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Plant Sale & Market - A Fine Time Was Had By All...

By Jesse Golden

Thanks so much to everyone who helped with and participated in our annual **Camptonville Plant Sale & Market**! The weather was cooperative, the vibe was mellow, and hopefully you all got a kick start to your spring gardens, brought home a beautifully crafted item, or found treasures among the used goods for sale. Funds went to support our Community Center, and the joy was shared by all!

See you next May!



Photos: Diane Neubert





From the Editor

-Janie Kesselman

Many of us living in the wilds of Camptonville worry about the challenges of staying in our homes as we age. I am happy to report that representatives from a statewide organization, **CA Health Collaborative**, visited recently to offer help (see pg 11.)

So much is happening here as we head into summer, including the new **Camptonville Book Club** (pg 3), Yakshi's food for the belly and the soul: **Wordsmiths & Music Makers** (pg 7), the **Pass the Plate Spring Fling** (pg 3), and the **Country Faire and Parade** (see flier).

June is also **Pride Month**, with many events planned in nearby Nevada City and Grass Valley. **Family Fest** (pg 9) is a personal favorite. To honor the memory of our beloved late Camptonvillian friend **MaryLou Knapp: Love Always!**



The Comfort of Small Things

The way the light
angles itself
is all I need sometimes.



The comfort of small things:
someone makes a fire,
dog bristles out the door
with scruff up
as morning inserts itself
between trees...
my morning tea, blanket, book
and pen;

I know the Buddhists
say there's nothing
to hold onto

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each another
and this community
of free-falling souls
who hope kindness
will catch us.

~Marcy Risque~

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Create An Artwork for 4th Annual Local Bouquets to Art Show – July 18th

By Katie O'Hara-Kelly

Have you ever been inspired by a work of art? The **Bouquets to Art** show at the DeYoung Museum in San Francisco consists of bouquets created by professional florists in response to works of art in the museum's collection. The bouquets vary greatly in their interpretations – some mimic the subject of the painting, while others are inspired by its colors or design. The floral art is astonishing!

We have already had three **Bouquets to Art** shows at the **Camptonville Community Center**. This year it's **YOUR chance to participate!** Here's how:

- Pick out a piece of art that inspires you.
- Create a three-dimensional artwork in response to it.
- You don't have to use flowers – you can use ANY medium!
- Bring in your art-inspired creation before 10 am on Saturday, July 18th.
- Pick it up shortly after noon.

Prizes for first, second, and third place (determined by popular vote) will be announced at 12 noon.

In addition to bringing your masterpiece this year, why not dress up in your favorite **FLORAL-themed OUTFIT!** A prize will be awarded for the best outfit.



Bouquets to Art Show

Saturday, July 18, 2026

10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Camptonville Community Center

Enjoy a Community Art Show,
vote for your favorite piece,
and savor some refreshments!

There is a participation fee of \$5 for use of the venue. If you need help finding a copy of the artwork that inspires you, contact Katie at 530-289-3588 or email her at:

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Theo of Golden First Pick for New Book Club – June 6th

By Katie and Mike Kelly

Are you a book lover? Would you like to share your enthusiasm for books with others? Well, we've started a **Book Club** in Camptonville! Come to our meetings on the **1st Saturday of every month from 11:45 to noon** or later at the Community Center, right at the end of **Saturday Coffee**.

This month, on **Saturday June 6th**, we'll be discussing the novel **Theo of Golden**. Bring a book to share if you'd like. Hope to see you there!

Spring Fling – June 7th

By Janie Kesselman

Come to the **Pass the Plate Spring Fling** at the **Camptonville Community Center** (inside and out!) **June 7th, 3-6 pm**. Event is free; dinner is \$12 for adults (no one turned away) and free for kids 12 and under. See you there!



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- Family Resource Center
- Community Health Action Plan
- 1, 2, 3 Grow
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Rally Point Wrap-Up

By Amber Mehrmann and
Jessi Mullins, CCP

Rally Point Restaurant was a BIG NIGHT for our youth and a BIG HIT with their families. Everyone wants more restaurant nights! Beyond serving delicious food in a professional manner, the evening was a masterclass in life skills. From teamwork and problem-solving to time management and customer service, our youth rose to the challenge and impressed everyone. The night concluded with families and youth sharing a meal together.



Families enjoying the Rally Point Restaurant

Photo: Jessi Mullins



Photo: Amber Mehrmann

May brought **glass etching, decal pressing, pizza, root beer floats, water fun, and skate night**. We hope all the moms enjoyed their **Mothers Day gifts** made during the **etching/ decal class taught by Melody Dilka**. Art and creativity are great things to have in our lives.

Here are some things the youth said about what they learned while participating in Rally Point: "I learned how to be a part of my community, how to hang out with kids I don't normally hang out with, how to be more respectful, how to focus, how to build friendships, and a lot about life skills."

This month's excitement includes a **field trip to Sun Splash**. Rally Point youth have worked really hard fundraising for this! Plus, they'll be **walking in the Country Faire parade on June 27th and staffing a booth** there as well. We are all so thankful for the community's support.

Please note: No Rally Point in July. We hope you all enjoy summer! We look forward to seeing you next year. For more information about Rally Point, contact Amber Mehrmann: amber@theccp.org or 530-288-9355.

Free Tech Help At the Library

By Jesse Golden

Got tech troubles? The **Madelyn Helling Library** in Nevada City offers free tech help every **Wednesday and Friday, 1-3 pm**. The volunteers there will help with any smart device. They are patient with folks at all levels of knowledge.

Kudos to the library for this service – do take advantage of it! They also offer classes. On **Thursday, August 27th, from 3-5 pm**, there's a class called **Introduction to Social Media**. Register at: nevadacountyca.libcal.com/event.



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Tech news flash: **Seniors on the Go / YFACA** will soon launch a **digital literacy and telehealth support program** at the **Alcouffe Center in Oregon House** – more information is coming soon!



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Photos to Lively Up Yourself: "From the Hip" Slideshow – June 12th

By Richard DicKard, CCCA

Come join us for a delightful slideshow presentation by self-described "photographer and experimental geographer"

Hank Meals on Friday, June 12th at 7 pm at the

Camptonville Community Center.

FROM THE HIP CASUAL PHOTOS OF CONTRADICTIONS & CONUNDRUMS



A Slideshow with Commentary by Hank Meals

Camptonville Community Center

Hank has stalked and stumbled into off-handed imagery for years, from which he's assembled a collection for his latest slide show "From the Hip: Casual Photos of Contradictions and Conundrums." He will provide ongoing commentary informed by his background in anthropology, history, geography, art, and a simple version of the good life.

A suggested donation of \$15 is appreciated.

This slideshow and refreshments are brought to you by the **Camptonville Community Service District.**

Let There Be Light at the Camptonville Community Center! (and Other News...)



By Richard DicKard, CCCA

After sunset you can now **enjoy using the swing, volleyball court, and area behind the Center** because our Pocket Park is now illuminated by **four LED solar powered streetlights!** These lights also provide increased security as they illuminate areas covered by our security cameras. The lights are programmed to be at low intensity until motion is detected, when they brighten to full intensity.

For safety and security reasons, a fence will be built around the propane tank, and vehicle access to the back of the Community Center will be limited by a chain.

A 10 x 12-foot Tuff Storage Shed was installed in late May below the Community Center. It will house equipment and materials for the planned **Community and Family Garden** where **Jimi Linderborg created the first garden last year.**

Thanks to all the generous folks who supported the Community Center at the May 16th Plant Sale by donating \$5 to play the **Wine Spin**. Depending on where it landed, they took home one to three bottles of good wine. For \$25, some folks got to choose six! These **wines were donated** to our Community Center **by Debra Del Fiorentino of California Wine Competitions.** 100% of the donations for wine help pay for the Center's overhead expenses.



A LOOK BACK –

News from *Couriers* past...

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10 years ago in the Courier (June 2016):

- Richard DicKard announces Terry Riley's Sri Moonshine Music Series at the Community Center presents guitarists **Gyan Riley** and **Timba Harris**.
- Sara Hedrick writes "Thank you, everyone, for all the support you have given Owen and me since we lost our home in the fire."
- Fire Chief and Water Plant Manager **Mark Jokerst** reflects on that fire: "I've always said to myself, 'There will be time to gather the important stuff before we flee.' Wrong; there was no time; don't plan on it."
- **Helene Riley** starts a free weekly sign language class.
- **Linda Rose** profiles CCP Executive Director and Rural Health Advocate **Cathy LeBlanc**.

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Open Seat on CCSD Board

By Jody Deaderick, CCSD

The **Camptonville Community Services District (CCSD)** has a current opening for a board member. The Board is hoping to appoint someone with an interest in the **Water Department** or the **Cemetery**. CCSD board meetings are held monthly at the **Camptonville Community Center on the fourth Tuesday at 6 pm**. Meetings are always open to the public and we encourage the involvement of local citizens.

Please contact Board President Jody Deaderick at jodead@gmail.com to explore the opportunity of getting involved with the CCSD. Thanks for considering!

Thank You, Angus!

By Shirley DickKard, Moonshine Firewise USA Community

Here's great appreciation to CVFD volunteer **Angus Barnhart-Usedom** for bringing the **Moonshine Fire Station #2** back to life! Angus repaired the time-worn interior and exterior, then he and his wife **Liz** limbed up dead wood on several large trees.

Two compromised pines were cut down, and vegetation was cleared away from the building and water storage tank. We held our recent Firewise Spring Meeting inside the building, and everyone appreciated its new energy. **Thank you**

Angus, Liz, and the other volunteers who helped out!



Angus working on the fire station

Photo: Shirley DickKard

Making Moonshine Road Wildfire Safe

By Shirley DickKard, Moonshine Firewise Community



Firewise meeting inside Moonshine Fire Station #2

Photo: Dick DickKard

How can we make Moonshine Road as safe from wildfires as possible? That was the question our **Moonshine Road Firewise USA Community** asked at our **May 11th meeting at Moonshine Fire Station #2**.

After brainstorming, we chose three areas to start with:

1. How to get Moonshine Road cleared – can we do it ourselves?
2. How to get funding for fuel reduction on public lands and for larger community projects.
3. How to ensure fire personnel will consider our homes defensible.

We had a very helpful exchange of concerns and advice among **Moonshine residents, Camptonville Volunteer Fire Department, US Forest Service, and Yuba Watershed Protection & Fire Safe Council (YWP&FSC)**.

Here are a few outcomes:

1. We'll apply for a cost-share grant through YWP&FSC to bring residents, local businesses, and agencies together to clear Moonshine Road.
2. Fire Chief Danny Rassmussen said when fire personnel must decide which homes are the most defensible during a wildfire, they'll look at how cleared your driveway is, how easily trucks can maneuver your road, and if your home is already cleared of combustible material around it.
3. Next: look for new monthly hour-long evening gatherings at the fire station for fire safe education and to stay connected, and a Moonshine Road work party/potluck in the fall.

It only takes eight houses to start your own Firewise USA Community and a few people willing to coordinate. Feel free to contact our committee (Jody Deaderick, Candace DeMaranville, Shirley DickKard) if you want to know more at:

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Wordsmiths & Music Makers, Sunshine & Flowers – June 14th

By Yakshi Vadeboncoeur

So June joins the march of months and summer springs into gear! “Lazy, hazy days” has never been my experience of this season’s unfolding, but it sure is good to take an occasional afternoon off. Let’s take one Sunday afternoon, **June 14th from 3:30 to 7:30 pm** at the **Camptonville Community Center** to celebrate summer’s hot rhythms, creative energy, and garden gifts. Doors open at 3 pm.

Wordsmiths & Music Makers offers a stellar lineup of featured artists bright enough to compete with the sun. **Music Makers** include: **Dakota Pratchner, Randy Yager, Carol Meals, and Shabda Owens.**

Spoken Word Artists **Jimi Linderborg, Maya Barhani, and Yakshi** will share what’s sprouting from our wordy, rich communal soil. Save the date and come meet up with neighbors or make a new friend. Your **\$5 ticket at the door** gets you all that in an air-conditioned afternoon break from summer’s labors, **a feast of finger foods** while you listen, and **a full pozole dinner** after the music stops.

Hope to see you there! For more info or a chance to be a future featured artist contact: yakshiv@gmail.com

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5 years ago in the Courier (June 2021):

- Writer **Shirley DicKard**’s novel **Heart Wood** is a finalist for the Eric Hoffer Award’s Montaigne Medal, given to books that illuminate, progress, or redirect thought.
- **Katie O’Hara-Kelly**, North Yuba Naturalist, writes about Wild Mothers, including Spotted Sandpipers, Mule Deer, and American Minks.

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American Dipper

Gray granite boulder
darker gray of bird
American yogini does
deep knee bends in the spray

Sunshine or rain at home
time and the river flowing
rush and roar
pool, eddy, or
serene meander

the landscape of our lives
foraged and fed upon
flora under waterfall sheen
Water Ouzel dip and warble
match melody to the stream

We nest near rocky shore
into the froth that forms us
we dive deep for nurture On
gray rock shaped by the flowing
we bob and dip and loosen

gratitude’s great song

Yakshi 6-29-22



American Dipper, by Christine Elder

Stephanie Ruff Receives Award on National School Librarian Day

By Roy Ruff

In honor of **National School Librarian Day** in April, long time Camptonville resident and former Camptonville Courier editor **Stephanie Ruff**

was awarded a **Certificate of Congressional Recognition** for her work as librarian for Yuba River Charter School.

The commendation letter states, in part:
“Your nomination by students, colleagues, and your community is a testament to your dedication to supporting the education of our country’s future leaders and workforce. This honor recognizes your lasting impact on the ways students conduct themselves in the classroom and beyond. It is a privilege to represent exemplary individuals such as yourself. Congratulations!

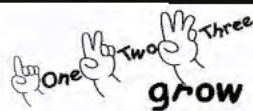
Yours sincerely, Kevin Kiley, United States Representative, California District 3, Congress of the United States House of Representatives”



Photo: Roy Ruff

Growing Forward: 1,2,3 Grow and 3,4,5 Go

By Jessi Mullins and Tyann Jordan, CCP



Families with littles, join us on June 27th at the Country Faire!

Walk with us in the Parade and/or visit us at our 1,2,3 Grow booth for fun games and activities.

This year has been a meaningful one for our early learning community. With careful planning and a strong focus on meeting the needs of our students and families, we created two distinct programs: 1,2,3 Grow for our youngest learners and 3,4,5 Go for children ready for the next stage of growth and independence. This new structure has helped us provide more intentional support and developmentally appropriate learning.

We are proud of the work done this year to strengthen our program and respond thoughtfully to what children need at different ages. We are also grateful to the families, staff, and community members who have helped make these changes possible.

As we look ahead, we are facing a challenge: our current funding source is no longer available. To continue offering high-quality experiences through both programs, we need community volunteers and financial support more than ever.

If you would like to lend a hand, share resources, or learn how to support 1,2,3 Grow and 3,4,5 Go, we would love to hear from you. Together, we can keep building a strong foundation for our children. Please call our Community Resource Center at 530-288-9355 or send support to: **Camptonville Community Partnership, PO Box 218, Camptonville, CA 95922** Thank you!



1,2,3 Grow visits the US Forest Service Fire Station

Photo: Lawana Zerwick

Try This: A Simple Nature Walk

Take a short walk with your child and look for simple signs of nature all around you. This activity builds observation skills, language, and curiosity while creating time to connect together outdoors.

What to do:

Invite your child to find a leaf, a rock, and something soft. Pause to talk about colors, shapes, sounds, and textures as you walk. When you return home, invite your child to draw one thing they noticed or to tell you their favorite part of the walk.

Keep the conversation going:

Ask questions like, "What did you notice first?" or "What was the most interesting sound?" Simple conversations like these help children build vocabulary and confidence.

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Nature Conservancy and Tahoe National Forest Presentation Coming to Camptonville Community Center – June 11th

By Sheri Elliott, CCP Board Member

Camptonville Community Partnership (CCP) is hosting a community meeting at the Camptonville Community Center on Thursday, June 11th from 4-6 pm to let residents know about Forest Service work going on in our area. Please join us, along with Forest Service and The Nature Conservancy staff, for an update and presentation on recent thinning work and how partners are tracking forest health in the North Yuba area.

Kristen Wilson from The Nature Conservancy will share findings from their Large Tree Study, Canopy Gap Study, and what they've learned by comparing conditions before and after forest thinning. She will also explain how these results can inform upcoming forest treatment work in the North Yuba watershed. Amber Nelson, Acting District Ranger for the Tahoe National Forest, Yuba River Ranger District will be providing an update on this season's activities in our area and additional planning efforts for work in the North Yuba watershed area over the next five-plus years.

Refreshments provided by CCP. For more info, please call: 530-288-9355.



Photo: Cathy Balan

Congratulations to VFD's youngest volunteer, **Jadon Bingham**, who has just graduated from the **Sierra College Fire Academy**.

Another "Thrilling" Letter to Addie from Rollin C. Smith (correspondence from the book *Postmarked Vermont & California, 1862-1864*)

Camptonville, Cal. April 29, 1864 Dear Addie, If thus you will allow me to address you. Yours of Mar. 26th was received this morning and it does a person good to read such. The more I read them the more anxious I am to see you and see if I like to hear you talk as well as to read your letters.

I am pleased with your remark in your last about my always having some thrilling incident to relate. This letter will be void of such with one exception. I killed a rattlesnake last Friday. Will send you the "narrative" part of it. He had nine rattles showing that he was nine years old, but I could only get seven. There are not many here, have seen only three or four.

I am happy to say that our rainy season, though four months behind time, has arrived. Water is plenty and all the boys are at work and every thing looks brisk. But my work is most awful hard for me and the horse. For two days the water ran from my gum blanket and I have to go slow and careful to keep from throwing the horse and am out two or three hours longer then usual.

Water runs swift and is so muddy that you can not see the bottom and do not know where to go. The trail on my route in some places is very bad and hard to pass. On one side hill a cedar tree has fallen and blocked the path in three places. The tree is straight so you can see how crooked the trail is.

Your letters in answer to my interrogatives please me and in my opinion go to prove you that lady of sterling worth I always esteemed you.

Yours with my best love, Rollin C. Smith





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Salmon Reintroduction on the Yuba River, Floating Food Truck at Emerald Cove, and Dam Safety

By DeDe Cordell, Yuba Water Communications Manager

For the last two years, Yuba Water Agency partnered with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife on a pilot program to reintroduce spring-run Chinook salmon into historical habitat in the upper reaches of the North Yuba River watershed. The Yuba Water Board of Directors has agreed to provide a \$500,000 grant to CDFW to continue the program for another year.

"For the first time in about a century, spring-run Chinook salmon are swimming in the North Yuba River," said JoAnna Lessard, Yuba Water's watershed manager. "Our partners at CDFW have successfully placed hundreds of thousands of salmon eggs, as well as adult salmon to lay their eggs naturally."

The board has also approved an amendment to Yuba Water's agreement with Emerald Cove Marina, the vendor that operates the marina at New Bullards Bar Reservoir. Emerald Cove may now operate a floating food truck as part of a pilot program.

There was an update from the agency's chief dam safety engineer about the condition of New Bullards Bar Dam and the agency's smaller diversion dams. The directors heard about completed and planned maintenance projects and were assured that the agency's dams remain safe.

Learn more at yubawater.org.



Geoff Burke, Thank You!

By Richard Dickard, Camptonville Community Services District

With great sadness, the CCSD's Board of Trustees accepted Geoff Burke's resignation in April. Geoff decided to put more of his good energy into being a volunteer in our Camptonville Volunteer Fire Department, into his family, and his job.

For the year he volunteered on the CCSD Board, Geoff was a productive and supportive board member. He helped manage installation of the Camptonville Community Water District's new chlorine contact tank and replacement of the Campbell Gulch diversion dam. Geoff also oversaw the functioning of the Camptonville water treatment plant while he helped train the new water plant operator, Beau Harris.

As an Emergency Medical Technician, Geoff is still a much-needed responder in the Camptonville Volunteer Fire Department. Geoff, we greatly appreciate your overall involvement in Camptonville and service on the CCSD Board. Thank you!

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Sweet and Sour Chicken

By Debbie Seyms

Sauce:

3 T ketchup
2 T apricot preserves
2 tsp soy sauce
2 tsp balsamic vinegar
1/2 tsp freshly grated ginger
Pinch of cayenne pepper (optional)



4 chicken thighs (boneless or bone in)
Red or yellow bell pepper, sliced
1/2 sliced onion
Cooked white rice

- * Mix all sauce ingredients and set aside.
- * Heat a skillet... while it's heating, pat chicken dry and salt and pepper it.
- * Add some olive oil to the skillet and add chicken. Brown slightly on both sides.
- * Add peppers and onions and brush the chicken with the sauce. Cover pan and turn to low.
- * Cook 20 minutes for boneless thighs and 30 for bone in.
- * Take the lid off the pan the last 5 minutes to thicken the sauce. Serve on a bed of white rice.

(Note from Editor – This would be a tasty way to prepare a pound of tofu as well!)

Camptonville's New Polling Place Is OPEN – VOTE June 2nd!

By Jesse Golden



On **Election Day, June 2nd**, you can drop off your mail-in ballot or vote in person **at the Camptonville Community Center from 7 am to 8 pm**. Mail-in ballots must be postmarked by June 2nd, so if you're holding yours until the last minute, just walk it in to your polling place and be sure to sign the outer envelope with the name by which you're registered.

Calmatters, a non-profit organization, offers a guide to the candidates at: calmatters.org/california-voter-guide-2026

If you don't have a computer and want to see information online, visit the CCP's **Community Resource Center behind Camptonville Elementary School** any **Monday-Friday, 8:30 am-12:30 pm**.

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25 years ago in the Courier (June 2001):

- Kathy Dobbins announces the start of Adult Literacy classes in Camptonville.
- 8th grader **Jamie Altheide** describes a student trip to pay respects to members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars organized by **Leland Pauly**. Veterans in attendance included **Don Gray, Larry Friedman, Randy Rizzo and Bill Clark**.
- Editor **Roger Rapp** notes that **Robert Mumm**, together with teenagers **Thea, Lydia and Aleta**, made a Pelton Wheel float for the NSJ Cherry Festival that "was the hit of the parade!"
- The **Neighborhood Network's 2001 Gold Pages**, listing local services and businesses, is hot off the press per **Pam Wilcox**.

CHC Offers Services to Seniors

By Jessi Mullins – CCP Executive Director

CHC (California Health Collaborative) joined seniors at *Coffee @ the Center* to chat about the services they can offer in our area. To qualify for the program, you need to be 60 or older, in need of **care management services**, and eligible for Medi-Cal.



Photo: Janie Kesselman

Some cool services they offer may help seniors remain longer in their homes and community, such as **minor home repairs**. CHC can help with things like installing wheelchair ramps, grab bars, and **senior-friendly bathroom updates**. They can provide or install non-medical items including hand-held shower heads, non-slip mats, and other **devices to help with daily living**. Our visitors also talked about a **monthly gas card** to help seniors get to services. They offer **Chore and Personal Care Assistance, Care Management, and Respite Care**.

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The Details Are Vital...

By Beverly Cameron,

Yuba Watershed Protection & Fire Safe Council (YWP&FSC)



Going into fire season I tend to become focused on small, important details. I recently noticed a roadside billboard sponsored by CalFire that reads: "Mow early... in the day" with a picture of a man pushing a lawn mower. On the other side it says "Mowing... can cause a wildland fire." Sort of a conundrum, right?

Yes, that is what we recommend, however there may be more to safe defensible space work than just mowing before 10 am.

Basketball Coach John Madden said it best: "It's the little details that are vital. Little things make big things happen." In the case of defensible space work, I would add to Coach Madden's quote: "... and the big thing might be a fire!"



Photo: Beverly Cameron-Fildes

Doing your yard maintenance before 10 am is generally the gold standard when it comes to safe equipment use (see 'Equipment Use Safety' sheet from CalFire.) However, here are a few details that need to become part of that mantra:

- * Do not use equipment that requires a gas or electric motor, or with a metal blade, in the heat of the day.
- * Never use a lawn mower in dry grass, particularly if rocks are present.
- * Don't use these previously mentioned kinds of equipment at all when the wind is blowing and humidity is low.
- * Only use nylon weed trimmers, with a plastic feed head, to cut down dry weeds and grass.
- * Never lay hot equipment down in dry grass, not even a nylon weed trimmer. (Have something non-flammable between the hot motor and dry vegetation.)
- * Always have a shovel and water hose nearby, and a cell phone on your person (if at all possible). If a fire starts, call 911 immediately.

I hope these few extra details will make decision-making easier for how and when to do defensible space work, guaranteeing that you are doing the right thing, the right way.

Have questions about safe equipment use? Call the YWP&FSC office for help: 530-645-2236.

Stay fire safe!

HELP & HOPE

For emergencies first call 911.

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- Community Center — 288-5016
- Community Partnership (CCP) — 288-9355
- Community Services District (CCSD) — 391-8887
- 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

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- DVSAC Crisis Line (Nevada Co) — 272-3467
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- Mental Health 24 hr Crisis Line (Yuba) — 673-8255
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End of Life Choices Information Session – June 20th

By Mary Abbott

Come to the **Camptonville Community Center** on **Saturday, June 20th, 12:15 pm** for an information session with **Mary Abbott**, a volunteer with **End of Life Choices California (EOLCCA)**. She will discuss the importance of sharing your values and end-of-life wishes with loved ones, legal end-of-life options, and the resources and support provided by EOLCCA. Legal end-of-life options in California include stopping unwanted medical treatment, palliative care, hospice care, voluntarily stopping eating and drinking (VSED), and California's End of Life Option Act (also known as medical aid in dying). Please bring your questions.



For more information, call Mary at:
760-636-8009 or go to the website:
endoflifechoicesca.org



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Alcouffe Center, 9185 Marysville Road, Oregon House
1st and 3rd Fridays, 12:30-2 pm

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The USDA Commodities Food Bank:

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MONTHLY Events: (all phones are area code 530)

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School Board 2nd Monday, 6 pm, CV School: 288-3277

Rally Point 1st and 3rd Tues, 5-7 pm, CCC: 288-9355

CCP Board 3rd Wed, 1 pm, Resource Center: 288-9355

Third Thursday 3rd Thursday, 5-7 pm, CCC

CCSD Board 4th Tuesday, 6 pm, CCC: 391-8887

CCC Advocates For meeting time, call 559-0454

WEEKLY Events: • CCC = Camptonville Community Center •

Mondays: Yoga, 5 pm, School Gym, 798-6778

Mondays: CV Fire Dept Trainings, 6:30 pm, Fire Hall, 687-6532

2nd & 4th Fridays: Harmony Health Clinic On Wheels, 10-3:15, CCC

Saturdays: Coffee@theCenter and Gardeners' Market,

10 am-Noon, CCC

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