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What should the title of this article be......

"The Little Town That Did" – or maybe – "The Little Town With The Huge Heart" – or could it be – "The Little Town That Loves And Cares For Its Families And Children."

With all the magnificent contribution of food, money, and toys from Camptonville parents, grandparents, friends, teachers, businesses, CCP, Dobbins Grange Hall, Oregon House Lions Club, North San Juan churches and many, many loving individuals this year's Secret Santa has been incredible!

Now, not only did Santa stop by the night of the school performance and leave gifts and notes for each child at the school, but he promised to be back the next night to have pictures taken and to listen to wish lists – he made good on that promise, thanks to Georgette Fowler, and arrived at school on the C'ville fire engine thanks to Chief Clint (his sleigh was in the shop getting new brakes). After his visit he put his elves to work wrapping, stacking, carrying and delivering dinners and toys to families all over our town, (thank you elves, especially Kim). Needless to say, that Christmas morning – (even in the rain) – was greeted by OOH's and AAH's as paper was ripped (yes Rita, ripped) away to expose CD players, baby dolls, and exclamations of "its just what I wanted". Now mix that with the delicious smell of turkey roasting and good food on the table (Mindi & Dick, you did it again) and I would have to say that the title of this article should be... "Thank You Camptonville Community For Your Love And Support Again – You, All Of You – Made Secret Santa a Huge Love-filled Caring and Merry Success Again This Year". But that's too long, so, my deepest thanks, love and blessings to you all.

Santa's Head Elf





Day.

"Caring" was the word of the week at school. Mrs. Marovich's 7-8th graders and Ms. Boccuzzi's K-1st graders expressed their feelings with a banner saying "thank you Camptonville community for caring about us". They placed their sign next to the existing affirmation placed back in '97.

Seed, Plant & Scion Swap

2nd Annual Gardener's Gathering Saturday, January 14, 9 am to 1 pm At the North Columbia School House Cultural Center By Amigo Cantisano

Please join us for our second annual gardener's gathering. Come share your seeds, plants and scions of your favorite home grown locally adapted varieties. Gather with friends and share gardening and homesteading adventures. Farmers welcome too. If you don't have seeds, plants or scions to swap come anyway. You can buy or trade with those that do.

Four talks on organic growing by local gardeners and farmers will be featured.

Admission is \$5 for more information call: 530-292-3619 or orgamigo@jps.net.

The Camptonville CoOp

members and anyone that is interested are invited to join us January 8th at 4:00pm at Burgee Dave's.

This will not be a meeting, per se, but will give us all an opportunity to meet and talk. We hope to see you there!!! For information or questions, please call Carol Holland at 288-3558.

Declining dollars at C'ville School

By Richard DicKard & Tonie Hilligoss

We are very proud of Camptonville School with its outstanding students, staff and program, and that pride has been validated on the national as well as local level. However, our small size and declining enrollment have resulted in the cost of running the school being about \$200,000 per year more than the school receives from the state and federal governments. The school has had a large reserve, but that is now running out, and we are confronted with the fiscal problems facing rural schools throughout the nation. For the last two years, the school board has made big cuts in the budget to reverse this negative cash flow. In order to avoid bankruptcy in the next 3 years, some major changes need to be made, and the school board is seeking input from the community. If you are concerned, please attend the next school board meeting on January 11, at 6:30. You can also call one of the school board members: David Brown, 288-2616; Richard DicKard, 288-3479; Tonie Hilligoss, 288-3451; Arnold Olson, 288-3589; or, Donna Tate, 288-1225.

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An APPLE for Camptonville?

By Richard DicKard

I've been listening to what's happening in the world. In particular I'm concerned about how dependent we are on foreign oil and resources. I find it challenging to think creatively about preparing for the future.

In Nevada County, a grassroots group named Alliance for a Post-Petroleum Local Economy, APPLE, is looking into the future to develop practical solutions to the challenge of declining oil and gas. Their vision is a more self-reliant, sustainable economy which is local - the opposite of global; we produce locally what we consume locally. There may not be a major oil crisis in our immediate future; Camptonville may not be able to produce what it consumes, but planning now for more selfreliant, sustainable Camptonville seems wiser than waiting for potential, future problems to occur. It gives me a good feeling to buy from friends and neighbors and if ever there's a need to rely on our local resources, something would be there. A more local economy would create jobs for families now and for our children in the future.

What are some of the areas where Camptonville might become more self-reliant? How about in the areas of food production, energy usage and local transportation? Off the top of my head here are some ideas: For food production, gardens throughout the area could each specialize in growing an excess of one or two plants in their regular garden and trade those at a local farmers market for what others have grown. For energy usage, we could create methane gas from forest waste to generate energy. For transportation, how about creating a local motor pool for trips weekly to the big city of Grass Valley/Nevada City? I'm sure there are many other more practical ideas out there. So, what da' ya' think?

Part-time Outreach Intern position openings

By Shirley DicKard

Would you like to join the Camptonville Resource Center Staff in designing and implementing activities for children and families? In January, the Camptonville Community Partnership will be hiring two individuals to work and train with our experienced Outreach Workers, Barbara Mueller-Hogan and Sandy Radoff. The Outreach Interns will join the enthusiastic and dedicated team of staff and volunteers at the Camptonville Resource Center. Duties may include assisting in family support activities, head lice control program, youth programs, community education and events. These positions are funded through a Yuba County *Child Abuse Prevention and Intervention* grant.

Number of hours: 20 hours a month at \$ 8.00 per hour. May involve occasional evening hours and weekends. If accepted, must pass fingerprint and background check.

To apply or learn more about the position, contact the Resource Center at 288-9355.

2006 Plans By Shirley DicKard

As we set our goals for the New Year, the *Camptonville Community Partnership* looks forward to working together with a new focus on "thinking globally, acting locally" for our children, local economy and rural environment. In February, we will hold a community meeting to share ideas on our proposed activities for 2006.

These include such projects as: a youth earth-awareness program, a community Recycling Day, community education events, developing regional networks, a new "Gold Pages" local Business/Services Directory, and continuing our "1,2,3 Grow," Outreach Project, and CanWORK programs. *In the longer-term*, we are also considering a local Thrift Shop, foothill transportation systems, emergency preparedness, and a tour event that highlights people who are involved in food/energy/arts/sustainable activities.

We know that it will take creativity, commitment, funding and volunteers for these to happen. But that's what Camptonville is about!

Santa's visit at school was enjoyed by all ages





The Roth family



The C'ville Craft Faire at school was a big success. Many Faire items showed up under a tree this year as vendors did well and all seemed to enjoy the atmosphere, music, and kid's crafts. Thank you vendors and CCP, for your participation in fundraising for the secret Santa Project and helping with the money needed for the Camptonville Christmas Club Santa visit.





Georgette Fowler and the Christmas Club would like to thank the community for their generous donations all through the year. Special thanks to Frank Henning for the two big bags of oranges, to Kim for her special donations and to Santa for bringing so much joy to the children of Camptonville. Donations to start next year's Christmas Club can be made all year by calling Georgette at 288-3429.



Caroling at the Faire

Critters and creativity

By Katie Jacobson

On the winding drive to Linda Rose's studio and home you are greeted by a life size friendly looking guy on a bicycle wearing a cap, a refrigerator with a sign that says" Eat Your Heart Out", a large black and white cow, a duck, a rooster, a football helmet, a sign that says "Linda's Middle Aged Spread", and a few things I can't remember now. So the whimsy starts before you park the car.

Linda's studio contains what hasn't already sold of her ceramic pieces. They are colorful and varied. There are sculptures of whimsical creatures, a figure in a basket with marbles dropping around him signifying he has 'lost his marbles'. There are vases with arms on their hips, mirrors with ceramic leaves and animals, cups with no bottoms, bowls with many brightly colored patches with different textures on each patch and peg legs. The top edges are curved and irregular like flowers. There is a tree with a hat on the end of every branch and a figure sleeping sitting up at the trunk. Every hat is a different color and type. It is called Hats Off To Me. There are bowls with ladybugs and butterflies painted on them. And more.

Linda Rose, who admits to being shy and reserved, has lived off Moonshine Road for 5 years. She says she was a late bloomer with her artwork with no previous training. She knew she needed an outlet for her creativity. She worked for many years for the state of CA in Roseville and finally began a search for her medium. First she found wood burning, then woodworking with saws. She made some trays before she "put that one to bed." Next she began making table fountains. She liked to put little creatures in the fountains to amuse people and make them laugh. Wanting to make the containers for the fountains she began learning ceramics. She took classes at Sierra College and also read books, magazines and watched videos.

Linda works almost every day in her studio, sometimes with an idea "which never comes out like I imagined", and sometimes just with a piece of clay "to see where it takes me." She loves to work with bright colors. "I think they are happy". She uses anything to texture with, for example: palm fronds, bark, or any instruments she finds. One of her secrets is that she fires many of her pieces three times and uses underglazes which cause her pieces to be very vibrant.

Ceramics is a teacher for Linda. "There's never any guarantee that your work is going to come out of the kiln as a success. So many failures happen in ceramics that you can't become attached to anything. I just enjoy the process".

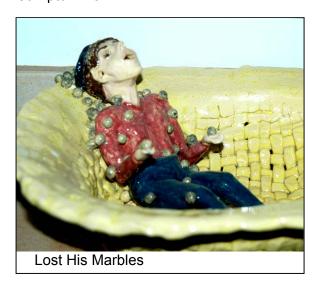
Besides the many ceramic characters that adorn her



Linda and some of her many creations

studio there are 4 live creatures. Linda has Dow and Jones, her 2 colorful (how perfect) parroty looking lovebirds. They have recently, from their 6 eggs, been blessed with 2 scrawny featherless babies, a little larger than a thumb nail. The lovebirds can fly about the studio when Linda comes in to work. They collect whatever they can find for the nest or just tear things to be curious and destructive so you must not leave important things about.

When I arrive the female is sitting inside the cage in her box with the babies. The male is outside guarding and lets her know that a stranger has come by making loud squawks. He also feeds the female and she then feeds the babies. Linda explains that the lovebirds are from East Africa and are always raised in pairs. If one dies the other will become very depressed. The lovebirds chirp and whistle and do the wolf call. Maybe they have helped inspire the odd crew of characters that inhabit Linda's magic studio here in the woods of Camptonville.



Local history writers

Two of our local writers attended the Crafts Faire: Charlene Welker's book Make It. Make It Over. Make Do, Or Do Without. is a colorful tale of her family history and migration to the San Juan Ridge She and husband Wilbur have lived on Tyler Foote Road since the 40's. You can call her at 292-3253.

Bud Buczkowske's Whispers On The Winds - A Picture History Of People And Places In Sierra County is a collection of letters and stories about life in and around Alleghany. He can be reached at 287-3289.



Charlene and Bud swap a few stories at the Camptonville Christmas Faire





- * Brush your child's teeth and gums daily
- * Give your child fluoride tablets daily- it's safer, cheaper and better than fillings
- * Start taking your child to a dentist who sees children at age 2 and every six months thereafter







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11th annual PlacerGROWN Farm Conference

February 4th at Lincoln High School

The folloing is excerpted from the PlacerGrown Website

The keynote speaker will be Joel Salatin of Polyface Farms, an innovative farmer in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. Polyface believes in local, bioregional food production and marketing.

Joel and his family are generating over \$200,000 in profit from their 550 acre farm. This level of income is possible because of two things.

First, Joel uses multi-species enterprises which are symbiotic – i.e. have a mutually beneficial relationship. These enterprises work together to fully utilize on-farm resources in a sustainable manner. Polyface Farms raises pastured broilers and layers, grass-fed beef, pork, rabbits, and vegetables.

Second, all of their production is direct marketed through on-farm sales, farmers markets, restaurants, and metropolitan buyers clubs (similar to a CSA in California). In addition to the keynote speech, Joel will speak on strategies for symbiotic enterprises, relationship marketing, nutrients, salad bar beef, and pastured poultry.

Polyface Farms is sucessful economically because they work with nature by mimicking her cycles and because they are all about relationships. They encourage people to come to the farm to buy their products. They want their customers to understand the faces and family behind the food they grow. Relationship extends to all of the people working on the farm. Each person brings a gift to the farm or ranch business. Finding the perfect world for each stakeholder is essential to create bloom room. This requires delegating responsibilities, open discussions, brainstorming sessions, personal accountability, individual reward, and mutual appreciation for the niche each person fills

The PlacerGROWN Farm Conference will run from 8:00 am – 3:30 pm at Linclon High School. Lincoln is located 10 miles north of Roseville off of Highway 65. Over 25 workshops will held in addition to the keynote address.

Editors note: I have attended this conference in the past, and found it very interesting and inspirational. You can meet a lot of people who are operating successful businesses. Advance registration fee is kind of steep: \$50. For more info on the conference, and as a source for lots of advice for small farmers and cooperatives go to the website ceplacer.ucdavis.edu. Also check out Placergrown.org.

The Grand Find of the annual Fungi Foray at the

North Columbia Cultural Center was discovered by a Camptonville resident.

Hericium erinaceus

or Lions Mane is a rare and delicious item.



The editors were fortunate enough to get a sample of this beauty. It looked weird, kind of like a brain or some kind of sea creature. It was sublime eating and tasted like lobster.

The Fungi Foray is an annual event. We will be going next year for sure.



What's in your attic?



The Camptonville Historical Society presents the Coleman iron, a time saver for busy homemakers living off the grid.

I suspect some of you remember this contraption. I remember my mother's hazardous cooking on a kerosene stove and lighting the house with a balky Coleman lantern, but we missed out on the iron. I wonder how many shirts or even houses were burned up by this modern convenience. We have a complete unit with the instructions. Simply fill up the tank with gas, pump it up, light the fire inside and iron away. For more on old Coleman items, go to www.oldtownyucca.com/coleman. Great pictures there and a good source for any parts.

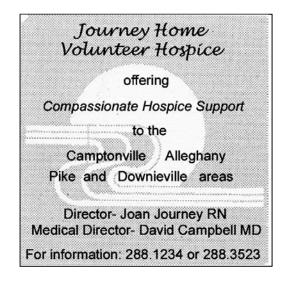
The Historical Society will be having a meeting on January 3rd at 2 pm at the Latter Day Saints Church to form an organization and work on plans for the museum in town.

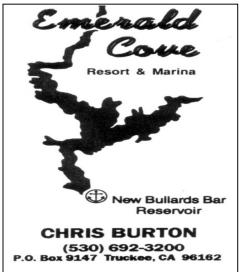


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Business Corner

In the interest of supporting local sustainability the Courier will be bringing you news about our local businesses. We encourage all our businesses to submit items of interest.

Greetings from the Real Estate Corner!

Our real estate in zip code 95922 is definitely slower than it has been over the last three years. There is only one piece of land showing as a pending sale, and one piece of improved land showing as having sold and recorded. They have an average, and median price of \$122.000.

There are only 5 properties showing as available in the NCBOR multiple listing. One business opportunity at \$1,500,000 makes the average a little high at \$569,998 and the median price being \$265,000.

Buying property? It is wise to plan for additional costs beside the actual purchase price. Inspections by professional inspectors can protect you from unknowns. Once you have an accepted offer on a home there are many inspections that today's buyers have as options. The most common are pest, well, septic, chimney, whole house and roof inspections. Counties differ in what is considered "normal" for a buyer or seller to pay.

Need a calendar? I have 3×4 inch magnet calendars I would be happy to send if you call or email me with your address.

Wishing you a happy, healthy New Year, Karen

Pioneer Pizza

Formerly known as Lost Luigi's, will reopen sometime in February. New owner, Steve Acker, would like to hear from all you pizza eaters and community members about what you would like to see at the new restaurant.

Steve plans on remodeling and covering the patio out back. You can send suggestions to him at 21663 Blossom Court, Big Oak Valley, 95977.

Burgee Dave's

Brian and Sandi wish you a happy New Year and look forward to serving you and having lots of fun this upcoming year. They will continue to be open every day except Tuesday. You can call 288-3301 for info.

Brian and Sandi have donated their recyclables to the Resource Center. The staff is cashing them in and will use the money for children's programs.





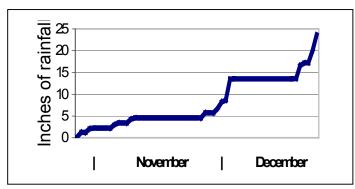
Bid notice

The Camptonville Fire Department is accepting bids for a small septic installation at the firehouse. For bid details, you may write to the CCSD at POBox 327, Camptonville or call Rod Bondurant at 288-3550.

P.S. Thanks to Richard Tardiville and Jim Esry for helping out with the perc and mantle test at the firehouse.

Rain

Rainfall this winter seems to be an all or nothing kind of thing. The graph below is from the automated rain gauge available at the site cdec.water.ca.gov/cgi-progs/queryF?CAM.



A fun place to check the local weather is at Camptonville School's website: Steve Kelly's second and third grade class posts the daily weather and other interesting info at www.cville.k12.ca.us/23Weather.html.



LOST NUGGET MARKET

16448 Highway 49 Camptonville, CA 95922 288-3339

It's lonely at the top By Rod Bondurant

Top of a fire lookout tower, that is. On behalf of all foothill residents, the Yuba County FireSafe Council members expressed their appreciation to Greg Crompton and all the other volunteers that spent time this summer in the local fire towers.



Greg and Glenn Nader, UC Farm Advisor

During this era of shrinking budgets Oregon Peak and Banner Mountain towers are staffed during fire season by volunteers. Wolf Mountain is partially staffed by volunteers, and Pike is staffed by a Forest Service lookout (Ron Foster)

Dan Harkins was paid at Wolf Mountain part of last fire season, but when the funds ran out he staffed the tower as a volunteer during some of the most dangerous periods of last fire season. Both Dan and Ron have been very helpful to the volunteers at Oregon Peak.

BURGEE DAVE'S @ THE MAYO

Work Hard, Play Hard & Eat Hearty 288-3301

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Volume ten!

By Rod Bondurant and Rochelle Bell

The masthead in this Courier marks the start of the tenth year of publication.

We would like to thank all that have made the Courier possible. All of our writers, support from advertisers, helpers, and most important our readers.

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

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

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So, it looks like we will need to do some fundraising this year. Anybody up for a Courier party? Readers are invited to contribute, see the donation form below.





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JANUARY CALENDAR:

Historical Society
Co-op meeting
School Board
1,2,3 Grow
Yoga
Meditation group
Ongoing AA meeting

January 3, 2 pm at the Latter Day Saints Church January 8. 4pm at Burgee Dave's January 11, 6:30pm at the school Tues, Wed, Thurs, 8:30-11:30 behind the school. Thursday night from 5:30 to 7:00 pm in the gym at school. Continuing Tuesday afternoon. Call Yana at 478-6943 for info Sundays at 4pm til 5. For information call Mike 288-2849 or the Resource Center 288-9355.