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Book Fair and holiday cheer By Yakshi

*I'm dreaming of a well-read Christmas
just like one a Book Fair might bring
where the book carts are brimming
and carolers singing,
and Christmas goodies piled high upon a tray*

If it sounds like an evening dream you can share,
come along to the Camptonville School Library
Thursday Dec. 9 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. There will be
a Buy-1-Get-1-Free Book Fair to stretch your holiday
\$\$\$ and to help update the shelves of all your favorite
young readers. Besides books, there are craft kits
and other small items to stuff the stockings of
grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Join your neighbors for Holiday cheer and caroling
while doing some close to home Christmas shopping.
This fun-filled event marks the end of the 13th annual
Reading Marathon. Come browse the wonderful
selection of books, school supplies and posters,
support the Library, and encourage the young readers
in our community.

There's a cup of cider and cookie with your name
on it, so hope to see you there.

Ho Ho Ho

By Sarah Cusato

Santa Claus is coming to town!! He will be at the
Mayo Restaurant on December 21 at 6:00 PM. The
Mayo will be serving hot cocoa and cookies.
Photographs of your children with Santa will also be
available. All children will receive a stocking filled
with goodies and toys. So big or small, come one
and all!

Spooky Halloween fun

By Lydia Olson, Erica Goode and
Amanda Brown

Camptonville School's Club Live and Student
Council would like to say thank you to Sandy and
Barbara for all of the efforts that they put into the
Haunted House and Halloween Dance. Everything
went well, and all of the students seemed to like it a
lot. Several students helped out and scared anyone
who walked by them. One of the best parts was the
storytelling at the end, and of course, we all liked the
candy that was passed out. We'd like to thank all

Beauty's bulb deep

By Birdsong Sundstrom

The recent rainstorms have made it certain that the flower-blooming season is over for this year. However, the members of the Greater Camptonville Beautification Society are hard at work to assure that spring will bloom once again. Thirty households cooperatively ordered \$1,400 worth of bulbs this fall, and can be seen out in local yards clad in raincoats and mudboots, wielding shovels and bulb planters in order to get almost 4,000 bulbs planted before the heavy frosts and snows arrive.

The most popular choice this year was lilies, in all their variations, including Oriental, Asiatic and trumpet. Lilies grow well here, but often survive the gophers and moles best if planted in pots and tubs. The Oriental lilies are especially welcome, since they are highly fragrant, as well as beautiful. Small bulbs such as crocuses and anemones continued to be favorites, and offer a wide variety of planting options, since they do well in either sun or shade. Daffodils also had a strong following, and the group ordered pink and white ones this year for a break from the traditional yellow models. Daffodil bulbs produce year after year, with the clumps getting bigger each season. The bulbs are toxic to deer and other four-footed pests, and can be naturalized in areas where these critters would normally eat your flowers before you even saw them. Species tulips also naturalize well in our area, and the Beautification Society ordered "Daysystemon" species tulips this year.

Our community has Yakshi Vadeboncoeur to thank for the continuation of this massive flower madness tradition. For many years, Yakshi has supervised the ordering process, allowing the flower-planters to order in large quantities and obtain wholesale prices. She has also "fronted" the money, tabulated each order, sorted the hundreds of bulbs, and delivered them to the respective participants. Our town will continue to show its best face towards spring thanks to her! If you are inspired to plant, and cannot wait to order with Yakshi next year, there are still bulbs available at local nurseries, and good planting weather should continue until about mid-December.

When the weather finally gets balmy, we can all look forward to touring the Camptonville back roads in search for the profusion of bulbs resulting from the efforts of our own Greater Camptonville Beautification Society.

Chili-fired fundraiser

By Sarah Cusato

The Chili and Cornbread fundraiser put on by the Parent's Club at Twilight School brought in \$170.00 for the two weeks that we had it. Thank you all.

A peek inside

By Rochelle Belle

I had driven by the large quiet building next to the Forest Service Office many times, but never had been inside. I got my first chance early in November when our local firefighters were honored at a beautiful and delicious dinner cooked and served by the members of The Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints. The inside of the Church is spacious and comfortable. There are classrooms, a kitchen, a basketball court as well as a very large community room. The members we met were warm and welcoming. We were told the Church members would like to be more involved in our community and invited us to participate and use the beautiful space more often. It was a lovely dinner for all, and the firefighters who attended thank those who contributed to the evening.

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Winter recreation

By Donna Tate

Winter has definitely arrived. With the falling of snow comes some great winter recreation opportunities; hiking, snow shoeing, cross country skiing, snowmobiling or just playing in the snow. The North Yuba Ranger Station has winter recreation handouts and maps available to help plan your wintertime trip.

The ranger station has received several calls inquiring about cutting Christmas trees on the Tahoe National Forest. Unfortunately the Tahoe National Forest does not have a Christmas tree program. Christmas tree cutting permits are available from our neighbor, the Plumas National Forest. For more information on the Plumas National Forest Christmas tree program, please call the Beckworth Ranger District at (530) 836-2575.

All camping facilities are now in winter status (no services, no fee). For more information on winter camping, please call the ranger station.

Burn permits are not needed for dooryard burning until spring. You still need to check with the Department of Air Quality for burn day status. During business hours, call the North Yuba Ranger Station for burn status information. After hours or on weekends please call the appropriate county:

Sierra County 289-3662

Nevada County 274-7928

Yuba County east of Bullards Bar (Camptonville)
289-3662 or 274-7928

Yuba County west of Bullards Bar
743-1189

The total rainfall as of 11/30/99 for the 1999-2000 season is 10.19 inches. Last year to date the total was 12.83 inches.

Everyone at the North Yuba Ranger Station wishes you and yours a very safe and happy holiday season!

Camptonville Resource Network

By Pam Wilcox

We have a request for a local plumber. Is there one out there? The Camptonville Neighborhood Network received many calls last month and we have been able to connect a lot of people together. Some are for volunteer help and some are paying jobs. Do you have an odd job you want done? Can you help someone in need? Do you want to barter your services for ??? If you answered yes to any of these questions you may want to sign up for the Neighborhood Network. Look for the forms at all the local businesses, the school, or call the Wellness Center at 288-9355. If you want to be part of the 2000 Gold Pages, Business and Service Directory get your information in soon, as we will start putting it together in January.

Is there a DJ in the house?

By Lydia Olson, Erica Goode and
Amanda Brown

Camptonville School's Club Live and Student Council need a DJ to host our dances. The DJ must have a sound system and equipment, a variety of CD's or cassettes, and lots of enthusiasm. Payments can be negotiated. If you are interested, please call Sandy at 288-3277

Christmas Club needs donations

By Local Elf

The Christmas Club is in need of donations. If you are able to help, it would be very appreciated. For more information call Georgette at 288-3237 or Sarah at 288-1015.

Handyman Services

call
Glenn Parker

Pager 271-9118

Help for family burned out in Pendola fire

One of our Camptonville families lost their home, vehicle and possessions in the recent Pendola Fire that burned over 12,000 acres near Bullards Bar Reservoir in October. Karen and Lee Burnett and their two boys, ages 11 and 12 years, are struggling to start over. The "Burnett Fire Fund" has been opened at the West America Bank. Any monetary donations and words of encouragement during this difficult time will be graciously accepted. They need help replacing their two bedroom trailer, car, generator, water pump and household furnishings. Checks can be made to "The Burnett Fire Fund", c/o WestAmerica Bank, 10375 Brunswick Road, Grass Valley, CA 95945. For information, call The Camptonville Wellness Center 288-9355.

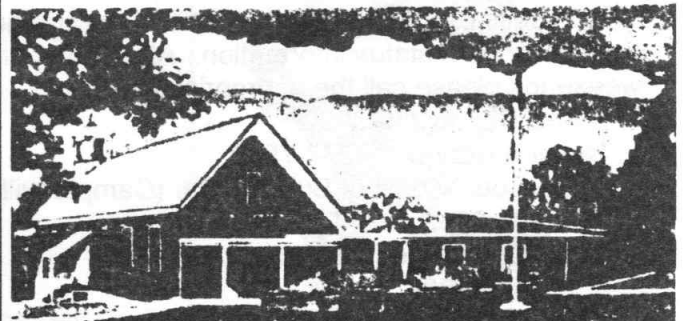
YCCHC is expanding

By Shirley DickKard

On Monday, December 6, an expanded membership of The Yuba Community Collaborative for Healthy Children (YCCHC) will be gathering in Marysville for a Holiday Dinner and general meeting. A lot of people up here in the foothills know about our Collaborative, but fewer realize that we are part of a larger movement in the county to improve children's well-being. The Camptonville Collaborative and the West Linda group in Marysville were the founding members of YCCHC in 1994. Since then, we have developed partnerships and programs in our two communities and also countywide. Recently, two new sites (Olivehurst and Challenge) have joined YCCHC through the Answers Benefiting Children (ABC) grant. This meeting will enable us all to share our various successes and opportunities for children in Yuba County.

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Telemedicine Workshop

By Paula Miller and Robert Harvey

On November 16, we went to a workshop on Telemedicine. Camptonville is one of the many sites to receive equipment from U.C. Davis Medical Center. What is Telemedicine? This is a very good question. Telemedicine is based on the ability of two computers to communicate with each other over telephone lines. It is not the internet. It is private. It uses six telephone lines to set up a conferencing network involving two computer stations. For example one in Davis and one at the Camptonville Wellness Center. This gives you a "window" from Camptonville to Davis. It is just like being there. The picture is real and in real time. So you can sit in front of the monitor, and actually talk and see the person you are talking to in Davis, i.e. the Specialist. You are in a room that is private, you talk to the specialist in a room that is private. This technology is more advanced than what we saw in the movie "2001 A Space Odyssey" when he is talking to his little girl on the picture phone. With the use of a little camera, you can scan a mole, or a rash, or many other things of this nature, and the Specialist actually has a better picture of it on their monitor, than in person with the naked eye.

Hey Camptonvillites, we received a grant to set up medical consultations at our Camptonville Wellness Resource Center. We need a primary care provider in order to speak with the medical specialists in Davis, but our providers come only once a week. Therefore, U.C. Davis wants us to collaborate with other sites and each other not only to provide Medical care for us, but also to find new ways of using this technology.

Some of the ideas we are coming up regarding the usage of this technology are Senior concerns, and access to medical care providers at North San Juan Medical Clinic, and of course, at U. C. Davis. We have also thought about using the technology for community college classes, and continuing education classes.

So do you have to go to Davis to see your Specialist? Why not come to our resource center, and take advantage of the technology we have to speak directly and privately via video to your specialist in Davis right here in Camptonville. That way you don't have to drive to Davis. Also, when you have an appointment, you won't have to wait. By nature of the technology, the appointments have to be on time.

If you are interested in seeing a Specialist from Davis, call the Camptonville Wellness Resource Center to set up an appointment. 530-288-WELL or 530-288-9355

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Proposed economic development plan

By Tonie Hilligoss

Camptonville's Economic Development Action Team is the community's organizational tool for developing economic opportunities in this region. We have already received planning grants for an organic produce cooperative and an online market and plan to apply for additional grants. Because some will require an economic development plan, we are submitting the following as a starting point in developing one. Most of the concepts included in the following draft proposal originated in meetings of the Economic Development Action Team, although some are the result of conversations with community members that have occurred since the last meeting. Please review the following proposal and contact Tonie Hilligoss at 288-0508 with comments and/or suggestions for revision. The date for the next Action Team meeting has not yet been scheduled, but it will be published in the next edition of the Courier. Meetings are open to all interested parties.

The Economic Development component of Camptonville's Action Plan is designed to create income-generating opportunities along the Highway 49 corridor between the San Juan Ridge and Sierra City, including the detour to the region served by the Pliocene Ridge schools. Primary strategies for accomplishing this will include collaborating with Camptonville's neighboring communities to establish regional economic enterprises and to identify and address opportunities related to the natural resources of the area. Partnerships will be established with the USFS and other organizations dedicated to promoting economic diversification within national forests and with businesses such as From the Sierra which share the goal of creating community-based economic enterprises. Camptonville is located in Yuba County and will work through the Yuba Sutter Economic Development Corporation (YSEDC) on projects specific to Camptonville. Regional endeavors will involve either YSEDC or SEDD, the Sierra Economic Development District, depending on which counties will be involved in the proposed project. The following list includes activities already identified and the progress made through November of 1999:

- support the efforts of local residents to provide services and launch new economic enterprises or expand existing enterprises (ongoing, primarily through the Gold Pages)
- develop a regional organic produce cooperative

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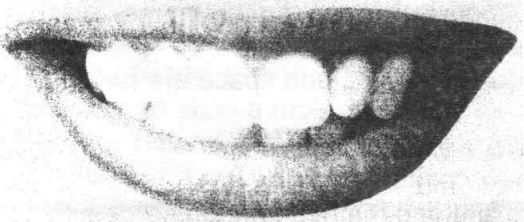
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Gold Panning

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- (planning grant and pilot project completed)
- create a regional online market to showcase local crafts and other products (planning grant awarded; project currently under development)
- identify and address economic opportunities associated with tourists attracted by the Yuba River, Bullards Bar Reservoir and other local resources (concept paper completed and submitted)
- expand existing Camptonville-based thinning operations (included in Prop. 204 proposal; implementation scheduled for December 1999)
- develop a regional hardwoods logging and manufacturing operation (regarding feasibility of the project currently underway)
- develop a value-added product that will meet a consumer demand (concept proposed some time ago but not yet explored)

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Farewell to Don Lively

By Georgeann Savage

The week before Thanksgiving I was privileged to be a part of the home care team for Don Lively who chose to come back to Camptonville from the VA hospital in San Francisco. At 51 he was terminally ill, and as most of us would wish, did not want to spend his last days in the hospital. This decision is often difficult to realize for the family and friends of a dying loved one when they consider the practical and emotional issues involved. The obstacles can be overwhelming at a time when we're already emotionally sapped.

However, this proved not to be the experience of Don's family and friends thanks to two special elements. The first was the generosity and courage of a friend who opened up her home and life to him and his family providing them with a comfortable, non-institutional surrounding. The second was the miracle of The Hospice of the Foothills. My flagging faith in the human condition was resurrected by these women: nurses, social workers and staff whose contribution to the compassionate environment created for Don cannot be overstated. Beyond their practical skills, the Hospice nurses provided us with the emotional and physical "extra mile" support that enabled us to do our best in a difficult circumstance. (And by the way, this community is blessed to have one of their finest nurses as a resident. She made herself available with gentle enthusiasm during the roughest times. Her heart is huge!)

At the end of this story, of course, is the sadness of losing a father, grandfather, son, great friend and master musician.

But everyone who sat with Don during his last week was sharing in the gift of time. We had time to hold his hand, comfort his restlessness and listen to him in a way that has become cause for tremendous gratitude. Thank you, Don.

Hospice of the Foothills' number is 272-5739. All their services and supplies are provided at no cost. Thank you, Hospice.

For Don who found the door in the rock

so what

so what if the sky falls on me here if
 August brings flames that lick my horizon if
 the arch of my back and the arch of my foot
 wrack me by fall if February
 drops that ponderosa on my bed if
 winter rides me hard (giddyup)
 and puts me away wet if in spring
 I wait here alone for summer and
 the length of a day becomes unmeasurable if
 the season of night spins a spiral dance and
 there is no light at the gate if
 the goddess drops a dime on me giving god my
 address
 if quiet and time and space are no longer enough
 if
 here is too green and
 too hot and
 too wet and too big and too hard and
 too far and too strange yet
 so familiar
 when i become older and weirder
 speaking
 only to the four-legged when
 the pile of loss mounts high in the corner

the truth will still be that this
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Seniors host Christmas Faire


By Lola Cleary

The North Gold Senior Mountaineers start out the month with the Annual Christmas Faire at the North San Juan Senior Center on December 4th between the hours of 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM. There will be twelve plus vendors selling items for the Holidays. The North Gold Seniors will be offering a lunch of a variety of soups, a choice of sandwiches, cookies for dessert, plus coffee or tea. So drop by and take a look.


Tuesday December 7th is regular luncheon day at noon. Robert Labell, paralegal, will be available from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM for consultations. Sunday, December 12 is the monthly breakfast at the Senior Center from 8:00 to 11:00 AM. The menu consists of pancakes, eggs, ham or sausage, orange juice, and coffee or tea. Cost is \$4.00 for adults and \$2.50 for children. Everyone is welcome, so come on down for a delicious breakfast and support the Seniors from the Camptonville and North San Juan areas.

December 14 is noon luncheon, followed by the Board Meeting at 1:00 PM. December 21 is noon luncheon with birthday cake, ice cream, entertainment and small special gifts from Ernestine for the December honorees. December 28 is noon luncheon with the nurses in attendance before lunch to do blood pressure checks. Reservations and cancellations for Tuesday luncheons MUST be made by Sunday for the following Tuesday by calling John at 292-3315 or Helen at 292-3388. Rounding out the year 1999, Fun Night will be Friday, December 31st. A Pot luck meal begins at 6:00 PM followed

by cards, games, or visiting. So if you want to celebrate the millennium with your Senior friends, plan on a fun evening. If you have any questions or NEED TRANSPORTATION from the Camptonville area, please call Lola at 288-3263 or Ernestine at 288-0602. We thank you for all of the support we have received this past year and wish all a very Merry Christmas, a most Happy New Year, and a wonderful 1000.



BABY TALK



The anticipation and excitement of the holidays with all its shopping excursions, parties and visits can easily short-circuit your toddler's stabilizers. And if baby's gone off the deep end, can Mom and Dad be far behind?

Telling your little ones what's coming well in advance, and leaving lots of time for leave takings and reentry adjustments will lessen the stress for all parties involved.

Baby sitters are a great boon to harassed holiday shoppers, party goers and givers. If a sitter adds too much to your holiday budget, arrange a child swap with a neighbor so both of you have a chance to do a little childfree holiday prep.

After a long day or a big event, build in some down time where what happens now and next and after that are determined by baby's needs and whims and slower pace. Enjoy this quiet time together as the gift that it is. Remember, for a 2 year old the packaging and paper is as much of interest as the present inside.

A public service of the Yuba Community Collaborative for Healthy Children

"ASK YANA"

Dear Yana,

Every night my boy struggles not to go to sleep. We often end up in a big fight. Is there anything I can do to help us have a more peaceful bed time? Dad

Dear Dad,

It is normal for children to have some resistance to making the transition from being awake to letting go and going to sleep. It is best to develop a regular bedtime routine. Something that you can do every night. The activities in this time can be some "have to's" like brushing teeth and putting on pajamas, and some "special time" like story telling or reading a book. This is a quiet time; talk softly, play gentle music, dim the lights and slow down. This is a bonding time; talk about how much love there is, how proud you are, what you are thankful for, and what good things happened that day. Most young kids want someone to be there while they go to sleep, If you can relax, snuggle and have the patience to wait until he goes to sleep it will go along way. And remember, soda's and candy have chemicals that increase energy. It's best to eliminate these after dinner.

Yana

Have a question for Yana? Write her at PO box 174

Reflections from a Fire refugee

By Cathy Chmel

The frenzy of evacuation
 Trying to choose what to save and what to leave
 Neighbors caring for neighbors
 Watching the horrifying scene unfold at Dark Day
 The never ending convoy of fire trucks
 The blood red sun at twilight
 The burnt orange moon at nightfall
 The displaced wildlife
 Rita and the fire auxiliary's support and delicious meals
 Donations of great food from the Mayo and Lost Luigi's
 Randy calmly managing the phone, cash register, scanner, and everyone's questions
 Hot coffee whenever we needed it
 A hot shower after a dusty day (or two, or three)
 The coordinated arrangement of our many dogs
 The little circle of chairs in the field
 Getting to know your neighbors better
 Sharing our stories and laughter
 Tears of fear and frustration
 The compassion of friends and loved ones
 The hopeful mornings
 How quickly news would be passed around
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 The joy and relief when we could finally go home



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Tobacco tax money for Yuba County children

By Shirley Dickard

Are you still smoking? If so, you are now contributing 50 cents a pack towards programs for young children 0-5 years. In 1998, California voters passed Proposition 10, a statewide ballot initiative that earmarks the new revenues for programs that address the needs of young children. Each county gets to decide how the money will be spent locally. The Yuba County Children and Family First Commission is seeking broad input from all areas of the county.

The Prop 10 Advisory Committee (of which Yana Slade and myself are members) is distributing surveys (oh no, not another survey!) to hear from the community on what you think is working, what could be better, and ideas for how children can be supported. The money for the County is significant (\$750,000 to one million dollars, annually).

It's important that Camptonville's voice be heard. Should every community have accessible and affordable daycare, preschool, health and dental care, housing, Resource Centers, Parks? You may be asked to complete a short survey or attend a small focus group by mid-December. If you'd like a survey, call 288-9355 or pick one up (and return) at the school.

Of course, we'd rather people didn't smoke, so if you'd like to quit, let Cathy LeBlanc know, (288-9355). We may be scheduling a *Smoking Cessation* class at Twilight School.

Dam on the Middle Yuba?

By Richard Dickard

From the folks that control how the water flows in Yuba County including Camptonville, it's business as usual, which isn't good for any of us.

To date, the Yuba County Water Agency, YCWA, continues to put a dam on the Middle Fork of the Yuba River at Freemans Crossing as part of their flood control plan. And, the Yuba County Board of Supervisors, YCBS, is planning to allow another housing development in the Olivehurst flood plain area without adequate corrective or preventive measures.

In order to counter this one sided approach to handling water in Yuba County, the Middle Yuba

River Area Citizens' League, MYRACL, is developing and will be distributing in early year 2000 its pamphlet that will help educate individuals, communities and agencies in the Middle Yuba watershed about non-dam alternatives that sensibly control the flow of water out of the Sierras.

What each of us in Camptonville needs to do is let our supervisor, Hal Stocker, who sits on both the YCWA and the YCBS, know that the current plans of those agencies don't make sense to us up here in Camptonville. Please write or call him at the board of supervisors: Hal Stocker, 5th District Supervisor, Yuba County Board of Supervisors, 215 5th, Marysville, CA 95901. Telephone #: 741-6461.

If you sit there silently, Camptonville community as we know it may disappear under water.

Living with the bears

By Elizabeth Ballesteros-Cain

Living in the country you learn to live with your neighbors, especially when they are the four footed ones. In going for our walks we have seen evidence of a bear or bears roaming around the city. I prayed that the Lord would let me see the bear, from far away. A few evenings later, my prayer was answered, I was standing in front of the sliding dining room door that faces toward the Tahoe National Forest and about 100 feet from our sliding door, I heard the rustling of leaves and saw a black bear cub in the pear tree. I quietly called Gary to come and see and we watched the cub up in the tree for several minutes, until a neighbor also saw the bear and screamed ("A bear!" The bear heard her, and proceeded to get down from the tree and run through the brush towards the forest. The cub was about 250 lbs, the mama bear has a 9 inch paw (we have taken a picture of the footprints but we do not know if it is going to turn out).

Early one morning some of our neighbors saw one of the bears standing up on highway 49. On several occasions we heard noises outside our bedroom window and when we went to investigate we saw one of the bears crossing our yard down our driveway. He or they have carried our trash bags down the road. They are cute but can become a nuisance, do not feed them.

We praise the Lord for providing this beautiful place in the country; close to His nature, friendly community, and with wonderful neighbors - including the bears.

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December Calendar

6~10 Book Fair in the Library
8 School Board Meeting
9 Medi-Cal eligibility worker at Wellness Center
2:45~5:00 PM
16 Food Bank 9:00 to noon at the Fire Hall
16 Winter Program, Pelton Building at C'ville
School
20~31 Winter Break

Healthy Living Group meets every Thursday 1:00 to
2:00
Recreation Night meets every Wednesday 6:00 to
7:00 PM
Exercise Group gathers Mondays, Wednesdays and
Thursdays at 6:00 PM

Health Clinic Tuesdays 3~6:00 PM

Dec. 7 Lennie Martin, FNP (292-3478)
Dec. 14 Rachel Farrell, PA (743-6888)
Dec. 21 Dr. Van Houten (292-3478)
Dec. 28 No clinic

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