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## Thanks from Camptonville School

By Richard DickKard

On behalf of the Camptonville School Board, I would like to thank those members of the community that took the time to voice their concerns about our school's financial situation.

The school's budget is a strange thing. Part of the school's income must be spent in very definite ways on certain restricted "categorical" programs such as the School Improvement Program. The other part, the unrestricted "general funds", are not as highly regulated, however, the school has contractual agreements and other well defined responsibilities for spending those monies. The school can continue to fund many of the categorical programs. Where the school needs to save money is in the general funds.

The school board is continuing its problem solving on how to maintain the high quality of our school's programs. The general consensus of the board is to make reductions by keeping most of our school's staff but giving them other responsibilities. The staff is supportive of this idea.

Please do continue to talk to school board members and school staff about our great little school. And, just like that little train engine, keep on saying, "I know we can, I know we can." We are the little school that can and will keep on going!

## Community Meeting in March

By Shirley DickKard

Many people have asked me what's happened to the non-profit *Camptonville Community Partnership* (CCP) since the February 2005 meeting when we were concerned about being able to continue due to lack of funding. I'm happy to say that not only have we survived, but we are going forward with renewed enthusiasm. We're very grateful for the community's response to our local fund-raising efforts – it has made a tremendous difference. We're excited about our wider focus of *Thinking Globally, Acting Locally* for our Children, our Local Economy, and Rural Environment.

Please join us at the **Community Meeting in March** where we will share what we have planned for this year, explore ideas from the community, and look for ways to fund the projects. The date is not set, so watch for fliers and the March Courier. If you want to be notified on our email list, send a request to [rita@cville.k12.ca.us](mailto:rita@cville.k12.ca.us) or call 288-9355.

## Got talent?

By Sandy Radoff

We are looking for students, parents, and community members with a knack for entertainment! So, whether you can sing, dance, play a musical instrument, tell a joke, do a magic trick, read a poem, etc.....We want you to perform! Community auditions for the 3rd Annual Club Live Talent Show and Fund Raiser will be held in the Camptonville School Gym on Thursday, February 9th beginning at 4 p.m. Acts will be limited to 5 minutes each and must (of course) be appropriate for a school-aged audience.

The Talent Show will be held on Friday, March 17th at 7:00 p.m. Money raised from the talent show and raffle will support 7th and 8th grade students attending this year's "Reach for the Future Leadership Conference." We look forward to seeing you at auditions!

If you cannot be there and would still like to perform, please call Sandy at 288-3277.

## Resolutions, you make 'em & break 'em

By Judy Morris

I know most of us make one about losing weight & getting into shape. Well I know a lot of us have already 'stumbled' quite a bit with that New Year's resolution. So this year I decided on a different type of resolution; I decided to help someone else and in the end I'll be helping myself. You too can make the same resolution and we can help you keep it. My resolution of "helping someone else" will be accomplished by working on Relay For Life, American Cancer Society's annual fundraising event. By volunteering with us, you too can meet your goal of "helping someone else" and join Camptonville Buddies on June 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> with our fight against cancer.

Relay For Life is not an athletic event, but a Celebration of Life. It is a 24-hr. event that raises money through donations from fantastic people like the residents of Camptonville. You are probably wondering how does this resolution of "helping someone else" help myself? Well being involved with this awesome event has given me a chance to learn about the various programs available to all of us through the American Cancer Society. But besides that, the feeling of knowing monies raised will go towards research, education and finding a cure for this disease, which might just benefit someone close to me or even myself is pretty wonderful.

So if you are still pondering on a new year's resolution, join us Thursday, Feb. 23, 5:30pm in Grass Valley for Nevada County's 2006 Relay For Life Kick-Off Celebration. Food & prizes and an evening to remember are what are in store for you.

Please call Paula or Judy at 288-1228 or email [owlsneagles@inreach.com](mailto:owlsneagles@inreach.com) for more information. Hope to see you Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Relay On.....There is no finish line until we find a cure.

## Camptonville Co-op

By Carol Holland

The Co-op is going strong and we gained 2 new members at our last get together at Burgee Dave's! That was so much fun and so successful that we will have another get together Feb 15th at 6:00 at Burgee Dave's. Come and have some fun, meet us, ask questions or just hang out! We hope to see you there!!!

For information or questions, please call Carol Holland at 288-3558.

## CanWORK

By Jeannie Costa

In December and January we learned new computer skills in our 2-part workshop. This month we will be starting a "Budgeting and Banking" workshop. In this class we will learn just that.

Everyone is welcome at this no cost workshop. We meet February 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am to 11:30 am. at the L.D.S. church on the corner of Marysville Rd. & Hwy. 49. Follow up classes will be held at the Camptonville Resource Center, located behind the school at 9:30am on the 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>. For more information contact Cathy or Jeannie at the Camptonville Resource Center @ 288-9355.

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## CCP Review

By Shirley DickKard

Here's a brief overview of what has been going on at the *Camptonville Resource Center* over the past several months.

"1,2,3 Grow:" Twelve children from newborn to 5 years and their parents/grandparents have been attending our parent/child enrichment and school readiness program. The first Parent Dinner Meeting will be held February 6.

Holiday community activities: Thanks to Barbara and Connie, CCP staff, Georgette Fowler, The Lion's Club, NSJ Churches, and volunteers for an exceptional holiday with the Holiday Craft Faire, "Santa comes to town," and holiday food and gift baskets from the "Secret Santa" program.

The Outreach Project officially started again January 2006. We're pleased to have this family support and youth enrichment program back.

CanWORK is providing Tuesday Job Skill Workshops, including Writing Your Resume and Computer Skills. Classes are open to everyone! Cathy and Jeanie are always looking for potential work experience sites in Camptonville. It's a good way to help locals learn job skills while getting assistance in your business.

Our 4<sup>th</sup> and last Mental Health Skill Building Workshop is *The Right Question Project – Building Family's Ability to Solve Problems.* Cathy is the trainer for the February class in Marysville.

The Board and staff of CCP been working on a new brochure and logo, and Fund Development Plan, as well as researching grants to fund new programs.

We have meetings usually *Tuesdays, 12:30-2 pm*. If you'd like to come by to listen in or add your ideas and suggestions, give a call to Rita to confirm the meeting (288-9355) We'd love to see you all!



Ruby Harvey, Phoenix and Eric at 1,2,3 Grow

## Thank You!

By Ruby Harvey

Thank you Barbara, Connie and all your elves for all your effort and time taken to ensure that families have a Christmas – without your help it would have been perhaps difficult and stressful for some of us to do on our own. The food baskets and presents from Santa "lightened" our loads, so to speak.

Thank you Georgette and all your elves for bringing Santa once again to Camptonville. Our family had a great time. The gifts were appreciated by all. Also, thanks Connie for taking "Santa pictures" of all of us.

Thank you Barbara and Connie for "1,2,3, Grow." Our granddaughter, Phoenix loves going to "school." She calls it "*My Place*" and is always ready to go to school. Lots of fun, social skills, ABC's, numbers, singing and playtime.



## Critter Corner:

### Help These "Lover Boys"

By Georgeann Savage

Sadly, I need to find these boys a good new home. They aren't brothers, but at 10 weeks old, they were together in the "cage" at Animal Save Thrift Store in Grass Valley. Abandoned and terrorized by dogs, they've come a long way--all the way to Camptonville.

Che` wouldn't come out from under the bed at first, but now he lays on his back in my lap **loving** to be petted. He is a dedicated and accomplished rodent exterminator. At age 10 months the count stands at 5 moles, 4 gophers, 6 mice and 1 wood rat. Since he often eats what he catches, there may have been more!

Chico Marx is the athlete and comedian with a sweet personality. Neither is neurotic, just a couple of regular guys who like it indoors and out.

Please call me if you are interested in these lover boys...Georgeann 288-3523



Che-not just another pretty face!



Chico Marx--Funny Guy

## Thanks for the rescue

Copper (my 12 year old lab-mix and best buddy) and I would like to sincerely thank Lila Arena from the bottom of our hearts. She rescued him by the bridge at the end of Moonshine Road one rainy and very loud December night when I was out of town for the weekend. Needless to say, I was quite freaked out when I returned home and was not greeted by my old friend. After searching frantically, another kind neighbor brought over one of Lila's "FOUND" posters which she had thoughtfully distributed. Copper, far from being in dire straits, had made a new friend and was being well taken care of by this wonderful neighbor. Thank you so much, Lila - it's neighbors like you that make this community a wonderful place to live.

Sandy

## LOST NUGGET MARKET

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## Birthing a portrait

By Katie Jacobson

In her upstairs art studio, Margaret Parker Brown, long time Camptonville resident, unveiled a partially finished portrait she is working on. It was a pastel of a woman. A photo of the woman was clipped to the left side of the canvas. There was a surreal feeling to seeing it half done, as if the woman was emerging through a veil.

Brown explains. "When you do a portrait it's like birthing a child. You'll work on something and search for it and finally it comes out. Finally you know you are getting the feeling of that person...It's like you have your fingers on that person...It's almost like a spiritual experience. I work it and nurture it and make the painting *be* the person."

"I drive everybody nuts," says Brown of the mid stages of the portrait, explaining that she often has to go hike at Bullard's just for a break, "to move away from it." Then "Suddenly the colors are right, things are clicking...and it just happens like magic!"

She won the first place in a Yuba County art show for her "magic" and clearly there is a penetrating feeling to the portraits she shows me.

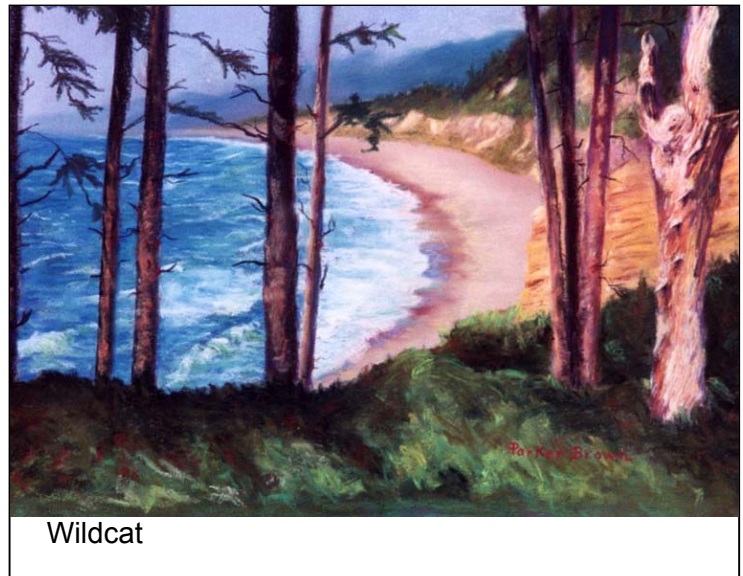
As well as portraits Brown does "plein air" pastels. For those of us that don't know what that is (like me)...it is when you draw on location. Brown says you can spot a plein air if you are sensitive because it will often have more "energy" than the ones done from a photo.

She enjoys Oregon Creek and the North Yuba, but her favorite plein air place is on the CA coast on the Lost Coast Highway. She and husband, David, love to get on the motorcycle, drive the 4 hours, and set up camp where she can pull out the pastels.

Lately Brown has learned air brushing. In her second studio, in the basement, she is gearing up to airbrush wild designs on motorcycle tanks, starting with a wild bobcat and ghost flames on her own! For portraits or wild motorcycle tank drawings call her at 288-3616.



Brown with prize winning portrait



Wildcat

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**Dear Business and Community Members:**


I hope you will agree that positive youth leadership and opportunities for social responsibility and awareness are extremely important for the teens in our community. Our group, Camptonville School's Club Live (the junior high school version of Friday Night Live), is currently trying to raise funds in order to attend the annual "Reach for the Future" conference in Chico, CA. This opportunity for youth development has given so much to the students from Camptonville School who have previously attended, and many of them have continued on to be leaders for their high school peers in areas of peer counseling, student body leadership, and modeling drug free, healthy lifestyles.

This year, the registration fee for each conference participant is \$100. In order to raise the needed funds, Club Live is sponsoring a Talent Show and raffle to be held on March 17<sup>th</sup> at Camptonville School. We are asking generous people like you for raffle prizes or cash donations to help us with our goal of raising \$840. Our seventh and eighth grade students along with our staff would like to thank you for even considering this request. Please let us know by contacting the school or returning the donation form with a student if you are willing to make a contribution. Your generosity will definitely help our young people to make a difference as they "Reach for the Future."

Sincerely,  
 Sandy Radoff - Club Live Advisor  
 Daiquiri Aplington - Club Live Student Body President



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## Children's Roundtable Report

Governors Proposed '06-07 Budget Review

By Cathy LeBlanc

The big news for January is the 2006-2007 California State Budget proposal was released January 10th. The big red flag, the governor is proposing language to give him authority for mid-year budget cutting. Advocates at the Roundtable felt this wasn't a good idea because it creates instability for the state's programs. "How can you plan for your program(s) when the funding may change mid-year?"

The Gov's main policy initiative is a 10-year public works plan The Strategic Growth Plan (more on that below).

Here are the highlights

Raise minimum wage from \$6.75 to \$7.75 in the next 18 months.

Reduce federal funding for counties for families on CalWORKs employment services, childcare and administration by \$40 billion. This could be detrimental for many low income families in California.

The Proposed Budget spends \$97.902 billion and assumes \$91.545 billion in revenues and transfers, resulting in a \$6.4 billion operating deficit.

Governor's Proposed Budget includes reductions to the CalWORKs program.

Failure to fund COLA's (Cost of Living Adjustments) for CalWORKs and SSI/SSP grants received by seniors.

The Proposed budget does not include tax increases.

HOWEVER the Gov. proposes to suspend the teacher's tax credit for an additional year saving \$35 million.

Proposes to expand state income tax credits for Health Savings Accounts( HAS'S) spending \$3million

The budget transfers \$920 million to the Budget Stabilization Account (BSA) as required by Prop 58 (2004)

A full analysis of the Governors proposed Budget can be found on-line at [www.cbp.org](http://www.cbp.org) or in my office at the Resource Center.

Gov's Strategic Growth Plan SGP

This plan would cover \$222.6 billion in spending over 10 years. The Governors plan incorporates GoCalifornia,"a plan designed to decrease congestion, improve travel times and increase safety". It would provide:

\$107.0 billion for transportation and air quality

\$48.2 billion for K-12 Education

\$11.7 billion for Higher education

\$35.0 billion for flood control and water projects (watch out C'Ville)

\$17.4 billion for public safety

\$3.3 billion for courts and other public facilities

Keep an eye out on the November ballot for the tobacco tax initiative which is a combined form of two previous

proposals. The proposal would raise a pack of cigarettes \$2.60 and would help fund The Children's Health Initiative (allowing all of California's children to have health insurance coverage) and improved access to emergency room care, nurse education and training and targeting smoking reduction, disease prevention, treatment and research.

The next meeting of the Children's Roundtable is February 9.

## Camptonville community sustainability begins at home

By Richard DickKard

I recently attended the Environmental Film Festival put on by the South Yuba River Citizens League. There were many programs on renewing and sustaining local communities and the environment in general. One program, Kilowatt Ours, was straightforward and had some good suggestions on how to conserve energy, save money and therefore better sustain ourselves.

These following steps not only help us locally but also help America become more energy independent: replace at least 5 of your most used light bulbs with compact fluorescent bulbs; switch lights and devices off when you're not using them; adjust the thermometer to 68 F in winter and 78 F in the summer; improve the insulation in your attic, exterior walls and floors; weatherize and seal windows, doors, air ducts, etc with caulking; and if possible, upgrade your refrigerator and clothes washer with Energy Star products.

P.G.&E. has tools to help you. On the internet at [www.pge.com/res](http://www.pge.com/res) there is information about rebates when you buy some of the items mentioned above, tools for calculating and ideas for reducing your energy consumption and information on financial assistance programs. You can also call their Pacific Energy Center for advice on how to help evaluate energy enhancements for new and existing buildings. Call 415-973-2277 or go the internet at [www.pge.com/pec](http://www.pge.com/pec).

## Journey Home Hospice is five

By Joan Journey and Georgeann Savage

Journey Home Volunteer Hospice wants to extend a huge thank you to our community members for the support that keeps us on the road from Sierra City to Alleghany. Our volunteer hospice services have been available now for five years at no cost to patients or their families.

We want you to know end of life care at home can be supported by your local rural hospice organization. We are able to continue this work with your financial contributions. A special hats off to Jimbo Garrison and Carolyn Mumm who have donated part of their summer proceeds from the Camptonville Community Growers Market to Journey Home.

The cycle of life is never so clear as when we observe the stages in our garden and the forest around us. The folks at the market have our gratitude for passing the bounty here where they live, supporting the organizations that support community members. For information about the hospice please call 288-1234 or 3523.

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## About massage

By Molly Spackman

Massage is something everyone has heard of, but doesn't necessarily understand. Massage varies substantially in style, technique, location, and theory.

The only consistent aspect of massage is that it is given by one person and received by another. Reiki and Shiatsu are two different types of massage entirely, but are both based on how energy flows through our bodies. Thai Massage has lots of stretching while Trager uses rhythmic movements combined with stretching. Rolfing is deep tissue massage work while Swedish works surface tissues/muscles. Many more types of massage exist than I have mentioned, but I think you get the idea. Without naming any specific style, I will briefly describe two qualities of massage that I enjoy most.

First, physical benefits can be achieved on some level for almost everyone; no specific ailment necessary! In rubbing-style massages, the practitioner (usually) uses their body to apply pressure and rub a client's body. Rubbing not only feels good, but inside and under the skin, circulation is stimulated. That means that blood is moving through veins and arteries, transporting oxygen, water, and nutrients (GOOD!), while toxins are being escorted out. Normally one would have to exercise to achieve extra circulation. The thing about massage though, is that one just has to lie down, *relax*, and let the masseuse do the work.

The second reason, (and probably my very favorite), is that having sore muscles rubbed *feels good*. In fact the only thing I don't like about getting a massage is that it feels so good and relaxing that I usually fall asleep and miss most of it!

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**Sierra Family Medical Clinic  
 receives funding for mental  
 health**

By Kristy Dewey

The Clinic received a \$10,000 grant award from Catholic Healthcare West to subsidize mental health work conducted at the Clinic by psychiatrist Dr. Eric Rubinstein.

Twenty-eight Sacramento-area nonprofit agencies received awards as part of Catholic Healthcare West's 2005 Community Grant program. All grant recipients were chosen based on their dedication to furthering CHW's mission of advocating for those in need.

In collaboration with SFMC, Dr. Eric Rubinstein also sees patients at Western Sierra Medical Clinic in Downieville and at Miner's Community Health Center in Nevada City.

Dr. Rubinstein is a licensed Marriage Family & Child Counselor, he has been a consultant to the Medical Board of California and has worked at Nevada County Behavioral Health. One of his specialties is psychopharmacology, helping patients find the right medications. He has practiced psychiatry in the local and surrounding area for many years.

In addition the Clinic will receive \$12,000 yearly from Prop 63 for support of mental health services in the Ridge area, particularly for those at high risk.



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## Camptonville dam thrashed

By Rod Bondurant (aka the water guy)

The big storm took out the diversion dam on Campbell Gulch that provides water to the town. The main beam that supports the dam face was broken by the water force and the weight of logs, branches, rocks and sand that filled up the reservoir. We have been running the system on the wells until Thursday January 26<sup>th</sup>. Jimbo Garrison (the assistant water guy) and I, with the help of John Wilcox and Justin have installed a temporary structure.

We would like to thank all our customers who have used their water wisely and keep fixing those small leaks. We were concerned that the town might run low on water. Fortunately, use was low during the time we were supplied only by the wells

## Bid notice

The Camptonville Community Service District is accepting bids for hand brush clearing at the water plant. For bid details, you may write to the CCSD at POBox 327, Camptonville or call Rod Bondurant at 288-3550.

## Yuba River Ranger District

By Betty Leffew

Some grooming has been going on in the high country. For up-to-date information on the status of the snow trail system, feel free to call the ranger station. We have plenty of the free Winter Recreation maps. Come in and pick one up and enjoy some winter fun.

Campgrounds continue to be in winter status, no services, no fee. The unseasonal and very heavy rains in January have caused a number of mudslides and a lot of tree damage on the trails around Bullards Bar Reservoir. Please use caution if you intend to use these trails.

Burn permits are not required until May 1<sup>st</sup>, for dooryard burning. You still need to check the Department of Air Quality for burn day status. During business hours, call the Yuba River Ranger Station for burn status information. After hours or on weekends please call the appropriate number:

Sierra County 289-3662

Nevada County 274-7928

Yuba County east of Bullards Bar

(Camptonville) 289-3662 or 274-7928

Yuba County west of Bullards Bar 741-6299

As of December 31<sup>st</sup> we had 32.15 inches of precipitation. 24.29, from December alone. As of today January 27<sup>th</sup> we have received another 18.54 inches bringing the total to 50.69. Last year at this time we had 30.44 inches.



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 now hear it's song  
 Please come near me  
 as my heart sings of tender love

Robert Mumm

## Thank you loyal readers!

By Rod Bondurant and Rochelle Bell

Last month the Courier received \$465 in donations from individuals. No more budget deficit! We were grateful for the news that so many of you read and appreciate the Courier. It is with this support that we begin a new year of hopefully interesting, enjoyable and perhaps thought provoking articles for you, our readers.

## Thank you!!

I want to thank all of my friends here in Camptonville for the huge outpouring of love and support for my family, Jessi Wilcox and her family and myself in the tragic death of my son, David on 1/9/06. David was only 28, but in his short life he showed everyone what love was all about. We all miss his wonderful smile and warm hugs very much. Thanks again.

Carol Holland

## Gifts for students

Just before Christmas break, four women from the Dobbins Grange presented some new dictionaries to all my students. We enjoyed having their company for a half hour or so. They learned a little about us, and we learned a little about them. Mainly we learned how very thoughtful the Dobbins Grange is. My students and I wish them all the best for a Happy New Year! Thank you so much for thinking of us.

Sincerely, Steve Kelly



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## FEBRUARY CALENDAR:

Co-op meeting	Feb 15th at 6:00 at Burgee Dave's
Talent Show auditions	Thursday, February 9th at 4 pm in the School Gym
"Budgeting and Banking" workshop	meet February 7 <sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am to 11:30 am at the L.D.S. church
CCP Board	February 6, 4pm at the Resource Center
Relay For Life Kick-Off	Thursday, Feb. 23
1,2,3 Grow	Tues, Wed, Thurs, 8:30-11:30 behind 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
Ongoing AA meeting	Sundays at 4pm til 5. For information call Mike 288-2849 or the Resource Center 288-9355.
Food Bank	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at the Lake Francis Grange at 10775 Texas Hill Road in Dobbins from 8am to 10am

# Camptonville Community Service District Wanted

Volunteer Firefighters for the Camptonville Fire Department



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 Thursday evenings from 7-9 pm at Station #1 in Camptonville or call Fire Chief Clint Carson at 288-0207 or 288-3445.