years ago this month since this community bravely stepped up and vowed to leverage the gift of the former Masonic Lodge into the long-desired Community Center. The Center is now managed by a non-profit board that meets monthly, staffed by an Events and Fundraising Manager and a Facilities Manager, checking off the necessary repairs and renovations, and moving into a successful, sustainable future.

All we need is – YOU! Let us add your name to the list of current supporters you'll see posted on the Center's wall – right by the kitchen from where all those delicious meals and snacks emerge. You can, of course, donate ANY amount: perhaps you'll target Violet level (\$25), Morning Glory (\$150), Poppy (\$250) or Tiger Lily (\$500). Whatever you can do will be appreciated!

As a small extra, each new or renewing supporter will be entered in our prize drawing for a case (12 bottles) of wine, customized to the winner's preferences (if you're not a wine-lover, you can ask our wine concierge to pick wines that are good for gifts). The drawing will be May 18th at 1 pm at the Plant Sale & Market; you need not be present to win.

Please let us hear from you, and congratulations to all the donors and volunteers who've carried the Center through its first ten years!

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Peonies in Grandma's Vase By Shirley DicKard

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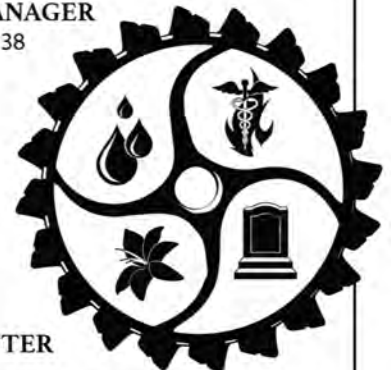
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The Pros and Cons of Living with Fire

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

When my husband and I moved to the Yuba County Foothills, I was excited to be more connected with nature and the great outdoors. Leaving a congested city and driving up into the wide-open spaces, seeing deer and wild turkeys wandering our property and having the privacy you just don't get living in an urban area – it felt like heaven. But there is always a tradeoff to any place you put down roots. For most of us, I'd venture to say, the "con" of our beautiful foothills and forests comes in the form of fire.

As Yuba County Foothill residents, many of us have experienced fires, some small, others quite large and destructive. For most, the general feeling is "fire is bad." However, the 100+ year belief that suppression of all fire was the best practice has contributed to the dangerous situation we are currently living with, where excess fuel in the landscape has fanned some of the most catastrophic wildfires in history.

I recently heard a very poignant phrase (author unknown), "The antidote to fear is knowledge."

In 1964, the Wilderness Act was passed. It was spurred by the twin recognitions that fire was a necessary part of the life cycle for the giant Sequoias and that national parks needed to be managed as an ecosystem. So, we started to see fire being used for ecological benefits to the land. In 1974, the US Forest Service began a slight shift in policy from fire suppression to fire management, which included both naturally occurring fires (lightning) and intentionally set fires (prescribed).

Fast forward to today. While sadly, there have been accidents, there is still overwhelming data to show that managed fire on the landscape provides significant benefit, both in control of flammable debris and improvement of forest health. Because of years of suppression and a variety of other factors, our forests are not healthy. The intentional reintroduction of fire onto the landscape by *trained practitioners* can be safe and beneficial and is actually bringing about a healthier environment for the plants, trees, wildlife, and humans who live in these areas.



Before



After

Beneficial Fire

The primary benefits of fire on the landscape are:

1. Reduction of overcrowding that causes stress on trees that compete for space and resources (sunlight, water, and minerals)
2. Reduction of hazardous fuel overloading that can increase the risk of a ground fire moving into the tree canopy, becoming more intense and harder to control.
3. Lessening of the spread of pest insects and disease (such as Bark Beetle).
4. Improvement in the return of nutrients to the soil.
5. While there is smoke with any fire, managed fires are coordinated with local air quality and smoke from managed or prescribed burns is much lighter for shorter periods as opposed to high intensity wildfire.

So...is all fire bad? My hope is that "managed fires" become more acceptable as the benefits are realized. It will take a while for our landscape to return to a healthy level, and as we continue to educate ourselves there will hopefully be a shift in our view of managed fire from a "con" and begin to see the "pro" in the benefits that it brings to our beautiful landscape.

For more information, visit: yubafiresafe.org. Stay Fire Safe!

Note: There is a great deal of documentation regarding the importance of fire on the landscape in restoring ecological balance. I hope that this has peaked your interest in learning more about "managed/prescribed" fire.

Summer Solstice Wordsmiths & Music Makers – June 23rd

By Yakshi Vadeboncoeur

Mark your calendars for the Summer Solstice Wordsmiths & Music Makers, **Sunday, June 23rd, 3 pm**, at the Camptonville Community Center. Your June *Courier* will give you a list of all the featured artists and for more information or if you're interested in performing at a future event, contact Yakshi at yakshiv@gmail.com.

Coming in JUNE!

Help Plan Landscaping around The Center – June 8th



By Richard DicKard, CCC Advocates

It's time to consider the landscape around the Community Center! After years of renovation construction, we're ready to develop the outside – both for appearance and for outside activities. Do you have ideas for landscaping that would look good and function well?

Please join us on **Saturday, June 8th, at 11 am** during Coffee@theCenter, and we'll start gathering ideas.

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Local Sierra Book Debut - June 9th

By Katie O'Hara-Kelly

The Sierra County Land Trust will be presenting their newly published book, "*The Sierra Buttes and the Lakes Basin – Protecting the Sierra One Place at a Time*" on **Sunday, June 9th, 1 pm**, at the **North Yuba Hall in Downieville**. Come meet the writers, artists, and photographers featured in the book, whose work will also be on display (including **Hank Meals** and **Katie O'Hara Kelly!**). Hope to see you there!

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Citizen Science – Something You Can Do!

By Katie O’Hara-Kelly

Since Earth Day has recently passed, I thought I’d write a little about how YOU can help our planet through Citizen Science! Wikipedia defines Citizen Science as: “Research conducted with participation from the general public, amateur and nonprofessional researchers for science, social science, and many other disciplines. Citizen science is used in a wide range of areas of study including ecology, biology and conservation, health and medical research, astronomy, media and communications, and information science.”

There is an official Citizen Science website, www.citizenscience.gov/, that has a huge number of ongoing Citizen Science projects that you could possibly engage in. Or just google “Citizen Science” and you’ll be amazed at the variety of opportunities and methods available. I have been engaged in Citizen Science ever since I started my blog eight years ago. I participate by regularly posting my recent photos on a variety of websites. Once a photo of mine is posted (along with the date, time, and location of the photo), it becomes part of the website’s data base. By turning in my observation data, it is made available to scientists that normally couldn’t get this information on their own. In turn, amazing data bases are created for the public to use.

One of my favorite websites is iNaturalist.org. It is a collection of millions of wildlife photos from all over the world. If you submit a photo, they will identify the species for you, and your information/image becomes part of their data base. It’s absolutely amazing! Here are some more of my favorite websites that you can contribute your photos to: bugguide.net, calflora.org, ebird.org, and butterfliesandmoths.org.

Just this month, Rochelle Bell photographed an unusual moth in her yard. No one could identify it, so I posted it on iNaturalist.org, where it was identified as a

“rare” (for the area) **Mendocino Silk Moth.**

How cool! With just a little effort, a lot can be accomplished. Just think



Photo by Rochelle Bell

how the data about Camptonville and its environment could grow, if we were all Citizen Scientists!

Rare Sighting

By Rochelle Bell

On a recent hike, **Opal Smith** had the joy of seeing a Ringtail cat in broad daylight! Bob MacDonald’s granddaughter visits from Sacramento and enjoys hiking in the woods around our area. On a recent hike in Canyon Creek, she spotted a very shy Ringtail. This is unusual because they sleep during the day and hunt at night. Ringtails are not cats at all; they are members of the Raccoon family. They eat small rodents, fruits, and berries. Ringtails live mostly in trees and make a clicking sound to communicate.



Photo by Opal Smith

Kudos to Opal for capturing the image of this beautiful, timid animal on her camera! You are invited to share with *The Courier* any interesting sights you see while enjoying our wonderful local forests. Send to: camptonvillecourier@gmail.com.

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Which of These Free Local Resources Could Help You Prepare for Wildfire?

By Beverly Cameron-Fildes, YWP&FSC

May is **National Wildfire Awareness month** and Yuba Watershed Protection and Fire Safe Council (YWP&FSC) would like to make you aware of the following programs, old, new, and renewed, to help you be as prepared as possible for wildfires in the months to come.

For information about how to access these programs and more, go to **YubaFireSafe.org** and search under programs.

1. Renewal of our **Defensible Space Cost Share Grant** begins May.
2. Renewal of our **Chipping Program**.
3. New program: **Defensible Space Special Assistance Program**, similar to the past PG&E Defensible Space program that was run by Camptonville Community Partnership. This program supports low income, disabled, and elderly residents.
4. Continuation of **Reflective Address Signs**.
5. Continuation of **Wildfire Mitigation Reviews**.
6. Continuation of **FireWise USA Program support**.
7. Continuation of **Tow Chain Covers**.
8. Continuation of **Education/ Outreach** at community events.
9. Annual **Firesafe Calendar**.



I'm Saying Thank You

Thank you, cement pier
just enough concrete cool
to block fire's creep.

Thank you, wind blowing north
and west, not south
through thicket to another's house.

Thank you, unknown 911 callers.

Thank you, Forest Service truck in my drive:
"Do you know you have a fire above you?"
"How close?" "Very close."

Thank you, those with trusty Pulaski's,
laying down hoses along flame's path.

Thank you, Washington Ridge inmates,
Cal-fire Captain, hard-hatted hot-shots.

Thank you, helicopter hauling water
siphoned from lake below.

Thank you, neighbor's calls, friend's concerns,
cousin's company.

Thank you, birds that flew
from danger, deer mom
nudging fawns to safety.

Thank you
I whispered in shock
seeing our hermitage standing
all washed in ash after fire passed.

Thank you,
invisible guardians, angels.

Thank you,
my beloved, personal saint,
steering winds away from
the work of your hands,
staying my quivering heart.



~Diane Pendola~
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Thanks for Making our Community Center Beautiful!

By Richard Dickard, CCC Advocates

Have you noticed that the front of the Community Center has a fresh new look? Many thanks to **Joel Morsberger** for painting our Community Center's front, giving it a beautiful, integrated look.

And *thank you* to **Knight's Paint** for their huge discount on the paint and to **Moule Paint** for donating the varnish so that Joel could do his painting magic. Stay tuned for more future plans!

A Scoop of School

By Alexis Lamb, Office Specialist, Camptonville School

We have one month (ish) until school is out! The last months of school are always a dead heat, trying to cram everything into the year before it ends. May will be filled with State Testing (an unfortunate necessity), Field Trips, and I-Ready goals. I-Ready is a program we use for Language Arts and Math. There is a chance for certain students who show academic progress in I-Ready to hit Mr. Brose in the kisser with a whipped cream pie at the end of May. Check with a student in your life to see if they're going to get the opportunity to be armed and dangerous with dairy!

We just finished our Reading Marathon – it's one of our major fundraisers for classroom funds – with our top readers achieving over a thousand pages. We hold two annual fundraising efforts: The Walkathon in September, and the Reading Marathon in March. You'll also see the school at the Plant Sale on the 18th! The Office Booth will host food in cooperation with Coffee@the Center; The Parent Club will have gift baskets to raffle off; and Leadership students will have some Camptonville merchandise for sale, so please come by and say *Hi!*



Photo by Tracey Munson

"One Person's Trash Could be Another Person's Treasure"

Teens! Rally Point Happenings

By Amber Mehrmann, CCP

Rally Point had a lot of great experiences last month. We introduced two new Volunteer Assistants who will be helping at our meetings regularly, **Garrett Mckeown** and **Maya Borhani!** We also had some great guest speakers. The first week we had **Matt Vaught** talk to us about self-defense and how to properly use the different disciplines (kung fu, jiu jitsu etc.). The next meeting, we had the pleasure of having **Shabda Owens**, who is the creator of the song *Days to Come*, that discusses the climate crises (the music video can be found on YouTube: www.youtube.com/watch?v=eW6WXT39Pis). After playing his music video, Shabda spoke to us about the process of writing the song: why he wrote it, the feelings and inspiration behind it, and how he was able to make the music video. He was very inspiring for the students; showing them that art is a great way for people of all ages to have their voices heard in this world.

Afterward, using recycled materials, we created art that was then on display at the Earth Day Celebration at the Community Center.

If any of you have a skill, hobby, or profession you'd like to share with the youth, please reach out to the contact person listed below. We'd love to have you!

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

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Early Childhood Explorations with 1,2,3 Grow

By Eugene Salganik, CCP



Spring is officially here, and our little preschool is having a blast observing all the sprouting flowers and blossoming fruit trees—perfect examples as we move into our new monthly topic of life-cycles! From pumpkins growing from seeds to frogs starting out as eggs and then transforming into tadpoles, there are so many fun crafts to demonstrate these cycles. I can't tell who's having more fun, the kids or me.

Last month, we took a field trip to witness the tulip bloom at Ananda Village. What a privilege it is to live in such a beautiful area where we get to use our surroundings to inspire love and respect for the earth at such a young age! These kids truly are sponges, absorbing new things every day as we talk about letters, colors, sharing, and being kind to each other. The more education, guidance, and positivity we put out, the more I see them developing in the most beautiful and beneficial ways. I have never felt more pride and joy in children who aren't mine.

Along with our regular classroom activities, we also host workshops at the Resource Center provided by **Child Development Specialist Thelma Amaya**. These are open to anyone in the community with children ages 0-5, regardless if they attend 1,2,3 Grow or not. The next workshop will be **May 7th from 10:30 am-12:30 pm**. Coffee and doughnuts will be provided along with great information on how to better understand and work with your ever-growing child.

I wish everyone a delightful month! Remember to say "Hi" if you see me wandering around taking close-up shots of flowers or whatever beauty the earth has displayed.



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- Youth enrichment and skill building projects
- Family Resource Center
- Community Health Action Plan
- 1, 2, 3 Grow Parent participation child enrichment for 0-5 year olds
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Ananda Tulips
By Caroline Fowler

1,2,3 Grow is a parent-participation early childhood program for infants and children up to five years old. Located in a portable behind the school, we're 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.

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Sinclair visits the Easter Bunny (Garret McKeown) while Solstice peeks from behind.
Photo by Rochelle Bell

Looking Back at Fun Times!

Easter Bunny Hops into Town

By Rochelle Bell

A very large crowd showed up at the Community Center during Coffee on Saturday morning, March 30th, to greet the Easter Bunny. Lindsay and Joel did a great job hosting the event. To our delight the clouds parted and the rain stopped long enough for the little ones to get outside and collect the 1,000 eggs that were waiting to be found in our back yard. In addition, there were games, prizes and lots of fun at the egg dyeing table hosted by Barbara Muller Hogan. Yummy food flowed from Coffee to the delicious lunch provided afterwards by Alexis. Thanks to all the volunteers for making this a super event.



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Start of the Hot Shot Half-Marathon on Bullards Bar Trail
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Karaoke!

By Sonja Rice

What a great time was had by young and young at heart at the April 12th Karaoke fundraiser for the Christmas Club! On hand were homemade spaghetti sauces by Donna Tate and Jessi Mullins that wowed the guests. Our Junior club members, Miya Garcia and Macie Prince, made chocolate chip cookies for donation, and Sandy Ross threw in some yummy peanut butter cookies too. Fathers and sons, grandmas and grandkids, old friends, all came together to sing some great songs. A few songs even had half the crowd on the stage! Just another great night in a great town. Thank you to all who donated their time and funds to help raise Christmas funds for our mountain kids. See you next year! (More photos on back cover)

Good Times at the SJR Community Library

By Roo Cantada, San Juan Ridge Library

Spring has sprung at Oak Tree Park, and the flowers are beginning to bud all around the library! The library is a thriving hub for Wifi, DVDs, and of course, BOOKS! We have a robust program that is posted at the library, the San Juan Family Resource Center, Grizzly Hill School, or online on Facebook.

Our regular classes include: Music and Ukulele, Thursdays, 1-3 pm; Fridays: Easy Qi Gong 1:30-2:30 pm, and Conversational Spanish with Yakshi 3-4:30 pm. We have arts and crafts on Tuesday/Thursdays from 4-5 pm, such as painting, collaging, jewelry, wearable art, guitar, garden crafts, and much more! We also offer take home arts and crafts for toddlers up to eight years old.

On the 3rd Thursday of every month, we have family kickball from 6:30-7:30 pm and Movie Nights beginning in June on the 2nd Friday. Come on by! All our programs are FREE and open to the public.

A Look Back at May Couriers

By Jesse Golden



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20 years ago (May 2004)

- Rochelle Bell describes another successful Granny's Club Easter Egg hunt: "Ambrosia drove the Easter Bunny in on a fire truck. Tasha and Erica were busy bunny helpers along with Flo, Barbara Hogan, and Terry from Willies Pizza."
- Ruth Schwartz reports on a new E-scrip program to raise funds for Camptonville school activities.
- Robert Mumm's poem, *Cat Step Waltz*, celebrates and condemns fancy footwork necessitated by his over-loving cat: "Fool I say / you will kill us both..."
- Cathy LeBlanc reports on a Sacramento trip by CanWORK parents and children to combat health care cuts



10 years ago (May 2014)

- Char Jokerst reports on the community decision to found the Camptonville Community Center and thanks Dick Dickard for his steadfast efforts and the Masons who donated the building. The Community Center Steering Committee thanks contributions from the Gene Hanson family, the Bob McDonald family, and from anonymous donors to cover initial building costs.
- Sandy Ross writes about "the value of volunteers" at Camptonville school, including Regine Miller's "Trout in the Classroom" program and electives taught by Mrs. Matson (Art), Stan Lathrop (Garage Band and Stop Motion Videos), Greg Parker (Leather Work), Patsy Prout (Crafts), Jesse Wilcox (Garden), and Lucille Rovnak (Yoga). Also, sports coaches Nehemiah Elliott and Bill Miller (football) as well Eric Querequincia and Jeff Ledson (basketball).
- John Deaderick announces performances of his musical play, *The Trial of Juanita*.

5 years ago (May 2019)

- Stephanie Korney describes the Historical Society's "Bring Your Objects" day, a "historic show-and-tell" event.
- Rod Bondurant recounts the successful efforts of twenty years previous (1995) to combat a massive dam project on the Middle Yuba river, including the 5th grade students (with presenters Heather Cusato, Jesse Parker, Erica Goode, and Kitty Riley) who travelled to the Yuba County Water Agency board meeting in Marysville to speak against the dam.
- Katie O'Hara Kelly writes about precautions for observing birds during nesting season, and Beverly Cameron lists 7 steps for fire prevention in May.





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- 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

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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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*Sometimes the smallest things
take up the most room
in your Heart*

Winnie the Pooh

MONTHLY Events

- CCP Board** - 3rd Wednesday, 1 pm
Resource Center. Contact: 530-288-9355
- CCSD Board** - 4th Thursday, 5:30 pm, CCC
Contact: 530-288-3676
- School Board** - 3rd Thursday, 5 pm, at CV School
Contact: 530-288-3277
- Thirsty Thursday** - 2nd Thursday, 5-7 pm CCC
- Rally Point** - 1st and 3rd Tuesday, 5-7 pm, CCC

On-Going Events in Camptonville

Call first to verify before attending

(CCC = Camptonville Community Center)

WEEKLY Events

- Tuesdays:** Yoga, 5 pm, School Gym, Contact: 530-978-6778
- Wednesdays:** Camptonville Fire Dept Trainings, 6-9 pm, Fire Hall
- Fridays:** HH Clinic on Wheels, 9:30 am-3:30 pm, CCC
- Saturdays:** Coffee@theCenter, 10 am-Noon, CCC
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Crazy Karaoke Fun at the Christmas Club's April Fundraiser (See page 11)



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

- May 5 – Movie Matinee 2-4 pm, at the Center (Pg 3)
 - May 7 – Thelma’s Workshop at 1,2,3 Grow (Pg 10)
 - May 9 – Thirsty Thursday 5-7 pm at the Center
 - May 11 – Betty Leffew Memorial Service (Pg 2)
 - May 14 – Mad Hatter’s Tea Party, Oregon House (Pg 3)
 - May 16 – Emergency Preparedness Fair-Brownsville (Pg 2)
 - May 18 – Camptonville Plant Sale and Market (Pg 3)
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- June 9 – Sierra Buttes Book Release – Downieville (Pg 6)
 - June 23 – Wordsmiths and Music Maker (Pg 6)
 - June 28-29 – Storytelling Festival, NSJ (Pg 6)

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