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I Meant To Do My Work To-day

***I meant to do my work to-day -
But a brown bird sang in the apple-tree,
And a butterfly flitted across the field,
And all the leaves were calling me.***

***And the wind went sighing over the land,
Tossing the grasses to and fro,
And a rainbow held out its shining hand -
So what could I do but laugh and go?***

By Richard Le Gallienne, English poet, 1866-1947

**Photos by Katie O'Hara-Kelly from her blog:
northyubanaturalist.blogspot.com**

Learn about the natural history of our Yuba River Watershed, as Katie captures the magic of the world surrounding us with her camera and commentary.



From the Editor

– Shirley DickKard

I found the delightful poem on the front cover, "I meant to do my work today" while researching a poem that my Great-grandmother Emily Hoppin had quoted in 1911 from her speech on Universal Peace. She cited lines from an anti-war poem, but not who wrote it. Voila, a quick internet search and I found the author was Richard Le Gallienne, English poet 1866-1947.

To my delight, I discovered Gallienne had also written one of my favorite childhood poems – as relevant to me now as it was then. Gallienne and Emily wrote during the build-up of tensions that led to WWI, just as today we see the military posturing of leaders around the globe. His little poem reminds me that what's important in life is not just to work vigilantly, but to be ready to drop everything and laugh and go!



Camptonville Book Club Closes the Book

By Katie and Mike Kelly

Since we've had minimal response to our Book Club invitations, we're going to "close the book" on this chapter and try again in the fall. See you then!

5 years ago in *The Courier* (July 2021)

Find back issues of *The Courier* chronologically at bit.ly/courierpast or search by keyword at bit.ly/courierdigital.

- **Beverly Cameron-Fildes** recounts her experience in the 2017 Cascade fire, and what we can do to be prepared (see detailed recommendations at YubaFireSafe.org).
- **Editor Shirley DickKard** calls for a revival of Camptonville Prepared!, started years ago by the late Judy Morris.
- **Firefighter Dakota Pratschner** reminds folks to sign up for emergency alerts and to know your emergency zone (see BePreparedYuba.org for current links).
- **Rod Bondurant** pens a tribute to Camptonville's longtime friend and supporter **Hal Stocker**, our County Supervisor for 20 years.
- Camptonville resident **Scott Pope** is remembered as funny and spontaneous, often taking road trips on a whim and never shying away from a practical joke.

Bouquets to Art Show, July 18th!

By Katie O'Hara-Kelly

Here's a reminder for all the creative folks who are entering the Bouquets to Art show on **Saturday, July 18th**.

Pick out a piece of art that inspires you, then create a three-dimensional artwork in response to it. You don't have to use flowers, you can use ANY medium! If you need help finding a copy of the artwork that inspires you, contact Katie at 530-289-3588 or email: northyubanaturalist@gmail.com.

Bring in your floral creation **before 10 am on Saturday, July 18th**, and pick it up shortly after 12 noon. Prizes for the first, second, and third place pieces will be announced at noon. In addition, why not dress up in your favorite FLORAL OUTFIT. Prizes for that too! Participants are asked to pay a fee of \$5 for the use of the Camptonville Community Center.



Hot August Nights at the Center!

Every Thursday in August from 7-9 pm

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See flyer for more information.

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Meet Mike Wilson, New CVFD Administrative Chief



By Caleb Garling, CVFD Volunteer

As you may have heard, the Camptonville Volunteer Fire Department had a recent change in leadership. But while **Danny Rasmussen** has become our new Operational Chief, you may have missed that **Mike Wilson** has become our new Administrative Chief.

"What stands out most is his dedication to serving a new community with professionalism, integrity, and a genuine commitment to helping others," says Chief Rasmussen.

We caught up with Chief Wilson recently to learn more about his experience, his new role, and how he sees the department growing over the next five years.

— **Tell us about your fire and first responder experience before joining CVFD.** "I spent over 35 years as a first responder working in public safety, starting with CDF, now CalFIRE, where I eventually found myself working in Fire Prevention. That assignment eventually led me into law enforcement. I spent several years working across the North State for various police agencies, including almost 10 years with the Marysville Police Department here in Yuba County. Throughout much of my law enforcement career, I was assigned to various county arson task force groups, maintaining a tie to the fire service. Later in my career, I was able to become Chief of Public Safety, overseeing both law and fire for the Lake Shastina Police and Fire Departments in Siskiyou County."

— **What made you want to apply as chief of CVFD?** "My wife and I decided to list our Eagle Lake cabin for sale and find a place closer to home to enjoy our getaways. I always loved Bullard's Bar and the Yuba River area and started researching cabins for sale in the area, which led me to look around the Camptonville area. I wasn't really looking for a job, but I wanted to see if I could at least lend a helping hand to a community I have always adored. During my interview, I told the panel members that it would probably be better if they hired someone local, and later discovered Danny had applied for the position. I couldn't think of a better man to be the Fire Chief."

— **Describe your role as Administrative Chief and how it relates to Danny Rasmussen's as Operational Chief.** "Danny has the experience, operational skills, and hometown familiarity of both the community and the department. He is the perfect Fire Chief in my mind. I will bring the administrative support skills and grant writing experience to support him as the Assistant/Administrative Chief. I think our positions complement each other to create a synergy that will help grow and develop the department into a role model volunteer fire agency for northeastern Yuba County in the years to come."

For most volunteer fire agencies, recruitment and retention is the single biggest challenge.

— **What are your short term goals for the department?** "Create a safe, compliant, well-trained volunteer fire department which can make the community of Camptonville a safer and more enjoyable place to live and visit. To do this we will need to acquire adequate personal protective equipment, tools, and fire apparatus that are NFPA certified and not out-of-date, to ensure our volunteer firefighters go home safe after every incident."

— **What are your long term goals for the department?** "To find long term sustainable funding sources that will keep the department running for years to come, without impacting our community members financially. In addition, to create a fire safe community through fire mitigation efforts to ensure the community can withstand wildfire or other all-risk hazards."

— **In an ideal (but realistic) world, how would the people of Camptonville describe the department in five years?** "We want to see Camptonville Fire Department staffed with a full complement of trained and equipped firefighters who can provide full-service fire and EMS functions to the community in a safe, professional, and friendly manner. I think it is realistic to anticipate 20 to 25 volunteer firefighters, who will be trained as EMT's with training and certifications matching that of paid professional fire agencies in our more urban neighboring areas. In addition, shortened response times to the entire district and response area by updating facilities, capabilities, and apparatus at the Moonshine Station commonly known as Station #2. As an older guy, I foresee a department protecting a community where I know my kids and grandchildren will be safe."

— **Where do you live now and what does life look like outside CVFD?** "I have a home in Oroville, about 45 minutes from Camptonville, where I live with my wife Ra'chell and our two dogs. I enjoy gardening, working outdoors, fishing, hunting, and working on classic cars. I spend some time repairing vintage fishing reels and occasionally building a custom fishing rod."



Submitted Photo



Luncheon

Wednesday, July 1st

Lunch at 11:30 ★ Guest Speaker at 12:15



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Guest Speaker:
Karen Gheorma
Director of the Program

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Yoga for Every Body

By Lucille Rovnak

YOGA is beneficial for your health, offering profound benefits on so many levels. The foundational goal of YOGA is to create harmony between the mind, body, and spirit. Personally, I love how YOGA begins with breathing and poses on your mat and then transforms into your everyday life!

YOGA teaches us to take time for ourselves and nurture ourselves, helping us clear our minds, hearts, and souls, while strengthening our bodies. We learn how to feel peaceful, be confident, and love ourselves. Once we learn to love ourselves, we can radiate that love out to others and our community, encouraging peacefulness and love, in addition to receiving a multitude of physical benefits! Some of these benefits include improving balance, strength, and flexibility. Often people feel relief from back pain and easing of their arthritic symptoms, along with benefits to their heart health.

YOGA also helps elevate moods, quiet the mind, relieve stress and anxiety, and allow for better sleep and space for us to relax!

YOGA enhances your overall wellness and your daily mindfulness resulting in more energy and brighter moods!

Please join us on **Monday evenings, 5 pm, at the Camptonville School Gym** for an hour-long class of GENTLE YOGA with Lucille Rovnak. We even have an air-conditioned space so it is very comfortable. You owe it to yourself to give it a try! Take some time for yourself! Our class can accommodate *Every Body* whether you are flexible or not. I have extra mats you can borrow. Suggested donation is \$10. We look forward to seeing you there! Thank you for taking the time to read this!



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Concerned About Local WildFire Safety?

Save the Date: Wednesday, August 26th, at 5:30 pm,

There will be a Community Roundtable at the Camptonville Community Center, hosted by the Yuba Watershed Protection and Fire Safe Council. This will be an opportunity for people in Camptonville to hear from and ask questions of various local agencies involved in fire protection. We hope you can come!



It Takes a Village . . .

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

I've probably used the "village" phrase before, however more than ever it's become the mantra that encompasses so many things that we do to protect our foothill communities from wildfire.

In our changing environment, it is increasingly important that we share our concerns about living in the **Wildland-Urban Interface or WUI** as you might hear someone in the fire community call it. For those who aren't familiar with the term, "Wildland-Urban Interface" is described by the USFS Northern Research Station as simply "where human development meets natural landscapes."

We are a community living in the WUI, so it is extremely important we continue to have open conversations about our fire risk, our landscape, our lives, both human and animal, and what we can do together to protect against catastrophic wildfire. And I am happy to say that's it's happening in Camptonville.

In May, I was privileged to sit in on a meeting of the **Moonshine Road FireWise USA Community** where they did just that. This group has had regular bi-annual meetings to plan and carry out defensible space work, advancing their current three-year plan for the protection of their "corner of the world."

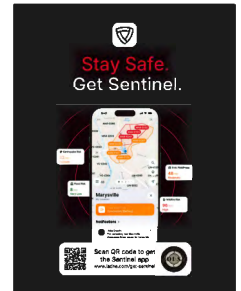
However, this meeting was a bit different from where I sat. In her June 2026 *Courier* article (Making Moonshine Road Wildfire Safe), Shirley Dickard shared the brainstorming that led to some very specific outcomes that will guide the community's future work. An "outcome" that I really embraced was the idea of having monthly, hour-long meetings to enhance their fire safe education. Another aspect is the idea of staying connected as a community. This is very important in creating a network that doesn't just clear weeds but looks out for each other, creating the "village." In the meantime, stay fire safe!

Sentinel: New Smartphone App for Yuba County Emergency Notifications

Submitted by Jesse Golden

Yuba County has now adopted the "**Sentinel by Ladris**" app. This replaces the "Code Red" app which you can delete from your phone. For more information, visit: yuba.gov/departments/emergency_services/BePreparedYuba.php and www.ladris.com/get-sentinel

Once you've installed the app on your smart device, tap on the button with three stacked horizontal lines (also known as the hamburger menu, or sidebar menu) to explore your options. Stay safe!



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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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School Board Openings!

By Patrick Brose, Superintendent, Camptonville Union Elementary School District

Attention Camptonville Residents! This November, the Camptonville School Board will have four seats up for election. The CUESD School Board is a vital part of our amazing school's operations and we are looking for residents of Camptonville to run for the board.

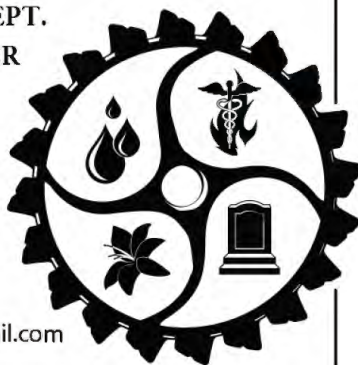
If you are interested, you can contact the Yuba County Elections Office (530-749-7855) for directions on how to get on the ballot in November. **Registration to be on the ballot starts July 15th** and ends just a few weeks after. If you have questions about the board or the process, you can contact me directly at: pbrose@cville.k12.ca.us. Thank you all for your continued support of Camptonville School.

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4th of July Ice Cream Pie

By Debbie Seyms

When the weather heats up, this dessert is perfect for a no cook day!

Crust:

- 25-30 Oreo cookies
- 5 T butter melted

Filling:

- Strawberry ice cream, (1/2 gallon) softened at room temp
- Fudge topping.... About 1 cup, store bought or homemade
- Fresh whipped cream
- Fresh berries, such as blueberries

Directions:

- Crush cookies in food processor until fine. Add melted butter and press into 9" pie plate
- Chill crust in freezer for about 15 minutes.
- Fill crust with softened ice cream. Chill again.
- Top with chocolate sauce and put back into the freezer until ready to serve.
- When ready, top with fresh whipped cream and berries.
- You can also change the flavor of ice cream by using thin mint and top with peppermint patties or coffee ice cream topped with chopped chocolate bars. Yumm!



Happenin's at Our Center — A Garden and More!

By Richard Dickard, CCCA



Folks are excited about creating the **Community Garden** at the Community Center! The final plan is currently being developed and will include the goal of creating artistic spaces for children, families, and adults to grow flowers, vegetables, and even some native plants. **Hannah Walton** is leading the project. Please contact her on Camptonville Facebook to donate materials and labor to help build it.

Other upcoming projects include: a small disc golf course; putting a fence around the LP gas tank to protect it; a chain across the west side of the building to limit access to the back of the Center; and installing improved lighting inside The Center.

The Advocates who manage The Center's activities and finances are developing a policy to make it easier for community folks to use the Community Center for their events. Please contact me if you have any suggestions on how our Community Center can better benefit everyone: Richard Dickard at rjdickard@gmail.com.

Free Tech Classes for Seniors 50+

By Margaret Fowler, Lisa Thompson, and Jesse Golden

Are you at least 50 years old and interested in safely using the Internet? Seniors on the Go will soon launch the Foothills Computer Literacy Program at the Alcouffe Center in Oregon House. This project was funded by a grant from AARP with funding support provided by Microsoft.

Participants will receive a free Chromebook computer and will learn about computer basics, safe Internet use and avoiding scams, affordable Internet options, and how to connect with family, friends, and health providers.

The program combines monthly community presentations at the *Seniors on the Go* luncheons with a separate hands-on learning component for selected participants. Community presentations begin **August 5th**, while hands-on classes will be held on Wednesday afternoons from August through October.

Watch for additional details and registration information coming soon on flyers around town; on the YFACA Facebook page (Yuba Foothills Agricultural Communities Association, the nonprofit organization that sponsors the Seniors on the Go program); and at foothillscomputerliteracy.org.



1,2,3 Grow: Keep Growing Forward with Community Support!

By Tyann Jordan, CCP



What a year! The parent-participation preschool program served 30 littles and 20 families throughout the year. 1,2,3 Grow will continue to offer a welcoming place to learn, play, and build connections. We are grateful to all who help make this program possible and who believe in creating strong early foundations for our children. These early years are so important!

However, as we look ahead, community support will be especially important. **Our funding source for over 20 years has come to an end.** We are actively working to secure continued funding for this beloved program.

How can you help? One way is through our **Basket Raffle Fundraiser**. Keep an eye out for baskets at local events, including Saturday Coffee, and purchase tickets from 1,2,3 Grow parents.

Families: please join us for our **1,2,3 Grow kickoff: Preschool Popsicles, on August 5th from 9–11 am** in the classroom. Come register for the program, meet friends, enjoy popsicles, and help us pull the winners for the baskets. Together, we can keep building a strong foundation for our youngest community members.

We also want to share our heartfelt thanks to **Yuba County First 5** and their amazing staff and partners, who have helped steward the way for 1,2,3 Grow's growth and prosperity throughout the many years they have provided funding to our little, but HUGE program.

Thank you!



Try This: Fizzy Color Science

Create a simple science activity with a heavy layer of baking soda in a baking dish and a variety of colored vinegar. Kiddos can spoon the colored vinegar over the baking soda to watch little chemical reactions bubble and fizz.

What to do:

Invite your child to notice what happens when the colors touch the baking soda. Talk about the bubbles, colors, sounds, and textures as they explore. When finished, ask your child what they saw, smelled, and wondered about during the activity.

Keep the conversation going: Ask questions like: "What happened when the vinegar touched the baking soda?" "Which color made the biggest fizz?" Simple conversations like these help kiddos build vocabulary, curiosity, and confidence.

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Three Promising Businesses for Forest Biomass Business Center

By Stephanie Williams, Camptonville Community Partnership (CCP)



Hello Forest Biomass Business Center Supporters. We have some exciting news to share!

After thoughtful and careful consideration, driven by data and your input, we are excited to announce that we will be moving forward conducting feasibility studies for the following three promising businesses:

- Community Scale Specialty Sawmill
- Commercial Bundled Firewood
- Post and Pole Production

Thank you so much for your incredible support and participation in the process of developing this campus. Because of YOU, great things are happening! These three feasibility studies are currently underway with The Beck Group and are expected to be completed and ready to share by the end of July. We can't wait!

We will be inviting Roy Anderson from The Beck Group back to our community to share these studies with you all at another community gathering. This is tentatively planned for the middle of August. Look for an invite in July so you can mark your calendars.

We hope you will all come out to engage with us and Roy around the findings of the studies, ask questions, get a status update on the campus buildout, and lastly to learn what the next steps will be.

This is a huge step forward in bringing our shared vision to life, and none of it would be possible without your continued enthusiasm and commitment. For more information or if you have questions, please email Stephanie Williams at: stephanie@theccp.org. We'd love to hear from you!



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BOAT RENTALS

Opportunity to Operate Tahoe National Forest Recreation Areas

By Lauren Faulkenberry, USFS Public Affairs Officer

The Tahoe National Forest is soliciting proposals for a concession special use permit for recreation facilities on the American River, Sierraville, Truckee, and Yuba River Ranger Districts. The offering includes 35 campgrounds, group campgrounds, boat launches, and day use sites located throughout the forest.

Prospective applicants can find detailed information on this business opportunity by reviewing the prospectus posted on SAM.gov. Applications must be received by close of business on September 7th, 2026.

For questions, comments, or concerns regarding the opportunity, please contact Tahoe National Forest Recreation Program Manager Mary Sullivan at: mary.sullivan2@usda.gov

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Harmony Health Mobile Clinic is back! And Let's Keep it Here!

By Jesse Golden

After a pause for repairs, Harmony Health Medical Clinic's mobile Clinic on Wheels (COW) returns to the Camptonville Community Center, **the second and fourth Friday of the month, 10 am-3:15 pm (closed 12-1) starting July 24th.** They're also at the North San Juan Community Center first and third Tuesdays starting July 14th and the North San Juan Family Resource Center on Oak Tree on second and fourth Tuesdays starting July 21st.

If enough local folks use the services of the COW, Harmony Health can continue bringing high-quality mobile services to our town, so if you need an excellent primary care provider, just come by during open hours to get started.

This month, Harmony Health's Facebook page and bulletin board flyers will feature information on:

- **July is Mental Health Awareness month:** Harmony Health provides a number of mental health services, including Biofeedback/Neurofeedback, Prenatal and Postpartum Support, and more. Learn more at myharmonyhealth.org/behavioral-health. Please note that the national Suicide Hotline is available 24/7 by dialing 988.



- **Cervical cancer screening for women aged 21 to 65 years** substantially reduces cervical cancer incidence and mortality. Don't wait for symptoms! One option for screening is self-collection which can provide a more private and comfortable screening experience. Harmony Health's medical clinic team (myharmonyhealth.org/hh-medical-clinic) uses a trauma-informed approach that focuses on respect, choice, and patient-centered care.



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Letters from the Book: "Postmarked Vermont & California 1862-1864"

Transcribed by Jennifer Nelson, Camptonville Postmistress

Camptonville, Cal. May 7th, 1864

Dear Friend Addie,

I have just had some visitors which surprised me very much. Jerome had gone to bed and just as I was going to shut up my front door, Mrs. Groves and Mrs. McClellan came in. Mrs. Groves is here on a visit and came in to send a letter to her man. She wanted to know who this letter was going to, and I told her it was to my Mary Ann. Showed her your photo and she said she knew better, that so smart looking girl as that would not write to such a muggings as Smith. Mrs. McC has lived in Cal. about 8 years, is a young woman about your age and rather pretty. Her husband is a hardware merchant and a good friend of mine. They have one child about a year and a half old.

I started out on my trip this morning at six on account of a funeral of a little girl. I was engaged to conduct the singing at the funeral which came off at three pm.

You say you have told your mother of our correspondence and seem to think I may not approve of it. If you have received my letter written last week you will know that I do. I admire the love and confidence you have in her. What I mean by not telling of our correspondence is that I do not wish the Pittsford people to know of it, for they would have me in Conn and you out here twenty five times in the course of the next six months. When I am there to attend to them I do not care.

Well, you will want to know how our grand ball came off. On Saturday previous to the party Mrs. Groves came in with me from Brandy City. She has a good horse and knows how to ride. On Sunday, Mrs. Selfridge came in with me from Grizzley Hill. She had her baby with her. I took her a horse from the stable here in town. On Monday I intended to take three young ladies from Indian Hill but could not get horses to suit me so had the boys who had engaged them to go over with me. I had a splendid horse for my partner but she was a poor rider and I had to lead him most of the way. She was good company and a good dancing partner and that is about all I can say for the California girls. She stayed with a friend of hers in town here as did all the girls from out of town.

On Tuesday the Company was formed into line and drilled awhile by the Orderly then marched to Galena Hill, two miles, where we took dinner and received the handsome flag presented by the young ladies of that place. We came home in the pm and had a short parade and turned in at four.

When coming from the Armory who should I meet but Clark Jenkins and Corintha. I was glad enough to see them and took them to the Hotel where I board for dinner, and to the party in the evening. We sold over a hundred tickets and the company cleared over two hundred dollars. I danced until day light then got on my horse and started on my days work. Took Mrs. Selfridge home first.

I arrived in town about one and found an invite to take dinner and spend the evening where my partner was staying. Had a fine time and did not get home till eleven and then I enjoyed my sleep, you bet.

We were going to take the girls home Thursday morning but it rained so we concluded to wait, I sent my Express to Brandy City and stayed in town till noon, then started out – three couples of us with six good horses. My partner couldn't ride more than a pumpkin and I had to lead her horse most of the way. She was not afraid and would sit just as I told her, and we got along all right. We boys got home at seven and that ended the May party, and I think I can wait till next May before I start out on such another expedition.

Please continue to write often and be assured they are gladly received. With much love I bid you adieu. Rollin C. Smith

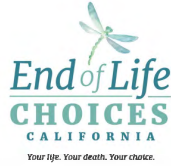


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Physicians Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment (POLST) or Do Not Resuscitate (DNR)

By Mary Abbot, EOLCCA Bereavement Program Coordinator



At the June 20th End of Life Choices California (EOLCCA) presentation at the Community Center, we were dying to talk about it. What is a POLST and what is the difference between POLST and DNR? Both these forms are filled out and signed by your doctor and should be posted on your refrigerator, in your glove box and travel with you.

A POLST (Physicians Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment) is a bright pink form that you request from and fill out with your doctor. You might want a POLST if you have a serious medical condition, are frail or nearing the end of your life or want to provide detailed instructions to personnel in the event of a health emergency. Think of it like a mini-portable-advance directive. Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) or the hospital will ask for it before treating you in an emergency situation. An EMT reminded us that if you do not have a POLST or DNR when emergency personnel arrive to help you, they are required to resuscitate if necessary – even if you have stated verbally it is not your wish. The signed document is needed to request as well as to prevent resuscitation. Ask your doctor about whether a POLST is appropriate for you.

A DNR (Do Not Resuscitate) is considered an “out of hospital” medical directive. It is basically your orders not to use CPR, to resuscitate, or take any other life saving measures. It also instructs about using measures such as oxygen, comfort positioning, or pain relief among other non-invasive strategies.

What’s the difference? A POLST gives a lot more direction on the kinds of interventions for sustaining life in the way that you want. A DNR is a simpler statement of “if my heart or breathing stops, do not resuscitate. Make me comfortable.” Finally, having a POLST or a DNR prevents unwanted medical interventions, ensures continuity of care across settings (home, ambulance, hospital, hospice) and protects patient autonomy and decision-making.

If you have questions around any of your end-of-life options or planning documents, the EOLCCA website has forms and information: endoflifechoicesca.org. Call **760.636.8009** anytime to request referrals to doctors, hospices, or answers to questions. Email me: mbabbott@endoflifechoicesca.org.

Summer at the SJR Library!

By Roo Cantada, Librarian

After a busy June, we are gearing up for our 2nd annual Summer Camp! Camp dates are July 7-10th (5-7 yr) and July 14-17th (8-14 yr). Pre-Registration is required.

We continue to have Final Friday movie nights through the summer: July 31st movie: Labyrinth; August 28th movie: Fantastic Mr. Fox.

In addition to all our programs such as Ukulele, Spanish, Weaving, and Crafts, we are now offering Tech Help twice a month for those complicated involved problems with devices or internet. Tech Help is 2-4 pm on July 14th and 28th, and August 11th and 25th.

Our calendar is always posted online on FB, outside the library, as well as around town. We have tons of reading materials for all ages, as well as three public computers, wifi, dvds, printing, and more. The community atmosphere makes it a wonderful (and cool with AC!) place to be on the hot afternoons of summer.

Other events happening this summer are Thursday Market at 5pm at Oak Tree Park, and the "Picnic in the Park" fundraiser on August 8th from 12-4 pm. Come down and show your love! Stay cool! Read more!

PS: Got the itch to stitch? Announcing the newest Tapestry about our Library and the Park! Stitching starts in August on Tuesdays from 12-3 pm in the library. All skill levels welcome; no experience necessary!

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Rally Point says...Thank you!

By Amber Mehrmann, CCP Rally Point Coordinator



It has been such a great year! We have learned how to work with tools with **Jody**, create and paint signs with **Sonja**, how to cook and run a restaurant with **Jessi, Stephanie, and Tyann**, how to save money with **Monica**, how to etch glass with **Melody**, and some new dance moves with **Deborah**! We just want to say "THANK YOU" to all these community mentors that took their time to pass on their talents to the youth. We really appreciate you and please know that you have enriched the lives of local kids!

Rally Point wants to share this fun photo of our Skate Night at Tri-Counties Community Center in Marysville, one of the trips made possible by the youth fundraising for two whole years. We want to say "THANK YOU" again to everyone in the community who supported and donated to our fundraisers!

We hope you all enjoy summer! See you in the fall!



Photo by Rod Bondurant

Spring Fling: The Cakewalk Comes to Camptonville

By Rochelle Bell

On June 7th, Camptonville's Spring Fling offered fun and food for all ages and a new tradition. **Cayla Vaught** introduced us to the Cakewalk – an easy and fun way to win a prize cake. This was her first time hosting an event and it was very successful. There were games for the kids and adults, a Bounce House was set up by **Lindsay and her crew**, **Michael De Maranville** manned the BBQ, and a Taco bar was set up inside by **Shawn Earle**, our local caterer.

The Spring Fling was enjoyable and raised money for the Center. Thank you, Cayla! Don't miss next year's event to try your luck at winning a yummy cake.

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Wordsmiths & Music Makers: More than Ready & Willing to Get the Summer Started

By Yakshi Vadeboncoeur

On Sunday afternoon, June 14th, Camptonville, we made beautiful music together, and the word of the moment is "Thank you." So much talent, so much insight, humor, and generosity! Thank you, featured artists, you enrich us all. Oh essential audience, thank you – music and word must move through you to truly live!

Thank you, **Elzeard and Jocelyn**, for sound advice and support. Thank you, **Barbara**, for tote-and-carry neighborliness and awesome flower arranging skills; **Cheryl**, for meet and greet, ticket taking, and golden bucket responsibilities; **Rochelle** – ever willing, ever knowledgeable, ever competent! **Pam**, you are the rock around which the whole event flows season after season from start to lights-out and together walking out the door! Thank you, one and all.

It takes a village, and this village got summer started with music and magic and fills my heart year-round with gratitude and amazement.

25 years ago in *The Courier* (July 2001)

- **Caroline Mumm** announces micro-paving and mastication work on Moonshine Road.
- **Georganne Savage** reports on the new "Journey Home Volunteer Hospice" in Camptonville, providing end-of-life care as well as respite care, shopping, and meals.
- **Merle Askew** tells of his family's adventures in keeping goats and other farm animals: "We learned, too late, never to give a name to an animal you're going to have for dinner."



Food Distribution in the Yuba County Foothills



The Foothill Food Pantry:

Drive-through distribution at the Alcouffe Community Center in Oregon House

9185 Marysville Road (across from the fire department)

The 1st and 3rd Friday, 12–1:30 pm

July (3rd closed) and 17, August 7 and 21

The USDA Commodities Food Bank

Located at Willow Glen Restaurant, Oregon House

The 2nd Thursday: 9-10 am

July 9, August 13

Distributed by The Gleaners.

North San Juan Food Bank, Nevada County:

Located at Oak Tree School

The 2nd Tuesday, 10 am–Noon

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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

Domestic Violence:

Casa de Esperanza Hot Line (Yuba Co) ————— 674-2040

DVSAC Crisis Line (Nevada Co) ————— 272-3467

KNCO 830 AM (Nevada Co) ————— 477-5626

KUBA 1600 AM (Yuba Co) ————— 673-5400

KVMR 89.5 FM (Nevada Co) ————— 265-9555

Legal Center for Seniors (Yuba) ————— 742-8289

Mental Health 24 hr Crisis Line (Yuba) ————— 673-8255

NAMI -Support for Mental Illness ————— 272-4566

PG&E Outage Line ————— 800-743-5000

Red Cross of NE California ————— 673-1460

Road Conditions CalTrans ————— 800-427-7623

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Sheriff (Yuba Co) Non-Emergency ————— 749-7777

Supervisor Jon Messick (Yuba Co) ————— 749-7510

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10 years ago in *The Courier* (July 2016)

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- **Stephanie Korney** writes about the sculptor William Huff, creator of the Camptonville monument to town father William Bull Meek.
- **Christina Ledson** announces that she is again hosting the Camptonville Gardeners' Market on Saturday mornings in August and September.
- **Molly Spackman** wants folks to know that the weekly Coffee and Connections, "a fun and fantastic opportunity to just relax and chat," will move to Saturday mornings.
- **Devon Miller** offers weekly Brazilian Jiu Jitsu classes for adults and children.



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JULY/AUGUST 2026 Community Calendar

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- August 5 Senior Tech classes begin (pg 7)
- August 5 1,2,3 Grow Popsicle Kickoff (pg 7)
- August 16 Picnic and Boat Race (pg 7)
- August 26 Firesafe Roundtable-YWP&FSC (pg 5)



Photo by Shirley Dickard

MONTHLY Events All area codes are 530

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

CCP Board - 3rd Wednesday, 1 pm
Resource Center. Contact: 288-9355

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

CCSD Board - 4th Tuesday, 6:15 pm, CCC
Contact: 391-8887

CCC Advocates - For meeting time, call 559-0454

CCC = Camptonville Community Center

WEEKLY Events

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

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

Fridays: Clinic on Wheels, 2nd & 4th Fri., Starts 7/24, 10 am-3:15 pm, CCC

Saturdays: Coffee@theCenter and Gardeners' Market, 10 am-Noon, CCC

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