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Gardener's Market opening

By Jimbo Garrison

The Fabulous Camptonville Community Gardener's Market will begin Saturday August 5th from 10 am until Noon and continue every Saturday in August and September.

Come take advantage of super fresh local homegrown organic produce at low, low prices! And don't forget my "worlds best" garlic-dill refrigerator pickles! (free samples)



Opening day we will have: squash, cukes, eggplant, kale, peppers, basil, and more, including the first few tomatoes of the season.

As always, part of the proceeds benefit Camptonville school and the Journey Home Hospice. So come and get great produce and hobnob with your friends and neighbors.

See you there!

P.S. Any gardener with surplus produce they would like to sell is welcome. For info call Jimbo at 288-1001.

The Earth Charter

By Richard Dickard

The Camptonville Earth Charter study group held its first meeting on July 5 to begin looking at the *Earth Charter Principles* that have been adopted by countries and communities around the world. As we talk over each principle, we thought we would share some of our thoughts in The Courier. We hope you will be inspired "*to think globally and act locally*" and join in on the conversations. The Earth Charter overall seeks to "*inspire in all peoples a new sense of global interdependence and shared responsibility for the well being of the human family and the larger living world*" (www.earthcharter.org).

The first Principle is: *To respect Earth and life in all its diversity*. This is an admirable concept, yet when you get down to how to apply it in real life here in the foothills, it raises many questions. How do you balance your desire to raise your own food, livestock and pets, with a respect for the wildlife who may also want to eat them? If every form of life has value regardless of its worth to human beings, then who speaks for the deer when a new fence obstructs their migratory path?

The second principle is: *To care for the community of life with understanding, compassion and love*. What freedoms do we as a community want to protect and defend? What rights and responsibilities do we have? How can we live with compassion on our land? With the freedom to live as we please on our land, is there also a responsibility to also come together to act in the *common good* for all forms of life? Our Camptonville General Plan due for revision in the next 2 years, can reflect the answers to some of these questions.

Join us on August 2 at 3 pm for our next thought-evoking Earth Charter discussion. (Call 288-3479 for information).

School Board Election

By Richard Dickard

If you are interested in running for a position on the Camptonville School District's Board of Trustees, now is the time to declare your candidacy. School district candidates must appear in person at the Elections Office in Marysville to execute a Declaration of Candidacy. The Elections Office is located in the County Clerks office at 915 8th Street. For detailed information and how to get there, the telephone number is 530-749-7855. Semi-annual Campaign Disclosure Statements will be required of all candidates. The last day candidates may file completed nomination papers is August 11th, 2006 at 5:00 PM. There will be 3 positions on the Board of Trustees up for election. All 3 current board members in those positions have stated that they will run again. However, it's good to have new energy on a school board. Interested people should declare their candidacy. Election Day is November 7th, 2006.

Camptonville Historical Society

By Rod Bondurant

We are planning a short trip to Marysville to explore the "California Room" at the library. It is full of old documents, newspapers, and microfilm. If you wish to join us give me a call at 288-3550. We will pick a date that will work best for all interested.

Moonshiners

Remember to save the date....

Sunday, Oct. 8

That time of year is approaching for the Annual Moonshine Road Potluck. Chris & Dwayne Dobbins will again be our hosts at Moonshine Road Campgrounds

Watch for more info.....

Movie worth seeing

By Shirley Dickard

If you haven't seen "*An Inconvenient Truth*" yet, Dick and I heartily recommend it. Our lives get so busy and distracted that it's easy to put on the back burner concern for the impact of accelerating climate changes. Yet this movie is worth a thousand words. It's made us realize that sometimes it's the impact of committed "small people" like us that can force the "big people" to get serious. The movie closes with a challenge to our young people to ask today's adults, "*Why didn't you do something when you could?*" See it!

The new Gold Pages

The committee will have a PLANNING meeting Saturday July 29.

Call Pam Wilcox for place/time -288-3676 (tentatively 11 am at the Rebel Ridge rec room).

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Community Meeting updates

By Shirley DickKard

Notes from the June 26th Community Meeting. Thanks to the 14 folks who braved the summer heat. I think we got a lot done! The Next Meeting is Monday, August 21, 6:30-8 pm at the school.

The "Fun in the Fall Harvest Festival" is Saturday, October 14. Thanks to Connie & Mike Gross for again hosting the family-friendly event and fundraiser for CCP's community programs. So far we're planning an underground cooking pit, Community Salsa-making Table, potluck with emphasis on locally-produced foods, lots of games for adults and kids (including the infamous horseshoe competition), Silent Auction, raffle. Call Rita at 288-9355 if you'd like to be on the committee or have raffle ideas. We especially value the new ideas brought by new people.

Pam Wilcox updated us on the 2007 Gold Pages and a new Community Calendar. There'll be a Camptonville-inspired Art Contest for the cover of the Gold Pages and the calendar pages - photography, drawings, computer art, historic photos - whatever inspires you. One will be chosen to grace the cover of the Gold Pages. The rest will be monthly calendar pages. You'll be able to pay to have your favorite person's birthday (or whatever) in the calendar. The planning meeting is Saturday, July 29. Call Pam at 288-3676.

Alternative Fuels - Carolyn Perkins talked about local options - more pressing now with the rise in fuel prices and reaching peak world oil. We might have a demonstration of practical applications at "Fun in the Fall." Anyone interested? How about a bio-fuel lawnmower?

Community Thrift Store - Thanks to Paula Goodman for her list of questions/issues that need to be addressed in order to have a local thrift shop. The store will provide many benefits to the community. While we await the right location to appear, we can start by researching the answers to Paula's list. Call Rita if you have ideas for a location to rent or if you'd like to be on the committee to jump start the Thrift Shop - 288-9355.

"1,2,3 Grow's" future

By Shirley DickKard

"Our community values and cares for our children!" We are committed to keeping "1,2,3 Grow" open as we adjust to the recent changes in staff and funding. At this point, the program will most likely start in September and run two mornings a week through December. Barbara will be contacting all our current families with details. If you have a new baby or have moved into the area, please let us know so we can invite you! The free program is open to all children birth through 5 years and their parent/guardian. If you know of anyone who would be interested in making a tax-deductible donation to keep our program going, please let us know. Call 288-9355.

CCP Membership Drive

By Rod Bondurant

Donations continue to arrive from the community and beyond. We have to date raised over \$2,400. If you know someone who may be interested in supporting this community's efforts, please call Rita or Yana, and we'll contact them.



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At Camptonville Resource Center (behind Camptonville School)

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At Leaves of Learning (10087 La Porte Rd, Challenge)

Call Cathy LeBlanc 288-9355 Camptonville Community Partnership

What is the Family History Center?

By Louisa Ryan, LDS

It is a place where you can go and look up your family from long ago. Who are our parents and grand parents, our aunts and uncles and cousins? What are the things we would like to know?

Did they fight in the wars for our freedom?

Where they engaged in commerce or politics?

Were there any doctors, lawyers, merchants or chiefs in the family?

If you don't have a computer in your home or need to look up a census to find where grandpa was, this is the place. We have different kinds of equipment to track them down. What fun!

Come see for yourself any Tuesday 1:30 to 5:30 pm or Wednesday 4 to 8pm. 288-1420.

Also, join us at our monthly potluck social on the 3rd Friday of each month at 6:30 for a good meal and conversation.

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Summer festivals

By Rod Bondurant

So far I haven't heard of any plans for our traditional Rebel Ridge Day usually held in September. For a local event you will have to wait for our "Fun in the Fall Harvest Festival" Saturday, October 14. Also, you can go to Forbestown Daze, Saturday August 5 or Ridgestock on Saturday August 26

The Forbestown park opens at 8 am, with good coffee to start the day. The parade starts at noon, down New York Flat Road, with a variety of floats and vehicles to catch your eye. There is fun for all.

You can shop at various booths, enjoy food, music and dancing, explore the excellent museum, and visit Trader Flat, a replica of a gold rush town and perhaps see a stage robbery. About fifteen life-sized buildings and displays show how people lived and worked in the late 1800's. Visitors can stroll the boardwalks and peek into a post office, saloon, barbershop, Wells Fargo office, mercantile, jail, Sheriff's office, and more.



The Ridgestock expo will be at the Shady Creek Family Camp is located on Pathfinder Road (off of Tyler Foote about 1 mile from HWY 49). Admission is \$15 for adults. See ridgestock.org for details.

Where the heck is Forbestown?



Bandits stopped the stage at Trader Flat last year.



To get to Forbestown take the Challenge Cut-off Road off of La Porte Road between Challenge and Brownsville.

Senior Center

By Rochelle Bell

Did you understand last month's article "My shout-out..." by Joceyln Rapp? Do you think about retirement daily? Do you think your grandchildren dress weird? Would you like someone else to cook for you more often? You may be ready to join the Senior Center in North San Juan. We get a lovely lunch served every Tuesday at Noon. The folks at your table are delightful to visit with and sometimes you even get entertainment or an interesting speaker.

Last month we were lucky to have Dr Peter Van Houten amaze us with a magic show, that's right, MAGIC. Although he and his staff at the Sierra Family Medical Clinic often perform magic when they care for our ills, we had no idea he was also a talented magician. We laughed and smiled so much we could hardly get our food down.

Come join us on Tuesday. The menu changes each week. All you have to do is call John Skoverski at 292-3315 on Sunday and make a reservation

Also join us for:

Breakfast on the second Sunday of each month at the Senior Center in NSJ from 8am to 11. Great food featuring Chile Verde frittata, also eggs as you like them, pancakes, waffles, juice, sausage, bacon and a friendly crowd. \$4.50 for adults and \$2.50 for kids.




Peter Van Houten presents the magic carpet

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Plan ahead

By Rod Bondurant

It's no more fun than thinking about death or taxes, but since we live in the hot dry woods, you might as well face it. There's no time better than now to plan what you would do if a fire comes your way.

Here are some things to think about.

What would you take if you had to evacuate home quickly?

Children?

Pets?

Medicines?

Small stuff you can't replace?

This list may seem too obvious, but it is best to think about it calmly beforehand, make a list and put it on your refrigerator.

- ❑ Designate a meeting place outside your neighborhood in case members of your family are not allowed back into the area. Plan at least two evacuation routes from home to this meeting place. Discuss with your kids what they would do if you aren't home.
- ❑ Meet with your neighbors to discuss plans, and find out who will need assistance. Make arrangements with neighbors to get animals out in case you are not home. Carry a list of important phone numbers with you. Remember, phone and power may be out.
- ❑ Identify and locate what you would like to take with you.
- ❑ Prepare a cache of medicines, water, food and clothes to take with you.
- ❑ Store photograph negatives and computer backups at another location. Many people who lose everything in a fire most regret the loss of family photos.
- ❑ Plan for your animals. Have some food and water ready to take for them. Have collars, leashes & cat carriers ready.
- ❑ Make sure your house is identified by an address sign.
- ❑ Take photos or video of the interior of your home and your stuff. Store copies at another location.
- ❑ Inspect the outside of your house. Get those pine needles off the roof and clean out the gutters. Cut and rake dry grass away from the foundation. Be careful with mowers though, a lot of fires get started by use of mowers in dry grass.

You can no longer burn brush and debris, you can get it chipped for free by the Yuba FireSafe Council. Call Jim at 288-3508 or Pete at 265-0245.

Yuba River Ranger District

By Betty Leffew

The weather has sure gotten hot. Please be extremely careful. With this hot weather the snow is finally gone in the high country. All trails are open.

Fire restrictions will go into effect Tuesday, July 25 on the Tahoe National Forest and are expected to last through the end of the official fire season. Currently, the moisture level in forest woody fuels is dropping and fire danger is increasing quickly. Off road vehicles have to stay on trails and roads only. Campfires and Bar B Q's are not allowed except within the grills and fire rings provided in developed campgrounds. For details of all the restrictions please contact your local Forest Service Ranger Station. Persons with a valid 2006 fuelwood permit may continue to cut firewood, provided that the cutting is done in compliance with the terms of the permit.

The Tahoe National Forest also reminds you that defensible space around your home is your responsibility. Creating a defensible space at least 100 feet around your home is also required by State law, and is essential for protecting your home from wildfire. Also remember that due to the fire danger, debris burning has been suspended by the California Department of Forestry.

Yuba County Water Agency will start removing sediment from behind Our House Dam and transporting it to the sediment disposal site just west of Bullards Bar dam on Marysville Road. The hauling should start July 30 and continue to the middle of September, with approximately 20 loads per day. Please drive carefully! The Our House Dam road and general area will be closed during this time due to sediment removal and haul trucks.

Logging is still going on. Watch for trucks.

So far for the 2005, 2006 season we have had 91.19 inches of precipitation.

Have a great summer.

Pageant of Ponderosas

By Roger Rapp

What's the first thing to strike the eye when coming back to Camptonville after 3 years in Spain? No brainer. It's the trees. Real trees – oak and pine, madrone and fir – that dominate the skyline and line the sides of the highway.

Southern Europe, in fact, the whole Mediterranean coast that the Romans conquered and added to the empire, is built of stone. The Romans introduced mortared walls, keystones and sound engineering that has lasted millennia. Many stone churches, monasteries, towers, bridges, roads, homes and aqueducts still stand tall in Spain after many a century has passed and many a kingdom has waxed and waned.

Brick and concrete have been the natural successors to the stone construction techniques of the Romans. So, for example, in new homes that are built today, the interior walls dividing the house are made of red brick that have channels so you can pass wiring and plumbing through, and so on. You just stuff all that paraphernalia in, plaster it on up, and paint. It'll last for ages.

All that is well and good, but in Camptonville, we are forest people, not stone people. Over there, they just don't know what a marvel a wood-framed house is. With wood, things are easy to fix, adapt, add on to, or take out. For example, to hang a knick-knack or a picture on a wall here, all you need is a nail or two, and a hammer to pound 'em in with. That's it. In Spain you have to deal with drills, masonry bits, anchors and the like.

Well, now that I am home, I have to get cracking on remodeling the bathroom. Two days after I arrived a mushroom sprouted between the tub and the wall. I guess that tells you right there that we've got a major project ahead. I'm just glad that my house was made 60 years ago from nearly knot-free wood milled right at the Cal-Ida Mill across the street.

On the 4th of July weekend, Yakshi, EJ and I went over to Bill and Nellie's to enjoy some fireworks that Yakshi had purchased from the fireworks booth in Roseville where she worked as part of a fundraiser for Jocelyn's soccer club. The rest of the Clark clan was camping out on Bill and Nellie's front yard, and we got to talking about the mill. Randy told us about how the mill glowed at night, and how as a small child he found it rather spooky. He also said they used to keep the kids off the school playground during recess if the smoke got too thick during the day. Chris told us about playing house with her friends in the stack of timber on the loading deck right next to their house. (Imagine the

insurance nightmare that would be today!!) One time she and several co-conspirators harbored a schoolmate who had decided to run away from home. He camped out in the timber stack, and she snuck him food, keeping mum the whole time. It took over a week before the adults could crack the mystery and haul the runaway home.

They tell me that at one time Spain was so thickly forested that a squirrel could go from the Pyrenees in the north to Cadiz in the south by jumping from tree to tree without ever touching the ground. OK, but today a squirrel would have a hard time just finding a real tree in the Pyrenees.

Who's the first to welcome you back after a long stay away? It's the pageant of Ponderosas guiding you home all the way along Highway 49.

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Chicken Chronicles The Bunker

By Stephanie Ruff

My building experience was zilch, zero, nada-we're talking nothing! The thought of building my chicken coop terrified me. I wanted to awaken one morning and find a well-built coop made by the coop fairies. Well, it just wasn't gonna happen.

I spent hours pouring over Internet sites and library books about coop building-and still could not figure out where to begin. I felt hopeless. My chicks were growing at an amazing speed and I knew I needed to get on the ball. Finally, a friend called and said she heard of a free pheasant coop. Wow! This was my ticket to ease-right? WRONG!

The coop turned out to be extremely rotted. Each piece of wood I tore off I found more decay. This just would not do! I became obsessed- tearing this structure apart- in fact everytime Hubby came out to see my progress he told me the more work I did the less coop there was. I was a maniac with a hammer and a crow bar- I got down to a few original boards, then gathering free wood from friends (thank you!) and a vision I managed to start over. I finally put my power tools to good use. I'm a thinker, not a jump in and do it type person- so I agonized over every piece of wood I put up- I want it to be right the first time- I hate redoing things. After what seemed like an eternity- I finally put my girls in their coop on July 6th. I was a wreck that first night- I had gotten used to them sleeping in the house. At first the girls did not want to go into their coop- I think they heard me rant and rave and swear way too much when it came to this foreign structure I was associating with. After I got them inside- they refused to come out -ha! I still have the finishing on the plywood roof to complete. What I ended up with was a 4x6 coop with 3 nesting boxes that stick out with a hinged roof for easy egg gathering. The back opens like big cupboard doors for easy cleaning- I just rake the straw out! I put a removable baby pig feeder that attaches to the wall to save room in the coop, bringing it in the house at night for rodent and coon control. I keep the feed in the hen house during the day as my fenced chicken yard does not have a cover-chicken feed attracts wild birds. Wild birds can bring disease and parasites to your flock. A bit of advice- chicken wire keeps the chickens in but does NOT keep the predators out!

Use hardware cloth instead.

The girls are now used to going in and out of their coop-they love it. It amazes me how the hens instinctively go into their house right before dark and wait for me to close and lock their little chicken door. I want to thank my 8-year-old son Liam for his patience and help during this building experience. We await the first egg!

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Become a STAR

By Laura Miller

The Yuba County Sheriff's Department offers a unique volunteer opportunity for anyone interested in helping their Sheriff's Department and their community. The STARS Program began with 14 people in October 1996. The purpose of this nonprofit 501c(3) program is to provide support to the Sheriff's Department and the Community. The STARS Program is now entering its 10th year. The STARS Volunteer Program is an essential component of the Sheriff's Department.

STARS help in a variety of ways. Volunteer opportunities include working as office support in Records, Jail, Administration, and other office related areas. STARS take care of the Department's vehicle fleet by insuring any repairs, rebates, and/or upgrades to the vehicles are handled as quickly as possible. STARS conduct citizen patrols throughout the entire county as well as offering vacation house checks. Working at public events such as safety and health fairs, parades, some school functions and offering a variety of services such as children fingerprinting and obtaining information for the Department's At Risk Identification Program are examples of the STARS working within the community. STARS also work at the County Animal Care Services Department assisting with the task of animal adoption services.

It is no secret that Yuba County is growing not only in the flatlands, but also in the beautiful hill areas of our county. With this growth the Sheriff Department's need for volunteers is ever more present. If you or someone you know would like to volunteer, please contact Laura Miller at the Yuba County Sheriff's Department, 749-7777, 749-6347 or 749-6443. Applicants need be at least 30 years old and pass a basic background investigation.

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Rock N Roll Policy Nerd

By Cathy Le Blanc

Hey I just realized Cathy is a nerd, a rock and roll policy nerd. But I have to admit I enjoy finding out how legislation plays out and how the process evolves into implementation at the local level. I get a thrill being at the beginning of a Bill or an idea. When I participate in government (ooo-yes I do), I look forward to having my voice heard. Because unfortunately sometimes there is a huge gap between intent of the law and implementation. If there is a discrepancy between the two, I sometimes get the opportunity to let our "policy doers", (county government), hear what I believe is the law makers, intent of the law.*.

....There is another way I enjoy having my voice heard. Here's the Rock N Roll part. My new band Sirius, (featuring Bill Cobb and myself) will be playing locally at Burgee Dave's @ the Mayo often. Call them 288-3301 or watch for the Live Music sign outside and come on in.

* For a copy of this month's report call me (288-0913 or come by the Camptonville Resource Center.

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Real Estate

By Karen Pettyjohn

"Greetings from the Real Estate Corner"

...and we wondered if summer was ever arriving? My tomatoes and cukes are trying to hang on and I am ready to stand under the sprinkler with them. Weather does change.

The housing market too has changed. Your home may not fetch as much today if you were to offer it for sale, as it would have six months or a year ago and it probably would take longer to sell. Rising interest rates and increasing inventory now favor buyers. The good news is that if you considered buying and didn't, many sellers are presently more flexible.

There are again some homes on the market below \$300,000. "with electricity". First time buyers and investors may again be able to purchase at more affordable prices. The interest rates have remained below 7% on a 30 year fixed loan. I hear we do have a need for rental homes in our area if you are thinking of getting your feet wet.

In our 95922 zip code we have 6 homes for sale with asking prices ranging from \$279,000 to \$780,000. Only one pending sale at \$60,000 and one recorded sale for \$307,500 were reported. Welcome New Neighbor!

There are 4 pieces of land for sale with average asking price of \$207,725. Zero pending or recorded land sales were reported for the last month.

We do have a pending sale on a commercial property, and one commercial property for sale.

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Photo Gallery: Downieville Fourth of July parade



Frank Lang of the Western Sierra Medical Clinic



Instead of using fireworks, we got to make deafening noise popping bubble wrap

AUGUST CALENDAR:

Gold Pages Committee
CCP Board
Community Meeting
Fun in the Fall-Harvest Festival
1st & 3rd Wednesdays
Yoga
Wilderness Awareness
Ongoing AA meeting
Sunday Breakfast
CCSD
Food Bank

Saturday July 29 Planning meeting.
Monday, August 14, 4 pm at the Resource Center
Monday August 21, 6:30-8 pm at C'V School
Saturday Oct. 14
Earth Charter Study Group (call 288-3479 for place and time)
Saturdays at 9am at the Rebel Ridge clubhouse
Tuesdays at Avalon Gardens
Sundays at 4pm til 5, call Mike 288-2849 or the Resource Center 288-9355.
Second Sunday of each month at the Senior Center in NSJ
Third Monday of each month, 7pm at the school
Third Thursday of each month at the Lake Francis Grange at 10775
Texas Hill Road in Dobbins from 8am to 10am