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## Market starts the 6th!



By Jimbo Garrison

Yes! The fabulous Camptonville Community Gardener's market is finally upon us. Starting August 6<sup>th</sup> and continuing every Saturday through September from 10am to 12 Noon at the Rebel Ridge Market on Marysville Road.

In spite of a late start due to a very wet spring, local gardens are kicking in! So, we expect a good opening week with super fresh organic squash, cukes, eggplant, chillies, basil, and more. The very first ripe tomatoes are showing up, so we may have some in time for the market.

Also, Audrey will be bringing her very own local honey! And we will have some of Mac's fabulous torpedo onions. And don't forget about my famous refrigerator pickles, I should have a small batch the first week with many more to come. And don't forget, anyone with surplus fruit and veggies is welcome to sell. For info call Jimbo at 288-1001. See you there!

## Flea Market on Saturday the 6th

At Rebel Ridge Market

Saturday August 6th, 9am to 5pm. All private sellers, fundraisers, info/demo booths are welcome. Space \$5 Bring your own table & shade. For info call 288-3528.

Featuring Mexican food by Roberto

Come join us for food, fun and who knows? A flea market is planned for the second Saturday of each month (weather permitting)

## History Gathering



The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual History Gathering will be Sunday August 21, 2pm at the Camptonville School. See page three for details.

## North San Juan Senior Center News

By Rochelle Bell

Friends and neighbors keep asking me "why do you go to the Senior Center?" And "what do you do there?"

The answer keeps growing. At first it was to take others in Camptonville who no longer drive, to lunch and a social hour. It then became a way for us to have a meal (cooked by someone else) and a visit with new and old friends. As we hear the stories of others, their celebrations and their frustrations we have become part of a whole – we laugh together, cry together and celebrate the successes of those among us.

One of our founding members, Charlene Welker has a lot to be proud of and has written a book to share her life with us.

Charlene is a talented artist and writer. She has collected photographs and poetry interspersed with uplifting stories of growing up as a child of the depression in coal mines and on farms as her family moved west to the San Juan Ridge.

There are 177 rare family photos and many of them of North San Juan. Early families & friends and pioneering organizations are all fondly remembered.

I know you'll enjoy reading it as I have. I love the name of the book "*Make It, Make It Over, Make Do, Or Do Without*"

To purchase this gem you can call Charlene at 292-3253, or join us some Tuesday at noon and meet Charlene and preview the book. Call the Sunday before for reservations. John at 292-3315



Charlene and Wilbur Welker at their book signing party last month.

### Forbestown Daze

Saturday August 6 at Forbestown Park on New York Flat road.

8am to 5pm

Vendors, parade, Gold Trader Flat festivities, mountain men skills competitions, authentic costumes, food, beverages, and more FUN packed into one day than you can imagine.

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## Camptonville 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual History Gathering

Sunday, August 21  
Camptonville School  
2 pm

In 2004, storytellers and history buffs met to collect and discuss Camptonville history and individual memories. Last year's participants included Viola Wilson Berg, whose family owned and operated the famous Log Cabin on Highway 49. Lois Butz and John Mumm shared memories of working in Camptonville's lumber mill, and Lois' sister, Thelma, brought along some childhood photos. In addition to the storytellers, many of whom brought photographs to share with the group and who also included Geri Treloar, Robert Mumm, Elma Davis, Skip Ness, and Leland Pauly, some 25 others formed the enthralled audience. The great turnout and enthusiasm for the event, which was organized and spearheaded by Carolyn Mumm, has resulted in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Camptonville History Gathering, which will begin at 2 PM on August 21, 2005, at the Camptonville School.

Did you live in Camptonville in the 1960s or earlier? Come to the gathering and share your stories of living, working, and going to school in Camptonville. Video and audio recordings will be made so stories can be shared with future generations. Bring photos of life in and around Camptonville if you have them. We hope to have the capability of photocopying some of these pictures to save them for the Camptonville Museum archive.

Everyone interested in Camptonville history is invited to join the Gathering.



Viola Wilson Berg & her dog



Sharing stories at last year's gathering

# Twilight School

By Paula Sweeney

After 3 exciting years at Twilight School, I have given my resignation as Coordinator and would like to take a seat in the classes as a participant instead of the "distracted" coordinator. My friends at the Resource Center say that 3 years ago I came out of the woodwork. Maybe now someone or multiple people will come out of the woodwork to volunteer and support the community and put together new ideas for Twilight School.

In 2002 I spotted a job opening for the T.S. position in the Courier and was instantly interested. Not only was I interested to get my foot in the door at one of the main employers in town, but to get to know my community and hopefully to be successful as T.S. Coordinator (if I got the job). I called the Resource Center and told them of my interest and after meeting with everyone at the R.C., I got the job.

What I got myself into was a very fulfilling position where I met most of the people in our "little" community (which expands way past Camptonville) and learned that there's an abundance of talented people in this community. I thank all of you who have volunteered your time for our community and Twilight School. I also thank the great and loving people at the Resource Center and the Camptonville Community Partnership who are 100% supportive in this community and without them I wouldn't have been able to be successful.

The format of Twilight School has been constantly evolving, depending on the ideas of the Coordinator and interests of the community. When it started in 1996, each session had 5-6 topics, and ran for six Tuesdays, then a short break. Whew! We're now down to a manageable one night, every other month with a forum style of classes.

What's next? Anything is possible! One idea is to get 5 or 6 different volunteers to each take a Twilight School Night. Each coordinator would put together a single forum on a theme, and only be volunteering/coordinating one forum for that school year. Interested?

If you're interested in these possibilities, here's a brief overview of the job.

## Job Description: Twilight School Coordinator

The volunteer Twilight School Coordinator is responsible for the overall functioning of each session, including arranging for a diversity of classes and activities, drawing participants and instructors from a wide spectrum of ages, backgrounds, and interests, overseeing the smooth functioning of each session, and

documenting pertinent data for purposes of evaluation.

Develop classes and instructors (or forum) with the input of Resource Center staff, Camptonville School, and community members.

Promote each session via fliers posted in public locations, and notices in the school's *Cougar Connection* and *The Courier*. Notices should go out 7-14 days in advance.

Arrange for logistics; rooms, sign-in table, forms, set-up, clean up and lock-up.

Lead the "Announcements" at the beginning of each session & oversee the smooth functioning of each session as needed.

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## "1,2,3 Grow" starts August 23!

By Connie Gross

The "1,2,3 Grow" program is back for another year! Thanks to the Prop 10 grant, Camptonville Community Partnership and all the generous people who have donated to our program. We will continue the "1,2,3 Grow" program from 8:30-11:30 am on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays throughout the school year.

We will start on August 23 with an Open House Orientation and Registration. Please bring your immunization records for registration. Families with children from birth to five are welcome. Our program is a parent participation enrichment program. We are looking forward to an exciting new year with lots of new toys and projects. Please come and join us! For information call The Resource Center at 288-9355.

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## Special thanks to "1, 2, 3 Grow" parents!

By Shirley DickKard

We'd like to give a very special appreciation to the parents and grandparents of "1,2,3 Grow." It was their commitment and passion for keeping the program open that has made the difference. These were a great group of parents who attended the community meetings and offered their ideas for fund-raising. They helped make signs, create Raffle Theme Baskets, and helped Connie and Barbara with the weekly program. Each made a unique contribution for our community's children.

Thank you to Bobbie Bernhardt and Vic Hollingsworth for procuring the largest raffle item of two nights/three days at the El Dorado in Reno! Bobbie has been a regular grandparent, always ready to help in many ways. Thanks also to Molly Spackman and Grandma "Laura" for finding the Starbucks grant and helping write it (though we didn't get funded, it was a good grant!). Heather Morrison put on a jewelry show and donated all the proceeds from her Jewelry Sale to "1,2,3 Grow," while Annie Garcia and Grandma Patsy prepared the delicious dinner for the Community Celebration fund-raiser and prepared a theme basket. Thanks also to Desiree Dondono who gathered lots of items for the theme baskets and has been a great help in the classroom.

Connie and Barbara tell me that these parents along with *all* the other Moms, Dads and Grandparents who come with their little ones, have become a good working team. They're really looking forward to having fun together with all the children when the program resumes late August! A big thank you again to the First Five Yuba Commission for funding this wonderful program another year, and to the community's generous donations.

## Critter Corner:

By Katy Jacobson

Camptonvilians may have seen Whotie (hooty), the goggle wearing border terrier hanging out a car window. Her driver, Yanna Slade, was never an "animal person" but 7 years ago that all changed. A Bay area friend rescued the skinny puppy from a local pound and then paid hundreds in fines as Whotie, then known as Sylvia, became an expert escape artist. Camptonville seemed a more likely home for Whotie. With Paula Miller, Yanna has owned property in Camptonville for 25 years and Whotie, named after the escape artist Houdini, would have to travel far to leave the remote area. A perfect match. Paula is the animal enthusiast with 2 other dogs and 5 cats but Whotie, at their first meeting, went straight for Yanna... and so it remains. Sometimes the animal chooses the owner! With the help of a trainer, Yanna solved the problem of Whotie's escape attempts. She put her on a 35- 40 foot leash and every time Whotie would get too far she would be reeled in. Now they can leave her at home with the leash on, and Whotie knows that means to *STAY PUT*.



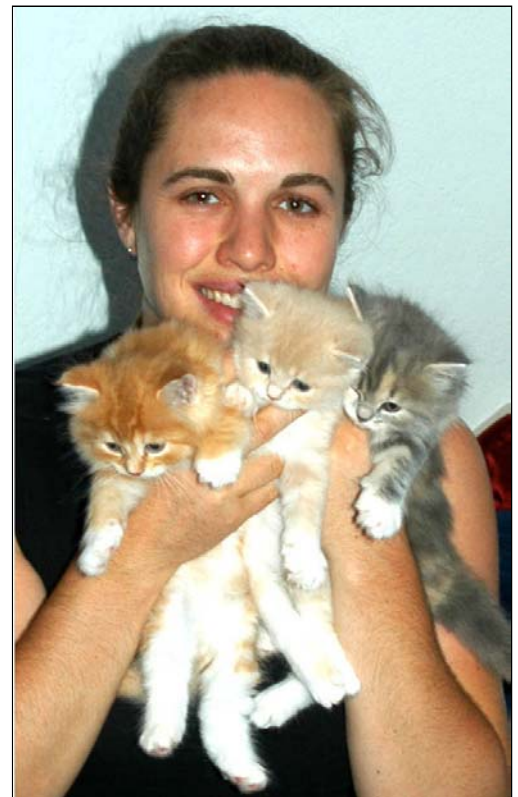
When I heard that Hally Vadeboncour, of Camptonville, cat breeder, has 3 new kittens, I had to go check it out. Hally will get \$800 each for her Ragamuffin kittens, which will be sold on the Internet.

What makes Ragamuffin cats so special? Hally explains, while the 3 kittens crawl all over her, that Ragamuffins are cousins of the American Ragdoll breed. They have medium long hair that is matt resistant, so they don't need to be combed. They have a cute scooped nose, round eyes, and a "modified broad wedge" face. That means the face isn't pointy like a Siamese.

The great thing about Ragamuffins is that they are very friendly and very healthy. They come in any color and her three newest kittens are all different. One is orange and striped. The second is buff colored tan and the third is a gray calico. They all have white feet, white noses and white bellies. Seriously cute.

Hally, who also has a large Dalmation/Mastif and 2 horses, became interested in Ragamuffins, after designing a web site about them for a friend. They went to a show in Vancouver together, where Hally met her cat to be, Madi. The owner struck a deal eventually and let Hally make payments. Eight hundred for the kitten and another \$1000 for the breeding rights. Paying for breeding rights is done consistently throughout the cat world to discourage "casual breeding."

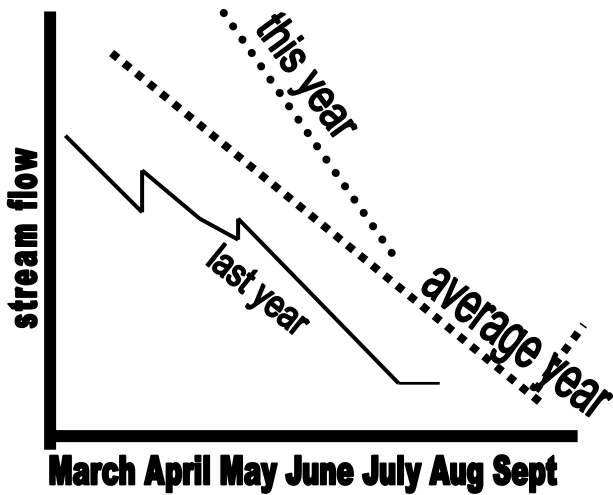
You can see the kittens or learn more about Ragamuffins on the web site, designed by Hally, called [www.indigorags.com](http://www.indigorags.com).



## Water, water

By Rod Bondurant, aka the water guy

We started out this season with the most water I have seen in Campbell Gulch in the 8 years I have been keeping records. The water dropped sharply in June but has been holding steady at slightly above average. We still have a good flow over the top of the diversion dam.



## Dental Clinic News

By Rochelle Bell

I recently had the privilege of working at the Sierra Family Dental Clinic and found it to be a delightful place to work.

The clinic runs smoothly in the capable hands of a devoted staff. The dentists, Drs. David and Minah DeAinza work Monday through Thursday on Tyler Foote Road, trying to see patients with urgent needs on a same day basis. They also have a waiting list of over 300 new patients waiting to get in for their first exam. The clinic takes people of all ages. Laura Mahoney, the office manager, keeps the appointment book filled and can be reached at 292-3478 ext. 221.

On Fridays, the DeAinzas see 35-40 children at a clinic in Grass Valley. Barry Sturm is the patient coordinator for the children's clinic where all children from birth to age 18 are seen. You can call him at 274-8872 for appointments.

The Tyler Foote clinic has just been awarded a major grant of over \$300,000 to increase access to dental care at the clinic. It will allow them to reduce waiting time for appointments. The clinic will be expanded with a third dental chair and more staff.

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## CanWORK Communities

By Jeannie Costa

August's workshop is "Personality Profile". You will discover your work style preferences, which will be helpful for getting a job you really enjoy.

The first class begins August 2<sup>nd</sup> 9:30 am at the Latter Day Saints Church on the corner of Marysville Road and Hwy. 49. The follow up classes will be at the Camptonville Resource Center on August 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 9:30 am. We also have these classes in Challenge on Wednesdays 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 am at the Leaves of Learning building.

For more information please contact Jeannie or Cathy, at 288-9355

## Sierra Health Foundation gives a hand

By Cathy LeBlanc

I've had an interesting time continuing my efforts as an advocate. The work I do is information and education sharing with a bit of social capital thrown in. It's helping folks find and use their voice and realize that their voice counts in public decision making. In fact it is an integral part of the democratic process – the roots of democracy.

With that in mind I wanted to let everyone know that as part of the Community Partnerships for Healthy Children Council, Sierra Health Foundation has agreed to fund my efforts as Co-chair of the Health Subcommittee of the Children's Roundtable, through Camptonville Community Partnership. YEAH! And a huge thank-you to the foundation.

The Roundtable is a statewide group that meets monthly to monitor and discuss policies and legislation that concern children. So stay tuned in during the next year for monthly reports and ways that you may get involved.

## Your opinions wanted

By Yana Slade

Representatives from the Yuba County Mental Health Department are coming to talk to us about PROP 63.

Passed in Nov. of 2004, Prop 63 mandates our county to develop mental health programs and services in the foothills.

**THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO VOICE WHAT YOU THINK IS NEEDED IN OUR COMMUNITY.**

TIME: 6pm-8-pm August 9

PLACE: Camptonville Resource Center (behind the school)

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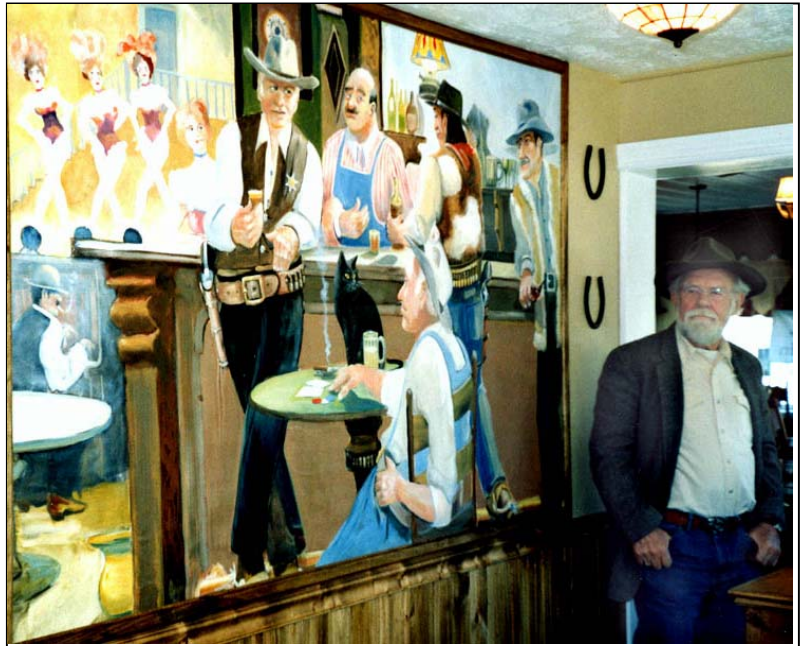
## Fine art

By Katy Jacobson

Albert Krebs, a Native Californian, has been a prolific painter all his life. He began drawing as a child and never stopped. He went to art school in Portland Oregon and stayed there to paint before moving to Santa Barbara. In Santa Barbara he was commissioned to paint the 21 California missions. He has murals throughout California, especially San Francisco, as well as Alaska and Oregon. Albert moved to Grass Valley in 78, after living in San Francisco. He and wife Margaret have lived in Camptonville for 13 years.

You can see his murals and art work at the fairgrounds in the Ag Building, Charlie's Cafe in the Trolley Junction, St. Patrick's Church and Paulette's Kitchen. Other artwork adorns walls of people's homes all over the state.

Currently Albert, who is only willing to admit he is over 49, is working on oils of gorgeous Route 49, just south of Downieville.



Albert with his latest mural

## Critter Corner stories wanted

If you have a story about your critter(s) email Katy at zorro43@aol.com or call her at 288-2819. Also if you are interested in getting on the list to exchange animal care when someone is out of town call or email as well.



Katy's kitty keeps kool

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## What is a Forester?

By Heather Morrison, RPF #2681

One of the most common questions a field forester hears is, "What exactly do you do?" Particularly in California, the answer is complicated. In our state, a forester acts as an intermediary between landowners, loggers, and the agencies charged with implementing environmental laws and regulations. In addition, foresters who work on property that is either owned privately or by the state (ie – not federal), are required to be licensed and are known as Registered Professional Foresters.

The first part of the forester's job is to find out what the landowner's objectives for the property are, and then work within the legal guidelines to meet those objectives. Many foresters also have a personal code of ethics and will only work with clients who are in agreement with those ethics.

The second part of the forester's job is to come up with a realistic plan for harvesting and other management activities, such as planting and road improvements. The plan must follow all the state's rules and has to make sense in the field.

In the course of writing the plan, a forester will measure trees, determine appropriate silvicultural systems and harvesting methods, classify watercourses, assess habitat for threatened or endangered species, assess roads, survey for archaeological sites, and more. In the office, the forester will come up with a written version of the plan according to state requirements. This means sending out public notices, writing detailed narrative descriptions, as well as making many maps that show everything from the location of springs to exact locations where roads need to be fixed. The next part of the forester's job is to interface with the state agencies that must approve the plan. This means meetings with representatives from CDF as well as agencies such as Water Quality, Fish & Game, and others. Often the forester and agency reps will work out different interpretations of the same law, or negotiate when agency representatives want work done over and above what is required. And finally, the forester will work with the logger to make sure the job is done according to the plan. Through all this, the forester works to find the balance between meeting the requirements and requests of the agencies and what the landowner and logger can realistically do. That can be a very difficult and delicate balance, prompting one fellow forester colleague to comment, "When everyone's a little mad at you, you know you're doing your job right."



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## Downieville Ranger District

By Betty Leffew

Not much news this time. Dark Day Road is open Friday evening from 5pm to Sunday evening at 9pm. It is closed during the week for construction. That will probably continue until Labor Day.

Be extremely careful, as everything is drying out. No rainfall for the month of July, so our season total is 63.32 inches. Nearly 20 inches above last year.

Have a safe summer.



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## FireSafe Council News

Some Good news


By Pete Hammontre

No-cost chipper service for fire hazard reduction  
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A new state law went into effect on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January that requires you to increase the fire clearance around your home from the old 30 feet to the new 100 feet distance. CDF has stated that it is their intent to phase in this requirement but your insurance company has the right to require to have this distance in place now. In fact, they can even make you to clear to any distance they deem appropriate. If you don't comply, they can cancel your policy. Your local fire districts, in conjunction with the Yuba County Fire Safe Council have received a grant from the state that will chip your brush for you for FREE. All you have to do is cut and stack the brush with all the ends pointing in the same direction near a road or driveway and we will do the rest.

But

In order to get this program going in Camptonville we need someone to volunteer as a local coordinator. This person would serve as a local contact, and also do an inspection of your project to see that everything was properly stacked and accessible for the chipper crew. For info on volunteering call Rod or Rochelle at 288-3550



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Camptonville Gardener's market

Forbestown Daze

Flea Market

CCP Board meeting

Mental health meeting

Camptonville School starts

Yoga

Meditation group

Food Bank

Ongoing AA meeting

Saturday August 6 and continuing every Saturday through September from 10 am to 12 Noon at the Rebel Ridge Market

Saturday August 6 at Forbestown Park on New York Flat road

Saturday, August 6, 9am to 5pm at Rebel Ridge Market

Monday August 8, 4-6 pm at the Resource Center

Tuesday August 9 6-8pm at the Resource Center

Wednesday August 17

Thursday night from 5:30 to 7:00 pm in the gym at school.

Continuing Tuesday afternoon. Call Yana at 478-6943 for info

Third Thursday of each month at the firehall.

Sundays at 4pm til 5 For information call Mike 288-2849 or the Resource Center 288-9355.

# Camptonville Community Service District

## Wanted

Volunteer Firefighters for the Camptonville Fire Department



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