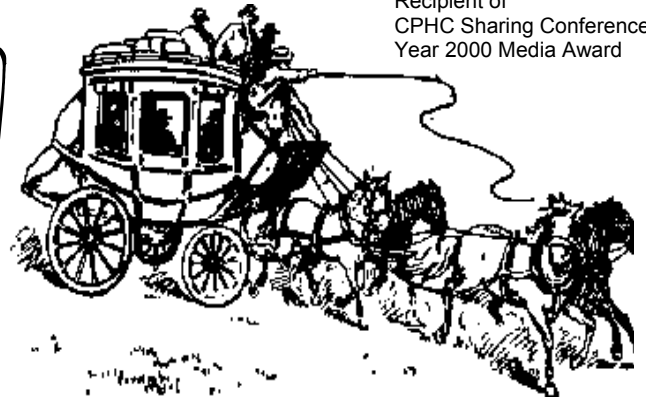


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Camptonville joins the parade

By Rochelle Bell

Camptonville will be joining in the parade at Forbestown Daze Saturday, August 2.

The Pelton Festival will be there with a float, and the CanWORK group will be marching too. It looks like a fun day in a small town that has their own volunteer-built museum and a lot of community spirit. We hope to see you there.

See page 3 for details.

For a home grown tomato

By Judy Morris

Well in Field Of Dreams, (the movie) the saying was..."Build it and they will come." After the Prop 204 Fire Fuel Reduction Program, our saying became..."Clear it and they will come." And how true it was/is....Deer. My tomatoes last year had a pretty good start, then whamo the deer found us. Well, not this year. We are armed with bars of Ivory Soap; Liquid Fence and finally wire fencing, and so far so good. The tomato plants are looking really good, actually a few are turning red. Watermelons are coming along as well as the corn & green beans. Now if the fencing, soap & spray don't do the trick this year, I'll be a very frustrated gardener. Take a look at the photo, of how far I will go for a homegrown tomato. Enjoy your garden.

Town hall meeting rescheduled for November

By Shirley Dickard

After much discussion, we have agreed not to hold the Town Hall Meeting in July, and have rescheduled it to November. Although we've traditionally held this biennial event in the summer, we realized that not only can it be sweltering hot, but a lot of people are on vacation.

Instead, we thought we would combine the Town Hall meeting with a new event scheduled for November: a Community Volunteer Recognition dinner. The volunteer recognition event will highlight our community *values* put into *action* over the last 10 years or so, and set the stage for people making a difference as we identify community values & goals for the next 3-5 years. We will announce the details as soon as the actual date is determined. If you'd like to participate in the planning or have ideas, call the Resource Center at 288-9355.



Visitors enjoy local museum

By Stephanie Korney

On Sunday, July 20th, residents and visitors admired a special exhibit of photos of local wild flowers taken by Leland Pauly. Folks also enjoyed cookies and iced tea provided by Pelton Festival Group member, Rochelle Bell. A few joined in a spirited game of Croquet. Leland remarked that there is a past tradition of playing croquet on the grass in the Forest Service facility because it was the only flat spot in town. The museum will be open again on Sunday, August 17, 10AM to 2PM. Join us for culture and croquet.



Local characters telling tall tales at the museum

Shopping in Camptonville

By Rochelle Bell

Behind Lost Luigi's Pizza Parlor, Mary and friends have created a boutique. The Art Shop offers hand crafted clothing and other items from Bali.

After visiting Bali, Mary decided to help the craftspeople there by importing and selling their goods here. The items are very well made and appear quite durable. She has a selection of wind chimes that are charming and unique.



Admiring a basket at the Art Shop

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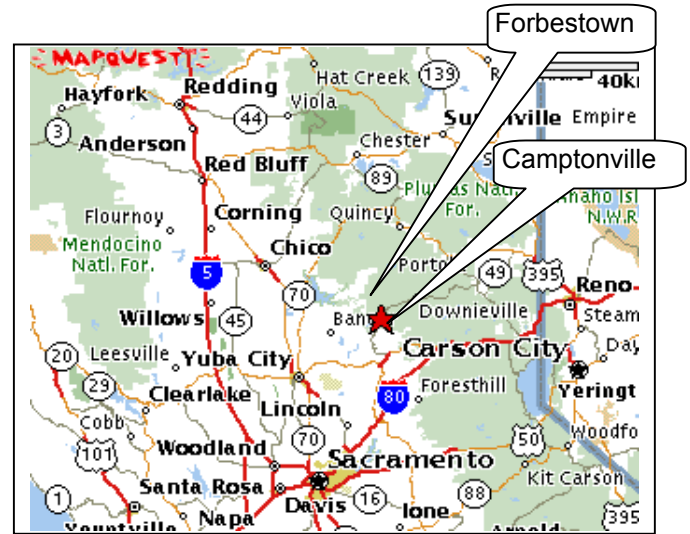
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Where the heck is Forbestown? or Camptonville?



Forbestown Daze

The following info is from the website Forbestown.com.

A Gold Rush Community Celebrates: Forbestown Daze.

Fun is guaranteed at Forbestown Daze from 8 to 5 Saturday, August 2. Free Admission!!

It's a day for nostalgia as many descendants of the original pioneers gather to reminisce. It's a day for silliness and laughter as the Sierra Outlaws entertain with old-west skits. It's a day with hands-on activities for adults and children, gold panning, music, food, craft booths, and nice cool shade under the tall pines. It's a day of contests: Mountain Men will show their skills in competition: starting a fire with flint and steel, loading and firing a black powder rifle to shoot a balloon, hawk and knife throw, and setting a trap. Men and women will compete for prizes in the Cross-Cut Saw Competition.

In the past, the noon parade has featured an eclectic mix of fire engines, clowns, local characters, antique cars and dressed-up trucks. This year's parade begins at noon.

The boardwalks of Gold Trader Flat, life-sized replica of a gold rush town, will be filled with characters in costume demonstrating old skills.

Got insurance?

By Rod Bondurant

About a month ago after my Allstate property insurance policies had been renewed, I received without warning 30 day cancellation notices. The reasons given were:

"As your dwelling is located more than five miles from the nearest fire station, it does not meet our minimum fire protection standards."

"One or more of the trees on your property poses a risk to your property because it is overhanging."

The trampoline in the yard presents an unacceptable liability exposure."

Almost every homeowner I have talked to has their own insurance horror story. Many policies were cancelled in the Dobbins area after the Pendola fire. Many insurance companies will not write new policies in our area. A few bits of advice I have heard are: Don't ever get behind on your insurance payments! If you are cancelled due to late payment, you may not be able to get your policy reinstated. Before you buy or build, verify that you can get insurance. It used to be routine to just pick up the seller's existing policy, that is no longer the case. Clean up your property, many companies are requiring much greater vegetation clearance around homes than the state law of 30 feet.

If any one knows of a company that is cooperative and willing to write new policies in this area, let the Courier know..

Camptonville Gardeners' Market opening in August

The same hardworking folks who brought you those great veggies last year will be returning to the Rebel Ridge Market. They plan to be there Saturday mornings from 9 til noon in August and September.

Anyone with homegrown vegetables or crafts is welcome to bring them to sell.