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## Pampered Chef fun

By Rita Ortega

Please join us for a couple of hours of fun and "funraising" on **Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 8:30 at the Camptonville School.** Beth Lopez, a consultant for Pampered Chef, has offered to host a Pampered Chef party, with the proceeds going to the Camptonville Community Partnership. This is another way to give where you live, have some fun and check out the great kitchen and cooking products Pampered Chef has to offer.

The Camptonville Community Partnership received a grant from the California Endowment in April of this year; as part of that grant we will be working on sustaining the Resource Center and the important programs that operate out of the office ("1,2,3 Grow"; CanWORK; community outreach; events and mental health trainings). The money that is raised from these events will go to assist with program costs and overhead to keep the Resource Center open to all.

Be sure to bring a friend, neighbor, relative. If all of this isn't enough to entice you to come join us, how about, there will be snacks and refreshments too.

## Rebel Ridge Day Community fair

Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>

Noon to 8 PM at the Rebel Ridge Market,

By Carolyn Mumm

Rebel Ridge Day is Camptonville's once a year outdoor fair. A variety of booths allow us to shop for locally grown produce, local crafts and other items people have for sale. We will have informational booths as well, including a place to register to vote and the History Museum booth, the Relay for Life's local team, 1,2,3 Grow and other local groups.

The excellent homemade food offering this year will include BBQ chicken, hamburgers, hot dogs, vegetarian choices, organic salad with a choice of special homemade dressings, garlic bread and baked potatoes with a choice of toppings.

There will be a raffle with cash prizes and many surprises.

This year the Camptonville History Museum will have a special exhibit that will include the large history book from the museum and an opportunity to record your history stories. See page 2 for more info.

Live music and dancing will start in the late afternoon.

Vendor booths will benefit the Camptonville School, the Journey Home Hospice, the Volunteer Fire Department, and the Camptonville Museum. Booth space is available for private sellers for a \$5 fee. Bring your own table and shade! Booth space for community fundraisers is free. For booth registration call Jan 288-3528.

If you can volunteer to help at the event please call Carolyn at 288-3557.

### The fabulous **Camptonville Community Gardener's Market**

is continuing every Saturday through September from 10am to 12 Noon at the Rebel Ridge Market on Marysville Road.  
(Extended hours on Rebel Ridge Day)

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



By Carolyn Mumm

As we started our second annual Camptonville history meeting the crowded room grew very quiet. The first person who spoke was a 93 year old native of Garden Valley (now under water of Bullards Bar dam). The room remained attentive and hushed as each person came forward giving personal stories of their life in the '20s, '30s, '40s and beyond. The people who attended came from many places including Arkansas, Idaho and Nevada. Many recalled the "summer school" system Camptonville had when they attended school. School was held in the summer and good weather months with one break. Vacation was in the winter months when the snow and rain made it more difficult to get to school.

One person who attended later commented that "at the meeting there was a feeling of community, almost beyond community, it was a feeling of almost family in the room".

### More History at Rebel Ridge Day

Be sure to stop by the Camptonville Museum booth where you will have a chance to see some of the photographs donated to the museum by participants in the Second Annual History Gathering and, of course, photographs from the Leland Pauly collection. We welcome those who came to the History Gathering and those who couldn't make it. Come visit with us and other families of former residents. Bring photos and information about your family and Camptonville to add to the museum's collection.

The enthusiasm at the History Gathering has encouraged us to collect more stories about Camptonville, so come talk to us. Five-minute histories will be video-recorded at the Museum booth between 1 and 3 PM. Call Carolyn Mumm at 288-3557 for more information about the Camptonville Museum.

Stay tuned for future information about an upcoming meeting in October to discuss the formation of a Camptonville Historical Society.

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# 1,2,3 Grow is back!

By Connie and Barbara

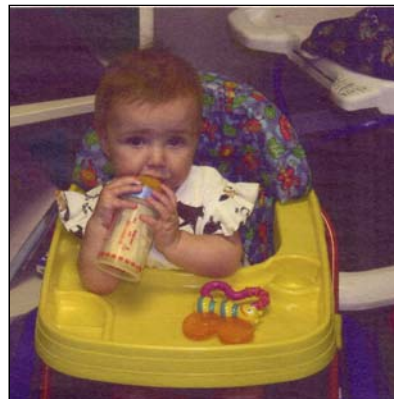
1,2,3,Grow started this past week, Tuesday August 23<sup>rd</sup> with 11 children and 7 adults – Wow, what a turn out! We greeted each other with songs and finger plays, went to the library, and played with all the new games that were given to us by the Children’s Home Society. Our words for the week were Shhh!, leader, behind, and investigator which we used for learning how to walk through the school halls to the bathroom, following the leader to the library, and finding new things to “look” at with our magnifying glasses.

Please come join us in our “new adventure” on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings from 8:30 til 11:30. All children 0 to 5 years old, grandparents and parents are invited to come and play. For more information call 288-9355.

*Editors note: We are sorry we couldn't fit in all the wonderful pictures of the 1,2,3 Grow kids. We will try to get them in next month.*



Rebecca, Jace, Miya, and Carly



Willow



Louie and Logan



Rebecca



Molly and Ava



Julian



## Gardener's Market going great

By Jimbo Garrison

The Camptonville Community Gardener's Market has been a big success so far this 2005 season, and will continue every **Saturday** through September from 10am to 12 Noon at the Rebel Ridge Market on Marysville Road.

Thanks to favorable growing conditions this summer local gardens are positively teeming with delicacies. So, our market has been well supplied and well attended. A recipe for success!

In addition to abundant squash, cukes, eggplant, green beans, peppers, basil, and more, we are coming into our local tomato season. We should have some fresh corn in the coming weeks. And don't forget my famous garlic/dill refrigerator pickles. Also Audrey's local honey, propolis and beeswax products. Although we are having an off year for local fruit we have peaches. Plums, pluots and grapes are just now starting to ripen. Many thanks to local Supervisor Hal Stocker for donating his homegrown goodies.

As always we are interested in selling your surplus veggies. Call me at 288-1001 for info. Part of all proceeds benefits Camptonville School and Journey Home Hospice. Thanks and see you there.



Jimbo & lots of good veggies

## Bee Fever strikes Moonshine Road

By Audrey Bowman

What started early in my life with such activities as collecting dead bumblebees, sneaking off from my class during a school field trip to a nature museum and spending the day watching an observation hive, has now turned into what is known amongst beekeepers as "Bee Fever". I have several honeybee hives, mason bee and leafcutter bee homes and had, until some bugs drove them away, a bumblebee nest. I am also apprenticing at a commercial beekeeping operation where I work with over 500 hives and learn about queen raising.

I haven't an answer to the frequently asked, "Why bees?" I simply love them. Every morning I go out and have coffee with The Girls (all bees in the hive are female except for a few drones and they don't wake up until noon). They are busy as soon as the sun warms their hive and the traffic bringing in colorful pollen and nectar continues until dark. I am learning interesting things such as blackberry pollen is gray looking much like mold and that a honeybee's abdomen is like an accordion stretching out as her honey stomach fills with flower nectar. When people think of bees they tend to think of only honey. However, everything in the hive is useful for people and many of the products have healing qualities.

I have made a variety of products: honey, candles, and propolis tincture. Propolis is a sticky substance made by bees from conifer resins to protect their hive. It has antibacterial properties. If you would like to see these, just stop by the Grower's Market at Rebel Ridge on Saturday morning. I have been told that there is no cure for Bee Fever and the only thing that will alleviate symptoms is to obtain more hives and continue learning about honeybees. Making things, such as beeswax candles, also helps. There are also numerous books to read, including some great fiction such as Secret Life of Bees and Beeing.

## Garden adventure

By Stephanie Ruff aka foothill billie

I never had a green thumb-ever. The thought of having a garden and what that meant was beyond my comprehension. Actually the idea terrified me-I kill all house plants-even the jade & cactus! So, when my thoughts turned to living more sustainably a garden was inevitable. My new adventure started last early spring when my attempts at putting in a garden (from scratch) began.

With the help of my beloved work trade pals-the "ROSIE REBELS", a pick (love that clay!), a McLeod and TONS of soil amendments the process began. Oh yes- I almost forgot (HA!)- the fencing-now wasn't that fun- we all dreaded work day at my house when that was on the agenda-peeler cores, t-posts- (I still can't figure out those darn clips!) and a come-a-long-gads! What had I gotten myself into! But- I was determined. All was going quite well till-BAM! I severely injured my right ankle-about half way thru the fencing situation. My determination was squashed flat-I was one depressed gardener in training. Well, low and behold the "Rebels" rallied to my aid and we finished that gosh darn fence, and finished those beds and planted those seeds and put in that drip line-yehaa! It was done! I've watched little seedlings turn into a lush jungle-my gracious! My tomato plants tower too high to stake and are crashing and bush beans the size of Amazon vines-wow that mushroom compost really works! Everyday I am amazed at how much everything grows. There is so much to learn- like realizing bugs aren't destroying my sunflower leaves-finches are! Some days I'm overwhelmed-but all in all it is a truly magical experience.

I think back to when I was a girl-I was never taught how to raise your own food, can veggies or make your clothing-these sustainability skills that are becoming lost in the modern age. As I homeschool my boys I realize now-it's not all about the books-It's about learning these everyday life skills that really make a difference in our lives. We don't know what the future holds for us, but I want my children to know how to do it themselves-it is so empowering.

I'd like to thank Rhodie and Mimi for all their help in making my garden come true-I could not have done it without you Rebels! MY first garden-ever! Next project: chicken coop- WE CAN DO IT!

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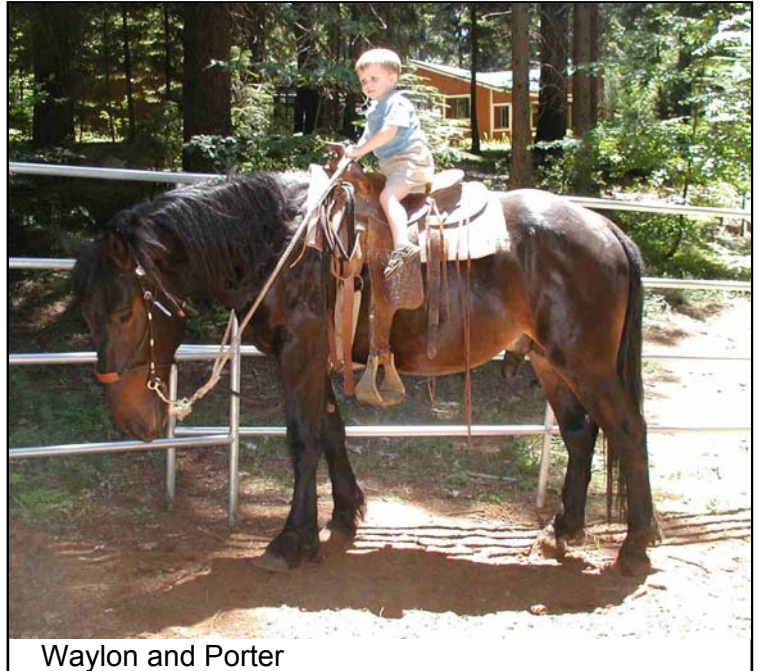
By Heather Morrison

*(Katy Jacobson is on vacation)*

The Lazy M Ranch is home to 5 very lazy equines. This is the story about one of these very special horses, the **"baby"** of the bunch, Porter.

Porter is a PMU baby – otherwise known as a "Pregnant Mare Urine." Pregnant mares produce the highest amount of estrogen compared to any mammal, and this hormone is used to make hormone replacement therapy drugs for pre-menopausal and menopausal women. The foals produced are generally just a "byproduct" of this production, although many farmers are now trying to breed horses not only for the drug, but for high quality babies as well. However, the practice of sending horses to feedlots is still continuing; although horsemeat is not a delicacy in this country, it is in many others.

I had always been looking for a horse large enough for my husband to ride, but could never quite convince myself to pay such high prices that warmbloods and other larger breed horses demanded. After searching through countless ads, I came upon an ad looking for people to adopt babies which were destined for slaughter. The farm was in Alberta, and the farmer had many mares he had bred to a full blood Percheron stallion. Upon hearing that the mares were used for drug production, and the babies were only a "byproduct" – the owners of the stallion were shocked and determined to find homes for as many of the babies as possible. The group that formed from this was not a formal horse rescue group, it was comprised of a number of strong willed ladies who decided they would do all they could to rescue these foals (there were around 150 babies at the ranch). Using the internet as the prime source of advertisement, the group took pictures of only the "prettiest" babies – those with lots of color (ie they were paints) and those they thought would definitely find homes. Amazingly, there was a huge response to this ad and they began trying to adopt those that were less pretty or did not have the best conformation. Porter was one of those foals.



Waylon and Porter

Porter was a mere 5 months old when we picked him up in the winter of 2003. He is half Percheron (the largest recorded breed of horse) and his mother was a draft horse cross of some type (all we have is a photo). When we brought him home here to Camptonville, he was only a tad bit smaller than our smallest horse (an Arabian). Now, Porter is probably half a ton in weight and is most definitely the largest horse in the gang – and he is just 2 years old. He is the gentlest horse in the bunch and we (including my son Waylon who is 2 years old) have already ridden him some.


The Draft Horse Classic is coming to Grass Valley in mid-September – what a spectacular opportunity to check out these gentle giants!! For more information about PMU foals, please check out this site: <http://members.shaw.ca/sosrescue/> SOS Rescue is now a full fledged PMU Rescue group, which started back in the summer of 2003 with those first 150 foals – including Porter.

# Bird mystery

By Shirley DickKard

It takes a lot to get **me** out of bed at 5:30 in the morning, and even more to get me outside before my first cup of coffee. But in mid-July, an unknown bird made me do just that. Day One, I was awakened by a strange bird calling for 15 minutes outside my bedroom window. Day Two got me out of bed to spot a very large white-headed bird calling continuously as it flew high across the horizon, ending in a nose-dive to the south. An Eagle? Day Three, I'm outside with binoculars at the first sounds of its "da-weep, da-weep, da-weep." White with dark brown. Must be an Osprey! Day Four I'm getting tired of rising at 5:30, but the pillow over my head wasn't enough to shut out sounds of fledglings calling "feed me! feed me!" Taking this as a challenge to "find me! find me!" I threw on clothes and shoes and left the house determined to find a nest. An hour later I returned triumphant. Imagine, an Osprey nest on Moonshine Road! And to my delight, I've discovered a peep-hole view visible from our garden of the gawky nest made of sticks set all akimbo, perched high atop a tall pine snag. Nearly every morning since, I've watched two adults return to the nest at dawn where they spend a few hours nest-tending, bringing up large branches, rearranging soft lichen, keeping watch, and then they are gone for most of the day.

I'm curious about a few things - maybe someone knows. Their diet is 98% fish: how common is it for Ospreys to nest this far from water? (the nest is mid-way between Bullard's Bar Reservoir and the Middle Fork of the Yuba River). Why the "nesting" behavior in late August? I'm assuming I missed the fledglings leaving the nest, for I never saw one. Recently I've observed through my spotting scope a late afternoon "feeding" of fish brought to a female calling at the nest. Needless to say, I'm thrilled that this "fish eagle" has made a return from near extinction since DDT was banned and conservation practices started, and that we have Ospreys and Eagles in our watershed. I welcome any Osprey information or stories, or if you want to take a look - call me at 288-3479 or sdickard@jps.net.



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## Recovery

I'm the secretary for the local AA meeting. AA meets on Sunday afternoon at 4pm in the Camptonville Resource Center, located behind the school. The meetings are usually very small and comfortable. Stop by and check us out. We would be glad to see you.

My first meeting years ago was a learning experience I'm glad I had a chance to have. I had no idea what those AA people would be like. I'm not sure why, but I had some distorted notion that they would be a weird sort of cult. I actually felt safe in my chair, hiding in the back of the room, trying to not be noticed or singled out.

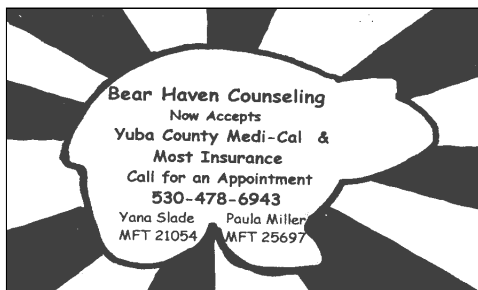
At that particular time, everything that had to do with drinking was going wrong. I couldn't have a good time anymore, something always happened to ruin the party.

I lived in cars and old abandoned houses, if I could find one. The money I made everyday was spent in the bar after work. My choices were simple, a pitcher of beer or something to eat. My clothes got so dirty at work that they were ruined, so I got my clothes at thrift stores. It was cheaper to just buy new ones, than to wash the old.

I found my way to AA because a friend of mine got another DUI and was headed to court again. He was trying to do something right before his court date. He was a literal Jekyll-Hyde type, with no control over his behavior. All he wanted was to have a good time on the weekends. He worked hard all week long, so he figured he deserved a night on the town.

I was headed in the same direction too. If I didn't do something about changing my life, I could have killed someone while drinking and driving. When I drank I thought I was a great driver. I was lucky to quit when I did. I am very glad I never was in an accident.

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## Mental Health

By Yana Slade

Representatives from Yuba Sutter Mental Health held a focus group in Camptonville on Aug. 9th. They explained that Prop 63 has mandated them to provide mental health services to those who have been left out. They are also mandated to develop preventive mental health services for all ages.

We discussed the problems of isolation and transportation as the two main areas that make it difficult to access services in the foothills.

The representatives were impressed with the prevention programs that Camptonville has had over the years. They were also amazed that we have no licensed fulltime daycare services here.

The first year of the new mental health monies will be spent outreaching to those with mental illness that have slipped through the system. The second and third years will focus on prevention programs.

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## Lee Dicey paints everything

By Katy Jacobson

Here's inspiration to anyone who always wanted to do something but never found the time. Lee Dicey, resident of the mobile home park in Rebel Ridge, **always** wanted to paint. For years, as she worked for the Nevada County Records office, she told co-workers of her wish to learn but never had time to follow through. When Ben Franklins had a sale she would load up on supplies and they sat around unused. When Lee retired, however, she gathered up her supplies and moved to Hawaii. There she read books, ordered videos and DVDs, watched the painting classes on the "Learning" channel and taught herself to paint. After 15 years Lee says she'll "paint anything that doesn't move and some that do". She specializes in decorative painting. Samples in her home included birdhouses, a watering can, flower pots, cards and luggage.

More recently she has devoted herself to Donna Dewberry's "1 Stroke painting" where you load the brush up with more than one paint at a time. She says she has had so much fun that while still in Hawaii she taught a class. Her star pupil, at 84, had never painted before and since the class, has not stopped.

When asked what advice she has for others who have a wish to paint she says. "Just go do it. There are all kinds of help anywhere from books, tapes, television



and classes...Have a good time...Can't is not allowed because we can do anything we set our minds to do!"

Lee moved to Camptonville to be near daughter Laura, her grandchild and her 3 great grandchildren. In the winter she will go be with her painting class in Hawaii. Here, as she gets settled, she enjoys painting with Laura and looks forward to meeting with a group of like minded artists. Her next goal: finding someone to teach her watercolor.

## Calling All "CB's" .....

By Judy Morris

Okay, summer is over and time for **Camptonville Buddies Relay For Life Team** to start moving. Rebel Ridge Days will help us do that. Camptonville Buddies will have a booth at Rebel Ridge Days, Sat. Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>. Team members will have **flea market goods, handmade crafts, sweet treats and silent auction items** for those shoppers looking for a good deal and a **good cause to support**. For more information call 288-1228. Relay On...

## Camptonville landlords

Do you have any rentals available to new families in our school who would like to settle and stay in our wonderful little town? Call me at Camptonville School, 288-3277, or the Resource Center at 288-9355 with your needs and details.

Barbara Mueller-Hogan  
Outreach Worker/Family Liaison

## 2005's Moonshine Road Potluck

Sunday Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> at Moonshine Road Campgrounds. Hosts Chris & Dwayne Dobbins & other neighbors look forward to sharing news, laughs, tears, and of course good food. Watch for more information or call 288-1228. See ya Sun. Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>.

## Camptonville Co-op meeting!!

Have you ever thought how nice it would be to have someone you trusted feed and water your horses while you were gone? Or make that trip to town to buy groceries for you? Or watch your kids while you and your honey take in a movie or a day at the river?? How about a much needed massage??

I want to start up a local co-op trading services for points. No money involved. I have led a very successful co-op in the past and all we need are some willing people and some ideas!!

The meeting will be September 15 at 6:00 PM at my house. The address is 16767 Mountain House Rd., Camptonville.

Please call 288-3558 with any questions you may have, or to RSVP.

Thanks!! Carol Holland

## The California Buckeye

By Heather Morrison

As you drive through the Yuba River canyons, you may notice a small tree losing its leaves right now – many people believe the tree is dying, **others** probably don't even notice it. This tree is known as *Aesculus californica*, or California buckeye.

This particular tree is well adapted to our Mediterranean climate, and is considered "drought deciduous." What this means is that in order to compete with other vegetation and to get maximum use of water, the buckeye leafs out much earlier than "normal" deciduous trees (usually in February) and loses its leaves much earlier than those trees (August). In this way, the tree can begin growing at a time when water availability is at its prime, and there is lack of competition from the taller, deciduous trees (such as Black Oak). California buckeye is a rather small tree in these parts, usually topping 20 feet tall, although I have seen very large specimens in the coastal range. A close relative to this tree is the horse chestnut.

In addition to its unique adaptation to its environment, the tree is also very deadly. Every single part of the tree is toxic – as a matter of fact, the native Americans would throw the very large seed pods into creeks to "stun" their fish prey. Even pollinating bees who visit the flowers of these trees are poisoned by the nectar!

California buckeyes make excellent specimens in xeric (dry) or mesic gardens. However, one should keep in mind the toxicity of the plant. They need little water and do not grow very tall, making them excellent choices around homes or near power lines.

## History Gathering thank you

Many thanks to all those volunteers who helped at the History Gathering; organizers Carolyn Mumm and Stephanie Korney, along with helpers Skip Ness, Rod Bondurant, Cathy LeBlanc, Jennifer Bliss and Sandy Radoff for helping set up and record the event, Judy Marovich for letting us use her school room. Thanks also to those who generously donated and prepared food for all, including Linda Rose, Rochelle Bell, Carolyn Mumm, and Sandy Watson.

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# Gold Medal of valor given to Sgt. Ken Smith

*Excerpted from the Aug. 18<sup>th</sup> Rabbit Creek Journal*

Yuba County sheriff's Department Ken Smith has been awarded the Gold Medal of Valor for facing personal peril to save another's life.

He was awarded the medal for his actions at two separate incidents this spring. One was giving aid to a driver trapped in a vehicle, the other a rescue of a group who went over Daguerre Dam in a raft and were trapped in the water below the dam. "Sgt. Smith is very deserving of this prestigious award" said Virginia Black "and I'm very happy that I was the sheriff who gave it to him. It was my pleasure"



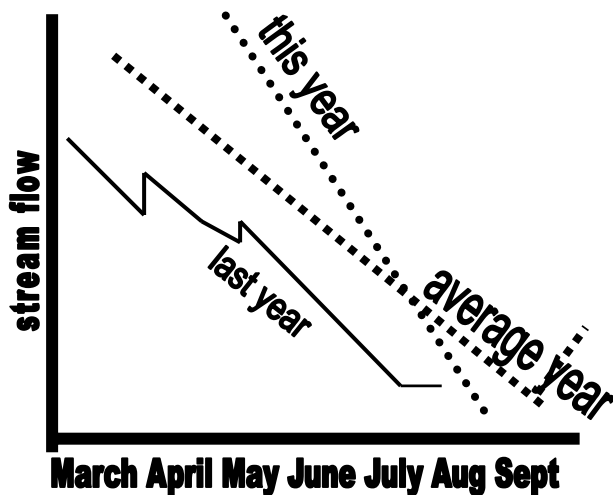
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# Water, water

By Rod Bondurant, aka the water guy

All that extra water we had this spring is starting to disappear. The level in Campbell Gulch (our source) is dropping sharply. We still have a small flow over the top of the diversion dam. I expect to start using the wells in about a week.

So, please keep watching your water use.



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## SEPTEMBER CALENDAR:

Camptonville Gardener's market	continuing every Saturday through September from 10 am to 12 Noon at the Rebel Ridge Market
CCP Board meeting	Monday September 12, 4-6 pm at the Resource Center
Pampered Chef	Tuesday, September 20th from 6:30 to 8:30 at the school
Yoga	Thursday night from 5:30 to 7:00 pm in the gym at school.
Meditation group	Continuing Tuesday afternoon. Call Yana at 478-6943 for info
Food Bank	Third Thursday of each month at the firehall.
Ongoing AA meeting	Sundays at 4pm til 5 For information call Mike 288-2849 or the Resource Center 288-9355.
Moonshine Road Potluck	Sunday Oct. 9 <sup>th</sup> at Moonshine Road Campgrounds
Harvest Stew	Saturday October 1, NSJ Senior Center

## REBEL RIDGE DAY!

At Rebel Ridge Market 14620 Old Marysville Road  
**Saturday, September 10th Noon – 8 pm**  
**Food! ~ Fun! ~ Music! ~ Raffles!**

Tell us a story! Visit the **CAMPTONVILLE MUSEUM BOOTH**  
5-minute stories video-recorded between Noon & 3 pm  
Call Carolyn 288-3557 for more information

**Booth space available – Contact Jan at 288-3528**  
To benefit Camptonville School, Journey Home Hospice  
Volunteer Fire Department, and Camptonville Museum

