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"Historical reenactment" event at museum

By Stephanie Korney

Join us for the First Annual Historical Reenactment and Croquet Picnic at the Camptonville Museum, Sunday, September 21, 2003, from 10 am to 2 pm.

The idea for the event was sparked by a comment from Leland Pauly on a lazy museum afternoon in August when enterprising community members Rod Bondurant and Rochelle Bell brought an old croquet set to entertain visitors. Leland remarked that we were recreating the history of Camptonville and didn't even know it. It seems that the lawn at the Forest Service Complex where the museum is has often served Camptonvillians who wanted to play croquet.

"It's the only flat place in town," said Leland. So, on September 21, the community is invited to show off their croquet skills and picnic on the lawn in an "historical reenactment" of earlier Camptonville days. Bring a blanket to sit on and picnic food to share for an all-ages community and family event. Those who are so inclined are strongly encouraged to appear in early 20th century costumes to add to the historic flavor of the day. Jennifer Bliss will also be at the museum that day to help community members create family photo collages and share family stories.

See page 3 for photo collage details.

Picnic Time

By Rita Ortega

Saturday September 6th The Fire Department picnic will be at the Rebel Ridge Market. Events start at 2pm. Food starts at 3pm.

The Camptonville Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary is putting the final touches on the upcoming 15th Annual CVFD Picnic. The menu this year will be: Tri-tip, or Chicken (barbequed again by Stu) served with baked potato, salad and bread. We will begin serving food at 3:00 pm; the cost for this delicious meal is a \$6.00 donation.

The raffle is always one of the highlights of the Picnic and this year the grand prize will be \$500.00 cash. Buy your tickets at the picnic or at the Lost Nugget Market or the Rebel Ridge Market.

The Pelton Festival organizers will be on hand with interesting booths and exhibits for all to enjoy. The Picnic has become an event to see your neighbors and catch-up on what has been happening in our busy lives, or to meet some of the new members of our community. Please join us on Saturday September 6th to support your fire department and also have some fun.

Camptonville Gardeners' Market

The market continues to bring you good local fruit & vegies on Saturdays from 9:30 till noon.

On picnic day Sept 6th the market will be from 2 to 4:30.

Yuba Dam Alert!

By Shirley DickKard

We fought it before, we'll fight it again! Just as I was getting ready to toss Congressman Herger's latest Congressional Questionnaire, Question #8 caught my eye: *"Given California's predicted water crisis in the near future due to dramatic increases in population, would you support more water storage facilities in Northern California, such as ... a Yuba Dam.?"*

In 1999, we successfully fought the building of a dam on the middle fork of the Yuba River that the Yuba County Water Agency was proposing for flood control purposes. This would have put about a third of Camptonville residents under water! We knew then that we'd have to keep on eye on the situation. Turns out, we were right.

Please spread the alert, and if you can find your questionnaire from Herger, send it in with a big NO on #8. You can also write him at: 55 Independence Circle, Suite #104, Chico, CA 95973. This is an issue that will never go to rest and requires our collective vigilance.



Fun with food at the gardeners' market

Moonshine Road Potluck: make new friends but keep the old

By Judy Morris

An old Girl Scout Campfire Song is what comes to mind when I think of the changes taking place along Moonshine Road. A long time Moonshine Road resident, Ruth Autio has sold her beautiful Log Cabin and moved on to Lincoln, California. Ruth, you will be missed, especially getting the calls to help you with your computer or helping you fill your trash can, (with our own trash, of course, as you never had enough to fill it) and sharing lots of great cooking recipes and friendly waves from the mailbox. The saying, "out with the old in with the new", is also appropriate. Meet your new neighbors; Audrey Bowman & Phil Wilson and their "kids" Daisy, a yellow lab & Glow, a black lab. Audrey is a schoolteacher who works with grades K thru 6 and Phil works at Grass Valley Group in Nevada City. They both enjoy bird watching in between moving all the packing boxes from one room to another as they settle into their new home & community.

I think the best way to meet all your Moonshine Road neighbors is by joining us in the Annual Moonshine Road Potluck at Kelly Rd. Firehouse. Sunday Oct. 12, 2003....Mark your calendars now. That's Sunday Oct. 12th, the Annual Moonshine Road Potluck. Watch for flyers with additional information. See ya there and welcome to the 'neighborhood'. Call Judy or Paula at 288-1228 for more info and to help organize.

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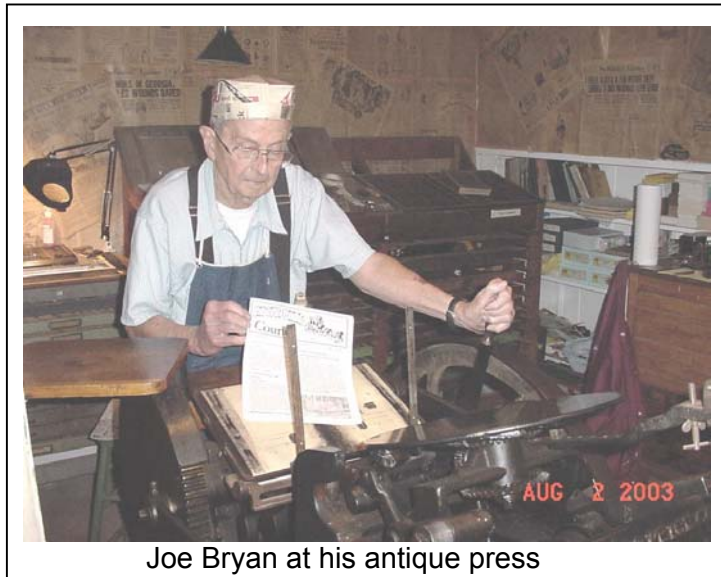
Pelton goes to Forbestown

By Rochelle Bell

The Pelton Festival's float won first prize in the Forbestown Daze parade. Though a light drizzle fell on the participants most of the day, an enthusiastic crowd gave us a warm welcome. The Forbestown folks sure know how to throw a party. The Mountain men of the area kept us interested in their enjoyable events including the hawk and knife throw and loading and firing a black powder rifle. Our own Robert Mumm and Rochelle Bell tried their hand at the crosscut saw competition. Ginny Berry used the genealogy computer in the fabulous museum to locate old family members. Rod Bondurant and friends dodged bullets during the shootout in Gold Trader Flat (The life-sized replica of a gold rush town). Twenty-four vendors sold everything from food and drink to jewelry and beautifully painted gourds. The event was very well organized by an unpaid crew who seemed to have as much fun as we did.



Pelton's first place entry including Brittany, a Forbestown resident, dressed in pioneer costume. Photo courtesy of the Rebel Ridge Gazette



Joe Bryan at his antique press



Robert & Rochelle show 'em how its done

Family photo collages

By Jennifer Bliss

Create a family photo with your children and family members at the Camptonville museum on Sunday September 21st.

Bring family photos that can be incorporated into an heirloom work of art to be framed or made part of a family scrapbook that you take home with you. A computer scanner will be on site to reproduce special photos to use in your art. Creative materials will be available, feel free to bring your own colorful papers, maps, ribbons, rubber stamps and ink pads, calligraphy pens, stickers, fabrics, paints or memorabilia that you have been longing to do something special with.

Each family member can create his/her own collage, or decide as a group to make one together. This is a great opportunity to share family stories, deepen family roots, create enjoyable memories, and have fun.

Thank you to the LDS painters!

By Shirley DickKard

A big THANK YOU to the volunteer crew from the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-day Saints for painting the portable building behind the school a cheery red to match the school! This was a community service project offered to the Camptonville School and Resource Center and will be appreciated by every child who enters the Opportunity Classroom and 1,2,3 Grow and Parent Center. Thank You!!

About the Courier

The Courier was started eight years ago as the inspiration of Roger Rapp. Roger lives in town and makes his living translating Japanese to English. His wife Yakshi, is a schoolteacher and the school librarian. His intention was to provide a means for informing residents of events and activities involving our community, to provide a forum for sharing what is important in our lives, and also to promote literacy.

The Courier is produced by an all volunteer crew. None of us are paid for our time. We do this because we believe it is a useful community service, and we have fun doing it. It takes about 40 man/woman hours a month to put out an issue. During the month we contact regular contributors, collect and edit articles, and update the mailing list. Around the 24th of the month we spend an intense day or so getting the last of the articles, laying out the issue, selecting photos, and doing final editing. Yes, we do proofread the issue several times to try and catch those embarrassing typos. Joan & Bob do the final printout and paste up and then take it to the printer. When they bring it back, we all get together in the school library for an hour or two to fold the issue and prepare it for mailing. Readers who would like to help us and also get acquainted are welcome to join us at the library. It's a fun time. Call us at the numbers on page two for the exact date.

The printing and mailing cost of the Courier is supported by the generous contribution of readers, advertisers, and organizations. Each issue costs about \$250 to print and mail. We never have much surplus, but we have always managed.

The Courier welcomes submissions from all. So far we have published almost everything we have received. We will do our best to edit articles for grammar and clarity, and may shorten it if we don't have the space. We will not publish anything scandalous, libelous or unsigned. If you have something to share and don't want to write it yourself, give us a call and we will help you. Most articles are sent to us by e-mail, but we will transcribe short handwritten ones. We always wonder what people read or don't read in each issue. We welcome comments positive or negative. Call us at 288-3550, or mail us at POBox 32, Camptonville.

Bears! everywhere!

By Yana Slade

July was the month of the bear here in out-lying Camptonville. There were many sightings. One of my neighbors has chickens and they came to visit her quite often. She said that they would get into the chicken coop and stand around with the chicken's, eating the eggs. They were, indeed, hungry bears. If you weren't home and you left anything that smelled good out on the screened in porch, you were in for a big surprise! Your screen torn, the place trashed, and your favorite cookie jar taken out into the woods and all the cookies gone. The bears are gone now. One killed by a poacher, who only took parts of the bear, the others, I hope made it up the river to fish. I don't begrudge them the damage they did in their search for food. I miss their magnificent beauty. I look forward to seeing them again when they return.

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