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Lily Superbloom

By Rod Bondurant

This year the Humboldt Lilies (Lilium humboldtii) have gifted us with an unusually spectacular display. You may have noticed the tall charismatic plants with brilliant orange flowers along trails and shady roadsides such as Highway 49 just this side of Nevada City, or on upper Moonshine Road where they have been spreading recently.

There was a glorious mid-June show in the Camptonville cemetery this year. Even though the number of plants there has drastically declined in the last decade, this year the remaining plants looked very vigorous. One measured almost seven feet tall, presenting 21 flowers! (see photo at right)



Grace Esplin and 7 ft Lily with 21 flowers
Photo by Jimbo Garrison





Other Photos by Shirley DicKard

Our past town historian and custodian of the cemetery, Leland Pauly, was very fond of the plants. Anyone who picked a flower or stepped on a plant just emerging from its underground bulb risked his unforgettable wrath. For a few years, when a growing deer population became fond of snacking on the blooms, he even set up a ramshackle fence around the densest grove.

These plants are particular about their habitat, and their range is only in coastal mountains, Sierra foothills, and lower mountain ranges. Often simply called Tiger Lilies, there are two subtly different varieties in our area. They are precisely identified by their binomial Latin names: the Lilium humboldtii (Humboldt Lily) at our elevation which seems to prefer drier habitat and the slightly smaller Lilium pardalinum (Leopard Lily) which I find at higher and often damper locations such as in the Lakes Basin area above Downieville.



From the Editor

- Shirley DicKard

While it feels like the world is swirling with crazy breaking news every day, here in Camptonville, July is giving us a much-needed pause from the usual pulse of weekly activities organized by so many energetic people throughout the year. We pe

many energetic people throughout the year. We need this lull to rest, regroup, and reconsider where it's important to put our energy. Lincoln's July 4th message said it well.

Abraham Lincoln's Message to Congress July 4th, 1861

"This is essentially a People's contest. On the side of the Union, it is a struggle for maintaining in the world, that form, and substance of government, whose leading object is, to elevate the condition of men - to lift artificial weights from all shoulders - to clear the paths of laudable pursuit for all - to afford all, an unfettered start, and a fair chance, in the race of life."

LIVE-IN HELP NEEDED

Single person or couple

Active, garden-centric grandmother needs live-in help this summer and beyond.
Separate caregiver apartment is 3-story, has internet, includes bathroom. Kitchen in main connected house is shared; daily meal prep is part of the job.



Comfortable house on large, remote, and beautiful acreage with fully organic gardens and orchards, is 45 minutes from Nevada City. Caregiver must have reliable vehicle and be willing to transport to yoga class, medical appointments, and grocery shopping. Grandmother needs only a few hours of meal prep a day. Compensation includes free rent and arranged rate. Please email: ORGANICFULLMOONFARM@GMAIL.COM

Save the Date!

Because you won't want to miss the Camptonville Volunteer Fire Department PICNIC!

Saturday, September 6th

Watch the Courier and flyers about town for further information.





2024 Picnic photo by Donna Tate

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Motherly Advice From Our Volunteer Fire Department

By EZ, CVFD Administrative Assistant

Fire season is here! It came early this year. We have had multiple calls already, including two in one day! Please do not burn. Also, please stay out of the river. It is cold and fast! As always, we love our neighbors, but we only want to see you at picnics, cookouts, parades, and other community events.

One more note from mother – don't drink and drive. You know the roads, of course, but the flatlanders do not, and they won't know to get out of your way. Always have a designated driver or just sleep over wherever the party is. I am sure your friends won't mind.

We have two new firefighters who joined us at the Spaghetti Feed! We need a few more. If you have some extra time now that it's too hot to work in the yard, please get in touch, we have plenty for you to do.

Thanks so much for the community support. See you around town! Have fun and stay fire, water, and road safe! For more information: camptonvilleassistant@gmail.com

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Bear Sighting in Camptonville! Photo by Shirley DicKard, Bears by Bob

Natural History Lovers! Mark August 16th on Your Calendars

On Saturday, August 16th, Michael Vasey, PhD, will present his slide show at The Community Center:

How Manzanitas Helped Shape My Understanding of the Natural History of Camptonville.

Mike is a professor meritus at San Francisco State University and co-authored a popular field guide to manzanitas.

Mike now lives part-time in Camptonville. More information in the August Courier.

Calling All Foothill Photographers!

We are looking for photos for the **Yuba Watershed Protection & Fire Safe Council** 2026 Calendar



Please send photos of: Defensible Space and Home Hardening work in and around your home, Safe Recreational Practices, Go Bags, Reflective Address Signs, and pictures that show the Beauty of the Foothills.

Please submit your photos at YubaFireSafe.org and help us bring a year full of fire safety information to the Yuba Foothills.

Art in Nature at Rice's Crossing July 19th

By Annette Muller, Bear Yuba Land Trust

Join the Bear Yuba Land Trust (BYLT) and artist Caroline Fowler for a morning of making art with community in nature! Caroline will be leading participants in the creation of art installations at Rice's Crossing Preserve, North. The installation is an opportunity to connect with nature and each other and will be on view for others to contribute to until it breaks down naturally. This familyfriendly event is free and open to all, so come on out and share in this creative experience! Snacks and beverages

provided.

When:

Saturday, July 19th, 9 am to 12 pm (drop in at any time)

Where:

Meet at the Yuba Rim Trailhead at Rice's Crossing Preserve, North



Photo submitted by BYLT



creatures that can make or break your garden! 😿

- · Learn to identify helpful insects, spot common pests, and manage your homestead ecosystem naturally.
- · Perfect for beginners, gardeners, and curious minds of all ages!
- Class led by a local entomology enthusiast with real-life tips you can use.
- Bring a notepad, your curiosity, and a sunhat!

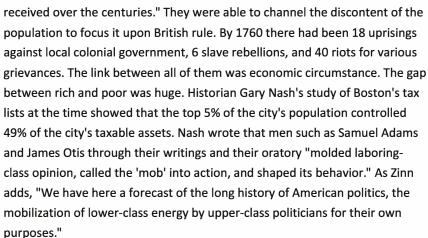


Present by Yuba Foothills Agricultural Communities Association (YFACA) YFACA members attend for free! Not a member yet? Join us — new members welcome.

Happy Independence Day!

By John Deaderick

It may serve to look back at the historic birth of these United States to see what all that fuss was about. Big job, overthrowing a King! As historian Howard Zinn wrote, "The Founding Fathers deserve the awed tribute they have



And who were these people, these American Revolutionaries? By all accounts, residents in the Colonies were pretty evenly divided, with about a third in favor of severing ties with England, another third termed Loyalists stood against separation, and the remainder the usual apathetic mass. Of course, we're only talking about White men here. Slaves, freed Blacks, women, and the many thousands of White indentured men had no political voice. It is worth noting that the first of the five American casualties in the so-called Boston Massacre of March 5, 1770 was Crispus Attucks, a Black man. It is also worth noting that future President John Adams served as defense attorney for the British soldiers, attaining their acquittals. He branded those protesting the British soldiers' presence in Boston as "a motley rabble of saucy boys, negroes and mulattoes, Irish teagues and outlandish jack tarrs."

Pauline Maeir wrote that leaders such as Adams chose moderation, emphasizing "order and restraint." Their fear of the uncontrolled "mob" was plain. The leaders of the Sons of Liberty "were drawn almost entirely from the middle and upper classes of Colonial society." To meet their ends, however, they needed to broaden their base and develop (and control) a huge following among the working classes. These men at the top sought to redirect anger that had been focused on their own positions and aim it squarely toward Britain. This is where those superb rhetoricians, Patrick Henry and Tom Paine, moved into the frame, applying their extraordinary gifts to rally the Revolutionary cause. Paine's "Common Sense" went through 25 editions in 1776 and sold hundreds of thousands of copies. Its appeal cut across class lines. Some, like John Adams, feared Paine's appeal to form popular assemblies, which Adams said were "productive of hasty results and absurd judgements."

There is more, much more, that can be said here. If only we could sift fact from the gloss of legend, myth, and propaganda, we might better understand who we are and how we got here. Happy 4th.

Antipasti Potato Salad



By Debbie Seyms

I love this recipe because it just feels like summer with all the yummy ingredients. It's great to take to a picnic as there is no mayo involved. Try it with grilled chicken or hamburgers. Happy 4th!

- 2 lbs red skinned potatoes cut into 1 inch chunks 1/4 cup olive oil
- 3 Tbsp Red wine vinegar
- 1 tsp sugar
- 1 whole jar Italian pickled veggies, drained and chopped (giardiniera)

Diced provolone cheese

Chopped sliced salami

1/2 cup marinated artichoke hearts drained and chopped

Chopped green and/or black olives

Sliced green onions

Fresh torn basil

Salt and fresh pepper

Put potatoes in large pot, cover with cold water, and season with salt. Cook until tender, about 10 minutes. Drain and transfer to large bowl.

Mix together the oil, vinegar, sugar, salt, and pepper. Toss with the potatoes to absorb the dressing. Add the rest of the ingredients and let cool to room temperature. Serve, or refrigerate for later. Before serving, toss with fresh basil and maybe more oil and vinegar to taste. Hope you enjoy it!

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Photo by Cathy LeBlanc

Pendola Road Closure Talks Heats Up By Cathy LeBlanc

May 29th brought Yuba County and community members an opportunity to discuss the closing of Pendola Road. On December 18, 2024, the county closed Pendola Road, deeming it a public safety hazard. At that time in a news release, the County said they would re-evaluate closure at a later date. That date, it seems, was the May 29th community discussion held at the Camptonville Community Center.

Supervisor Jon Messick was joined by County Public Works Director Sam Bunton and Craig Herbert, also of Public Works, who gave background information on Pendola Road. In 1929 the land containing Pendola Road was deeded as federal. In 1963 the USFS gave the County a Special Use Permit for Pendola Road which made it responsible for maintenance.

Emotions ran high as folks in attendance noted that the road was not properly maintained (i.e. culverts not cleaned) which is what led to its failure. Folks really wanted to know why the county put in locked gates with no previous warning? Who chose the location for these gates? (As it caused at least two residences to be "locked out" of their property.) Who will take on accountability for lack of maintenance? What happens to the 30 plus families who live there in case of fire, as Pendola Extension is now the only way in or out?

A long and at times frustrating discussion ensued concerning next steps, when Supervisor Messick offered a short term solution. He said that within two weeks the county will move the gate to accommodate the families who were locked out. Long term, Jon will discuss the situation with Yuba Water Agency and USFS for a potential cost share solution for repairing the road.

Folks requested that the County come back to the community in a month to continue this discussion with the right county folks in attendance to answer some of the unanswered questions and seek a viable long term solution. The County guesstimated it would cost over \$1 million to repair. Mr. Bunton indicated the county is looking for a grant to potentially pay for the upgrades but has been unsuccessful to date. Stay tuned and watch for flyers for another meeting.

Are You Doing the Right Thing, in the Wrong Way?

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

My Watch Duty notification went off three times, reporting fires around the local counties, including one right here in Loma Rica. What I learned was that they were all started by misuse of equipment in an effort to complete defensible space work. I had just done a Wildfire Mitigation Review the day before, and upon completion of the



review, the home owner said that he recognized there was more work that needed to be done, however he was concerned about doing anything that might cause a fire. We reviewed the Equipment Use Safety flier that's included in the Wildfire Risk Reduction packet and poses the question "Are you doing the right thing, the wrong way?"

So, what is the right way? Yard/property maintenance that requires the use of gas or electric motors, i.e., weed eaters and mowers, should be done before 10 am, and not in the heat of the day. As humidity levels drop, so do fuel moisture levels, making it much easier to spark a fire. It is also not advisable to do this kind of work if the wind is blowing. One spark can ignite dry materials, and the wind can carry that fire quickly and a great distance.

Mowers are for green lawns. Using a mower with its metal blade presents a number of safety issues, particularly when rocks are present, and should never be used in dry vegetation. Always use a weed trimmer with plastic head and nylon line to cut down dry weed and grass. Weed trimmers with metal blades can not only spark if the blade hits a rock but can also create enough heat to start a fire. Remember also that a hot piece of equipment should never be laid down on dry grass.

Lastly, always have a shovel, a water source, and if possible, a cell phone with you while doing the work. If a fire starts, time is of the essence in getting help. For more equipment safety tips go to our website YubaFireSafe.org...and stay fire safe!



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Boots and Roots Fundraiser – A Heartfelt Celebration for Camptonville Community Center Uniting the Community with Music, Food, and Purpose

By Deborah Skinner, CCC Advocates

The first Boots and Roots fundraiser for the Camptonville Community Center brought neighbors, friends, and visitors together for a night of joy, generosity, and shared purpose. The June 1st event was a resounding success, illuminating the close-knit spirit of Camptonville while raising essential funds for the beloved Community Center.

A Night to Remember

The fundraiser offered an unforgettable evening of lively musical entertainment, delicious food, and the warmth of community. From the moment the event began, it was evident that the Boots and Roots ethos—"Remember your roots, Live in your present, and Look to your future" was embraced within the event. The décor was the creative imagination of Tyann Flower. Yakshi Vadeboncoeur and Mary Yager created the beautiful flower arrangements. Live music was provided by our very own Joel, Jody, Kip, and Barbara. By the way Lindsay and Joel were dressed to the nines in 1920s fashion!

A Bit of History and A Look to the Future

Shirley DicKard recounted a timeline of how the Center evolved from the community's longing for a Center to actual materialization of a place to call home. There were large photographs illustrating the stages of remodeling and the people who donated their time, money, and labor. Dick DicKard shared the exciting future plans with family-friendly spaces for all to enjoy including more parking, picnic tables, play structures, activity courts, and even an outdoor stage.

A Feast for the Senses

Boots and Roots also delivered on culinary delights, including a buffet of hearty appetizers and a chocolate fountain, thanks to Debbie Syms, Deborah Skinner, and many, many others. Thanks also to Bartender Bob Seyms and to Rochelle Bell who shared her special recipes, experience, and helping hands in the kitchen.

Silent Auctions and Generous Spirits

A key element of the fundraiser was a silent auction, where attendees bid on Katie O'Hara's beautiful prints that she so graciously donated. This event marked the conclusion of The Growing Community Campaign headed expertly by Jesse Golden and

Diane Neubert. Great job supporters! The donations were significantly increased from last year. (See article on page 11)

A Vision for the Future

With the success of the fundraiser, the vision for the Community Center is brighter than ever. As we remember our roots, live in our present, and look to our future, we are confident that this Center will be here to support many generations to come!







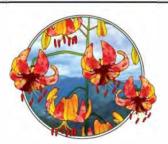




Photos by Rod Bondurant and Shirley DicKard









Shirley Relating
The Center's History



The Center is Officially Ours! December 14, 2014



"Spruce-up Day" Volunteers, January 10, 2015



"Ribbon-Cutti ng Ceremony, January 24, 2015

History of the Camptonville Community Center

1995 People in Camptonville had longed for a Community Center ever since we first started holding Town Hall visioning meetings in 1995. Back then, the few community events that were held used the school, open fields, or the firehall, once it was built.

2008 The "Community Health Action Plan" (CHAP), created by Camptonville Community Partnership (CCP) developed a vision for the community, including a Community Center. After extensive interviewing, community members envisioned a space for "activities of all ages, celebrations, meetings, recreation, performing arts, dinners, a Growers' Market, emergency shelter, history museum, a community park, and a drop-in center to have coffee and visit."

2013 Our 18 year Vision materialized when the Mountain Range #18 Masonic Lodge offered to donate the building to the community via Camptonville Community Services District (CCSD). We only had to pay the closing costs (around \$4-5,000).

2014 Before accepting, we needed to determine if we had the critical mass to make it happen. On April 9th we held a community Visioning Meeting: How will we pay for it? How will the Center be administered and by whom? The community unanimously agreed to go forward.

2014 The Masonic Lodge was officially donated to CCSD on December 15, 2014. Money for the closing costs was donated by Gene Hanson.

2015 After a lot of behind-the-scenes work by Dick DicKard and Tonie Hilligoss, the deal was closed. But it was an old building (built 1948), so teams of community volunteers worked to make it safe and usable.

2015 "Spruce Up Day," the first community workday, was held January 10th. On January 24th we held a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, with Ted Gardner representing the Masons. Over 80 people attended the ceremony and the potluck that followed. It takes a solid core of key volunteers to take on something this big!

Some early key people include:

Renovation: Chris Dozier, Tony Sandner, Norm Ross
Finances, Legal, Logistics, Bureaucratic hurdles, etc: Dick DicKard
News articles and Center Name campaign: Tonie Hilligoss
Outside stone wall and Pelton Wheel: Robert Mumm
Functioning/Interior/Activities: Christina Ledson, Char Jokerst
Coffee@Center: Molly Spackman, Sidonie Christian, Rochelle Bell

2016 A non-profit, Camptonville Community Center Advocates, CCCA, was formed in December. While CCSD owns the building, the new CCCA Board of Directors manages activities, renovations, finances, and gathering input from the community on the Center's use.

2024 The lot downhill to the west was purchased, and based on community input, is being made into a park, picnic tables, play area, and parking.

2025 Today – this is our community home.

Photos by S. DicKard and R. Bondurant

Summer at the SJR Library

By Roo Cantada

With summer temperatures on the rise, the San Juan Ridge library offers the perfect place to cool off and connect with your community. Whether you're dropping in for a quiet corner to relax, or participating in our lively programs, the library is your oasis from the heat. We'll be closed July 1–7, but our doors reopen with plenty of fun.

Summer Theatre Camp runs July 8–10 (10 am–2:30 pm), followed by **Sports Camp** July 15–17 (10 am–2:30 pm). Don't miss our **Camp BBQs** on Thursdays, July 10 and 17 at 4 pm — delicious food and great company!

While there will be no Ukulele on July 10, we still have a full month of events to enjoy. **Guitar Sessions** will be held Saturdays July 12 and 26 from 12–2 pm. On Tuesday, July 15, join **Knitting with Mindi** from 2–4 pm, and stay for **Garden Crafts with Caroline** from 4–5 pm. Can't make it? We'll do it all again on Tuesday July 29! Craft lovers will enjoy **Paper Crafts with Renée** on July 23rd, and our regular **Ukulele Thursdays** on July 17, 24, and 31. Beat the heat, meet your neighbors, and make something wonderful!

Rally Point at the Country Faire

By Amber Mehrmann, CCP

If you have been reading our articles, you know that we officially ended Rally Point for the school year on May 20th with a fun water fight and root beer floats. Rally Point hosted a lemonade stand at the Country Faire on June 28th. This was a great opportunity for the youth to earn money towards a fun field trip (yet to be determined) and to interact with the community while providing ice cold refreshments on a hot day. The Faire was our final event for Rally Point until August. We hope everyone is enjoying their summer in all the best ways!

Rally Point is a Youth program, open to youth 10-18 years of age. If you have any questions please contact Amber Mehrmann at 530-288-9355, or e-mail amber@theccp.org



Come Play at our Community Center! By Richard DicKard, CCCA

In late June, we began work on the creation of pathways, picnic and recreation areas, a stage, and parking spots along Spring Street. Areas were leveled out; safe, solid pathways created from the lower recreation area to the back of the Community Center; and a stage area was created to the north of the generator. Next, some heavy duty metal tables will be located around the back and side of the Center and one placed in the picnic area. The propane gas tank will be relocated to Cleveland Avenue uphill from the

power pole.

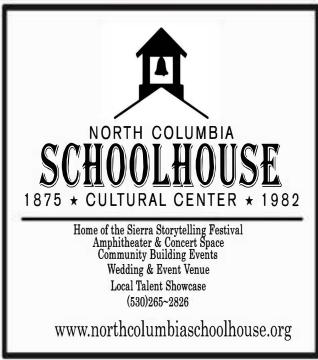
We anticipate the areas should be ready to play in and use in early July! This is just the beginning. Come and use it! Let us know what works and what you would like to see. You can contact me at: rjdickard@gmail.com.



Enjoying the back yard at the Center's 10th Celebration. Photo by S. DicKard

Many, many thanks to local contributors who make this possible.





A Look Back - July Couriers

By Jesse Golden

Read the back issues of The Courier at bit.ly/courierpast or search by keyword at bit.ly/courierdigital.

25 years ago in *The Courier* (July 2000)

- Donna Tate announces preparations for the 12th annual Camptonville Volunteer Fire Department Picnic, to be held at the field near the Mountain Store in September.
- Cathy LeBlanc recommends a stop at the new cool spot in town, Christine and Charlene's Java Xing, located next to Rebel Ridge Market on Marysville Road.
- Matt Cooney, Fire Chief, details a busy June for the Camptonville Fire Department: vehicle roll-over, river rescue, heart attack, motorcycle accident, smoke check..."Most of the victims of these calls will be just fine. However, the river rescue on the North Fork was a tragic fatality. These rivers are a great source of fun, but please BE CAREFUL!"
- "Camptonville Highlighted in New Book," writes Shirley DicKard: We Did It Ourselves, Sierra Health Foundation's new book, is a collection of three guidebooks on the community-building process used by the Camptonville Collaborative (Yuba Community Collaborative for Healthy Children)."

10 years ago in *The Courier* (July 2015):

- Reduce Your Fire Hazards ... Please! pleads Betty Leffew, Yuba River Ranger District: "Property owners are required to remove hazardous fuels from around residences and out-buildings. Removing all fire hazards for a minimum of 30 feet around buildings is the most important step in protecting structures. This not only reduces the threat to your home but also the threat to your neighbor's home."
- Christina Ledson, Community Center Director, thanks Tonie Hilligoss for her work for the Community Center, and announces fundraisers: Used Book and CD sale, Camptonville Flea Market, benefit concert by Terry Riley, and bingo.
- Water Plant Manager Mark Jokerst lists five simple measures that can have a profound impact on water use during the drought: "Be on the watch for leaks (turn everything off and look at your meter); limit outdoor watering by letting lawns go yellow; turn off indoor faucets while doing dishes, brushing teeth, etc.; take quick, short showers; flush toilets less often.
 - Linda Rose profiles 90-year-old Celestial Valley resident Lois Butz.

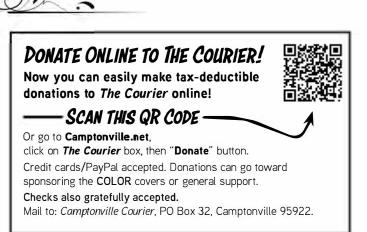
5 years ago in *The Courier* (July 2020):

· Articles celebrate the retirement of three of Camptonville School's longtime, beloved staff: Sandy Ross,

Superintendent/Principal; Pam Wilcox, Office Specialist; and Yakshi Vadeboncoeur, 1, 2, 3 Grow

- An "RIP" notice is published for Diana Malley (Jayantha), former teacher at the school.
- Gretchen Cupp asks, "Are Your Pets Ready for Fire Season?" and suggests evacuation plans, transport items, and microchipping. (more info: ysdada.org)
- Beverly Cameron writes about Red Flag Warning days, "when warm temperatures, very low humidity, and stronger winds are expected to combine to make fire danger higher than normal... Are you prepared?" (more info: yubafiresafe.org)







Letters Home from Camptonville, 1863

Compiled from Postmarked Vermont and California 1862-1864

Transcribed by Jennifer Nelsen, Camptonville Postmistress

April 26th, 1863, Camptonville, CA (Continued letter to Addie) First and foremost I will thank you for and accept your kind invitation to visit you when I return home but would not promise to come there before I went to Vermont. Guess you would feel more like introducing me to your friends after I had been home and got my rough manners polished a little, for though I can not perceive it myself I know I have imbibed more or less of these rough California phrases and you would not feel very nice to have me say, when in company of some nice young ladies, "you bet" and "sail in" and a thousand other outlandish expressions that only a set of Californians could conjure up.



We now board at the hotel where we have a China Cook and a great buxom Irish girl to wait on us. Now I will tell you of the ladies of this place, Dear Creatures, and what they do. They, of course, do not have as much to busy themselves about as they do at home for their husbands are either miners or merchants or the like and they enjoy themselves finely visiting around. If they can't afford to dress as well as they want to that is very nice, for people dress much better here than in any country I ever saw before. If they can't do that then they stay at home and fret and find fault and get a divorce if they can. Then marry some other man who can support them as they wish. Great place here for divorce cases. As to our young ladies, we have two. I took one of them to a party the other night – escorted her to and from on mule back – had a very good time.

I will now give you a description of the native Californians. There are very few in this part of the state, they wander around in small bands, the remnants of large tribes, and a pitiful-looking race of beings they are. They will eat anything that a dog will eat and many things that a dog will not, such as grasshoppers, worms, etc. Their principal food is acorns, however. The squaws are treated like slaves. When they move the household furniture is strapped on their backs and they are obliged to carry it while their Lords of Creation walk gallantly by their sides carrying nothing but their bows and arrows. They are fast passing away and it seems a blessing for they can have but little comfort in such a life as they live here. We sometimes dress them up and it would please you to see how fine they feel, and to see what taste some of them have. A man wants a stove-pipe hat and a red shirt, and then it makes little difference what else covers him, if nothing at all. The fair maids also prefer red and will often sew patches on their dresses, which would puzzle you to tell the original color.

May 18th, 1863, Camptonville, CA Camptonville was greatly excited a few days ago by silver being discovered a short distance above town, and every person had to take up a claim. Either Bearss' name or mine is in every company so if they prove good we will be sure of a shake in. Things are growing lively and money is plenty as a general thing. The miners are all at work and the mule teams are going through town and business prospects for the summer are good.

June 28th, 1863 Camptonville, CA (Rollin has just detailed the mining process) The tunnel is then supplied with sluice boxes with flat bottoms and quicksilver is put in to catch the gold. Then they begin to wash away the hill with a pipe and a hose. Now with the water coming into the hose with the pressure from 40 to 200 feet you can imagine something of the force it will strike against a bank of gravel. Gold is only found in gravel and rock. All this hill has got to be washed through the tunnel, and what gold there is in it will catch on the quicksilver. It is astonishing to see how fast the hill is carried away, and where the hill is rich enough there are enough to work on it and ground is taken up or bought – more tunnels are run and before many years nothing is left of the hills but rocks which are too large to be washed away. Camptonville originally contained fifty acres but now only about an acre and a half remains and on that the principal part of the town now stands. The gravel was hard to wash away and the banks stand as firm as masonry. The strip on which the town stands is only from 4 to 6 rods wide, and from 80 to 90 feet from bedrock. A few steps from the back door of our post office and we find a step 85 feet down – not a very comfortable place you will say, no doubt.

We are having some very warm weather here now. The thermometer stands at from 94 to 102 degrees in the shade, and the dust is six inches deep. The soil is a yellow clay and you can imagine the effect it has – every fence, log, or post near the road are covered with it and travelers all look as if they had been dipped in water and then rolled in the road, for sweating in the dust it forms a mud plaster all over your face.



Photo by Amber Mehrmann

Music and Movement for Mental Wellness a Success!

By Amber Mehrmann, CCP

The Music and Movement for Mental Wellness event that Camptonville Community Partnership (CCP) hosted on May 10th was a great success! Thanks to all the community members who participated and the Community Center for letting us hold this event on their welcoming grounds. It was such a pleasure to bring ideas and resources to support mental health and wellness to our foothill community members.

Our goal was to get folks out to socialize, collaborate, gather resources, and be introduced to ways to help their mental wellness. Folks participated in fun activities, such as art, rock painting, gardening, dancing, body movement, face painting, puzzling, and more. With over 75 folks in attendance, CCP feels we met our goal and hopes we made a difference within our community.

A huge Thank You to Caltucky and Ian Halden Ileson (with Chicken Fried Cats) for bringing their sweet sounds to enjoy on the sunny afternoon. The yoga sessions with Lucille and Layli and Qi Gong with John were a great way to slow down and remember to breathe. The pulled pork, baked potato bar, and chicken tacos, provided by Empire Creek Provisions and Lora Miller were a hit! Thanks to Sutter Yuba Behavioral Health for coming up the hill to hand out resources and information. Holding a delicious, free, communal meal where folks collaborated and visited was so wonderful to see.

We really enjoyed hosting this event and hope to host Music and Movement for Mental Wellness again next year. We want to bring more resources/vendors from within our foothill communities so even more connections are made that support Mental Wellness. Please reach out to us if you would like to share your mental health/wellness resources and or talents to the community. CCP's hope is to build our own "Home Grown" ways to address mental health issues.

Thank you again to all who participated in this very special event! A great time was had by all!

Growing Community – Thank You!

By Jesse Golden

Thanks so much to the generosity of the Camptonville



community, the Growing Community fundraising campaign to benefit **The Community Center raised \$2,963!** These funds will help pay for the ongoing operations of the Camptonville Community Center.

Take a look at the wall poster at the Community Center and you'll see acknowledgement of all our donors for 2025 (except the ones who donated anonymously).

Many thanks to our raffle prize donors for their generosity:

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



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New Watercraft Screening at New Bullards Bar Reservoir

By Bonnie Mettler, Yuba Water Agency

The Yuba Water Agency announced it is launching a new watercraft screening pilot program later this summer at New Bullards Bar Reservoir. The pilot program aims to prevent the spread of the golden mussel, a highly invasive species found in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta last fall that could pose a significant ecological and economic threat to the Yuba River watershed.

Starting later this summer, the free pilot screenings will take place daily from 6 am to dusk at the Cottage Creek and Dark Day boat launches. Screenings will take about five minutes and look for visible signs of mussels, aquatic vegetation, mud, standing water, or risk factors such as recent use in infested waterways. Any vessel with visible mussels, unknown mud, aquatic vegetation or other debris, or excessive standing water present will not be allowed to launch.

To avoid launch denial, boaters should follow the steps listed at: www.yubawater.org before arriving at New Bullards Bar.

Because this is a pilot screening program, vessels will not be tagged, sealed, or banded. While bands from other reservoirs may speed up the screening process, these bands will not allow recreators to bypass the screenings.

Additional details about the program will be shared in the coming weeks on the agency's website, **yubawater.org**.

New Bullards Bar Reservoir is one of Yuba Water's most critical assets and is managed as part of a larger, multibenefit project to reduce the risk of catastrophic flooding, provide a reliable water supply for Yuba County, and generate clean hydropower for California. Protecting the reservoir from invasive species like the golden mussel is essential to maintaining these core functions and ensuring continued public access and recreational opportunities.





Photo by Alex Boesch, Yuba Water Agency, 6/17/25

Yuba Water Agency Grant to the Yuba Watershed Protection and Fire Safe Council

By Bonnie Mettler, Yuba Water Agency

Yuba Water approved a \$271,681 grant for three years of support for the Yuba Watershed Protection and Fire Safe Council, a nonprofit organization dedicated to building wildfire resilience in Yuba County.

The council, formed as a nonprofit in 2020, focuses on building watershed and community resilience to wildfire by educating and empowering residents, implementing community-level mitigation projects, and supporting the integrity of the area's natural resources.

Yuba Water's past funding has been critical in supporting the council's executive director position, which most recently, helped secure 12 external grants totaling nearly \$3.7 million for clearing roadside vegetation, defensible space, and home hardening programs and more.





Sunny Sunday Summer Celebration at Wordsmiths & Music Makers

By Yakshi Vadeboncoeur

Thanks to all who made music, spouted poems, or told stories at the Summer Solstice Wordsmiths & Music Makers on June 22nd. Thanks to the listening community that came out to support the



Community Center and the creative energy that is attracted to and nurtured by this place on earth. And a very special thank you to Mary Yager and Pam Saporta who help make it all happen smoothly every season - winter, spring, summer, and fall. Whether it is food, flowers, or tickets at the door, setup or cleanup, they're the first to arrive (never empty handed) and the last to leave. Words can't describe my gratitude. If you are interested in being a featured artist at the fall event contact yakshiv@gmail.com

Kids' Fishing Day at Packer Lake – July 19th

By Julia Bonney, Public Affairs Specialist, TNF

Tahoe National Forest, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and Sierra County Fish and Wildlife Commission welcome community members and visitors to the annual Kids' Fishing Day at Packer Lake. This free event is July 19th from 8 am to 1 pm near 3901 Packer Lake Rd., Sierra City.

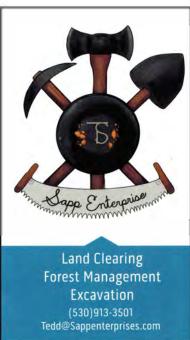
Tips for the day: Bring a picnic or purchase food at the lake. No dogs or boats. Bring sunscreen and bug spray. Fishing gear will be available for children to borrow. Those 16-years-old and over require a fishing license to fish.



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SYRCL Granted \$1.7 M for Salmon and Packer Creek Aspen **Restoration Project**

By Anne Marie Holt, SYRCL

The State of California's Wildlife Conservation Board granted the South Yuba River Citizens League (SYRCL) \$1.7 million for the Salmon and Packer Creek Aspen Restoration Project. This project is a major forest restoration effort aimed at revitalizing quaking aspen habitat within the Tahoe National Forest.

Due to fire suppression, climate change, intensive grazing practices, hydrologic changes, and increased infrastructure, quaking aspen are in decline on the western slope of the Sierra Nevada. Spanning a total of 292 acres in the Lost Sierra, north of Highway 49 and west of Gold Lakes Highway, this project includes the degraded quaking aspen stands along Packer and Salmon Creeks. The outcome of this project will be enhanced, interconnected aspen habitat throughout Salmon and Packer Creeks with robust regeneration and diverse age classes. A public tour of the project is scheduled for mid-August.

To stay up to date on tour information and project progress, sign up for SYRCL's newsletter at yubariver.org

1,2,3 Grow Graduates!

By Tyann Flower, CCP

What a fantastic year it's been at 1,2,3 Grow! As the school year draws to a close, we take a moment to celebrate our incredible graduates: Danika, Tansy, Orion, and Atlas. They're all off to kindergarten, and we couldn't be prouder of how much they've grown and learned.



Photos by by Lawana Zerwick

Celebrating Our Wonderful Graduates

- **Tansy,** you brought so much joy to 1,2,3 Grow. As Teacher Eugene beautifully put it, "Tansy, you put a smile on my face every time you walked through the door." Your cheerful presence will truly be missed!
- **Danika**, it's been a privilege to watch you blossom. Teacher Eugene remarked that "watching you grow up...has been like a magic trick," and we completely agree. You've made such incredible strides.
- **Orion**, your positive spirit has been a guiding light. Teacher Eugene shared, "Orion, you are like a compass...if I see you smiling I know we're on the right path." Keep shining brightly!
- **Atlas**, your delightful personality made every day brighter. "Atlas, you are so much fun and so easy to get along with," said Teacher Eugene, and it's absolutely true. Your friendly nature is truly special.

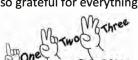
A Fond Farewell and Future Adventures

To Danika, Tansy, Orion, and Atlas, remember all the wonderful things you've learned and the friendships you've made at 1,2,3 Grow. Kindergarten is going to be an exciting new adventure, full of new discoveries and friends. Most importantly, don't forget Teacher Eugene's words of wisdom as you embark on this next chapter. Have fun, keep learning, and continue to be the amazing individuals you are!

A Heartfelt Thank You to Our Amazing Teachers

This special day wouldn't be possible without the dedication and hard work of our incredible educators. A huge thank you to Teacher Eugene and Teacher LaWana for their tireless commitment to nurturing and guiding our young learners. Your passion for teaching and your genuine care for each child have made an immeasurable impact.

And to the parents of our graduates, we know you'll cherish the beautiful keepsake bags Teacher LaWana put together, each with that very special string measuring the height of your little Pre-Kindergarten graduate, and the beautiful art portfolios. It's a wonderful reminder of how much they've grown this year. We are so grateful for everything you do! Join us next year!





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New Bullards Bar Reservoir and Emerald Cover Marina – Almost filled to capacity! Photo by Alex Boesch, Yuba Water Agency, June 17, 2025

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JULY 2025 Community Calendar

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(CCC = Camptonville Community Center)

WEEKLY Events

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

Wednesdays: Camptonville Fire Dept Trainings, 6–9 pm, Fire Hall

Fridays: HH Clinic on Wheels, 9:30 am-3:30 pm, CCC **Saturdays:** Coffee@theCenter and Gardeners' Market

10 am-Noon, CCC

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CCP Board - 3rd Wednesday, 1 pm. Resource Center.

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