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## Welcome to Moonshine Family Farm: Where Tradition Meets Good Life

By Candace DeMaranville

At Moonshine Family Farm, our story isn't just about the land, it's about a lifestyle built from the ground up as a woman-run farm. Since 2004, we have devoted ourselves to learn how to live sustainably, provide high-quality animal care, and reap the joy of knowing exactly where our food comes from.

Living off the land, we believe in the "seed to table" philosophy. Every year we start all our own vegetables and flowers by hand, and tend to a massive garden that provides for us year round. With over 30 fruit trees and a wholesome raspberry patch, our summers are spent harvesting the best nature has to offer. We grow extra herbs and cut flowers to keep our queen bee and her worker bees busy. What we don't eat fresh, we use freeze-dry and canning methods to keep our pantry stocked. We also transform veggies into artisanal ferments like sauerkraut, fiery fermented hot sauce, fire cider herbal tonic, and probiotic ginger gut shots. From raising our own chicken and pork to harvesting fresh produce and eggs, we take pride in the self-sufficiency that defines Moonshine Family Farm.

Our mission comes from the heritage of our livestock all the way to our heirloom seeds in our soil being commitment to preserve the natural farm life. Moonshine Family Farm is more than just a property, it's our passion, our pantry, and our home. Stay tuned to hear how Moonshine Family Farm is growing faster than our rapid raspberries! Keep a close eye on *The Courier* for more updates as we approach our May launch. We can't wait to share the cleaner side of the farm life with you.



Photos by Candace DeMaranville

## From the Editor

By Wendy Tinnel

March is such a great month to reflect on the year to come. It is also Women's History month. This month I wanted to highlight women in our community. Local women who hold within them the true grit of the land. Our community is full of strong and amazing women and leaders. We are so blessed to live in a place where everyone has the freedom to use and be appreciated for the gifts that they bring to the world.



## The First Women in the Fire Service

By Geoff Burke, The Camptonville Volunteer Fire Department

March marks Women's History Month, a time to honor the trailblazing women who have shaped our communities, including those right here in Camptonville. Firefighting has traditionally been a male-dominated field, but women have stepped up to the challenge for generations.

### A National Movement

The history of women in the fire service goes back more than two centuries, with pioneers like Molly Williams, who fought fires in New York City as early as 1815. The real turning point for women came in the 1970s, as changing laws and attitudes opened firehouse doors to more women across the nation.

### A Local Trailblazer: Chief Brandi Dudek

Camptonville is proud to have its own local pioneer: Brandi Dudek. As the first woman fire chief in all of Yuba County, Chief Dudek led the Camptonville Volunteer Fire Department with distinction until her recent retirement. Her leadership strengthened our department, and I hope it inspired women and girls throughout the region to see themselves as capable protectors and leaders.

### Looking Ahead

As we celebrate Women's History Month and the achievements of Chief Dudek and so many others, we invite anyone interested in fire service (regardless of gender) to join us. The Camptonville Volunteer Fire Department is always looking for passionate individuals who want to make a difference.

To learn more or to get involved, contact one of the volunteers in the community.

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### Wordsmiths & Music Makers Blossoms in Spring March 22nd

By Yakshi Vadeboncoeur

Just three days in and the new season will spring into lyrics, music, verse, and maybe "a few choice words" with Wordsmiths & Music Makers at the Community Center on Sunday March 22nd. Doors open at 3 pm (where finger food awaits you), and the show starts at 3:30. The creativity that's been stirring underground this winter in the hearts, minds, and musical instruments of our featured artists will be pour out for your enjoyment. Then at show's end, there's a feast of epic homemade offerings and table talk. All of the above included in your \$5 ticket at the door.

Featured Musicians this Equinox include:

- Homegrown Singer Songwriter Ben Locatelli. Backed by his brother's instrumentals, Ben will debut some of his most recent alternative hip hop creations.
- From the Ridge Nichole DaLuz. Multi-instrumentalist and Composer, Nichole plays in 3 local bands and is sure to set the center rocking (maybe even with a little help from her friends)
- Guitarist Roland Kitchens
- And our very own Barbara Graham

Featured Wordsmiths Include:

- Poets Will Staples and Yakshi ·Storyteller Brad Webber ·a little Literary Dramatization by Ginny Berry

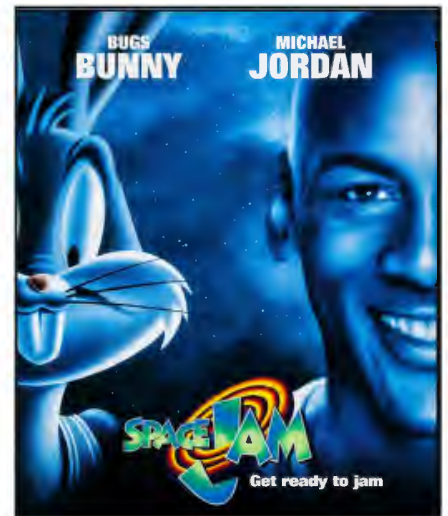
Guests are invited to write their name on their ticket and put it in the golden tin for a chance to play one song or recite one poem or 5 minute story. For more info or a chance to be a future featured artist contact yakshiv@gmail.com

### Movie "Space Jam" on Sunday March 8th

By Jesse Golden

March Madness, you say? Then it must be time for a basketball movie! Bring the family and join Timberline Theatre Movie Matinee host Pam on **Sunday March 8 at 3 pm** for "Space Jam." This 1996 comedy is rated PG and runs 1 hour 28 minutes.

The plot: In a desperate attempt to win a basketball match and earn their freedom, the Looney Tunes seek the aid of retired basketball champion, Michael Jordan. Doors open at 2:30; have some popcorn and throw \$2 into the pot!



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## Water and Fire Update

Submitted by Jody Deaderick, CCSD Board President

The CCSD board held a Town Hall meeting at the Camptonville Community Center on February 14th to give an update to the community on what's happening at the Fire and Water Departments. Newest board member and liaison to the Fire Department, Rita Ortega, was introduced. Randy Rizzo, board liaison to Cemetery, Geoff Burke, board liaison to Water, Dick DickKard, board liaison to the Community Center, as well as Jody Deaderick, board president, were all in attendance.

Fire Volunteer Marcus Haney shared the Fire Department's goals for the future, including hiring an experienced Chief and building barracks to improve response time. The need for more responders and volunteers at the department was highlighted. After the meeting five new recruits came forward!

Geoff Burke presented a Power Point on the Water Department, sharing the board's concerns about the increasing costs of operations and maintenance that leave the department in the unsustainable position of operating at a loss. The board continues to look at ways to cut expenses and reduce labor costs, as well as into research grants and funding for assistance programs.

However, there is a real need to implement a rate increase. As an example, a tiered rate structure, based on gallons used, was shared at the meeting. Once a plan for a water rate increase is approved by the board, all water customers will receive a written notice of intent, with a public hearing scheduled approximately 45 days later. The rate increase would then soon take effect unless more than 50% of customers object. The board's mandate is to not charge more than what is needed to operate and maintain the plant. Unfortunately, rates have not kept up with the cost of operations. The board understands that a rate increase is often difficult for customers to absorb and will do its best to create a fair rate structure.

Marcus Received Donations for CVFD



Photo by Shirley DickKard

## St. Patty's Day Dinner and FAMOUS Dessert Auction Details! March 14th 4-7 pm

By Jessi Mullins, Camptonville Community Partnership(CCP)



We feel so LUCKY about inviting you to Camptonville Community Partnership's Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Dessert Auction on Saturday March 14th from 4-7pm. This annual event is a favorite of ours and a great opportunity for the community to come together and enjoy a delicious meal and bidding wars while supporting a great cause.

Here are a few ways to get involved!

One, come out for the event - Dinner cost is \$12 and includes Corned Beef and Cabbage with carrots, potatoes, and a green salad. The FAMOUS Dessert Auction will follow, so be prepared to bid on local, mouth-watering creations.

Two, bake and donate your favorite desserts to our auction.

Three, you can sign up to volunteer. We are always looking for help with set-up, tear down, food serving shifts, etc. Please reach out to Jessi Mullins by email at [events@theccp.org](mailto:events@theccp.org) or by calling the Resource Center at 530-288-9355.

Join us for this event and know that your contributions will help make this day a success and continue to support the ongoing efforts of CCP. We look forward to celebrating St. Patrick's Day together!

## St. Patrick's Day Dessert Auction

By Yakshi Vadeboncoeur

Bakers, dessert makers, cooks and Chefs, get out your best recipes and baking pans! Saturday March 14 will be the annual St. Patrick's Day Dessert Auction So all you bakers and dessert makers out there, March is the time to strut your stuff. My pies are chomping at their filling to go crust to crust against one of yours. Of course, cookies, cakes, and other delights are welcome too. Desserts can be dropped off at the Center on the day of the event or at the CCP office behind the school on Friday March 13, or contact Yakshi at [yakshiv@gmail.com](mailto:yakshiv@gmail.com) to make other arrangements.

### What Ya Got Cookin Rally Point?

By Amber Merhmann, CCP

This year Rally Point has been focused on Life Skills, so for the month of February we decided to do a bit of cooking with our youth. Our first meeting was a quick course on learning all about food handling; how to be safe in the kitchen and how to keep food safe to eat. We then went into planning a meal to serve to the youth's families restaurant style. A menu was decided upon, a dress code was discussed, as well as how the youth wanted to decorate the tables and who wanted to do each job needed in the restaurant.

Some people work in a form of food service as their first job, and knowing how to prepare and keep food safe is definitely a needed life skill. We planned our meal for Tuesday February 17th, but due to inclement weather we sadly had to postpone to a later date, yet to be determined. We look forward to cooking delicious Italian cuisine and serving our families.

On Tuesday March 3rd, we will be having a presentation by Debbie Skinner on dancing. She will be coming to teach the youth how to do some fun moves and to discuss the importance of movement and dance. We look forward to seeing you all there! Have a Happy St. Patty's Day and beautiful beginnings to Spring!



**"Animals in Winter"  
POSTPONED TO MARCH 21**

Join the North Yuba Naturalist, Katie O'Hara Kelly, for a slide-show/talk on "Animals in Winter" in which she will present the effects of winter on the wild critters in the middle to high elevations of our area.

Sat. March 21st  
12:30-1:30 PM  
Camptonville Community Center  
13333 Cleveland Ave.

This is a fundraiser for the CCC Admission \$10  
co-sponsored by the CCP

**New Date**

### Camptonville Students Celebrate Friendship

By Michele Percy, ASP Director/Intervention Specialist

Students of Camptonville School celebrated friendship for the second year in a row in the month of February. Students in the After School Program once again hosted a booth during lunch where students could come and fill out "Friendship Grams" to be delivered. It was heart-warming to see older children help the younger children write a message to their friends. This year, the students made sure to include staff members in the handwritten messages. This activity went hand-in-hand with what the students have been working on in our Houses here at school. In our Houses, we worked on "I Notice" grams. Students were given names of students to recognize in other Houses. It was a great way to have students acknowledge others they may not normally interact with. Both of these activities created positive connections between our students and smiles after reading the messages.



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## Colgate Incident Update

By Bonnie Mettler, Yuba Water

Yuba Water Agency shares progress on cleanup one week after penstock rupture, initial water quality tests encouraging. Yuba Water Agency continues to make progress on site security and cleanup of oily debris on the Yuba River, after the rupture of a penstock pipe at its Yuba County foothill facilities. The rupture caused water to cascade down the hillside below the 14-foot-diameter pipe, resulting in erosion and significant damage to downhill facilities and sending mud, sediment and man-made debris, including oil, into the Yuba River.

The incident also required the rescue of several workers. One person remains hospitalized in stable condition. For more info visit [yubawater.org](http://yubawater.org)

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## “A Stitch in Time Saves Nine”

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

Last month I addressed the topic of moss on a home's roof and the two-prong effect to both the roof materials and the defense of the house in a wildfire. This led me to look at other aspects of the work that we do to make our homes and properties not only resilient to wildfire but also protects our investments throughout the year. As a Wildfire Mitigation Advisor, I see small problems that, if corrected, can go a long way in helping to protect a home and surrounding property from fire.

Fixing those small issues might also keep them from becoming damage that can be a “big ticket” repair. Siding on a home that shows greater than 1/8" gap can be an ember intrusion point, but it can also be a place where moisture gets in and may begin to cause dry rot. Caulking those gaps protects the home from both fire and deterioration. In the course of having our home painted we found areas of dry rot. We had to do repair under our deck and wood framing around our chimney. Protecting our investment also protected the house. Had we not caught that damage it well could have made our home vulnerable to ignition from wind driven embers.

Tile roofs are just as susceptible to breakage as other roof materials and making sure that they are checked for cracks or missing pieces not only protects the home from fire but it might be saving the underlayment of the roof from water damage. Of course, this applies to any roof, regardless of the material. Vents, whether in the eaves or at the base of the home, need to be checked frequently for holes. While my initial concern is, again, ember intrusion, living in the foothills means that an open vent can invite critters and that can also be a REAL problem.

Sign up for a Wildfire Mitigation Review and we can help you prioritize repair needs. Stay Fire Safe!



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### Why Medical Aid in Dying?

By Mary Abbott, End of Life Choices California

As we age, as we lose more of our loved ones, we will have witnessed more of the various pathways disease can take. Who doesn't want a peaceful "just let me die in my sleep" kind of experience at the end? Unfortunately, few are so lucky. For those who receive a difficult diagnosis, a peaceful, pain free ending may be out of reach – unless Medical Aid in Dying (MAiD) can be an option. When a six-month prognosis is given and hospice is engaged with end-of-life care, much can and will be done to provide relief. For many diseases and conditions, though, pain and suffering will eventually outdo the ability of medications to manage quality of life. We can thank Brittany Maynard, a very young woman who was diagnosed with terminal brain cancer prior to legalization of MAiD in California for lifting up the cause of MAiD here. She was determined to die on her own terms without entering a phase of her cancer that would cause intractable suffering and deterioration of her quality of life. With her husband, she moved to Oregon where MAiD was legal and available. That started the movement here which ultimately resulted in the creation of legislation for a pharmaceutical end of life option, in 2016.

Often MAiD is confused with Euthanasia- which is legal in Canada and other countries. They are very different. MAiD laws in the U.S. require the patient to ingest the medicine on their own. Euthanasia allows for a medical professional to administer the medication to an individual. This is not legal in the U.S. Using MAiD is not a suicide or an act of desperate impulse - remember a patient must have a prognosis of six months or less to live. Think of MAiD as a way to end inevitable suffering when death is already imminent. In future columns, we will cover more of the facts and myths associated with MAiD as well as how End of Life Choices CA can support patients through the entire process from initial request for a doctor to ingestion. In the meantime, you may go to the EOLCCA website ([endoflifechoicesca.org](http://endoflifechoicesca.org)) or call 760-636-8009 anytime to request a referral to doctors, hospices and questions.



### Volleyball Anyone?

By Richard Dickard, CCCA

A volleyball/badminton court has been created below the new swings. Beautifully crafted, handmade metal poles by Angus Barnhart-Usedom along with a net are now ready to use in the flat area alongside Spring Street below the Community Center building. Bring your own volleyball or badminton equipment and play away!

What new improvements are in store for this spring? Our goal is to improve the safety and function of the Center by installing outside area lighting, water faucets, benches, a disc golf basket, and storage sheds. Inside, we will be installing a wood stove/oven, better lighting, and an automatic external defibrillator. Enjoy!



## How Can Seniors Thrive in Camptonville? By Jesse Golden

How can seniors thrive in Camptonville? What happens when we have a health crisis or an affordability crisis, when a partner dies or we have mobility or transportation issues? Is moving away our only option?

The Aging in Community Action Team (ACAT) is a project of the Camptonville Community Partnership (CCP), inspired by the CCP mission, "rural people working together for a safe, sustainable and healthy community." The Action Team's vision is to provide programs and services that help seniors to thrive in the Camptonville area, in line with the five goals laid out in the Yuba-Sutter Local Aging and Disability Action Plan (LADAP) 2025–2030:

- Goal 1: Increase Affordable and Accessible Housing/ Emergency Preparedness
- Goal 2: Enhance Transportation/ Community Mobility
- Goal 3: Expand Access to Health Care/ Caregiving Support
- Goal 4: Improve Food Security/ Nutrition Availability
- Goal 5: Strengthen Social Participation/ Community Engagement

Our vision is to develop multi-unit senior housing in Camptonville, offering long and short term independent living and care services in a supportive, resident-led community, including on-site housing for one or more care workers, and serving as a hub for senior services, emergency preparedness, transportation, food access, and social activity.

Are you interested in knowing more? We'll talk briefly about the project at the upcoming CCP Town Hall (Thursday April 2, 6:30 pm at the Camptonville Community Center) and we have an open meeting on Thursday April 9, 4:30 at the Community Center (You can reach us through the CCP office, 530-288-9355, or email [jessi@theccp.org](mailto:jessi@theccp.org)). From the Aging in Community Action Team; Cathy LeBlanc, Jesse Golden, Jessi Mullins, and Yana Slade.

## Preschool Pop-Up, Dr. Seuss, Kindergarten Readiness - all this at 1,2,3 Grow!

By Tyann Jordan, CCP

We're excited to invite the entire community to our upcoming 1,2,3 Grow March Preschool Pop-Up! This Dr. Seuss themed event will feature silly science activities that promise fun and discovery for all ages. Mark your calendars for March 7th, from 11 am-1 pm at the Camptonville Community Center; bring the entire family and meet us at Coffee. Families are encouraged to join us for interactive experiments and ooey goey experiences inspired by the beloved Dr. Seuss books.

Do you have a Pre-K student? Our program is designed to support children as they transition to the next stage of their educational journey, building confidence and essential skills for success in kindergarten. 1,2,3 Grow welcomes families to join us for Kindergarten Readiness focused curriculum and activities, culminating in a special graduation into kindergarten.

We look forward to seeing you at the March Pop-Up and celebrating our students' growth throughout the year. 1,2,3 Grow is always looking for donations to our Outdoor Learning Spaces. If you have tubes, spools, craft items, or any other materials that could spark creativity, please consider donating them. Additionally, if you're interested in volunteering to host a Circle Time or Craft Project reach out to Amber or 1,2,3 Grow staff at the Camptonville Family Resource Center 530-288-9355. 1,2,3 Grow is a Camptonville Community Partnership sponsored program, funded through First 5 Yuba.



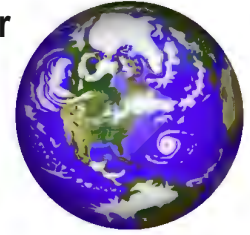
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## Earth Ceremony ~May 3rd 4 - 6 pm at the Camptonville Community Center

By Diane Pendola



My name is Diane Pendola. I am inviting you to come celebrate, in a sacred way, our place on earth here in Camptonville. Let's come together in ceremony to honor and appreciate what unites us. Let's create a circle where we can sing, share, and pray. Our gathering will begin with the calling in of the directions. This practice of Native Americans has been shared in some way by indigenous peoples all over the world. Humans have always acknowledged the powers of nature and of Spirit as guides and partners. We will invite the presence of the sun in the east and the waters of the south, earth in the west and breath in the north, to help us create our circle and bind us together. We will ritually share food. I cannot think of any tradition, religious or secular, that doesn't have food as a central focus of human friendship and thanksgiving. And between the circle and the center will be our voices for sharing and for singing... lots of singing! We will be together in a way that allows kindness, gratitude, and community to deepen and to spread. I have a degree in Theology and Pastoral Ministry from the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley. I've led circles like these for years in various places and circumstances. You do not need to set aside your beliefs at the door to participate in this earth celebration. Buddhist or Christian, Pagan or Jew, agnostic or atheist, or none-of-the-above — we all share this earth, this air, this particularly beautiful place on earth. I invite you to come and create this sacred space with me on May 3rd at 4 pm at the Community Center. Bring food to share for a potluck meal afterward. A small donation is requested to cover the cost of the Community Center.

## Camptonville Community Partnership Invites YOU to a Town Hall Meeting April 2

By Jessi Mullins, CCP

Hello Camptonville Community! This is Jessi Mullins, the Executive Director of CCP. We, at CCP would like to hold a Town Hall Meeting it's been several years and we think it is time for one. We believe it is important to reconnect and hear directly from you!

PLEASE join us:

DATE: Thursday April 2nd

TIME: 6:30-8 pm

LOCATION: Camptonville Community Center – 15333 Cleveland

Our Town Hall Meeting will be focused on connection, community input and collaboration.

Your participation is vital! At this meeting you will help CCP understand current concerns, priorities, and ideas for the future of Camptonville in relation with CCP. We may form Action Teams to help launch new efforts or support and expand our existing programs.

CCP is a non-profit, community-minded organization with a mission statement, "Rural people working together for a safe, sustainable, healthy community." Let's take action and do just that. We hope you will join us April 2nd and share your voice.



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### CAMPTONVILLE PLANT SALE & MARKET May 16 2026

By Jesse Golden, volunteer

The Plant Sale & Market returns! Mark your calendar and be there at the 2026 Camptonville Plant Sale & Market, Saturday **May 16, 9:30-1:30 pm** at the Lost Nugget Market Field. The Plant Sale and Market features plant starts and homemade goods. It's a great way to get your spring garden rolling!

To be a vendor or request an information table, go online to [bit.ly/plantsaleinfo26](http://bit.ly/plantsaleinfo26), read the vendor information there, and follow the link at the bottom to sign up; or, email [cvilleplantsale@gmail.com](mailto:cvilleplantsale@gmail.com), or call 530-288-5016 and leave your name, phone, and email or mailing address. Vendor spaces are 12'x12' and cost \$20 each; you do not need to pay in advance.

Look for flyers and updates at the Lost Nugget Market, the Post Office, or the Community Center, and online at [facebook.com/camptonvillecc](https://facebook.com/camptonvillecc).

This year's event coordinators are Diane Neubert and Mackenzie Garrett. They would welcome more help! Email them at [cvilleplantsale@gmail.com](mailto:cvilleplantsale@gmail.com) or leave a message at 530-288-5016 - thanks!



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### Egg Roll in a Bowl

By Debbie Seyms

This is an easy weeknight meal that comes together in about 30 minutes.

- 1 pound ground sausage (I use Jimmy Dean)
- 1/2 onion, chopped
- 16 oz package coleslaw mix or shred your own cabbage and carrots
- 1 can sliced water chestnuts, drained and chopped
- 2 cloves minced garlic
- 2 tsp grated fresh ginger
- 3 Tbs. soy sauce
- 2 tsp sesame oil

Brown sausage in large pan, breaking it up as you stir. Add onion and cook until onion is soft. Add cabbage mix or the shredded cabbage and carrots and water chestnuts, stirring until cabbage is done but not too soft. Stir in garlic, ginger, soy sauce and sesame oil. Cook until garlic is mixed in and not raw.

Taste and adjust to your liking. You can top with cilantro, green onions, or sesame seeds. Serve with rice or fried rice. Hope you make it!

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### 1864: Letters Home From Camptonville

Transcribed by Jennifer Nelson, Camptonville Postmistress

Camptonville, Cal. Feb. 18th, 1864 Dear Father, I often write letters in preference to hunting up some other amusement, though I might find some tonight, for there is a trial going on right across the way for Assault and attempt to kill. One Southern Gent shot another. I escaped being on the Jury by being Postmaster. They do not get the jury here just the same as they do at home. If the Court decides to get a Jury Trial, they order the Constable to hunt up twelve men and order them into the Jury box. Guess we have some of the smartest Justice Courts you ever heard of.

Not long since one Georgian kicked another man's wife. The injured party sued the other and had a trial by jury. The jury could not agree, so about midnight they compromised the matter, and agreed to draw two members from each side, give them a pack of cards and let them play it out. The winners of the game to win the opinion of the balance of the jurors. I thought that about the last way to settle a case but guess it is good enough for the Georgia Chives as a pack of cards and a Bowie knife is about all they care to own. I have my appointment as Postmaster and have filed my bonds. Jerome is out seeing the girls this evening. He likes to run pretty well, sometimes I think most too well for his good and mine too. No rain yet but it looks cloudy tonight. Love to all, Rollin

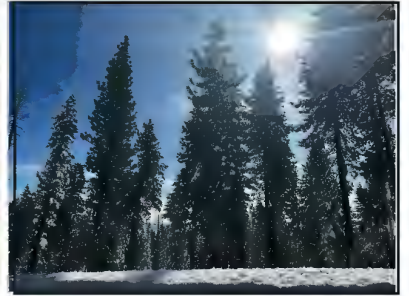


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## Tiny Gratitude Project Drop-Off

By Caroline Fowler

The tiny gratitude project is in full swing and there's a local drop-off point at the San Juan Ridge Family Resource Center. Project Info can be found at <https://www.nevadacountyarts.org/call-to-artists/tiny-gratitude> and [sanjuanridgefrc.org](http://sanjuanridgefrc.org). This community art call is hosted by teaching artists Caroline Fowler and Renee Renoir and is a simple and powerful way to cultivate caring and human kindness by sharing gratitude with one another. To all who have already contributed - Thank You So Much! The positive ripple effect is beautiful.

## Pollinators

By Dar, Sweetland Garden Mercantile

I just read a little booklet put out by Pollinator Partnerships called, "Selecting Plants for Pollinators, a Regional Guide". This is a great read on what types of native pollinators live in our area and what attracts them. Our gardens and landscapes need a diverse population of bees, birds, moths, butterflies, flies, and beetles for plants to thrive. Each species has its own needs. For example, bees like bright yellow and blue flowers. Bees need dead wood to make nests. Moths are attracted to white, very strong, sweetly scented flowers. Butterflies like bright purple and red flowers and need water nearby.

Planting flowers, herbs, and native plants provide important food sources for pollinators. Creating and maintaining favorable habitat is also important, so make sure there is open space for wind, water sources, and dead wood for habitat. The booklet touches on the importance of adding native plants to our landscapes. Many pollinators have a main source of food. Since we, as humans have interfered with their native sources, it's important that we look to replenish them and so help to increase native pollinator populations. Mock Orange, Penstatmon, Monkey flower, and California Fuschia are all great additions to landscape that provide for the needs of native pollinators. I encourage you to read this article. The section on Beetles might surprise you! Also, for non native Honeybee education, Check out a beekeeper class by Neal Sullivan March 21st at Sweetland Garden Mercantile. Go to [www.sweetlandgm.com](http://www.sweetlandgm.com) for more information. DIG IT!

## Water District Rate Increase

By Richard DicKard, CCSD

The Camptonville Water District (CWD) is proposing increases in water rates from 2026 to 2030. This is necessary to enable the Water District to fund the operations and maintenance of the water system that provides water to the central Camptonville residents, including the School and Community Center. Without this increase, the CWD will not be able to serve the community.

As part of the Proposition 218 public process, CWD customers will have the opportunity to provide input, including objections and suggestions, for the proposed new water rates. Camptonville Community Service District's Board of Directors will hold a public hearing and receive public comment in 2026.

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- 1, 2, 3 Grow Parent participation child enrichment for 0-5 year olds
- Family Resource Center
- The Camptonville Courier
- Community Health Action Plan

**Development of:**

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### Food Distribution in the Yuba County Foothills

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**The 1st and 3rd Friday, 12:30-2 pm**  
**March 6, 20**  
**April 3, 17**  
**May 1, 15**

#### The USDA Commodities Food Bank

Located at Willow Glen Restaurant, Oregon House  
**The 2nd Thursday: 9-10 am**  
**March 12, April 9, May 14**  
 Distributed by The Gleaners.

#### North San Juan Food Bank, Nevada County:

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- Community Services District (CCSD) \_\_\_\_\_ 391-8887
- Elementary School \_\_\_\_\_ 288-3277
- Family Resource Center (CCP) \_\_\_\_\_ 288-9355  
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- Yuba River Ranger District \_\_\_\_\_ 362-8259/288-3231

- Alcoholics Anonymous: Local 24 hr Hotline \_\_\_\_\_ 272-6287
- Burn Day Status ([www.fraqmd.org](http://www.fraqmd.org)) \_\_\_\_\_ 741-6299
- CA Rural Legal Assistance (Yuba Co) \_\_\_\_\_ 742-5191
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- Domestic Violence:
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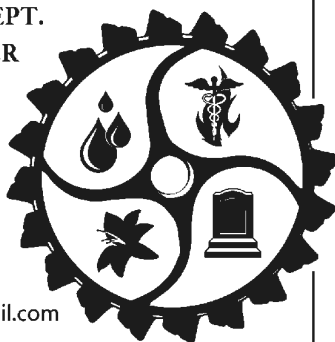
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**March 2026 Community Calendar**

- March 7- Preschool Pop Up (p 8)
- March 8- Space Jam Movie at CCC (p 3)
- March 14- St. Patty's Dinner/Auction (p 4)
- March 21- "Animals in Winter" at CCC (p 5)

**MONTHLY Events:**

- Rally Point** - 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 4-6 pm, CCC
- School Board** - 2nd Tuesday, 6 pm, at CV School: 288-3277
- CCP Board** - 3rd Wednesday, 1 pm Resource Center: 288-9355
- Third Thursday** – 3rd Thursday, 5-7 pm CCC
- CCSD Board** - 4th Thursday 6 pm, CCC Contact 530-391-8887

- March 22nd - Wordsmiths, 3 pm at the CCC (p 3)
- April 2nd - CCP Town Hall Meeting (p 9)
- May 3rd - Earth Ceremony (p 9)
- May 16th - C'Ville Plant Sale & Market (p 10)

**WEEKLY Events:**

- Mondays:** Yoga, 5 pm, School Gym, Contact: 530-798-6778
- Fridays:** 2nd and 4th Fridays, HH Clinic on Wheels,
- Saturdays:** Coffee@theCenter, 10-12 pm, CCC
- Camptonville Fire Dept. Trainings,**  
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