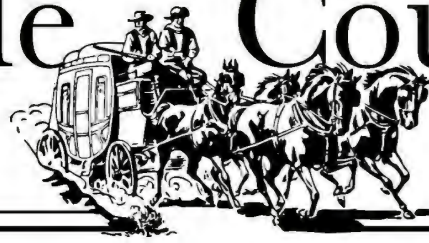


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What a Cool Faire Day!

By Jessi Mullins, CCP

Camptonville Community Partnership's (CCP's) annual Country Faire on June 27th was a whole lot of fun! The parade through town was filled with creative entries, and Cleveland Avenue was lined with spectators as the parade circled the block twice. 1,2,3 Grow's Bloom & Grow Wagons took first place, Rally Point's Rally Car Race took second, and Willow Creek's Wild Jeep took third.

Thank you to all who were part of the parade and to all who came out to celebrate with us. Bringing joy and giving back to our community was our goal for the day, and thanks to all of you, it was a success.

It was great to see families spending time together, kids and adults shoveling watermelon into their mouths, visits with Smokey the Bear and baby ducks, exciting volleyball matches, children enjoying the bounce house, music filling the air, people treating themselves to something sweet, and our vendors enjoying the lively crowd.

Thank you for being part of another great Country Faire. We appreciate your support and look forward to seeing you again next year!

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Photos by: Jessi Mullins, Guillaume Habekoss, Rod Bondurant, and Shirley DickKard

From the Editor

– Shirley Dickard

As I sat at my computer to work on laying out the puzzle pieces of articles for this August issue, I noticed the view out my 2nd floor window had changed since yesterday. Plumes of smoke billowed, and planes droned in the distance as they circled the Chute Fire in the steep Middle Yuba River canyon below Bullards Bar Dam.

Living in wildfire territory (WUI – Wildland-Urban-Interface), we know by experience that things can change at a moment's notice. That's why we have our Go-Bags ready by the door! We also deeply appreciate how many people and resources jump into action to battle these fires and keep people and dwellings safe.

Let's show our appreciation at the CVFD Picnic on September 12th, and thank our own volunteer firefighters, EMTs, and the engine crew who worked the Chute Fire: **Dave Pratschner, Mike Gray, and Angus Barnhart-Usedom**. Thanks also to the volunteers who met the engine when it returned to the station to get it quickly ready for service again. It takes a team!



Chute Fire Photo by Angus Barnhart-Usedom



Labyrinth

Photo by Rod Bondurant

Art in Nature at Rice's Crossing

By Rochelle Bell

At the Rice's Crossing Trailhead on the other side of Bullards Bar dam, we have a surprise for you. The Bear Yuba Land Trust (BYLT) has been celebrating our trail system by presenting Art in Nature. If you walk in on the left side of the meadow, you will find a wonderful art creation by Camptonville's own **Mick Englert**. He brought all the rocks in for his large labyrinth from the quarry across the road, quite a feat in itself! He then constructed this lovely piece of art for you to enjoy. A labyrinth is a continuous path originally designed for meditation and contemplation and has many meanings in today's world. Go have a look.

Note from BYLT: The labyrinth is still open! The parking lot and the trail through the meadow are both still open, even though the rest of the trail is closed due to the recent fire. Before going, check for updates at bylt.org.

Closed Due to Fire: Rice's Crossing Preserve North Trail

By Annette Muller, BYLT Communications Manager

Following the recent wildfire, Bear Yuba Land Trust has temporarily closed the Yuba Rim Trail and Yuba Drop Trail at Rice's Crossing Preserve North located on Marysville Road. The closure will remain in effect until further notice to protect public safety while staff assess damage and begin recovery efforts.

Although the fire is under control, burned landscapes can present significant hazards long after the flames are out. Visitors may encounter weakened or falling trees, unstable soils, damaged trail infrastructure, and rolling rocks or debris. Keeping the trails closed allows crews to evaluate conditions, remove hazards, and determine when the trails can safely reopen.

Bear Yuba Land Trust appreciates the community's patience and understanding during this closure. Trail users are asked to respect all closure signs and avoid entering the affected area. Doing so helps protect both visitors and the crews working on site.

Updates on the status of the Yuba Rim and Yuba Drop trails will be posted as they become available through Bear Yuba Land Trust's communication channels. For more information about Rice's Crossing Preserve and other Bear Yuba Land Trust preserves and trails, visit bylt.org.

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Learn to sew



Learn to Sew with Pam Davis

By Jesse Golden

Join Pam Davis on **Saturdays starting August 22nd, 12:30 pm** at the Camptonville Community Center, and learn to sew! No charge for the class; donation requested for The Center. Bring your sewing machine, your tools, fabric, and a pattern (you can buy from a store like Ben Franklin in Grass Valley, or from an online vendor like Simplicity). If you don't have a sewing machine, you can buy one online for about \$35. Sign up with Pam at Saturday Coffee@the Center, or call her at 530-288-0322.

Save the Date: Fire Safe Community Roundtable, September 22nd



The Yuba Watershed Protection & Fire Safe Council will be holding a Community Roundtable on **Tuesday, September 22nd at the Community Center at 5:30 pm** to discuss local fire issues. More information in the September *Courier*.

Headstone Cleaning Class – August 9th

By Rochelle Bell

The Camptonville Historical Society has organized a gravestone cleaning class at our



Photo by Shirley Dickard

historic cemetery. On **Sunday, August 9th at 11 am** we will meet with local expert Corri Jimenez, and learn how to correctly restore weathered headstones. We will offer supplies, drinks, and snacks. There are only a few class spaces left. If you are interested, please contact Rochelle at 530-288-3550. This event is sponsored by the CCSD.



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Learn the Latest on the Forest Biomass Business Center, August 20th

By Stephanie Williams, CCP

Exciting things are happening—and we want you to continue being part of them! Camptonville Community Partnership is hosting a Community Update Meeting to share important next steps toward creating a Forest Biomass Business Center campus right here in our region. This project has the potential to create local jobs, improve forest health, and reduce wildfire risk.

Date: August 20th

Time: 4:30-6 pm

Location: Alcouffe Center, 9185 Marysville Road,
Oregon House



At the meeting, you'll:

1. Hear from CCP representatives about progress to date and our vision for the Forest Biomass Business Center campus.
2. Hear from The Beck Group, a forest products planning and consulting firm that CCP has retained. Beck Group representatives will present findings from three feasibility studies on these businesses that could locate at the campus:
 - Specialty Sawmill
 - Post and Pole manufacturing
 - Commercial Bundled Firewood production
3. Most importantly, share your input. We believe it's essential to hear from community members and partners to ensure the project reflects local values, opportunities, and needs.

Whether you're deeply involved or just curious, your voice matters. Please plan to attend. Let's imagine what's possible and work together to make it real.

RSVP or questions? Contact us at 530-288-9355 or Stephanie@theccp.org. We look forward to seeing you there!

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Save the Date: September 12th For the Annual Fire Department Picnic!



Previous Picnic Photo by S. Dickard

By Donna Tate, CVFD Auxiliary

Hello Camptonville friends and neighbors! The auxiliary is gearing up to host the 32nd Annual Camptonville Volunteer Fire Department Community Picnic on **Saturday, September 12th, 2-10 pm, at the Lost Nugget Market field.**

We have a lot to celebrate and be thankful for this year. We have a new Fire Chief, Danny Rasmussen, and a new Administrative Chief, Mike Wilson. Together they are working to build a stronger, more resilient department. They are both looking forward to joining all of you at this amazing community event.

The event will be held at the Lost Nugget Field from 2-10 pm (food will be served from 2-7 pm). Dinner includes your choice of tri tip, gourmet chicken sausage sandwich, or hamburger, each served with a baked potato, salad, and bread, all for a \$15 donation. We are working hard to line up some local entertainment, and are thrilled to share that the band "Sons of Boogie" is returning for our evening entertainment!

Raffle tickets and a list of raffle prizes will be available at the Lost Nugget – \$1 each or 6 for \$5. You may even find some of our awesome auxiliary members there to greet you and personally provide your tickets! We are working on a list of our amazing raffle prizes which will include a \$500 grand prize!

As always, we could not do this without you. Below are some areas where we could use your support:

1. We always need great raffle prizes
 - We would love to see some treasures from our local entrepreneurs and crafters!
 - Any ideas on raffle items would also be appreciated
2. We need-need-need volunteers in the following areas:
 - Set up and tear down
 - Serving food (Usually 2 hour blocks, but we will take what you can give)
 - Selling beer, dinner, and raffle tickets

If you are interested in helping in any way, please contact us:

– Donna Tate: donnaleetate@gmail.com, 530-288-1225 (please leave a message, cell service is iffy)

– Rita Ortega: ritaortega4@gmail.com, 530-913-5486

Can't wait to see you all and share that Camptonville Spirit!



Photo by Dakota Pratschner, 2021



The Life of a Camptonville Fire Department Volunteer

By Mike Wilson, CVFD Administrative Chief

When most people think about firefighters, they often picture full-time professionals waiting at a fire station for the next emergency. However in communities like Camptonville, the fire department is made up of neighbors, friends, parents, and coworkers who volunteer their time to protect the people they care about. Their commitment extends far beyond scheduled training on Monday nights or community events. It means being ready to answer the call at any hour, no matter what they are doing.

For a Camptonville Fire Department volunteer, the sound of a pager in the middle of the night is never convenient. A deep sleep can instantly become a race to the station as firefighters leave the warmth of their homes to respond to fires, vehicle collisions, and medical emergencies. Family members have grown accustomed to seeing an empty bed when the pager sounds, knowing that someone in the community needs help.

The same dedication is evident around the dinner table. A family meal may be interrupted by the familiar alert tone, leaving a half-finished plate behind as volunteers head out the door. Birthdays, holidays, school events, and weekends are often interrupted because emergencies do not wait for a convenient time. While the family continues dinner, these volunteers are responding to neighbors experiencing what may be the worst day of their lives.

Serving as a volunteer firefighter is about more than responding to emergencies. It requires countless hours of training, equipment maintenance, fundraising, and community outreach. Volunteers continually sharpen their skills to ensure they are prepared for whatever challenge awaits, often balancing those responsibilities with full-time careers and family obligations.

In a rural community like Camptonville, volunteers are more than firefighters — they are the backbone of local emergency response. They know the winding roads, the remote homes, and the people they serve by name. Every call answered represents a promise to protect their community, regardless of the personal sacrifices required.

The next time you see a Camptonville Fire Department volunteer, remember that behind every emergency response is someone who willingly left a warm bed, a family dinner, or a special moment because helping others came first. Their service is not measured in paychecks but in dedication, sacrifice, and an unwavering commitment to the community they proudly call home.



Blackhawk picking up water during Park Fire, 2024

Submitted photo

PG&E Helicopters Return for Wildfire Season

Expanding Support to Yuba, Sutter, Colusa, Glenn, Tehama, and Plumas Counties

By Paul Moreno, PG&E

For the third year, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) is partnering with local fire agencies to provide firefighting helicopters in Butte, Marin, and Merced counties. This year, the program is expanding to neighboring counties: Tehama, Plumas, Glenn, Yuba, Sutter, and Colusa.

A PG&E Blackhawk helicopter equipped for water bombing is stationed at the Butte County Fire Department's Chico Air Attack Base through November 15th. While based locally, the helicopters can also be deployed to support wildfire response efforts beyond their home counties to neighboring counties through California's Master Mutual Aid system.

Since the program's launch, PG&E-supported helicopters have:

- Logged more than 445 flight hours
- Conducted more than 2,600 water drops
- Dropped more than 2 million gallons of water
- Supported more than 60 initial attacks across participating counties

By placing dedicated aerial firefighting resources directly under local fire agency control, the program helps strengthen wildfire response capabilities while making additional resources available when and where they're needed most.

The helicopter program is one of PG&E's many layers of protection against catastrophic wildfire. Other efforts include undergrounding, Enhanced Powerline Safety Settings (EPSS), Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS), AI-enabled wildfire cameras, and more. More information at: pge.com/wildfiresafetyprogress.

Introducing: Liz Barnhart-Usedom, CCSD's New Board Member

By Shirley DickKard

Camptonville thrives on having so many dedicated volunteers who work together to make this an amazing community. This month we celebrate **Liz Barnhart-Usedom**, the newest board member of the Camptonville Community Services District (CCSD).

Liz arrived in Camptonville as Elizabeth Frankland from Ohio, where she grew up and graduated from Ohio State University with a fine arts degree in print making. While visiting a friend in North San Juan, she fell in love with our area and a guy named Angus Barnhart-Usedom. They were married three years ago. After getting all the needed certifications, Liz works for ACRT-Pacific as a Vegetation Management Inspector, as well as helping Angus in the "Moonshine Arbor Solutions" business they co-own.

How did she end up on the CCSD board? "I have been interested in public service for a number of years but never really knew where to start. And after living here a few years and falling in love with the community, I feel very driven to protect and care for our community and all who live here. I also have a deep compassion for family and family legacy, so honoring the legacy of community members we've lost by serving as cemetery liaison made sense. When I heard there was an opening for public service in Camptonville, and especially as cemetery liaison, I jumped at the opportunity!"

Liz wants to give back to the community that has given her so much love and compassion. "As a board member, I hope to make a positive impact, to facilitate communication between departments, and keep things running smoothly for our community members. And more specifically, I hope to be able to help host and facilitate some clean-up days over at the cemetery!"

Liz wants us to know that she loves making new friends and meeting members of our community. "I'd like people to know that I am known to be aggressively friendly. I am always so happy to meet a new friendly face or hear someone's story. So if you see me around town, at Coffee@TheCenter, or one of our other incredible community events, I would absolutely love it if you come up and introduce yourself so I can get to know you and hear your story, thoughts, and opinions!"

Liz joins CCSD volunteer board members: Jody Deaderick (President), Randy Rizzo, Dick DickKard, and Rita Ortega. Welcome Liz!



Photo by Shirley DickKard



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how any of this
is going to go.

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surprises
along the way.

But tiny miracles
invite wonder...

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sure to drown,
lifted from water
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by a cat
later rejoins
the air.

A gift, unexpected
and given freely.

Or a moment
with a stranger,
a wordless
understanding that
we're all in this
together.

— Marcy Risque

What's Going On?

By Molly and Scott Spackman



Have you driven down Marysville Road lately? If so, you may have noticed some movement at the old Rebel Ridge Market and wondered "What's going on over there?"

We, (Molly and Scott), are reopening the business as "The Market, at Rebel Ridge." We are currently working on renovations and plan to open the doors sometime in 2027.

If you want to get in touch, feel free to reach out by email. Looking forward to seeing everyone!

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Mark Your Calendars for Wordsmiths & Music Makers – September 27th

By Yakshi Vadeboncoeur

August and summer heat are full upon us, but only one more month before the Autumnal Equinox bestows its cooling grace. And as always Wordsmiths & Music Makers will celebrate the changing of the season.

Mark your calendars to join friends and neighbors at the Camptonville Community Center **Sunday afternoon, September 27th** to simply listen deeply or make a joyful noise, but again, as always, share a feast for body and soul.



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Roast Salmon with Fresh Corn, Tomatoes, and Zucchini

By Debbie Seyms

Looking for a way to use up your summer veggies? This is a colorful and delicious light summer dinner.



Marinade:

2 cloves garlic, minced

1 Tbs grated lemon zest

2 Tbs fresh lemon juice

Salt and pepper

1 Tbs thyme

1 tsp fresh minced rosemary

3 Tbs olive oil

4 skinless **Salmon** fillets

2 Tbs butter

2 cups fresh corn off the cob (about 4 ears)

1 small chopped red bell pepper

4 small zucchini or crookneck squash sliced

20 or so cherry tomatoes

In a small bowl combine all the ingredients up to the salmon except for 1 tsp of thyme. Place salmon in a glass dish, pour marinade over, cover, and refrigerate two hours, turning several times.

In a large cast iron skillet, melt the butter and add corn, bell peppers, squash, remaining thyme, and salt and pepper. Sauté about four minutes. Remove salmon from the marinade and place it on top of the veggies in the skillet. Add the tomatoes and place the whole pan uncovered in a 400 degree oven for about 15 minutes or until salmon is done. Serve with a crisp green salad. Serves four.



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Women's Wellness Walking Group – Coming in September!

By Amber Mehrmann, CCP

Camptonville Community Partnership (CCP) will be hosting a **Women's Wellness Group** dedicated to women of any age. We invite all women to join us, whether an expecting mom, a new mom, a caregiver, a grandma, or a woman who would just like to be in community. Dogs on leash and children are certainly welcome!

We will be walking, doing yoga, journaling, and crafting weekly. Once a month, we will provide a space for families (men of the family as well) to gather and share stories. We will have a planned presentation once a month; each one will be on a different topic based on family and health. There will be snacks and beverages provided at each meet up.



If you are a woman who is looking to make new friends, get some exercise into your week, and visit some trails in the area, please come and join us on this wellness journey!

We will begin these weekly events in September. Keep an eye out for our flyer with the scheduled times and for our next article in the September *Courier*. If you have questions, please contact Amber Mehrmann at: amber@theccp.org or 530-288-9355.



New Work Requirements for CalFresh and Medi-Cal

By Jessi Mullins, CCP

There are some new work requirements for certain people receiving CalFresh and Medi-Cal, and we want to help make sure our community knows what to expect.

The new CalFresh work requirements went into effect on June 1, 2026. These work requirements impact new applicants when they apply, and current recipients at their annual renewal. Similar work requirements for Medi-Cal are expected to begin January 1, 2027.

New rules for CalFresh will affect some adults ages 18 to 64 who do not have a disability and do not have children living in their home. The rules will apply to similar populations receiving Medi-Cal.

If these requirements apply to you, you'll need to complete 80 hours each month (20 hours a week) through work or other approved activities. This can include working and reporting your income, volunteering or completing community service, attending school or another education program at least half-time, participating in an approved work or training program, or qualifying for an exemption.

We know these changes can feel confusing, but you don't have to figure them out on your own. The Camptonville Community Resource Center is here to help. Whether you need help understanding the new rules, completing paperwork, reporting information, or simply using a computer, internet, phone, or copy machine, we're here for you. We also have volunteer opportunities through CCP that may help you meet the work requirement while giving back to your community.

If you have questions or would like help determining whether these new requirements apply to you, call the Community Resource Center at 530-288-9355 and talk with our Rural Health Advocate. We're open Monday through Friday, 8:30 am to 12:30 pm, and we're always happy to help.



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Adding to your Advance Directive

By Mary Abbott, EOLCCA Bereavement Coordinator



The standard End of Life Choices California presentation always starts with a segment on Advance Directives. We ask: Do you have one? (If not, please make one.) When did you last review it? (Best practice is to either update or make corrections to your contacts each year.) Have you filed it with your medical provider? (And put a copy in your glovebox and suitcase.)

Filing the directive with your medical providers will ensure that your wishes have the best chance of being honored in a life-threatening emergency. You can create this tool as the means to communicate with family members, your circle of care, who might be asked about your wishes.

There are some great resources to help you write a clear, concise, and un-ambiguous document. One is the free UCSF program called **Prepare for Your Care**. It is super easy to use, and the links will walk you through the steps of creating or updating your directive, including the forms you will need. Go to: prepareforyourcare.org.

Recently, several new directives have been created that you can add to the basic Advance Directive for more specific wishes. One is the **Dementia Directive** which outlines what type of interventions you might want, where you might want it (home, hospital, hospice, for example), and what nutrition you might want. Search "**The Dartmouth Dementia Directive**" to find one of the best forms – it goes into great detail about the different stages of dementia and offers nuanced choices as you fill it out.

Another new directive to add is the **VSED (Voluntary Stopping Eating & Drinking) Directive**. This document will direct care providers on your wishes related to receiving food and drink. We will cover the details of what VSED entails in another column, but for now, Washington Law Help has the best version of this directive, with lots of good information. To find it, search the "**VSED directive**" and click on the **Washington Law link**.

Check the EOLCCA website for resources on end of life care and decisions: endoflifechoicesca.org. Call **760-636-8009** anytime to request referrals to doctors, hospices, or answers to questions.

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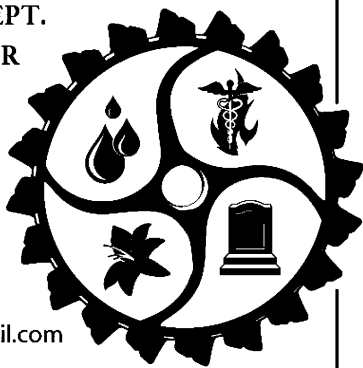
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Harmony Health Mobile Clinic in Camptonville

By Jesse Golden

Harmony Health Medical Clinic's mobile Clinic on Wheels (COW) will be at the Camptonville Community Center on **Friday, August 14th and 28th, 10-12 pm and 1-3:15 pm**. If you're looking for an excellent primary care provider, just come by during open hours, or come to North San Juan on Tuesday, August 11th or August 18th (they alternate between the NSJ Community Center and Oak Tree Family Resource Center). But what about the rest of the week, you ask? You can utilize their services in Marysville or Yuba City, seven days a week! For more information, visit myharmonyhealth.org and click "Clinics and Hours," or call **530-743-6888** for more information. (See the ad below for schedule)

Lead Screening and Well-Child Visits

On the health education front, in August Harmony Health is emphasizing the importance of lead screenings and well-child visits. Lead poisoning often has no obvious symptoms, making routine screening the only way to detect exposure early. Children should receive a lead screening at ages 1 and 2 when they are at the highest risk of exposure and the effects can be most harmful.

Annual well-child visits are recommended every year from infancy through age 21, even when your child is healthy. Regular checkups help monitor your child's growth, development, nutrition, vision, hearing, and emotional well-being. Well-child visits ensure children stay up-to-date on immunizations and receive preventive care that keeps them healthy.



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NSJ Community Center, 29190 Highway 49

1ST/3RD TUESDAYS:
SJR Family Resource Center, 18847 Oak Tree Road

2ND/4TH FRIDAYS:
Camptonville Community Center, 15333 Cleveland Ave

Services Include:

Immunizations	New Patients
Prenatal Care	STD Testing
Women's Health	CHDP/Physicals
Medication Assisted Therapy	Acute & Chronic Care
For Alcohol/Opiod Use Disorder	Behavioral Health



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Camptonville Elementary School



530-288-3277 — cville.k12.ca.us



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BOAT RENTALS

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

- **Dakota Pratschner** of the Camptonville Volunteer Fire Department reports a hectic month along our waterways and along Highway 49; "our department encountered landslides blocking the roadway, typical medical calls, a residential structure fire, a call that required us to be transported in a boat, and several motorcycle accidents." Dakota also introduces and thanks "one of our firefighters and most active responders, Geoff Burke."
- **Katie O'Hara-Kelly**, northyubanaturalist.com, describes amazing aquatic critters including the Spiny-tailed Fairy Shrimp.
- **Beverly Cameron-Fildes** of the Yuba Watershed Protection & Firesafe Council suggests you check your "recreational safety IQ," including tow chain safety, spark arrestors on motorized bikes, and knowing "how to put out a campfire safely" (search that phrase and learn a new trick or two!)

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CALL (530) 692-2210
 9841 Texas Hill Road
 Oregon House



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

- **Janie Kesselman** writes of two wildlife rescues – a baby Douglas Squirrel, indigenous to Camptonville; and a skunk found with its head stuck in a paper cup; and **Ann Westling** describes the rehabilitation of twelve orphaned kestrel chicks by Wildlife Rehabilitation and Release.
- **Don Buck** celebrates the placing of the last eight historical markers at the Dobbins family campground on the Middle Yuba River just off Moonshine Road, completing the marking of the historic 1852 emigrant Henness Pass Road to Nevada City and Marysville by Trails West (now named Emigrant Trails West).
- "Do mermaids actually run? Why yes, they sure do!" asserts **Brian Price** of Burgee Dave's at the Mayo, announcing the 4th annual 163-mile motorcycle Poker Run.
- **Kyle Ledson** celebrates the CD release party for his debut EP (extended play) album.

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

- **Rita Ortega** announces the 13th Annual Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary Picnic & BBQ coming in September with an exciting addition: the first celebration of the Pelton Green Energy Festival. (Barbecue volunteer **Stu** is described as "renowned [and] pink-toe-nailed" – hey 2026 BBQ team, let's bring back that tradition!)
- **Carolyn Mumm** invites folks to "Stand by Your Veggies" at the produce stand's third year, located at Java Xing (next door to the Rebel Ridge Market).
- **Cathy LeBlanc** describes the Camptonville Small Business workshop, offered by Sierra Economic Development District, teaching a "small but mighty crew" about what it takes to start your own business, and learning about resources at Sierra College and about micro loans for entrepreneurs.

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Katie O'Hara-Kelly putting final touches on the Bouquets to Arts Entries, July 18th

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Show**
(on back cover)
and
**Camptonville
Country Faire**
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Winner of the best Floral Outfit:
Cheryl Durrett as
"Girl with a Watering Can"
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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, 12:30-2 pm *No early arrivals!*

August 7 and 21, September 4, 18

The USDA Commodities Food Bank

Located at Willow Glen Restaurant, Oregon House

The 2nd Thursday: 9-10 am

August 13, September 10

Distributed by The Gleaners.

San Juan Ridge Food Pantry:

Located at Oak Tree School Family Resource Center

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 12:30-3:30 pm

Clothes Closet, Mon-Thurs, 12-4 pm. Call 530-292-3174

Free Food and Store – Fridays in North San Juan!

By Susie Q

Hey Camptonville neighbors, have you heard about the **Free Food Friday (1-2 pm)** and **Free Store Event (1-3 pm)** happening at the **North San Juan Community Center?**

The Nevada County Food Bank provides a generous weekly donation of dairy, snacks, and beverages, with little surprises thrown in once in a while, such as produce and/or personal items. We recently had a nice donation of produce from our local Mountain Bounty Farms.

The "Store" provides clothing items that are gently used, and sometimes even new – all clean and hung on racks for easy shopping. The Store donations include all sizes from baby to adult and sometimes things for your pets. On occasion, you may find personal products such as toiletries and personal care items.

The event is easily accessible with plenty of free parking at the **NSJ Community Center, Schoolhouse Building Annex, 29190 Highway 49, NSJ.**

Currently, we are open **Fridays from 1-2 pm for Food Distribution and 1-3 pm for the Store.** Anyone interested in volunteering as a food runner or distribution on-site is welcome to apply. Hope to see you there! Questions? Contact Susie Q: susie.strunk@gmail.com



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- 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
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CCC = Camptonville Community Center

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MONTHLY Events

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: 530-391-8887

CCC Advocates – For meeting time, call 559-0454

WEEKLY Events

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

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

Thursdays: "Hot August Nights," 7-9 pm at CCC

Fridays: Clinic on Wheels, 2nd & 4th Fri., 10 am-3:15 pm

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



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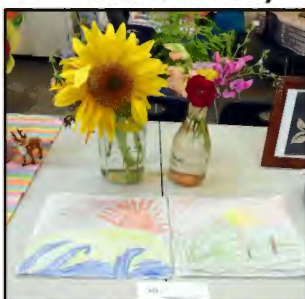
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3rd Place: Cheryl

Creative Masterpieces from the July 18th *Bouquets to Art Show*

More photos on Page 12 and on
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