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Marvelous Market & Plant Sale!

By Jesse Golden

Camptonville's 2024 Plant Sale & Market was a perfect spring event, don't you think? The weather was lovely, the people happy, and the plants thriving! Congrats to all the vendors, local agencies, and volunteers who made it all happen.

I especially enjoyed seeing the activities in the 123 Grow area. I watched with awe as Eugene Salganik hauled in an amazing variety of toys and activities, set it all up and, with the CCP staff plus parents, created a fun and, frankly, adorable play area – and then hauled it all away again.

And then there was the Coffee@the Center crew, doing their magic under the pines, unfazed by pine needles or having to haul all the water, not to mention baked goods and sandwiches, all for the benefit of Camptonville School.

Special thanks to volunteers Mackenzie Garrott, Ruby Cook, Garrett Mckeown, Mike Gray, Zach, and super-helpful vendors Pam Saporta and Dale Mansfield. Huge thanks also to Mike, Randy, Justin, and Carissa at the Lost Nugget Market for making the field ready and available at no

charge. Please be sure to let them know you appreciate it!

The Camptonville Community Center received the proceeds from vendor fees, almost \$400, for its ongoing operating expenses.

Next year's coordinator Mackenzie Garrott is sure to need help. There are so many parts to making this event happen, including publicity, signage, vendor relations, and logistics. If you'd like to help, please let her know at cvilleplantsale@gmail.com.



Photos: Eugene Salganik

CALLING ALL ARTISTS – CVFD Picnic T-Shirt Design Contest Deadline EXTENDED TO JUNE 15th!

By Donna Tate, Camptonville Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary

CVFD will be holding 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 artwork to come from a local artist.

Your design needs to be a single-color line drawing and should represent the Camptonville Volunteer Fire Department and the beauty of Camptonville.

Please submit your entry to the CVFD Auxiliary by June 15th – cvfdauxiliary95922@gmail.com.

We have received just two entries so far. The winning design will be announced in the July 2024 Courier.

Our current design (right graphic) was created several years ago by local artist Jarrod Parker.





From the Editor

-Janie Kesselman

Is your neighborhood ready for mutual aid in case of an emergency such as a fire? Check out what Moonshine neighbors are doing (pg 3) to make sure everyone knows when a fire is nearby. I'm inspired to reconvene an Old Toll Road neighbors group (started in the '80s or earlier) to reinstate our use of air horn codes for that purpose. Any others want to try this?

Our little community is bustling with both important and fun activities this month. From the movie matinee June 2nd to critical meetings on the 8th, 13th, and 30th, to an art event on the 15th, the poetry/music/dinner event on the 23rd, and the Country Faire parade and festival on the 29th, we have a busy start to summer! May all stay safe and well!

NEW! Dance Exercise Class with Marcy

Thursdays: June 6, 13, 20, and 27, 9-10:30 am
Camptonville Community Center

Come join us for a fun time moving to world music.



Bring water and a mat for stretching. Wear comfortable clothes and shoes suitable for a cement floor. \$10 donation requested per class.



At First I Thought It Was A Gopher...

By Shirley DickKard

My eyes were caught by the head of a gopher poking out of its hole. But on closer look, I saw that it was a toad. A toad! (a rare sight here...) It was snuggled up to a round dirt clod, filling the entire opening to the den.



Photo: Shirley DickKard

But then the dirt clod blinked. Two toads! We visited for quite a while, then they went down below doing whatever toads do down there...

Ideas For Outside the Center? Come June 8th

By Richard DicKard, CCC Advocates

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

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



Photo: Janie Kesselman

Growing Community – Thank You!



By Jesse Golden

The **Growing Community** fundraising campaign has now ended, with a net of \$2,200 raised for ongoing operations of the Camptonville Community Center!

Congrats to Mary Y, who won our campaign prize.

Growing community is still what the Center's about – growing community by helping people connect and create.

Although the campaign is over, you can always be one of the generous and persistent community members who helps the Center survive and thrive. Stop by the Center during an event, go online at bit.ly/beasupporter, or send a check to CCCA, PO Box 414, Camptonville 95922. Thanks!

Community Art At The Center – June 15th

By Caroline Fowler, CCC

Paint a little nature-inspired watercolor picture to trade with another artist on Saturday June 15th during Coffee@theCenter. A fun idea is to make one to keep and one to give! This community art pop-up will be set up outside at the Community Center and is free and open to all.

Card-making art supplies will be available if you want to make a card for Fathers' Day, too! Making handmade Mothers' Day cards in May was so much fun, and I'm sending a heartfelt thank you to our community for creating together. Also, many thanks for all of the art supply donations!

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Community Wildfire Protection Plan Meeting – June 13th

By Cathy LeBlanc

Please save the date! Have your voice heard! Our local **Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP)** meeting will be held at the **Camptonville Community Center** on



Thursday, June 13th at 6:30 pm. If you're concerned about reducing local wildfire hazard, improving emergency access, and increasing firefighting capacity, please attend.

The Yuba Watershed Protection & Fire Safe Council (YWP&FSC) was awarded a US Forest Service grant to update the Yuba Foothills CWPP. This Plan is a crucial document for fire protection. It enables YWP&FSC and local partners to leverage resources to fund local forest health, resilience, and fire safety efforts. The scheduled community meetings are a great opportunity for local residents and property owners to have input into the Plan.

Deer Creek Resources has been hired to conduct wildfire hazard analyses and collect stakeholder input and other data relevant to updating the CWPP. Community meetings will be held in each of the five Yuba County foothill fire districts to share information and gather community input.

Other local fire districts' meetings are scheduled for earlier in June, with details available from **Sandie at YWP&FSC: 530-723-3799**, or by emailing info@yubafiresafe.org.

The original CWPP, prepared in 2014, can be viewed at: yubacounty.opennrm.org/cwpp/cwpp-report



Free Chipping in Camptonville: June 17th-21st!

Sign up online for up to three hours of chipping at: yubafiresafe.org/residential-chipper-program/



Moonshine Road Neighbors Test Emergency Alert System

By Shirley Dickard, Moonshine Firewise Committee

On May 3rd, 14 folks from the Moonshine Road Firewise group held our second annual clean-up day at our little firehall, then met to talk over what we need to make our area more firesafe. As we continue working on our Firewise USA application, we stressed how important it is to sign up for a free Fire Mitigation Review from the Yuba Watershed Protection & Firesafe Council (YWP&FSC). These can be arranged at yubafiresafe.org (see pg 8).

Some expressed concern about how they would be alerted if there were a local fire or other emergency – especially when phone and cell service is lacking, they're inside, or they're sleeping. Since several of us have loud cast-iron "school bells" and air horns, we decided to test how well folks could hear them.

We scheduled the test for May 15th, when eight neighbors rang bells or airhorns in sequence from 6 to 6:30 pm, then we all replied with what we could hear. By far, more people heard the air horn blasts. The next time our committee meets, we'll decide on our next steps. While an air horn or bell won't tell you what the problem is, it will at





Clean-up crew Photo: Beverly Cameron-Fildes

least alert you that something's happening nearby, and to check it out!

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Making Some Heat – June 23rd Wordsmiths & Music Makers, Summer Solstice Edition



by Yakshi Vadeboncoeur

Those long summer days are upon us. Come on out **Sunday afternoon, June 23rd**, and help us party at the **Camptonville Community Center** for the Summer Solstice **Wordsmiths & Music Makers**. We'll be celebrating with music, stories, and poetry – the creative light and energy that shine at the heart of this community.

Doors open at 3 pm, and the show starts at 3:30. Finger foods and a sit-down feast at the end are all part of the \$5 entry ticket at the door.

Some featured artists to look forward to include:

Quantum and **Jhon Renoir**, from Dobbins: **Kansta** on guitar and **Patience** on flute, **Brad** telling a tale, and **MoMo** from North San Juan telling another, poets **Will Staple** and **Pam Davis**, and several more.

If you want a chance to add your creative spark to the mix, write your name on your ticket and drop it in the golden tin. We'll draw one ticket after each featured artist all evening, with that person earning a chance to share a song, story, or poem (no more than five minutes, please). Culinary artists are also welcome to add a taste treat to the evening meal if they so desire. Looking forward to sharing a feast for body and spirit with all of you as we mark the longest days of the year!





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Located at our **Family Resource Center** behind Camptonville School
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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

Development of:
Community-scale forest biomass to energy facility and business center

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Sharing History, Memories Come Alive – June 30th

By Rochelle Bell, Camptonville Historical Society

Bringing joy to others comes in many ways. Being part of the Historical Society in Camptonville, we are able to bring the joy of renewing old memories of home.

Fifty years after spending summers here at her family home, a tear came to the eyes of Gerry Harris as the current



The Mayo construction crew, 1908

Photo: Camptonville Historical Society

owner graciously toured her and her husband Al through the old family homestead. She remembered the delicious taste of late summer apples off the trees and the fresh taste of water right from the spring.

Later, visiting the museum, she marveled at finding her uncle's photo on our wall and another photo of her mother's best friend. Seeing the graves in our cemetery brought a moment of contemplation and many thanks and appreciation from Gerry and Al. They had driven across the country from Arkansas to relive a piece of her past and to bring photos and other items from her family, bringing us joy as well.

If this type of story sounds like something you would like to participate in, or if the history of our area interests you, we would like to invite you to our annual meeting of the Camptonville Historical Society. The Society has been collecting stories and pictures of Camptonville for over 20 years. We need new energy to help us share our town's history with residents and visitors.

Camptonville Historical Society Meeting
Sunday June 30th, 2pm at the Community Center
All are welcome – short movie, pictures, cookies provided

At the meeting, we will show a very short video that we edited about the Celestial Valley sawmill in the 1970s, with commentary by the late Lois Butz. There will also be a display of photographs showing the history of the town's bar and restaurant built in 1908 known as the Mayo Building.*

*Editor's Note: Please attend the "Friends of The Mayo" event next month to contribute your ideas to the future uses of this historic building! (see page 12)

New! Summer Nights @ the Center – Local Art Auction/Dinner Events



By Caroline Fowler, CCC

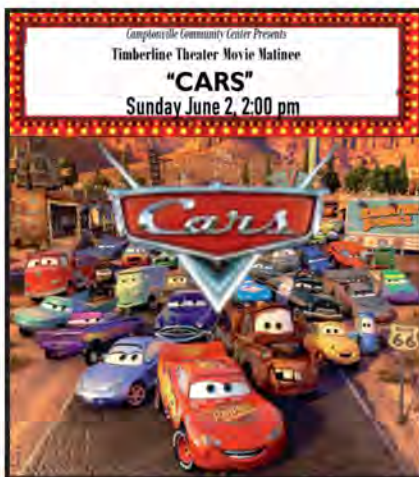
You're invited to Camptonville's first-ever **Summer Nights @ the Center** local art auction with dinner, dessert, and music on **Friday July 19th, 4-7 pm at the Community Center**. There will be a **repeat event on Friday August 16th**.

You could go home with an amazing piece of local artwork from the art auction! We are now accepting donations of local art for these events. If you would like to make a donation, please contact the Center at 530-288-5016.

The Camptonville Community Center's community space means a lot to Camptonville and all of our surrounding communities. I've heard this sentiment echoed by so many others. The first time I set foot into the Center, it truly felt like home. Now the Center needs our help, so mark your calendars for July 19th and August 16th, and invite your friends! This is a fun way to support our Community Center.

All funds from the art auction and dinner go to support the Center's operating costs. **Suggested donation for dinner is \$8, and \$1 for kids' ice cream scoops**. See you there!

"Cars" At the Timberline – June 2nd



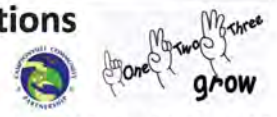
By Jesse Golden

Movie, popcorn, fun! On **Sunday June 2nd at 2 pm**, Timberline Movie Theater at the **Camptonville Community Center** presents the 2006 film **"Cars."** This G-rated animated movie from Disney and Pixar Studios, featuring Owen

Wilson, Bonnie Hunt, and Paul Newman, is fun for all. It was Paul Newman's final American feature film, and was the highest-grossing movie of his career. George Carlin died of heart failure three months before its release; this was his highest-grossing film as well!

In *Cars*, a hotshot rookie racecar gets stranded in a rundown town and learns that winning isn't everything in life. Join host Pam Davis for this fun movie. \$2 requested donation includes popcorn. See you there!

Early Childhood Explorations With 1,2,3 Grow



By Eugene Salganik, CCP

The season for starts has... started :) and I thought it would be a fun treat to have each kiddo plant and sprout their first sunflower this year. Boy was that a success! Each paper cup has several little shooting green plants and to see the awe and excitement as we checked the progress each day was a complete joy.



Sunflower sprouts at 1,2,3 Grow

Photo: Eugene Salganik

We had some new faces join our classroom in April and May – I had never seen it so full! Cleaning up at the end of the day, I felt more accomplished the more there was to clean. Even with a full classroom, I noticed more and more kids sharing and asking each other to use something instead of just taking. Those little moments really feel huge.

Our class planted some garlic back in December, which we gave parents as a parting gift the last day of class in May. We'll have a graduation ceremony for the five-year-olds the first week of June, then the program will officially be on summer break. It has been the biggest pleasure and privilege for me to lead the classroom, and the amount of joy I get from it is truly off the charts.

This community is so friendly! I've really enjoyed making new friends with all the parents I met. The expression "it takes a village" can really be felt, living in a place like this. I think that's a unique and powerful thing to be experienced and I'm constantly grateful to be reminded of it. Thank you all who made it out to our classroom; we hope to see you again in the fall!

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**, during the school year (August through May). For any questions, please feel free to reach out to Eugene at eugene@theccp.org or give us a call at **530-288-9355**.

Happy Summer, Camptonville!

By Patrick Brose, Principal/Superintendent, Camptonville School



As you read this, we are concluding our school year with school ending on June 6th. It has been an amazing year for the school with so many things happening. This summer is a quiet summer at the school, with no major projects planned.

The campus will be closed down from June 12th until August 7th. We are planning on shutting off most electrical and HVAC equipment for the summer in order to conserve electricity. With the newest rates from PG&E, it cost the school approximately \$5,000 per month to power the school, so any opportunity to save is desperately needed.

We are looking forward to a robust Kindergarten class starting in August. If you have not turned in your Kindergarten registration, please do so before the office closes on June 12th. If you need to get a hold of me during the summer, you can contact me at: pbrose@cville.k12.ca.us. I work from my home office during much of the summer and have regular access to my email.

Have a wonderful summer break and see you in August!

Sierra Storytelling Festival

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Camptonville Teller At Festival – June 28th

By Janie Kesselman

Come to the **Sierra Storytelling Festival on Friday, June 28th at 5:15 pm** to hear **Shirley DicKard** (*The Courier's* Senior Editor) spin tales from her eco-novel *Heart Wood* of three family women of the past, present, and future, set in the Yuba Watershed. Schedule and ticket info: sierrastorytellingfestival.org.

Rally Point Summer

By Amber Mehrmann, CCP

As the school year comes to an end, we are shifting our Rally Point schedule to having one activity a month for June, July, and August (as opposed to our school year schedule of meeting every first and third Tuesday). June's activity is on **June 1st**, a "**Nature Day**" combined with the youth group in Challenge. The activities for July and August are still being finalized, but once we have all the details we'll be sure to post fliers and contact anyone currently signed up!



Here are some comments from the youth of Rally Point:

"I think Rally Point is cool because I get to see the homies and learn about new stuff that will help us." Zak Brady

"I love to hang out with my friends and play fun games. Sometimes people come to present what they do for their career and I learn a lot of new things. Rally Point is really Cool!" Lilly Mullins

"Rally Point is amazing and fun. I like hanging out with my friends." Moses Parker

"Rally Point is a really fun experience. I enjoy my time there, because I get to see my friends outside of school. I recommend Rally Point! You get to meet new people and have a break from school. I hope more people will come in the future." Aria Knipe

If you want to be on our contact list, or for any other questions related to Rally Point, please reach out to **Amber Merhmann: amber@theccp.org** or call CCP at **530-288-9355**.

We're looking forward to summer and hope that more youth will be joining us on our adventures in learning and spending time with new and old friends!

New Rural Heath Advocate

By Lora Miller, CCP



Hello Camptonville! My name is Lora Miller, and I'm currently training as the new Rural Health Advocate for Camptonville Community Partnership. I'm originally from Sacramento, though I've lived in a few different states and moved to the foothills about 15 years ago.

Getting settled here with my daughter, she asked me why we moved to California to go "camping"? I found the question funny, but very accurate for the situation at the time. As a child I spent a lot of time and most summers here in the foothills. Many of my favorite memories were made camping with my entire family at Sly Creek while also visiting with family who grew up here in the hills. So, to answer my daughter's question, I immersed her in our natural surroundings, the lakes, wild plant life, animal watching, gardening, livestock, and stargazing.

Being of indigenous lineage, I also found it important to teach her life skills such as fire making, shelter building, safe water practices, food procurement from field to table, and solar power for cooking. Starting at such a young age, she learned she was blessed to have been provided this open space, free of city ailments, along with all the beauty and peace our small towns have to offer.

A little about myself: I have spent the last 14 years as a private home care provider and private case manager for many clients ranging in age, need, and ability, some under hospice care. I am currently in college with four majors, all following social work as the overall goal.

I live on the other side of the hill in Oregon House, but after seeing your town and community interactions for the last few weeks, it's very clear you have found and are working towards a goal of creating something special for future generations. I'm excited to have this new opportunity and to advocate for such a unique town and the larger foothills region.

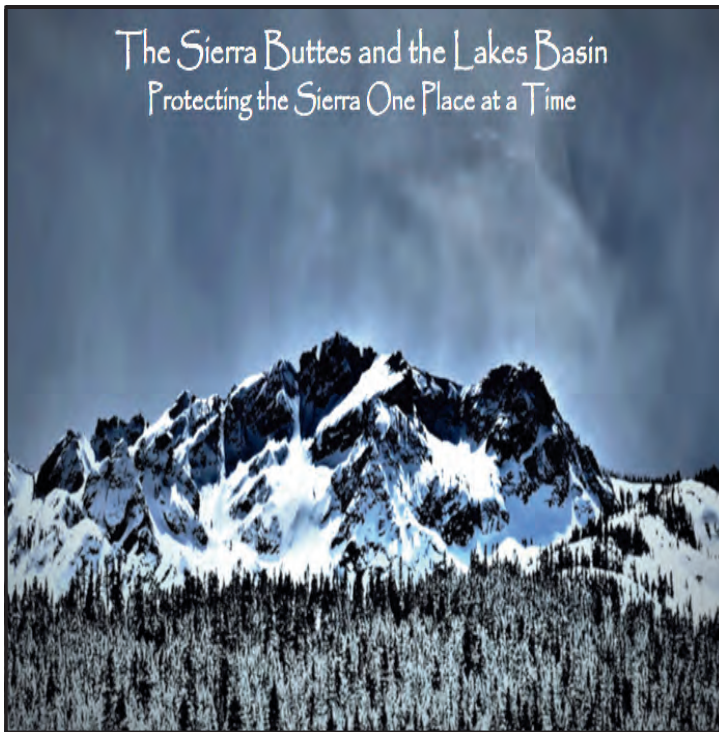


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The Sierra Buttes and the Lakes Basin
Protecting the Sierra One Place at a Time

Sierra Buttes/Lakes Basin Art Exhibit and Book Release Reception – June 9th

By Laurie Oberholtzer, Director, Sierra County Land Trust

The Sierra County Land Trust, Historical Society, and Arts Council will unveil the results of a year-long joint project of art and writing inspired by the Sierra Buttes and the Lakes Basin on **Sunday June 9th, 1 pm** in an opening reception at the **North Yuba Hall, 318 Commercial Street in Downieville**. Many of the writers, artists, and photographers featured in the book and the exhibition will be present at the event. The exhibit will be **open to the public through Sunday, June 16th, noon to 3 pm daily**.

The book, *The Sierra Buttes and the Lakes Basin – Protecting the Sierra One Place at a Time*, highlights the importance of the Lakes Basin and other high elevation watersheds in mitigating climate change as well as combatting the potential for catastrophic wildfire in our wildland-interfacing communities.

Lead Artist **Katie O’Hara-Kelly** was responsible for the overall layout and artistic decisions. Having been a naturalist with the National Parks and art educator in Sierra County for 27 years, she continues to produce an illustrated nature blog: northyubanaturalist.blogspot.com. She says: "I'm in love with the Lakes Basin and feel so privileged to have it in my backyard! It's my home away from home!"

Project coordinator **Laurie Oberholtzer** added: "We hope the project will assist residents in spreading the story of the importance of protecting this special place and of doing our part to reduce climate change impacts statewide and wildfire impacts locally."

Letters from Camptonville – May, 1862

By Rollin C. Smith (compiled by Jennifer Nelsen*)

The temperature is rising, pollen is abundant, and spring is coming to an end. Over the season, Rollin C. Smith was settling into Camptonville very nicely; however, he cannot seem to establish himself in one place. Throughout the six months he’s been here, he has lived in a hotel, with a private family, in a full-service boarding house, and most recently with the Postmaster. They are now keeping house together as bachelors. This situation is quite amusing to him as he described uniting his fortunes as far as cooking and other housework. By the time he returns home, he claims he will “save the unnecessary expense of getting a wife.” Well, we will just see about that!

*Excerpts from *Postmarked Vermont and California, 1862-1864*.

Wednesday, May 28, 1862

Dear Father and the others,

If you knew how much a letter is worth and how carefully it is read you would write much oftener than you do. Just think I am alone, no friends near me, and with the exception of Buck not a person I ever saw before.

Thursday, May 29, 1862

I have two propositions to go into business. One is to buy out a Pony Express between here and Brandy City, a distance of eight miles, and have half-interest in the Post Office. The other is to go to San Francisco and go into the meat and vegetable business.

Shall keep this place as long as I can at \$100 per month for it is sure pay and not any risk to run; but it is the worst work I’ve ever done – not much like Vermont schools to manage. Think nothing of thrashing half a dozen a day and laying it on good at that.

I have given up housekeeping and gone to boarding. The Postmaster got tired of it and so did I, besides he wanted to go into a more thickly settled part of town where his grocery would amount to more. So we board at the Hotel. I still room with him and that saves me two dollars a week. My board costs me a dollar a day. It is the best that I can do and I am satisfied with it for I do not get as dirty as I did when I was cooking.

Everyone here says there is something fascinating about California, and so it seems for they all stay about five times as long as they intended to when they came. The girls all think they are gods as soon as they get into this state, and the men are fools to uphold them in their belief, and that gives them quite a different turn then at home. If Hattie were here she would be wearing long dresses and go to school dressed in silk, and have at least half a dozen beaux. But long dresses do not shield my girls from getting their hair pulled if they need it.

I am going to sing tonight. I am assisting the Welsh people in getting up a concert for July 4th. Some of them are as fine singers as I ever heard and they are by all odds the most respectable people in California.

The dry season has fairly set in. The gardens look fine and the apples are as big as walnuts, but they say they are a month behind hand.

With love to all I bid you an affectionate good night.

Ever lovingly your boy, Rollin

That’s all for this month, folks. Let’s hope their July 4th concert comes together nicely! Join me next month to find out if Rollin will finally decide what business endeavor is right for him. Thank you for all the support and encouragement; I love sharing this story. Camptonville has been a special place for a long time, and I am privileged to be a part of this beautiful town.

129th Annual Cherry Festival Comes To North San Juan -- June 22nd

By Pamela Resada

Please join us on June 22nd at the North San Juan Community Center for the 129th Annual Cherry Festival! It's a magical day packed full of deeply-rooted, small town, family-friendly fun! The Cherry Festival begins at 10 am with a 30 minute parade, one of the longest running traditions of the Ridge. Arrive early, as Highway 49 will be closed for 30 minutes.

Immediately after the parade, the NSJ Community Center will host food, games, a cake-walk, contests, face painting, local music, 25 vending booths, an inaugural Wellness Fair, and a drawing!

Last year, we had over \$10,500 in drawing prizes, thanks to 140 local businesses and individuals. Follow our Facebook page for sneak-peaks of prizes! Tickets are \$1. You can buy tickets on line or at the Festival. The drawing is our biggest fundraiser of the year. All proceeds are used to support and expand the Center's community-focused programs.

This year we are focused on raising funds to continue our EBT Eats Free Tuesday Night Dinner. This successful program feeds 75-100 people every week and expires on June 30th. Help us keep it going!

If you are interested in volunteering, baking, or purchasing drawing tickets, please contact **Ali Anderson: 707-484-7179**. You can also sign up using our online form at: tinyurl.com/VolunteerAtNSJC

If you are interested in vending or being in the parade, please call **Sue Bauer: 530-292-9525**.

The North San Juan Community Center is at 29190 Hwy 49.

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Why Have a Wildfire Mitigation Review?

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

I frequently close my column with the reminder of “go to YubaFireSafe.org and schedule your free Wildfire Mitigation Review,” but I don’t recall ever detailing the reasons I make that recommendation. Let me outline some of the benefits of the program and why I promote it.

At the request of the homeowner, the **Wildfire Mitigation Review (WMR)** is conducted by a trained volunteer at no cost. The advisor is a “new set of eyes” looking at the home and property from many aspects of fire safety. The advisor will help determine whether emergency personnel can find your home and get to it (signage/access routes...) They will assess the home's strengths and vulnerabilities, looking at specific parts of the home and making recommendations for improvements that will increase its ability to withstand a fire. Lastly, the advisor will look at the defensible space and make recommendations for fuel reduction treatments.

The review is done with the homeowner present, so they are able to discuss possible improvements and options. A packet of information is provided, covering everything from home hardening to evacuation planning.

Along with immediate informational benefits, having the Review also makes the homeowner eligible to apply for a **Defensible Space Cost Share Grant**. This program provides up to 50% reimbursement (maximum of \$2000) of eligible defensible space improvement costs around a residence, including pruning of trees, removal of ladder fuels, weed eating, and more.

We also offer a limited number of no-cost defensible space clearing work awards for low income, disabled, and elderly residents. Go to: yubafiresafe.org/defensible-space-assistance for eligibility requirements.

Having a **WMR** is an important step in joining with neighbors to become a **Firewise USA Community**, with its many benefits.

For details on these programs and more, go to YubaFireSafe.org and check details and eligibilities under the **Community Programs** dropdown box.

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 (read back issues at bit.ly/courierpast or search by keyword at bit.ly/courierdigital)
 By Jesse Golden

20 years ago, June 2004:

- Audrey Bowman reports on an educational presentation at the Camptonville School by visitors including three live bats (one Pallid and two Mexican Free Tails).
- Camptonville Unified Elementary School District Superintendent /Principal Gary Bowman bids a fond farewell to the school community.
- Cathy LeBlanc invites community members to participate in the Health Access Planning Project of Yuba County (HAPPY).



10 years ago, June 2014:

- Mark Jokerst, Camptonville Water Plant Manager, explains where Camptonville’s water comes from.
- Roy Ruff reports on Camptonville's Liam Ruff, Mountain Bike Champion, who completed a perfect season in NorCal MTB league competition, riding for the Nevada Union Miners Mountain Bike Team.
- Betty Lefew provides news from the Yuba River Ranger District.
- Greta Broda reports on a presentation by Forest Service Law Enforcement Officer Joe Cook on issues related to large marijuana grow sites hiding on public lands.
- The Classified ads includes this item: "Lovelorn Dashing Dandy Debonair male Muscovy duck situated on beautiful private pond, seeks lovely lady Muscovy duck to share in domestic bliss..."



5 years ago, June 2019:

- Marcy Risque joins Shirley DickKard and Janie Kesselman on *The Courier's* rotating editor team.
- Linda Rose profiles Bob MacDonald, "your local collector of old relics, heirlooms, and historic artifacts."
 - Articles by Lindsey Nitta, Beverly Cameron-Fildes, Denise McVey, and Brandi Dudek focus on the start of fire season and wildfire prevention, and YubaNet advertises a t-shirt reading: "*Fire Season is here. Don't do anything stupid!*"

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A Word From Our Fire Chief

By Elizabeth Zapata, CVFD Administrative Assistant

Summer is here and so is fire season! Here's advice from Tedd Sapp, CVFD's Acting Chief, for preparing your home:

*Burn permit time is here. Keep a shovel, bucket, and/or hose nearby. Catch embers before they get away.

*Clean gutters.

*Create 300' of defensible space around your home. Clear dry brush and debris. Please do your part to help us help you!

*Keep roads and driveways clear and accessible, including clearing low branches. This helps residents escape and gives our trucks the room to get to you and your property.

*Remove firewood from porches and areas near homes.

*Clear grass and weeds from around the propane tank.

*Keep your driveway and access roads safe and accessible for emergency vehicles.

*Clean your grill; check for gas leaks. Burn briquettes all the way down and dispose of properly.

*Keep at least 48 hours of food and water, meds, flashlights, batteries (NOT CANDLES), phone chargers, and portable radio for SPS events and for fire.

*Keep your vehicles fully gassed up.

*Rivers are fast and cold. Melt continues. Be safe! Your friends and family need you.

We are always looking for hard-working, fun volunteers for CVFD. Come on by and say hello. You do not have to become a firefighter – if you have time and energy, we will find something for you to do (we have many non-firefighter projects.) Your CVFD is made up of neighbors and community members just like you. Call **530-913-3501** for more info.

Stay well and fire safe!

Update On Dam Safety

By Bonnie Dickson, Senior Public Information Officer, Yuba Water



Yuba Water Chief Dam Safety Engineer Tim Truong outlined to the board several maintenance and dam safety projects planned for the years ahead. Yuba Water owns and operates New Bullards Bar, Log Cabin, and Our House dams as part of the Yuba River Development Project, a multipurpose flood risk reduction, water supply, hydroelectric power generation, fish habitat, and recreation project on the Yuba River.

Yuba Water's dams undergo comprehensive external reviews by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and the Division of Safety of Dams. In their most recent listing of California's major dams, the state rated all of Yuba Water dams as "satisfactory," the highest rating they issue.

Go to yubawater.org for more information.



New office and store floating on Bullards Bar

Photo: Shirley DickKard



Work continues on Yuba Water Agency's new facilities on Marysville Road. All five buildings on the property are taking shape and work is on schedule.

Yuba Water's New Facilities Project

By Bonnie Dickson, Senior Public Information Officer, Yuba Water Agency

Construction of Yuba Water Agency's new Power Systems facilities on Marysville Road in Oregon House is on schedule, with completion expected later next year. Yuba Water broke ground on the two-year project at 8897 Marysville Road last summer. The new property spans 16 acres and includes a 14,000-square-foot administration building, a warehouse and mechanics shop, 150,000-gallon fire suppression water tank, parking, and more. A school bus stop on Marysville Road adjacent to the property will be updated to ensure families can safely pick up and drop off students.

Visit yubawater.org to learn more about Yuba Water's missions and investments in Yuba County.

What's New at Emerald Cove Marina

By Shirley DickKard

Lured by the exceptionally high water level at Bullards Bar Reservoir and the huge, new floating building at Emerald Cove Marina, I decided to pay a visit and find out what's new. "The reservoir is at 97% of capacity," Chris, the Rental Manager, told me. And contrary to rumor, the new building is not a restaurant (darn!), but the Marina's new office and store. The current structure is about 50 years old, with old-style styrofoam floats (exposed to the water)...


At 3,200 square feet, the new building will provide much-appreciated extra space for staff and storage, and will allow people to check in out of the sun, wind, and rain. The new structure is temporarily moored near the Marina's fleet of nine large rental houseboats and the 80 private houseboats. Later this fall it will be relocated to its permanent position, replacing the current office and store. Watch for a grand opening for the 2025 season.

"Growing Up Wild" First 5 Curriculum Has Positive Impact


By Bonnie Dickson, Senior Public Information Officer, Yuba Water Agency

Yuba Water heard an update on how its financial support of First 5 Yuba County's "Growing Up Wild" program is helping imbue a deeper understanding of the outdoors among Yuba County youth. The free program trains local early educators and caregivers to teach children ages 3-7 about the environment and natural resources with a goal of fostering a love and appreciation for the outdoors. Using a nearly \$19,000 grant from Yuba Water, the Growing Up Wild program has already trained 44 early education providers, potentially reaching hundreds of children.

For more information on **Growing up Wild** trainings, call Rita Baker: 530-749-4949 or Estefania Lopez: 530-749-4877.



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YES Charter High School In Oregon House

By Louise Miller, YES Charter Academy Principal/Superintendent



Yuba Environmental Science (YES) Charter Academy, a free public school in Oregon House, will add high school grades starting with **9th grade in the fall of 2024**. Students graduating from 8th grade and their families are invited to tour the school and register for the 2024-25 school year.

YES High School will prepare students for college and career. Its program includes college preparation courses as well as three career technical education (CTE) pathways. These were chosen to prepare students to prosper in the local and regional economy. They are Forestry and Natural Resources, Entrepreneurship, and Design, Visual, and Media Arts. By graduation, students will have developed a plan for their college and career and will have completed an internship in the industry of their choice.

YES has a Farm to School program that includes a garden, greenhouse, henhouse, orchard, and berry vines. School meals are scratch cooked in the school kitchen using local and school grown produce.

The proximity of the school to local forests, lakes, and rivers gives access to outdoor sports and extracurricular activities such as mountain biking, kayaking, and disc golf. The small size of the school allows for individualized academic attention.

For more information about the high school program and to enroll, please visit yescharteracademy.org/yes-highschool or call 530-692-2210.

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Aurora Borealis in front of Yakshi's house, 5/9/2024

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 *See *pg 3* for how to donate to *The Courier* or to sponsor a month's color covers*

JUNE 2024 Community Calendar

The Camptonville Courier and Calendar are online **IN COLOR** at Camptonville.com

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

- June 2 — Cars matinee (pg 5)
 - June 8 — Landscaping meeting (pg 2)
 - June 9 — Sierra Book Debut/Art Exhibit (pg 7)
 - June 13 — Wildfire Protection Plan meeting (pg 3)
 - June 13 — Thirsty Thursday! 5-7 pm at the Center
 - June 15 — Community Art At the Center (pg 2)
 - June 22 — North San Juan Cherry Festival (pg 8)
 - June 23 — Wordsmiths & Music Makers (pg 4)
 - June 28-29 — Sierra Storytelling Festival (pg 6)
 - June 29 — Camptonville Country Faire (flier inside)
 - June 30 — Camptonville Historical Society mtg (pg 4)
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- July 14 — Friends of "The Mayo" event (pg 12)
 - July 19 — Summer Nights Art Auction and Dinner (pg 5)
 - July 27 — Bouquets To Art (details in July issue)

WEEKLY Events: • CCC = Camptonville Community Center •
Tuesdays: Yoga, 5 pm, School Gym, Contact: 530-798-6778
Wednesdays: Camptonville Fire Dept Trainings, 6-9 pm, Fire Hall
Thursdays: Dance Exercise Class, 9-10:30 am, CCC
Fridays: Harmony Health *Clinic On Wheels*, 9:30 am-3:30 pm, CCC
Saturdays: Coffee@the Center, 10 am-Noon, CCC



Aurora Borealis, Bullards Bar, 5/9/2024 Photo: John Deaderick

MONTHLY Events:

• Call to verify meeting times before attending •

- CCP Board** 3rd Wed, 1 pm, Resource Center: 530-288-9355
- CCSD Board** 4th Thursday, 5:30 pm, CCC: 530-288-3676
- School Board** 3rd Thursday, 5 pm, CV School: 530-288-3277
- Thirsty Thursday** 2nd Thursday, 5-7 pm, CCC
- Rally Point** Saturday, June 1st, 5-7 pm, CCC

All Food Banks – see pg 13