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Local artists to perform

By Yana Slade

The Courier volunteer staff invite you to the second annual Rockin', Rhymin', Summertime August Nights celebration and fundraiser for our local wonderful and amazing monthly newsletter. Wonderful because it let's us know what, when and who in Camptonville, and amazing because it has been produced every month for the last three and a half years.

This year the benefit will be held at Camptonville's very own restaurants: Tuesday August 15 at The Mayo and Tuesday August 22 at Lost Luigi's from 7pm 'til it's over. There will be entertainment both nights performed by our local, talented musicians and poets. Dinner will be served from 6-7pm at the Mayo for \$6.50 and Lost Luigi's regular menu will be available all evening. The benefit cost is \$5.00

Our goal this year is to raise \$500.00. It takes about \$3,000.00 to produce 12 issues of the paper. All of the money goes towards the printing and mailing costs. We receive most of the money through the ads, but we are short \$500.00. The rest of the work and time it takes to produce the paper is donated by a number of our community members. This is how it works:

Around the middle of the month Roger and Rod start talking about what stories are emerging for the month. Then the word goes out to the various writers and contributors in the community. The stories trickle in to Roger, who types, edits and does the initial layout. Then Bob Carpenter and Joan Crabtree (Joan also handles the mailing list) take over and do the final layout, edit, take it to the printers, pick it up and bring it to the school library. Meanwhile, Cathy LeBlanc (Cathy also handles the ads) calls all who have volunteered to help fold. We get told the time to be there and we meet, collate, fold, staple and catch up on each other. (That's the fun part.) And the next day the Camptonville Courier is in your box!

You can show your support for another amazing feat by our little town when you come and celebrate with us. If you can't make it and would like to make a donation, you can send a check to "the Courier" PO box 32 Camptonville, CA 95922.

If you are interested in helping us put out the Courier please talk to one of us. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Camptonville Town Hall Meeting

By Shirley DickKard

Have you marked your calendar? Sunday, August 6, at 7 pm is the third all-community Town Hall Meeting at the Fire Hall.

Camptonville's future will be determined, in part, by those who come to express their ideas and dreams at the 2000 Town Hall Meeting. If Camptonville were perfect in your mind, what would it look like? Would there be a little park? A place for older kids to be supervised after school? Jobs that use our local resources such as wood? A community center where activities for all ages can take place?

What would make life better for you, your children, or the community? This meeting is where we plant the seeds that will grow our ideas into reality over the next few years.

After the previous Town Hall Meetings in 1995 and 1997, people in our community worked together to create recreation programs, after school activities, The Camptonville Courier, the Health Clinic and Healthy Living Group at the Wellness Center. In addition, the Camptonville Family Gardens organic produce stand and a Camptonville web page were started, while a loyal group continued work on completing the fire hall.

So whether you're a student, senior, newcomer, old-timer, parent, single, tired, rested, down or dirty, your voice is important! Refreshments will be served, and our Red Cross-trained babysitting club will watch the little ones. For information, call the Wellness Center - 288-9355.

CVFD Picnic 2000

By Donna Tate

The first of a new millennium! The "12th Annual CVFD Picnic" is just around the corner. It will be held at the field near the Mountain Store on Saturday, September 9, 2000. The fun should begin at 2 pm. We will have a lot of activities for kids including volleyball, bubble pool, treasure hunt, relay races and face painting. New this year, LeAnn Henrie will have a Origami and Paper Airplane booth where kids can be creative and enter their art in an Airplane Race. The menu this year will be: Choice of Tri-tip, Chicken or Hamburger, all served with a baked potato, salad and bread. The cost will be a \$6 donation. We will finish off the day with music and dancing under the stars.

Thanks to those who donated the items we requested in the July Courier; it is greatly appreciated. We have Raffle tickets available at our local establishments, and some of our local kids are selling the tickets throughout the community to earn community service hours. We have some great prizes this year and the list is continuing to grow. Anyone with a raffle prize to donate, please call Donna Tate 288-1225 or Rita Ortega 288-3421.



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Hope to see you there, and thanks for your continuing support to the Camptonville volunteer fire department!

Summer heats up

By Donna Tate, Downieville Ranger District

Hope everyone is having a safe and fun summer. As the summer temperatures rise, it is increasingly important that you maintain a good defensible space around structures. If anyone has any questions regarding adequate clearance for fire protection, please contact the ranger station. Mike Ledford, Fire Prevention Officer will be glad to answer any questions. There is also home safety information available at the ranger station.

The Dark Day Boat Ramp and parking area at Bullards Bar will be closed the week of August 7-11, 2000 for paving. The Dark Day Use area and other Bullards Bar recreation sites will not be affected by this closure.

Remember, Burn Permits have been suspended until further notice and campfire permits are required outside of developed camping areas. The woods are heating up, and as Smokey would say, "Only you can prevent forest fires".

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Back-to-school healthcare

By Shirley DickKard

Kindergartners and first graders can easily get their back-to-school immunizations and physical exams at the health clinic located behind the school. State law mandates: "No shots, No school," so call for an appointment now and avoid the rush before school starts August 17th.

Rachel Farrell, P.A. will return to the Camptonville Health Clinic in August, after a brief summer break. She will see patients on August 8 and 22. Although the clinic is scheduled from 3-6 pm, it's best to call ahead if you want to drop in, because sometimes the clinic closes early if patients are not scheduled.

To make an appointment to see Rachel, call 743-6888. To see Dr. Van Houten on August 15, call the Sierra Family Medical Clinic at 292-3478. For information, call the Wellness Center at 288-9355.

Camptonville Fire Committee

By Matt Cooney

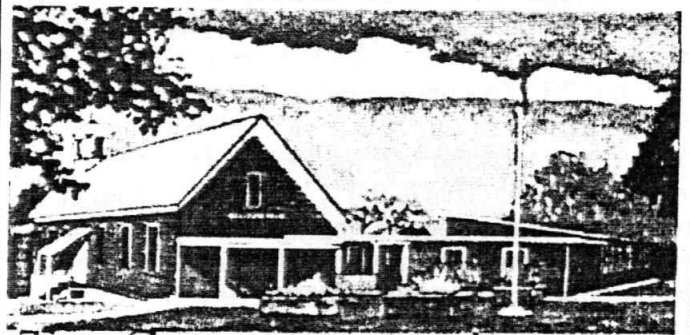
On July 24th, the Camptonville Community Services District held the third of several meetings regarding the need to increase the fire department's budget. With about 20 people in attendance we discussed the need to upgrade equipment and to expand the number of volunteers. Most of our equipment is 25 years old, or worse. Our current budget does not allow for any real upgrades, nor does it allow us to insure more than 10 people. These two items alone put everyone in attendance behind our efforts. Running a fire dept., like everything else, is not cheap. The cost of equipment, vehicles, insurance, maintenance, training, etc. had skyrocketed since 1984. However, our budget has remained the same. We believe, after many months of discussion, we have come up with a budget plan that will keep the dept. running and able to meet the growing needs of our district. Please keep reading the Courier for updates on meetings and public input. Thanks!

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Fire Dept. calls for July

By Matt Cooney, CVFD Chief

- Medical aid at Bullards Bar Dam; lacerated hand. With TNF, Dobbins Fire, and Bi-County ambulance.
- Medical aid, Ridge Road; assault victim. With NSJ
- Medical aid, south fork of Yuba; broken ankle. With NSJ and Sierra Nevada Ambulance.
- Trailer fire on Mountain House Rd. Camptonville engines 6380, 6382 and TNF engine 31 handled.
- River rescue. Recovered the body of a 23-year-old male at Mushroom Hole.
- Vehicle and vegetation fire 1 mile north of Camptonville on Hwy. 49. ¼ acre involved. Three engines from Camptonville, a NSJ engine, TNF engines 31 & 32 and CDF engine 2375 responded.
- Medical aid for the driver of the vehicle in the fire north of CV. She was found on the opposite hillside by CHP officer Paulus who removed the pistol from her hand, allowing CV and TNF personnel to treat her. She was transported by Bi-County ambulance.
- River rescue – recovered the body of a 13-year-old male who had been pinned under water above Mushroom Hole. Bystanders pulled him out and began CPR. Fire personnel arrived and took over rescue attempts. Unfortunately the victim had been under too long and we were not successful in reviving him. This is the 3rd drowning victim in our area and the second near Mushroom Hole this summer. If you are on or near the rivers, please be careful; let someone know where you're going and for how long. Do not enter the water by yourself. Watch out for others and have them watching out for you. If you're going down the river, go feet first, head up and stay with a group

Thank you

By Mike and Terri Walsh

We would like to express our appreciation to the Camptonville VFD, CDF, TNF fire and law enforcement people, and law enforcement personnel from the CHP and Yuba and Sierra Counties (and others who helped out). We are grateful to you for your hard work and the long hours you spent making sure that our home was safe. Thank you.

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Courier endorses tax proposal

By Roger Rapp, Editor

No one wants to pay more property taxes.

No one wants taxes to be more confusing than they already are.

At first glance, the bottom line is simple: the new proposal of the Camptonville Volunteer Fire Department would levy a tax that would up the current \$32 assessment on most properties to a total of \$82. That's a big increase percentage-wise.

More confusing yet, instead of replacing the current tax with a bigger one, the proposal would add a new and separate tax. Although there are very well thought out reasons for this, it is not easy to explain, and not easy to understand. The information has been made public, and is easily accessible, but legislative issues have their own whys and wherefores that are difficult for the un-ordained, like myself, to fathom.

Despite these two drawbacks, there are compelling reasons to support the new tax with your vote on Election Day.

The department has been under-funded for a long time. There have been no increases since the current tax was first initiated decades ago.

The regulatory requirements that all departments have to abide by have increased geometrically.

The number of call responses has increased.

Training and equipment upgrades are more and more important.

The CVFD has helped many of our friends and neighbors out of tough spots. I too have been a beneficiary. When I fell and shattered my ankle a year and a half ago, at least 4 members of the department showed up in just a few minutes, splinted up my leg, and helped carry me to my son's car for the trip to the Emergency Room. I am still grateful.

For me, then, the value of the services that the Camptonville Volunteer Fire Department provides to our community outweighs the tax increase by far. With the potential of another Pendola Fire always looming for a foothill community like ours, protection to our homes by the CVFD looks like a bargain when it costs less than a hundred dollars a year.

On behalf of the Courier staff, we would like to give our full support to the CVFD.

You may see this tax hike differently. Sometimes I hear private complaints about the Fire Department -- about response time, about abilities, about priorities, about personalities and so on. Now is the time to voice these and any other complaints or insights you may have. There have been several well-advertised public meetings, but they have been sparsely attended, and most of the people who showed up have been the same ones who always support the Department. The Courier invites you to write letters with opposing points of view. Let's get it all out in the open, and discuss it.

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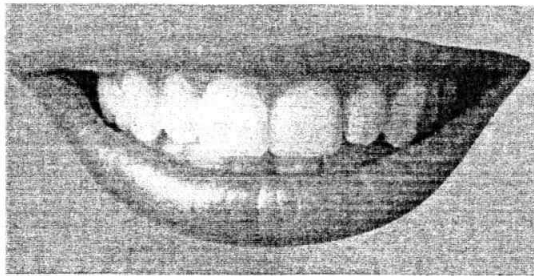
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C'ville kids camp out

By Sandy Radoff

What a way to end summer; 13 tenacious young campers, 4 herders (otherwise known as adult chaperones), and a four legged crew of 3 (we don't go anywhere without dogs around here), made the trek to Little Gold Lake for fishing, swimming, hiking and camping on July 20th and 21st. The German Browns in the lake must have just been waking from an extended winter's sleep because when they saw the flashing lures of Camptonville fisherpeople they found themselves quickly whisked out of the lake and into the frying pan. Needless to say, we ate fish for breakfast and even brought an ice chest home full of the proof.

Mark Smith won the Master Fisherman award hands down as he reeled in the first and the most fish of the trip and gave expert advice as well. Andrew and Michael Lewis were dubbed Best Rookie Campers, as this was their first ever "real" camping experience. Jeremy Olson was by far the "fastest hiker", with Nate Cowell a close second, and Lydia Olsen was given the Survivors Award for living through a hiking adventure with Thea Hogan. Kitty Riley earned the Most Helpful Award for encouraging Jesse Parker and his extremely heavy backpack down the hill.

Our two key words for this trip were cooperation and self-responsibility. Towards the end of our 2 days, I could see that concepts which had begun as just words, had taken real shape; the kids helped each other put up their tents, set up fishing lines or made it safely up the side of a mountain. They made sure they checked on Dave's wife Sally (who happens to be pregnant), to make sure she wasn't overheated.

That leads me to a huge thank you to the adults who participated in this wonderful experience. They also exemplified the words cooperation and self-responsibility. Thank you Dave Peterson for your excellent planning and scouting of just the right spot for this trip. Also, for all of your work this summer in offering Camptonville students the experiences and challenges they've enjoyed. Thank you Barbara for making sure we were always happy, warm and well fed and for keeping us organized. Thank you Sally and Mouse for your trucks, without which we would really have had heavy loads to carry, and for your company and expertise.

The only complaint heard---"Why can't we stay longer?" and the hopeful answer, "Next year we will!"

Summer Recreation wrap up

By Sandy Radoff

The Collaborative and Outreach Program support of this years Summer Recreation Program helped to provide an opportunity for 30 or more of Camptonville's kids to participate in a number of healthy and fun summer activities including clay and beadwork, music and drama, and swimming at Pioneer Park. Swimming seemed to be the favorite summer activity, and even brought out some of the parents. Special events included hiking and swimming at the North Fork, indoor rock climbing, golfing, and ended with a camping trip. Barbara Mueller Hogan, Greg Parker, Sandy Radoff, and Dave Peterson worked together as a great team to realize the dream of an adventurous and challenging summer program for our kids. Special thanks to Katie Kelly for teaching the Tuesday night art classes. We hope that this is the beginning of many more great summer programs that challenge kids to learn more about themselves through outdoor experiences.

BABY TALK

By Yakshi

August's long hot days are upon us with lots of trips to lake or river to cool down. Including infants and toddlers in such trips calls for extra vigilant water safety precautions and careful sun protection for tender young skin. But August is also a time when, with just a little added awareness, achieving a certain developmental milestone can be at its easiest. We're talking toilet training. Independence Day. I'm a big kid now!

A child's readiness for potty training is a very individual thing, but most children accomplish it somewhere between 18 months and 3 years old. And summer is a great time to get started with toddlers running around with little or no clothes. Most of the cumbersome (diapers, pants, rompers) and time-consuming (snaps, buttons, zippers) obstacles to success have often been completely removed. Moreover, it's real easy to notice when toddlers are feeling the need.

So get a little portable potty. Keep it where it's convenient. Move it when necessary. Be relaxed. Praise any and all success. If your taking your cues from your toddler's rhythms, and clues he or she will soon make the association and success is just around the corner, behind the door, out on the deck or wherever you left the potty chair.

Domestic violence discussion group

By Yana Slade

I was recently approached to lead a group on domestic violence. My first reaction was hesitation. Why? Because domestic violence is a complicated, uncomfortable, and volatile subject. But then I realized the opportunity I have as the Wellness Resource Center counselor to make available to the community a safe place to talk about this difficult subject that effects all of us in one way or another.

So, I invite anyone interested in joining me in exploring the human dynamics of domination, survival and violence and how they get expressed in the home, towards the people we love and care about the most.

I will be using video, written material and our own personal experiences to help understand all the different levels and intensity of domestic violence. We will look at the different perspectives of everyone involved; children, spouses, those who are violent, family members, neighbors, and friends. We will talk about and learn the tools needed to change violent behavior and create more safety in the home.


This group will be held every Wednesday from 5:30pm til 7:00pm starting August 16 and ending November 1.

Please call and let me know if you are coming. This group may fulfill court ordered domestic violence or anger management requirements. Call Yana for more information; voice mail 478-6943 or Wellness Center : 288-9355

Veggies

By Rod Bondurant

The CV family Gardens road stand will start its second season on Saturday morning August 5th at Java Junction. Open from 9~noon. Bring any veggies you wish to sell, or call Rod at 288-3550.




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Website update

By Stephanie Korney

Camptonville's new community website is up and running. The site (<http://www.camptonville.com>) has information about weather, fire status, road conditions, schools, gardening, newspapers, local businesses, kid stuff, the Gold Pages, the Courier online, pictures, and more. The website will be continually updated to respond to the needs of the community. Let us know how we can help. This is your place on the Internet. Have community announcements? Want to share photos, writing, artworks with your neighbors and world? Want to promote your business? Need an email address? Contact the webmaster@camptonville.com. Or call Stephanie Korney, 288-9355.



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Resource Network at work

By Pam Wilcox

Those of you that have access to the Internet, check out www.camptonville.com. I've been in touch with the web master and we are working together to put the "2000 Gold Pages," our community services and business directory, on line. I'm not sure when the Gold Pages will debut, but keep checking, it will be soon. The Neighborhood Network has been very busy this month. We've had a lot of calls, and most of the requests for help were paid jobs. I couldn't fill a few of the requests because I didn't have enough people in our network to call upon. If you're interested in signing up - look for the blue inventory/survey at all the local businesses, the Wellness Center, the school or call the Wellness Center and leave a message for Pam and I will send you one. 288-WELL (9355)

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August 10 2:45~5:00 Medi-Cal eligibility Worker at the Wellness Center
August 17 First day of school
September 20 Action Team meeting, 7 pm
M/W/Th: Exercise Group 6:00

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