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## Twilight school

By Rochelle Bell

The only trouble with Twilight school was that you couldn't be in two places at once.

We had fun learning all about bats. We had bat hats made by Sparrow McKay. Audrey Bowman showed us slides of the many varieties of local bats, and led us on a bat hunt in the dark.



Meanwhile, in Judy Marovich's classroom, students showed us how to use the Internet for research. Kathy LeBlanc helped us understand the myriad of propositions on the ballot.

For exercise, Jimbo Garrison led an energetic basketball game.

Thanks go to Paula Sweeney for making it happen

## Thank you

The Parker family would like to thank all the caring and generous people who, upon hearing about Greg's accident immediately responded. Your names are too numerous to mention, however we appreciate each and every one of you. From those who organized the benefit to those who gave their time, thank you for giving money, making phone calls, baking goodies, singing songs, writing a poem, and saying prayers. We are overwhelmed with gratitude.



Fall Fiesta Sunday Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>  
Featuring  
Carnitas by Roberto see page 3

## Transitions

Richard J. Dickard, 92, of Lake Wildwood died Tuesday, Oct. 12, in Camptonville at Journey Home Hospice. He was surrounded by his family.

No services are planned.

Mr. Dickard was born April 4, 1912, in St. Joseph, Mo., to Claude and Beatrice Dickard. He served in the U. S. Army Air Force during World War II.

He is survived by his sons Richard J. Dickard Jr. of Camptonville, and Jim Dickard of San Diego; and daughters Jan Shields of Ophir, and Joanne Holbrook of Loma Rica. He was preceded in death by his wife, Eleanor Dickard, in 1984; and sister, Lola Pate in 1995.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Journey Home Hospice in Camptonville at P.O. Box 442.

Arrangements are under the direction of Hooper and Weaver Mortuary.

Terry Adams of Grass Valley died Thursday Oct. 13. The Adams family formerly resided in Camptonville. He was born in Grass Valley in 1952. He is survived by his mother, Veda "Ma" Adams; wife Trish Adams; son and daughter-in-law Clint and Jennifer Adams, daughter, Heather; son, Lance Adams; granddaughter, Hannah Adams; and grandson, Justin Day.

## Altar Show

By Rod Bondurant

Robert Mumm is again participating for the fifth year in the Altar Show at the Nevada County Fairgrounds. This year his altar is dedicated to Kristen Mumm, teaching and music.

The seventh annual altar show "Renewal and Remembrance" will be in the Northern Mines Building at the Nevada County Fairgrounds in Grass Valley for ten days, October 29 through November 7, 2004. The public reception will be on Halloween, Sunday, October 31.

The Sixth Altar Show in 2003 had 54 altars and more than 2000 visitors.

The process of understanding and coping with dying and grief is a universal, lifelong journey. Cultural traditions offer us comfort, lessons to be learned, and bring us examples from around the globe for dealing with loss. In The Altar Show we have before us a world of ways to show love, honor, and respect for both ancestors and culture. Each year artists bring different aspects of this world to the show, and we find ourselves enriched and revitalized by the experience.

*From [www.nccn.net/~thealtarshow/welcome.htm](http://www.nccn.net/~thealtarshow/welcome.htm)*

## Echo

By Robert Mumm

Hear the song of my beating heart  
 as it echoes from the moon  
 We are in this soft night apart  
 yet joined beneath her gaze  
 The moon spins silver threads  
 to make magic of the night and share our  
 whispers  
 This goddess of shining light  
 smiles on my love for you and gives it blessing  
 Diamond dust to frost the fern  
 a net of woven threads of light in love's refection

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## The feeling of fall

By Judy Morris

The wind was blowing leaves, pine needles and even the brightly colored tablecloths but it didn't blow the 40 residents of Moonshine Road away. Yes, we met new neighbors and got re-aquainted with old neighbors at the annual Moonshine Rd. Potluck. Chris & Dwayne Dobbins hosted this year's event at Moonshine Campground, a very welcoming and peaceful setting. The 'set-up' crew consisted of getting new neighbors, Chris & Scott Pope, introduced into the community the 'right way'.....Put them to work. Between them & Dwayne tables were relocated under shade canopies along the river's edge and some further up on more solid ground, thank goodness 'cuz that's where we put all the great tasty dishes folks brought to share. A big thank you goes out to Chris & Dwayne for their hospitality and a request to put us on the reservation calendar for next year.

In order to help get to know our neighbors a few of us will be working together on updating/revising the Moonshine Road Phone Directory. The first edition was completed in 1999 and was out of date within a year with all the residents moving in and out of the area. So all you 'new folk' feel free to jump right in and help us revise this handy guide. Those who have computer skills don't be shy we can surely use the help.

For more information you can call Judy at 288-1228 or Rod at 288-3550. See ya at the next community event.

## Moonshine Road dining

By Rochelle Bell



We all especially enjoyed Don Dial's entrée. Don & his wife Kathy and their three children are newer neighbors coming up on weekends and vacations from their home in Novato. Don owns Rocco's, an Italian restaurant in San Francisco, and invites us to "come on in" when we visit the city.

We were able to coax out of him his luscious recipe for Italian Sausage and Peppers:

Boil sausage for about 10 minutes just to remove some fat. Then drain and butterfly (split lengthwise) and grill. Meanwhile slice and sauté white onions, red, yellow, and green bell peppers in olive oil. Then add garlic, pepper and basil to taste. Add sausage and a little sugar to caramelize all.



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Sunday Oct 31 3 to 6pm  
at Rebel Ridge Market

Featuring:

Carnitas by Roberto - Meal \$5  
Decorate your pumpkin contest - Bring yours to show it off and win a prize.  
Costume contest - Prizes for the best.

## Smoky skies

By Heather Morrison

Every year wildfires sweep across areas of the western United States. These fires produce massive amounts of smoke and reduce air quality many miles away. Camptonville, as we all know, was choked out by fires as far away as Amador, El Dorado and Napa counties, triggering health advisory warnings.

Many of these fires occur in areas that are chock full of thick, stagnant brush and trees. Fire was very common before 1900, when there was a determined effort to exclude it. Prior to 1900, these fires kept fuel levels low and generally the fires were of low intensity because of the low fuel loading. Now that we have taken fire out of the ecosystem, today we see very dense forests which are very vulnerable to fire.

By not managing these areas, we ultimately pay the price when wildfire arrives – many times lives and property are lost, natural resources are lost, air quality is reduced and when precipitation arrives, there is a great chance of mudslides which lead to erosion, reduced water quality and in the case of the recent Fred's Fire in El Dorado county, delays in interstate transportation due to the closure of Highway 50.

There are several ways to reduce this fuel loading and thus reduce an area's susceptibility to wildfire. One of these ways includes the use of prescribed fire. For centuries, Native Americans utilized fire as a tool – to hunt, clear trails, create forage for game and even to communicate.

When land managers choose to use fire as a tool there are many steps that must be taken, including writing a Smoke Management Plan (SMP). These SMP's cover all aspects of prescribed burning; what the weather conditions shall be when burning takes place, the fuels which will be consumed and even where the smoke will go and how much will be produced. They identify smoke sensitive areas and mitigate for potential impacts, unlike a wildfire. When done appropriately, these prescribed burns can decrease fuels and thus decrease the chances a wildfire will occur in that area, or if one does occur, it will not cause as much damage.

So, the next time a prescribed fire is done in your area, keep in mind that the smoke is most likely far less than what could be produced if a wildfire occurred.

## Twilight School

By Paula Sweeney

Mark your calendar and start planning for the next Twilight School – Holiday Craft Fair & Festivities to be held on Tuesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> from 6pm to 8pm at the Camptonville School.

Last year there were over 15 tables full of homemade items for sale (baked goods, jams & jellies, jewelry, clothes, baskets, hardwood jewelry boxes, furniture, lotion, and the list goes on...). We also had a craft class to make holiday ornaments, carolers, and plenty of fun!

This year, to help raise money for the Camptonville Resource Center and Twilight School, we will be charging a \$5.00 fee per table.


If you'd like to help organize or would like to reserve a table, please call me, Paula @ 288-0909 or call the Resource Center @ 288-9355.

P.S. THANKS to all who participated in last month's Twilight School – you know who you are!! Thanks!

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## The fall garden

By Cheryl Zatuchni

Ah yes. The sound of rain dripping off the roof, wet brown leaves laying in piles on the ground, the last lonely tomato sitting in a basket on the kitchen table next to a miniature pumpkin - these are the signs of the season! This is a great time to get your garden all tucked away for a good winter night's sleep. Even if things don't look so lively above ground, life is happening underneath! Here's an old saying to remember - "If you take good care of your soil, your soil will take good care of you."

Great sources of nutrients for your soil are easily found. Wood ashes are an easy source of potash, supplying much needed potassium. Every time you clean out your woodstove, scatter some around in the garden. Just be sure you haven't burned any plastic, or paper with colored ink on it. Soft rock phosphate is another must-have for your soil. If you apply it now in the fall, the nutrients will have all winter to break down and will be available for your plants by next spring. The same goes for gypsum, if you have heavy clay soil - it helps break it up. Oyster shell lime is another good nutrient for our generally acid soils here, especially for vegetable gardens and fine green lawns. You can pick up all of these natural soil amendments at Peaceful Valley Farm Supply in G.V.

But here's the best thing about fall - leaves! Not only are they free mulch for your garden, they are also plentiful. The handiest way I've found to use them is to rake them into rows, and then run over them with one of those mulching lawn mowers with a bag to catch the clippings. After a few passes, just empty the bag right into your compost pile for use next spring, or tuck the shredded leaves around your perennials to protect them during the winter. The best leaves would be those of fruit trees, but I've used maple, walnut, and even a few oak leaves, and I haven't had any problems. Letting the leaves sit out in the rain all winter probably helps leach out the tannic acid in maple leaves and the juglone from walnuts that is said to keep your garden from growing. Happy Mulching!

## Mental Health News

By Nancy Niccoli & Yana Slade

Yes, the holidays are fast approaching, so before they get here, by request we are offering these helpful tips:

### Coping with Holiday Depression and Stress

Make realistic expectations for the holiday season.

Set realistic goals for yourself.

Pace yourself. Do not take on more responsibilities than you can handle.

Make a list and prioritize the important activities.

This can help make holiday tasks more manageable.

Be realistic about what you can and cannot do.

Live and enjoy the present.

Look to the future with optimism.

Don't set yourself up for disappointment and sadness by comparing today with the good old days of the past.

If you are lonely, try volunteering some time to help others.

Limit your drinking, since excessive drinking will only increase your feelings of depression.

Spend time with supportive and caring people.

Reach out and make new friends.

Make time for yourself.

Eat well and be merry.

Take time to appreciate the simple things.

Relax, have fun, and remember that the holiday season only comes around once a year.

## Advocacy

By Cathy LeBlanc

Please remember to VOTE.

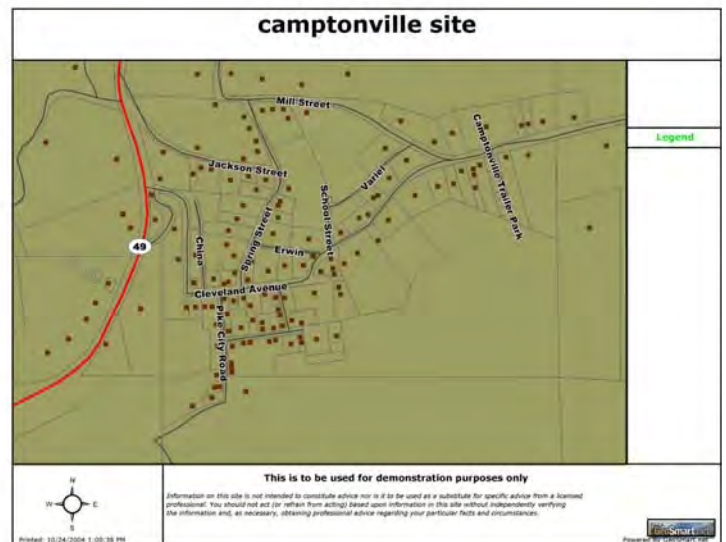
Your mail ballot has to be at the elections office or dropped off at a polling place by Tuesday November 2nd.

For a last minute (but thorough) rundown of the Propositions visit [www.easyvoter.org](http://www.easyvoter.org) and for those who like to go more in depth you can visit [www.cbp.org](http://www.cbp.org)

## Maps and more

By Rod Bondurant

Computer and map junkies will enjoy Yuba County's web site. Go to [www.co.yuba.ca.us:8080/gis/yubagis/](http://www.co.yuba.ca.us:8080/gis/yubagis/). They now have all sorts of information, including zoning and parcel maps for the entire county on line. The information is preliminary and has not been fully checked for accuracy.



## LOST NUGGET MARKET

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# What is a co-op?

Compiled by Diane Pendola from the NWCDC website

A cooperative is an enterprise owned by its members, whose purpose is to provide goods, services or other benefits to its member-owners.

co-ops may be large or small operations; function out of a storefront, a warehouse, a suite of executive offices, or someone's garage. They may operate with volunteer labor or a large professional staff.

A cooperative is an inherently democratic organization, where individuals can have a voice in its direction.

There are three basic co-op models:

**CONSUMER COOPERATIVES**, owned by those who purchase goods and services provided by the co-ops.

**PRODUCER OR MARKETING COOPERATIVES**, owned by independent businesses or producers, which use the co-op for joint purchasing or distribution.

**WORKER COOPERATIVES**, owned by the workforce of a business, providing goods or services to the general public.

## CO-OP PRINCIPLES

Cooperatives are based on the values of self-help, self-responsibility, democracy, equality, equity, and solidarity. The following seven cooperative principles were adopted by the International Cooperative Alliance in 1995.

- Voluntary and Open Membership
- Democratic Member Control
- Member Economic Participation
- Autonomy and Independence
- Education, Training and Information
- Cooperation Among Cooperatives
- Concern for Community



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- Cooperative Education
- Board Training
- Start-up Co-op Services
- Business Planning Resources
- Feasibility Analysis
- Technical Assistance Networking

I suggest checking out their website at [www.nwcddc.coop](http://www.nwcddc.coop) for more information and ideas about what might be possible for our own Camptonville Community. The *small forest landowner cooperative workshop* on their home-page might be of interest. Other online resources:

[www.cooperatives.ucdavis.edu](http://www.cooperatives.ucdavis.edu);  
[www.cooplife.com](http://www.cooplife.com). Next month look for an article on how co-ops help build sustainable communities!



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## Downieville Ranger District

By Betty Leffew

Fuelwood cutting closes the 28<sup>TH</sup> of November. CDF has officially ended fire season so dooryard burn permits are no longer needed. You must still call in to see if it is a burn day. During business hours, call the Yuba River Ranger Station at 288-3231. 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

All campgrounds are now in winter status but offer no amenities, such as water and garbage service, and there are no fees. The first 14 sites in Schoolhouse are open, no services, and no fee. Dark Day campground and road is closed. We still have plenty of winter recreation maps. Be sure to stop by and pick up one.

Sierra County Rivers and streams close for fishing on November 15, 2003. Lakes and reservoirs are open year round. Deer hunting closed on October 31<sup>st</sup>.

The last few days have given us a soaking rain. Even some snow in the high country. As of October 20<sup>th</sup>, we have received 4.42 inches of rain. Last year at this time we had 1.91 inches.

As the holiday season approaches, just a reminder that the Tahoe National Forest does not have a Christmas tree cutting program. The Plumas National Forest has Christmas tree cutting permits available. For information, please call the ranger station in Quincy at (530) 283-0555 or in Blairsden at (530)836-2575. It is great family fun picking out a tree and playing in the snow.


Happy Holidays

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## Water, water

By Rod Bondurant, aka the water guy

The rain finally came. Even though I spent the usual time scurrying about getting things under cover I enjoyed it. We made it through another summer. A big thank you to all of you who were cooperative in fixing leaks and careful with your water use.

## CanWORK

By Cathy LeBlanc

Everyone had a great time at the "Learning to write your resume" workshop held in October. So in case you missed it and want to update your resume no fear we are offering a make up class, November 3<sup>rd</sup> in Camptonville.

Starting Tuesday November 2<sup>nd</sup> 9:30-11:30 AM at the LDS Church you can attend "Typing your resume using Microsoft word (and sending it via email)". (I know, long name but great opportunity).

For more information or to sign up call Cathy, Jeannie or Nancy at 288-9355.



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# North Gold Senior Mountaineers News

By Rochelle Bell

The North Gold Senior Mountaineers were overjoyed at the success of their annual Harvest Stew fundraiser this year. Over \$2000 was made to help keep the center running.

The Harvest Stew and abundant salad bar served around 100 people.



Door prizes were given away all through the evening and most everyone stayed till the end when the raffle prizes were announced. Maggie Staton's gorgeous handmade quilt was the reason so many tickets were sold. Even Maggie was surprised when her own daughter had the winning ticket, as you can see from the photo below.



Come join us some Tuesday for lunch at 12 Noon. Please make lunch reservations in advance by calling John Skoverski at 292-3315 no later than 5:00 pm the prior Sunday evening.

## Courier Classified

Free classified ads. Call 288-3550 to place yours.

For sale: Lovely 2br 2-bath mobile home in Rebel Ridge Park. Central heat & air, screened sunroom & lg family room.

\$55,000. Call Cari Coello 530-742-9664

Free: Full size mattress and box spring, older but clean. Call Donna 288-1226

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