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Prevent Losses Act Now

A report by Richard Dickard, from the Camptonville Community Multi-Hazard & Mitigation Plan Sub-committee.

The 1999 Pendola Fire burned 11,725 acres, destroyed 123 buildings and vehicles, caused \$2,666,190 in damages and over \$3,000,000 in emergency response costs.

What if that fire had come your way?? Yuba County has received grant monies to help local communities plan for ways to eliminate or reduce long term risk to people and property.

The real situation is that FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) will not help out in restoring an area unless a multi-hazard mitigation plan is in place for that area.

The planning process is underway and your input is critical! There will be a public meeting Monday, April 18, at 7:00 PM in the gym at Camptonville School to get your help in identifying local potential hazards and Camptonville's risks at home, work and in the community. There will be handouts and a video presentation. Measures to reduce those hazards will be discussed. There will be light snacks and beverages.

And, what if you don't speak up? Without your input about your specific property or business, you may miss out on the benefits of FEMA programs.

Got questions? Call Rod Bondurant, 288-3550; Richard Dickard, 288-3479; Cliff Hilligoss, 288-3451; Skip Ness, 288-3561; Arnold Olson, 288-3589; or Rita Ortega, 288-3421 or visit:

www.co.yuba.ca.us/content/departments/oes

New action teams acting out!

By Shirley Dickard

There's been a great turnout to help keep the Resource Center and its many community programs open! ("1,2,3, Grow" and Outreach especially). Forty people came to the Town Hall meeting on February 15 where we picked four main areas to work on. Each became a distinct "Action Team." Twenty people continued the work at the Action Team meetings on March 1 and 15.

The next meeting is Tuesday, April 5, 6:30-8 pm at the school library. If you haven't attended yet, you are invited!! Its been fun working together as a community. Call 288-9355 to be put on the phone/e-mail notification list.

Save May 21st for the Community Celebration

Heads up folks! The 8th Community Celebration will be held on Saturday, May 21st. This year the Celebration will be a fund-raiser for "1,2,3, Grow," Outreach Program, Recreation Programs and to keep the Resource Center open. So far, we're talking about a late afternoon event with activities for all ages, booths for crafts and education, and ending with a dinner and dancing. Know a good Country Line Dancing instructor? Or good fund-raising ideas? Call The Resource Center at 288-9355.

Plant Sale

Sat. May 7, Rebel Ridge Market

Twilight School

Tuesday April 12 (See enclosed flyer)

Democratic space

By Yana Slade

Recently I had the opportunity to see an interview with the 2004 Noble Peace Prize winner, Wangari Maathai, an environmentalist from Kenya. Her first project, The Green Belt Project, was started in 1977 when she planted 3 trees to protest the deforestation of Kenya. Over 30 million trees have been planted across Africa since then. Maathai's work links how we treat our environment and how we share the resources in our environment to the world's ability to achieve lasting peace. When The Nobel Peace Prize Committee gave her this award, they said peace is inextricably intertwined with how we share the earth's resources, as well as, the sustainable use of the environment.

Ms. Maathai speaks of the need for democratic space if we are to have peace. What is democratic space? It is where everyone benefits from the resources of their environment. It is where everyone, no matter what race, gender or economic status, has the same right to develop sustainable lives for themselves and their families. It is the freedom to voice an opinion, respect each other's differences, and come together to work for the good of all.

In her acceptance speech Ms. Maathai's shared the award with all the little groups around the world who are working to protect the environment, promote democracy, defend human rights, ensure equality between men and woman, and in doing so, plant the seeds of peace.

When I heard this I immediately thought of Camptonville as one of the little groups around the world who are working towards peace, environmental sustainability and democratic space.

At the recent action team meeting it was so inspiring to see democratic space in action. So many community members spoke of their concerns and ideas, people were free to focus their energy and created four different action teams. People were

willing to share their resources, and most of all, respect was shown for each other.

We are not alone. Small groups all over the world are working for a sustainable environment, democratic space, and peace. Each and every individual effort goes into a big universal effort pot and does make a difference in people's lives. Thanks for all of your efforts.

Spring time means Gardening time

Camptonville's Annual Plant Sale & Flea Market
Sat. May 7, 9am to 2pm
Rebel Ridge Market Field

For more info on Plant Sale call Carolyn Mumm
at 288-3557

For more info on Flea Market call Judy Morris at
288-1228 or email owlsneagles@inreach.com

Mark your calendars.
Rain date will be Sat. May 14th

Get ready for the Plant Sale

We welcome anyone having plants they wish to sell. There is no charge for plant selling space. Plioscene School will be bringing heirloom tomatoes, basil, and annual flowers. Camptonville school, Kitchen's Gardens, and our regular local gardeners will have the traditional fare of vegetables, perennials, and always a few surprises. There will be more details in May's Courier.

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More on new action teams acting out!

Wow! Here's what's in the works:

1. In General:

We'll focus on what we can accomplish in three-month blocks until funding is more secure, starting with March until June.

Volunteers Wanted! Sign up for ways you can help.

Connie and Mike Gross approached the CCSD and the Fire Department on what is needed to complete the fire hall and how we can help. Another building for events would be great.

Our website has been remarkable for promoting the community. Check it out!

(www.camptonville.com) Stephanie Korney, Webmaster, asked everyone to send her information (especially Action Teams) so she can keep it up-to-date: (skorney@jps.net).

2. "1,2,3, Grow"

The Starbucks Grant was completed and mailed off. Many thanks to Molly Spackman for the idea and assistance with writing! Also Nancy Niccoli and Shirley DicKard for help getting it completed.

"1,2,3, Grow" staff and parents may be calling on you to make a tax-deductible donation to keep the program going through the summer. Let them know of people or service clubs that might be interested in donating. (Connie-288-2884).

3. Fund-Raising Action Team

The May 21st Community Celebration will be a fund-raiser for programs at the Resource Center.

New "Camptonville T-Shirts" will be designed and sold.

Anyone know how to put Camptonville on e-bay to get offers to "sponsor" some community programs?

Stephanie Korney will put a "Donate Now!" on our website, if each Action Team will design or send her information for their page. (skorney@jps.net).

Other ideas: Conduct Historic tours of the C'ville Cemetery, Museum, mining sites, etc.

4. Local Sustainability

They are researching Camptonville becoming a member of "The Heifer Project."

A monthly Courier column on Sustainability topics will be coordinated by Diane Pendola.

They will coordinate the April 12 Twilight School classes, with sustainability topics.

Other ideas: Co-ops, "sweat equity" Elder Care facility in CV, local small business loans.

5. Community Outreach

Develop a "Phone Tree" and/or "Barter Tree" for Seniors and those with disabilities.

Revitalize the "Neighborhood Network."

See you at the April 5th Action Team meeting – 6:30. Childcare is provided.

Donations for keeping "1,2,3 grow" going!

Our "1,2,3 Grow" program is turning to the community to help raise money. Would you be willing to help? We're trying our best to keep this special "preschool" program for families with newborns to five year-olds open during the gap between grant money that just ended, and money we hope to get from grants we've applied for. It costs about \$500 each week and there are 10 weeks left until school ends. We already have some donations to help during April so children can continue coming. We really appreciate the support of parents and especially staff, who are volunteering a lot of their time.

How can you help? Tax-Deductible donations can be made to "Camptonville Community Partnership," PO Box 218, Camptonville, CA 95922, or delivered to The Resource Center. For further information, call us at 288-9355. Our young children and families thank you!

Position opening

The Executive Director of the non-profit Camptonville Community Partnership is planning on retiring later this year. If you or someone you know might be interested in this part-time, grant-funded position, you can find the Job Description posted on the website: www.camptonville.com. For further information, call the Board President, Rod Bondurant at 288-3550 or the Resource Center at 288-9355.

Community building action

By Cathy LeBlanc

Hey I'm attempting to start a new regular column in the Courier. This can be the place where you come for ACTION, Community Building ACTION that is! A place where you can readily locate *citizens taking action, for producing results* and opportunities in Camptonville and the world. Everyone is welcome. Any questions or additions call me 288-9355.

Here Goes:

Locally:

Resource Center meetings 16585 School St.

Tuesday, April 5: 6:30-8 All Community Action

Teams meeting

Tuesday, April 12 6-8 pm Twilight School (see insert for more information)

Yuba County Opportunities Children's issues
Yuba County Children's Council Community Functional group. April 27 Wednesday 2:30 Yuba County Library 303 2nd St. Marysville. (Carpool)

This monthly meeting is chaired by yours truly and reports community issues affecting the health and well being of children and families in Yuba County to the Yuba County Children's Council for discussion and action. Our vision is: ALL PARENTS FROM ALL CULTURES WILL PROMOTE THEIR VOICE TO ADVOCATE FOR THEIR NEEDS, BRIDGING THE GAPS WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY. We have only met 3 times. At our initial meeting we had a great discussion of our priority issue "Promoting Parent Capacities" and we looked at what type of environment was needed to promote parent capacity.

For those who wish the Yuba County Board of Supervisors meets every Tuesday check out the Yuba county web site www.co.yuba.ca.us/ or call 749-7510 for time and location.

Sweat equity elder care facility proposal

By Robert Mumm

People in their senior years but still physically capable would enter into a partnership with the incorporated entity consisting of members who hold in common the intent of sustainable elder care for all members.

While in good health members would fill in needed

care services for those less able to do for themselves. The business of daily facility operation would be handled on a rotational basis with persons from an elected pool.

All advantages of group purchasing and transportation would be sought. The goal of all members would be to obtain for themselves and assure for others the security of living out their last years in dignity and as much independence as their physical condition allows.

The facility would consist of a meeting/dining hall with main kitchen and other amenities. This would be central to satellite independent residence units. Healthful sustainable living would be emphasized.

A small retirement income for each resident is assumed, this would go toward operational expenses as well as personal savings.

Wanted Volunteer Firefighters For Camptonville Fire Department



Training and personal protective equipment will be provided.

EMT's and DMV Class A or B licenses are welcome but not required.

Join the ranks of a great group of people already helping our community!

For more information about applying, stop in at our trainings held on Wednesday evenings from 7-9 pm at Station #1 in Camptonville or call Fire Chief Matt Cooney at 288-1112.

Keeping our trees healthy in “urban” situations

By Heather Morrison RPF #2681

Many people call the Forest Stewardship Helpline (800-738-TREE) asking me why their trees are declining or failing to thrive. It is difficult at best to try and diagnose why a tree might not be doing so well over the phone, as there are many factors which influence a tree's health.

Tree health, like human health, is influenced by many factors. Some factors cannot be controlled, such as bad weather or poor genetics. However, there are many factors which can be controlled. Healthy trees not only look better than unhealthy trees, but they are better able to fend off disease and/or insects.

In ornamental or urban situations (ie – front yards or similar areas), there are many things that can impact the health of the tree due to human activities. One of these is irrigation; most non-native trees and plants love water but our native trees do not. Watering your lawn or yard can be good for the grass, but not so good for the oak or pine tree. It is a good idea not to do this, otherwise you risk killing your native trees.

Another factor to watch for is damage caused by weed wackers, lawn mowers or other types of equipment. The bark of a tree is the equivalent to our skin; it protects the cambium which is vital in transporting water, nutrients and food. Not only can the cambium be affected, but in certain trees such as true fir (white and red firs), an open wound is a quick way for fungi and other disease factors to enter. Most fir trees which have wounds such as this tend to get rot rather quickly.

Countless times I have seen trees used as fence posts. Our property is a prime example; the previous owner wrapped barbles wire around most of the trees as a substitute for t-posts. This is very bad for trees, as trees grow and the wire unfortunately does not. After a period of years this can girdle your tree which basically means that the cambium layer (located between the bark and wood) has been choked off and there is no way for water and food to be funneled between the roots and canopy. The end result is tree death. Some words of wisdom: don't use trees as fence posts.

If you have animals that like to eat bark, such as my horses do, try to wrap chicken wire around them. I have also tried using deterrents such as garlic, although I have received mixed results with this and it requires constant application of the deterrent.

Trees in urban situations tend to also suffer from

compaction. It is a good idea to not put a driveway next to a tree you favor. Over time the soil porosity is reduced and water availability is also reduced.

When pruning, keep limbs on 30-40% of the bole of the tree. This percentage will vary by tree species so check before you prune. Prune at an angle so water doesn't accumulate and rot doesn't occur. And don't cut off the tree's top! So many times I see trees under power lines with their tops cut off; I recommend just removing the tree if this situation comes up.

Do your trees a favor by following these common sense steps. Your trees will show you their thanks with their good health.

CanWORK

By Jeannie Costa

Marching out of March's "Basic Computer Class" was magnificent! Three folks received certificates of completion! Congratulations! April "Springs" off with Basic Budgeting & Banking. This workshop will include hands-on exercises and role-playing. Topics are: "Paying bills on time saves money", "When you can't pay cash", "Stretch your dollars", "Banking on it". Our first core class is April 5th. Come join us at the L.D.S. Church @ the corner of Marysville Road & Hwy. 49.

Any questions contact Cathy, or Jeannie @288-9355

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Its a bird. No, its a plane. No, its the "Cobbler Guy."

By Katy Jacobson

You may have seen him at the Lost Nugget on the weekends. A tall blonde man with a ring in his right ear, standing next to a table with a superman emblem, with a big C in it. And of course the cobblers. Three dollars each for, in order of local demand--1. Peach, then Blackberry, Mixed Berry and Blueberry (a tie), followed by Apple, Apple Cranberry and last Cherry. Halloween to Thanksgiving you can also get pumpkin.

The Cobbler Guy, aka Dean Dupont, moved to Camptonville last April, escaping the content and pace of 26 years in the Bay area. His career there was primarily as a Courier where he spent an average of 10 hours a day delivering legal documents on Bay area freeways. He said it was time to move when he became plagued with "utter distrust of the rest of the species." While driving, he started hearing himself muttering to the other drivers, "I know you're an idiot. Do something stupid. Get it over with!" He knew it was time for a change.

Asked if he was happy about the move he raised his arms to the sky and said, "I like being able to go outside on a clear dark night and WOW, you are able to see shooting stars".

Dean, 37, moved here with his wife and 3 cats. "We like the area and looked around Nevada City and then this place opened up here. The rent was right..." and now the Grass Valley area seems too urban for him..."stop lights and things like that!"

He especially enjoys what he doesn't hear like the sounds of "police helicopters, people emptying clips (gunfire) and spinning doughnuts (car screeching) in the intersection."

And the three cats, how are they liking it? "They are amazed. They have things to chase."

Dean started making cobblers last fall when their peach tree produced 4 bushels. "My wife had a church potluck so I found a recipe and adjusted it a little, made a pan of cobbler and people went nuts for it". Dean assessed that, as an underemployed person, Labor day might be a good weekend to sell some cobblers. It so happened that it was also the weekend of the Hornswoggle Bike Run at Dark Day. Ron and Randy, owners of the lost Nugget, let Dean start his enterprise there, and many hungry bikers came for gas. Some tried the cobbler and came back for more. Dean had to run home several times and bake new batches until he was sold out. He sold eighty that first weekend.

Bikers gave Dean his name. It went something like this. One biker: "Hey, get some more of those cobblers." Other biker: "Where?" First guy: "Over there, you know, *that Cobbler Guy*."

When asked if he liked his burgeoning business Dean, who once worked as a baker for Blue chip Cookies, said, "I like baking. It's like a meditation for one and I like baking good foods...It's something I do all by myself and I almost never have music on. Its about making sure everything is right, not so much a reflective thing as a meditative thing... I am small scale quality control."

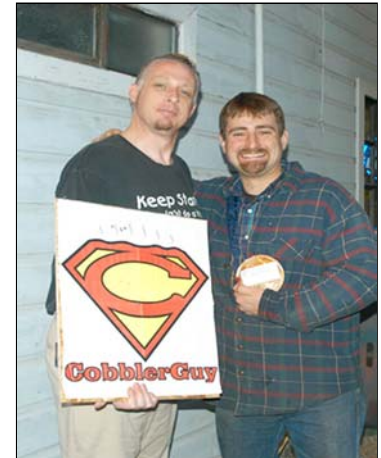
As to hopes for the future Dean says, "This is the birth of an empire. Seriously, my hero in life is Tom Carvel (Carvel's Ice cream)...He borrowed money, plugged the refrigeration truck into whatever building he parked next to and that's how he started, and Mrs. Fields started in her own kitchen."


As the interview took place Dean sold 3 more cobblers. Jesse Hamilton, long time resident was a first time buyer. "Made it today?," he asks Dean.

"10 o'clock this morning." says Dean. Jesse takes the plunge after seeing the cobblers being sold on many weekends but never stopping before.

Nicholas Donaldson and son Justin, are repeat buyers. They care take at the Davis Tree Farm. Says Nicholas, "It beats the heck out of making them myself and they're really good." He bought a blackberry and Justin decided on the mixed fruit, a hard choice between that and the peach. They were celebrating moving to a new trailer after having a tree fall on their old one on New Years Eve, ending 2004 with a surprising bang.

That Cobbler Guy is at the Lost Nugget on Saturday and Sunday from 1-8.





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Becoming a project partner with Heifer International

Compiled by Diane Pendola

The Camptonville Community Partnership (CCP) has convened three Town Hall Meetings over the last two months. Several “action teams” have emerged in response to varying needs and desires expressed by participants. One such team has focused its concerns around issues of sustainability. We are interested in banding together with others who would like to be more self-reliant in our ability, as a community, to provide home-grown sources of nutritious and wholesome meat, eggs, dairy products, fruits and vegetables. This action team is interested in helping to improve our quality of life here in Camptonville through strengthening community bonds, environmental quality and contributing to long-term economic security.

An organization that expresses many of these values is a non-profit organization called “Heifer International”. Heifer partners with grass-roots organizations with the kind of goals our action team has articulated. The following is taken from Heifer’s information on becoming a project partner:

Heifer International is a non-profit organization founded in 1944 to combat hunger, alleviate poverty, and restore the environment by providing appropriate livestock, training and related services to small-scale farmers worldwide (www.heifer.org). Here in North America, Heifer works with grassroots groups and established organizations across the U.S., Mexico and Canada to nurture sustainable food systems and agricultural development. Any individual, group or organization is welcome to initiate or join a project group that will benefit small, limited-resource farmers and involve them in a leadership capacity. Group members direct the development of their projects which often center on livestock as a means of increasing food, fiber and income for farm families. Specific goals may include aspects of livestock management, marketing, youth programming, land stewardship, knowledge and equipment sharing, and community food security. A group may be formed within a single town, county, over larger portions of the state, or even a multi-state area. Most importantly, the group should remain cohesive to its vision.

If there is enough community interest we may be able to partner with this organization that provides financial assistance, as well as project planning, training and on-going support, to its project partners. Are you interested? Do you want to know more? Do you have ideas for a possible project? Please come to our next Town Hall Meeting Tuesday, April 5 at 6:30 pm in the school library and let’s discuss the possibilities!

Milking the cow

By Diane Pendola

She grazes in the green, green pasture. Black and solid as an oak log, her short legs carry her up the hill at a surprisingly brisk pace at the sound of my voice. She stands at the gate, ears forward, eyes alive with kind intelligence, expectant. She's longing for the grain I have in the blue bucket. For that she stands, willingly allowing me to attach the lead line to her halter. For that she follows, to a sturdy post where I tie her and place the bucket of rolled oats and molasses on the ground before her.

As she eats, I gently wash her udder with a warm cloth. I prefer the side with less hair on her bag. Yes, remarkably, one side is hairier than the other! And I've caught those hairs, as I've squeezed her teats, and gotten a kick in quick reproach!

Having prepared her bag for milking, I allow her calf to join us. I separate *Baby Bossie* in the morning in order to build her appetite, and *Mama Bossie's* willingness to let down her milk, for both of us in the afternoon. The heifer takes mama's milk into her warm, moist mouth, happy sucking sounds ensuing. On the opposite side I begin squeezing a teat, first with thumb and forefinger and then down the length with the rest of my hand as I hold a milk bottle with the other. The thumb-sized teat is slack at first but begins to fill as the calf works and soon the milk is flowing. Mama settles into a soft-eyed trance. Chickens come close, looking for scattered remains of grain, even sucking a little milk through their beaks from the last cream I strip into a special bucket for the feral barn cat.

Tomorrow morning's coffee will be full of green, green pasture, soft-eyed intelligence, the touch of wind and the feel of milk flowing through my hand. It will carry the stroke of her coarse flank and my fingers twining the locks of hair that curl so cutely between her attentive ears. It will carry the calf's bawling and the sweet smell of creamy foam on her hard rubbery mouth as she sneaks over to my side, butting me away as though I were her twin.

I will reflect deeply on the milk in my coffee and find no reason for regret or rancor there.

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Our cow is a Dexter, a small breed, listed in The American Livestock Breeds Conservancy, as rare. Many of the unique livestock breeds that have grown up alongside human communities for centuries are in danger of extinction. For more information check out www.albc-usa.org.

Here chick chick

By Stephanie Ruff

Here I sit, attempting to write an article on sustainability and chickens-hmmm! Where to begin, - my mind is buzzing. What does sustainability mean to me? I decide to look it up in the dictionary. This is what I find: "to provide with nourishment"-WOW! Since my family has moved from Grass Valley to Camptonville, I have been thinking of ways to help provide my family with the essentials! Nourishment is the top of my list.

What better way to start than with an organic garden and eggs-We are vegetarians and we get some of our protein from chicken eggs. I've always dreamt of gathering eggs from my own chickens knowing that they are fed organically and treated humanely. My youngest son and I took a chicken raising class from Lisa Mathews of Far Out Farms, an off grid farmer who relies on solar power. Lisa was such an inspiration and so full of knowledge that she was willing to share (Lisa will be at the next Twilight School).

We are now getting ready to build our coop and the excitement is awesome!!! We will be raising some of our own food-something we have never done before. Which brings me back to what sustainability means to me. It means independence, self-reliance and empowerment that gives me such a strong sense of pride.

I must admit that the confidence I am feeling is stemming from work trade gatherings my friends and I have organized. I am amazed at what three women and a gaggle of kids can accomplish! Sharing the work makes it not so overwhelming. I highly recommend it! I feel that the folks of Camptonville can benefit from becoming more self-reliant and I urge you all to come to Twilight School April 12th at the school to learn more about sustainability.

Critter Corner

By Katy Jacobson

If you were to stop by Carol Holland's house on Mt. House Road you might hear the following: Carol, in a high pitched voice, "Here Kitty Kitty Kitty."

If you looked through the window you might see Sticky, a gray and black tabby cat approach a large bird cage.

Next you would hear Dave Holland's deep voice, "Stupid Cat!"

But neither Dave or Carol need to be home. The voices are both coming from Jomo, the African Gray Congo parrot, known for being one of the best talkers in the bird kingdom.



Carol says Jomo has a large vocabulary and seems to understand some of it. He might also ask you "What does a doggy say?" and if you aren't quick enough he will bark for you. And other animals? Yes, a kitty and a meow and a horse and a neigh. And if Jomo wants food he can get specific. "Apple, apple."

Sticky, the cat, still falls for it when Jomo calls. Sticky got his name after he got stuck on the gluey mouse pads that Carol left out to catch mice in her kitchen.

If you have a critter story email me at zorro43@aol.com or call 2882819.



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Seniors get checked out

By Rochelle Bell

Forty seniors over 50 years old participated in the Annual Health Fair this year. This event has been ongoing for 10 years. If you missed it try to get there next year. Testing includes blood and urine analysis, skin cancer screening, blood pressure and heart rate, and more. The team of nurses and technicians came from the Tahoe Forest Hospital, funded by the Area 4 on Aging. I was impressed by their skill, patience and kindness. Thank you from all who were served.

Downieville Ranger District

By Betty Leffew

We have had a lot of rain the last few days. The rivers are high and moving fast. Great for kayaking. Please use caution. The Redbud & Dogwood trees are blooming.

Bullards Bar will open mid April. Dark Day will remain closed due to construction of the new road. Campgrounds along Hwy 49 will open the end of April.

Fuelwood season opens mid May on the Tahoe National Forest. Permits can be purchased at any ranger station or by mail. Permits will be sold through November. In general, the permit allows removal of dead and downed wood on TNF system lands, but not on private land

Dooryard burn permits are due May 1. You can pick up one at the ranger station Monday through Friday. You still need to check with the Department of Air Quality or the ranger station for burn day status.

Spring prescribed burning will begin soon on the Yuba River Ranger District. Prescribed fires will be implemented by fire management professionals. Temperature, humidity, fuel moisture, and wind conditions will be monitored for the right burning conditions. Approximately 400 acres are planned for this year.

Rainfall for March 2005 is 7.05 inches bringing our season total to 42.36 inches. Last years total was 43.65 inches.

Locked gates at Oregon Creek



Why?

The Forest Service stated they have no funding for maintenance of the area and that some people keep dumping big piles of trash. They are hoping that keeping vehicles out during wintertime will deter dumping and vandalism. If you spot anyone dumping trash anywhere, please call 288-3231.

Twilight School

By Paula Sweeney

The next Twilight School is Tuesday, April 12th from 6 to 8pm.

Because of the participation at the Town Hall meetings and follow-up Action Team meetings, the Sustainability Action Team has put together a forum for the up coming Twilight School. Devin O'Keane, the Bio-Diesel expert; Lisa from Far Out Farms (www.faroutfarms.com); and Tabor Teachout who teaches "Partnering with Animals for Sustainable Land Management" will be there to share their knowledge. A big Thank You to Stephanie Ruff and Mimi Mills for helping arrange these classes.

We also have Sara Cusato with her Mary Kay Cosmetic team teaching skin care and makeup application. This class is for folks 13 years and over and will be in the school library.

Don't forget the young ones. 123 Grow and the gym will be open for some b-ball.

See the inserted flyer for details and we hope to see you there!

Community volunteers offer to help with finishing the Fire Hall

By Connie Gross

My husband and I went to the Town Hall Meeting about a month ago because we wanted to help keep the Resource Center open. At one of the following Community Action Team meetings, the idea of finishing the Fire Hall came up. If we can finish the Fire Hall, then there would be a new place for the community to have fund-raising and other events. The next step was for a representative of the community to ask the Fire Department what needs to be done to finish the Fire Hall. After talking to the Fire Department, we needed to speak to the Camptonville Community Service District (CCSD) board of directors and get permission to go ahead with our project by offering to coordinate volunteers.

The fire chief, Matt Cooney, told us the septic system needs to be finished first, then electrical work, plumbing, and sheetrock. The CCSD is enthusiastic about the idea since we already have some volunteers. Thanks to the following people from the Action Team meeting for being the first to offer help: Paula Sweeny, Nancy Niccoli, Rita Ortega, Dean and Kym DuPont, Jeanie Costa, Dayana, Stephanie Ruff, Rhodi Hainline, Barbara Mueller-Hogan, Molly Spackman, Mike and Connie Gross.

What we need to know now is if you can help, how you can help, and when you are available. We need more volunteers to help with all aspects of construction left on the Fire Hall. If you can help, go to the next Action Team meeting on April 5th. You may also call Mike or Connie Gross at 288-2884 to sign up or get information. I would like to thank the Fire Chief Matt, and the CCSD board of directors for being so encouraging. I really appreciate all the volunteers who signed up to help with the Fire Hall. Hopefully we, as a community, can get the Hall finished and have some fun!




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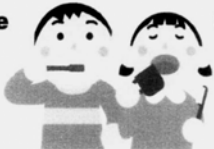
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Community Market Faire	Saturday, April 2nd 9 to 3pm at NSJ A.I.C./Senior Center sponsored by the Citizen's Circle
Action Team meeting	Tuesday, April 5, 6:30-8 pm at the school library
Twilight School	Tuesday, April 12
CCP Board Meeting	Monday, April 18, 4 pm at Resource Center
"FEMA" meeting	Monday, April 18, 7 pm at the school
Plant Sale & Flea Market	Saturday May 7 at Rebel Ridge Market
Yoga	Thursday night from 5:30 to 7:00 pm in the gym at school.
Rubies and Roses forum	Continuing Tuesdays, 2:45 pm to 4:00 pm at the 1-2-3 Grow building behind school
Food Bank	Third Thursday of each month at the firehall.
Ongoing AA meeting	New days and hours: Meetings are on Sundays at 4pm til 5 For information call Mike 288-2849 or the Resource Center 288-9355.

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