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Twilight School is back!

By Cathy LeBlanc

Twilight School is back! We had quite a turnout for the *Twilight School's Community Night* on February 20. Over seventy people were treated to a wonderful free dinner cooked by **Patsy Prout** and served by **Jeannie Costa** with help from 7-8th grade volunteers: **Christina, Lindsay, Jacob, Joseph, Talon and Dakota**.

People were enjoying **Cheryl Durett's** Hand Stitching Class so much, they're thinking of maybe making a quilt! **Helene Riley's** Sign Language class left me speechless (sorry Helene, I couldn't resist). When I peeked in everyone was having fun learning to talk without words - pretty cool. Helene is also teaching a Sign Language class at North Columbia School House. **Danny Rasmussen** kept the gym active with basketball. **Barbara Mueller-Hogan** opened up "1,2,3 Grow" for our youngest Camptonvillians. It was fun having **Connie Gross** back for the night, helping out.

Our 5th District Supervisor, **Hal Stocker**, explained how the Yuba County General Plan revision will happen. Over 25 people packed the library to review our current zoning maps, and learn what's in store over the next two years.

There are some folks interested in forming a Planning Committee to make sure this Community Night hangs around for awhile. They came up with some great ideas for classes - from *how to make a great pie crust to learning salsa and line-dancing*. Look for us again next month. We'll have flyers up. Call 288-9355 with ideas or to help.

"WE LUV Twi-wight School" (direct quote from my sons Talon and Dakota on Channel 6/KVIE's program about us, around ten years ago).

'07-'08 Camptonville "Gold Pages"

By Shirley Dickard

The Camptonville "Gold Pages" is back! We're now accepting listings for the 2007-2008 edition of our local Business and Services Directory.

There's a new category now, "Food Production", for people growing plants, fruits, vegetables, herbs, eggs, meat, etc. Each business is encouraged to describe their "earth-friendly" practices so we can do our part to keep our planet and community viable.

The Gold Pages also includes contact information for local and Yuba County resources.

Use the "Gold Pages" to buy locally, thereby saving gas and supporting the local economy of our friends and neighbors.

The cost for a listing is \$10. Copies of the Gold Pages will be distributed free. See the ordering form inserted in this Courier, or call Joan & Bob Carpenter at 288-1616 or the Resource Center - 288-9355.

Things to do this winter while thinking globally and acting locally

Dust off your dancin' shoes!

Our local farmers will be recognized and honored at a **Farmers' Honorary Banquet and Ball** March 31, at the Grass Valley Veterans Memorial Hall.

A sumptuous banquet featuring locally grown food and wine will delight the palate, followed by a program honoring our local farmers. Contra dancing and other entertainment will conclude the evening. All are welcome! Net proceeds will benefit Local Food Coalition projects.

The **Banquet** begins at 6 pm. Cost is \$10 for farmers, \$15-25 for the general public (adults), for the entire evening's events. Youth ages 12 to 18: \$5-10, under 12 free. Maximum number of dinners served will be 225, so get your tickets early! Tickets will be available beginning March 1, at Briar Patch Co-op Community Market or they can be charged by phone through the Nevada County Land Trust at 272-5994.

The **Honoring Program** will begin at 7:30 pm, followed by the Ball.

Contra dancing will be led by caller Paul Moore with music by Ragged But Right.

Separate admission to the Honoring Program and Ball will be by donation, suggested donation \$5-15. (Banquet price includes the entire evening's events.)

Volunteers are needed! Please contact Rita at 288-3238, or e-mail ritadequercus@yahoo.com if you'd like to help.

The Local Food Coalition (www.localfoodcoalition.org) emerged from the March 2006 Come Home To Eat event. It is a network of local organizations, businesses, farmers, and citizens "working together to support local farmers, preserve local farms and farmland, and ensure a local food supply in the western Nevada County area".

Get out your hiking boots

The Yuba Historical Society has started a campaign to protect the natural beauty of the Sutter Buttes from future development. This spring the Society offers three different treks through the Buttes that are normally off limits to the public.

- A leisurely walk led by Ira Heinrich. The "man of the mountain's" life work is exploration and study of this fascinating cluster of peaks and hills. A superb storyteller, Ira will weave tales he gathered through decades of painstaking research on the Middle Mountains. You'll learn details about the Maidu and Wintu Indians relationship to the mountain as well as stories of pioneer settlers who homesteaded the Buttes and much more.
- A moderate hike to the ancient lakebed emphasizing geology, nature study and Native American stories.
- A more strenuous hike to the caverns of Yana Peak, have lunch overlooking Braggs Canyon.

March 24 & 25, April 21 & 22.

Hikes fill up fast, so please call for more info and prices 846-3024.

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Opportunities to affect our community's future

By Cathy LeBlanc

While folks enjoyed themselves at the Twilight School Kick-Off Dinner for CCP's Community Advocacy programs, Shirley DickKard and I let diners know about the opportunity we all have with a planning project funded by The California Endowment. That *Community Health Action Plan*. "C.H.A.P." will be used to help ensure that Camptonville's voice is heard in Yuba County when the General Plan is revised. We want Yuba County policy makers to understand our *rural* culture. This is especially important when they make decisions that affect us and our quality of life.

After dinner over 35 folks filled out a survey to help us understand the community's impression of where C'ville is *today* – everything from affordable housing, healthful foods, education, transportation, quality of environment, ease of making a living wage, recreation, etc. This baseline information gives feedback about community strengths and where we may need improvement. The survey is a starting point. The results will lead us into issues for focus group meetings with the community. *Call us at 288-9355 if you'd like to complete this survey.*

What are *focus groups* you may ask? These are a one-time meeting of a group of people who share a common theme, like parents of preschoolers, or business owners, or the Martial Arts moms, the Karaoke group, or your group of friends. Each focus group discusses a set of questions to give a more in-depth feeling about our community's strengths, challenges, and future. This will help us refine the issues that matter most to people as we work together with our policy makers. It's a good way to have our voices heard.

Can you help lead a focus group? Camptonville Community Partnership (CCP) will hold a two-hour training in early March on how to facilitate focus groups. It's easy and fun. These leaders will then gather people they know to have a focused conversation about Camptonville's future.

Another opportunity is to be part of the core planning team - Community Health Action Team (CHAT) that will review all the information that has been gathered, and eventually make it into the Community Health Action Plan. They will work with the School, Camptonville Community Services District, and residents to incorporate *all* our concerns into the General Plan. If you're interested in being part of the ten to twelve on the CHAT, you will receive a stipend (a modest monetary compensation), and childcare plus (enriching and educational activities) will be available during meetings.

Health goes beyond absence of sickness. We want to look at Camptonville's long-term health as a community. What are our plans for this beautiful land we live in? Remember the Yuba County general plan is for the next 20 years, and a lot can happen. If you're interested, give me a call: Cathy at 288-9355. YOUR VOICE COUNTS!

Future plans for Twilight School's Community Nights

Shirley DickKard

Thanks to the people who signed up to be on the Planning Committee for Twilight School's Community Nights. We'll be calling you to set up our first planning meeting. Anyone else want to be part of the group that plans the schedule of classes and activities? How about ideas for what you'd like to learn or what you can teach or share? In spite of the name, "Twilight *School*," these Community Nights are for the fun and enjoyment of all ages – babies to our elders. Give us a call at 288-9355.

Twilight School's Community Night



Hal Stocker led the General Plan discussion.



Brian & family won the door prize



Cheryl's hand stitching class



Helene teaching sign language

Wish List

Needed for The Camptonville Resource Center:

- Vacuum Cleaner
- Hand-held "dust-buster" type vacuum
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- Wood standing coat rack
- Baskets - For gift baskets and to hold office supplies

All donations are tax-deductible, through the Camptonville Community Partnership. Call 288-9355 Thanks!

Decreasing school staff and services

By Donna Tate

The Camptonville Elementary School District's School Board, at their last meeting on Tuesday, February 23, discussed ways to reduce the ongoing budget deficits. Over the last few years, the school district has spent \$100,000 to \$200,000 more that it has received from the state and federal governments in revenues. This deficit spending has been possible due to a large reserve. That reserve has been getting smaller and smaller and can no longer support the \$100,000+ deficit each year. In addition, declining enrollment is continuing to decrease the revenue money received from the state and federal governments.

To reduce spending, the School Board is considering decreasing staff and services. If you are interested in working with the School Board on potential solutions, please attend the next school board meeting Tuesday, March 14, 2007 at 6:30 pm in the school's library. You may also discuss this issue with any school board member: David Brown, 288-3616; Richard DicKard, 288-3479; Tonie Hilligoss, 288-3451; Arnold Olsen, 288-3589; or Donna Tate, 288-1225.

Got ideas for recycling?

Camptonville Community Partnership is looking for someone who is interested in organizing an on-going recycling program in Camptonville. There is a small stipend for beginning costs. Call the Resource Center at 288-9355 for more information about submitting your idea. Proposals will be reviewed at the regular CCP Board meeting on the second Tuesday of the month.

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February in "1,2,3 Grow"

By Marcy Kime

Barbara is back, and so with Norm and myself, we now have 3 teachers most of the time, in our early childhood enrichment program. Our days run so smoothly with 3 teachers in class, especially since our program keeps growing by leaps and bounds! We had 4 new students attend this month, bringing us up to about 22 students with 14 of those coming weekly.

We have created a Parent Council with officers: so far Bobbie Bernhardt - President, Heather Morrison - Secretary, and Wendy Tinnel - Treasurer. This is a brand new group with enthusiastic goals and our 2nd meeting will be held March 7th where our upcoming garden will be our number one priority.

We are getting our garden underway with much planning and even collecting materials already done. We have four very interested parents who will lead the rest of us down the gardening path. We already have a field trip planned for this month, and it is something so many of the children are excited about; a ride on the school bus! We are also setting up our monthly health topics for the remainder of the school year which the Parent Council decided will consist of: car seat checks, a visit from the pediatrician at Sierra Family Medical Clinic, at which we hope to discuss brain development, child development and assessment, and also a CPR class. We have many other topics of interest, and these will be visited in following months.

Now we also have a newsletter in the "1,2,3 Grow" classroom. Since we have become quite a large family we needed a way to get information to all in a fun way, especially to help complete our current grant requirements. The first issue launched in February. This will be a monthly writing with updates from the Parent Council, calendar of events, interesting web pages, In kind items needed, articles written by parents, quotes, and anything else we find enjoyable to include.

I'd like to thank Barbara from "1,2,3 Grow" for being in class with children during Twilight School, as well as Connie for helping too; it was fun for the kids, and it let parents attend classes and meetings.

Watch for upcoming fundraising events from our classroom, as we will be trying some new ideas in the coming months. Thanks to all who support our program, it is a great place for future Camptonville School students to learn and play.

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

Call Cathy LeBlanc 288-9355 Camptonville Community Partnership

Chicken Chronicles

By Stephanie Ruff

I was beginning to think winter would never come. I welcome the snow. The beauty, the crispness, the joy it brings my kids. Snow makes the winter feel real and complete. Growing up in Midwest-I experienced many harsh winters. Because of the cold-I have vivid memories of crying at bus stops in Minneapolis, breathing was painful and my eyelashes would freeze my eyes open so I could not blink. One had a real sense of being alive. But now just a little snow here and there seems to complete the seasonal cycle for me. Without it-I have a weird feeling of something missing or needing closure. Spring is so much more appreciated after a bit of winter.

Well, Lucie, Hazel and Ruth feel entirely different-they could have done without the cold white wet stuff. They did not like pecking and scratching out in the snow. Their backs were even covered with it. They finally found a small bare patch under a live oak -they huddled under it for most of the day. They were getting quite used to the nice weather and hanging out with us while we did outside work. They even started coming up onto the front porch to listen to the music pouring out of our outdoor speakers-Lucie especially liked Neil Young- she was actually dancing and bopping to "Harvest Moon"-I kid you not! Lucie has been laying almost daily while Ruth and hazel started taking turns. Here's the egg count for Feb. as of the 22nd. Lucie: 21, Ruth: 12 and hazel: 10.

On the garden side of things-I began the torturous chore of digging up our raised beds to lay down the gopher hardware cloth- I've had enough of my hard work just getting sucked down little holes. I'm not sharing anymore. Anyone who is thinking of starting a garden-do the gopher wire! Even if you don't have any gophers-they WILL find you. Folks tried to tell me but I was too impatient to take the time. Another lesson learned the hard way.

The Law Of Attraction

By Yana Slade

Everywhere I turn these days, someone is talking about a new book called "The Secret". It is being talked about on Oprah, it is offered at Costco, and my friends are sending me e-mails. What is "The Secret"? Simply, it is the LAW OF ATTRACTION. The Law of Attraction says that *like attracts like*. It means: what we say, what we think, and how we act, attract like energy. "It's like putting in an order at a restaurant." One Law of Attraction expert says. "If you look in the mirror and say "I look so bad." that is what will be reflected back to you. You look bad. But if you say, "I look good today" it will be reflected back to you."

This is not new news. Many generations have used this law to be successful. The book written by Rhonda Byrne is called "The Secret" because many people haven't been exposed or taught the Law of Attraction. In fact, we live in a culture that focuses on the trauma of our lives. Unfortunately, this focus leaves many of us feeling like victims of our circumstances.

If you want to practice this law, choose something you always say to yourself that is negative. I am too fat. I am always late. I'll never find a parking place. I can't learn to read. I can't stop smoking.

Now, change the negative to a positive. I'm just right. I'm on time. I'll find the perfect parking space. I can learn to read. I no longer smoke. Keep these positive thoughts active in your mind. Let yourself feel how it feels to be just right. Visualize being on time. Visualize how you would smell if you didn't smoke. Laugh out loud as you round the corner and a car is just pulling out of the perfect parking space. Respond when the next step is revealed that takes you toward your goal. Celebrate your successes.

We are creatures of habit so don't be discouraged if the old thoughts or behaviors intrude. Just gently direct your attention back to what you want. The Law of Attraction gives the control back to us.

Children's Roundtable Report

By Cathy LeBlanc

The February Children's Roundtable was cancelled due to scheduling conflict. So I thought that I would let you know about an opportunity to visit the Capitol.

Legislative Day at the State Capitol. It is always great to get kids and families in to visit their legislators. I will be going with Camptonville's 8th grade class April 19th for Kids Day at the Capitol. If you want to join me let me know. Last year Prevent Child Abuse California PCAC supported AB2560, which worked to improve children's health in CA through School Health Centers (see December 2006 Children's Roundtable Report).

This year the PCAC website <http://www.pca-ca.org/pcaca-kids-day-at-the-capitol> says: "This promises to be a very kid friendly opportunity. The day will feature our extremely popular Resource Expo with booths and displays from various youth & family services, interactive games and exercise, tours of the Capitol, cultural dance demonstrations, face painters, costumed characters, an interactive art station, a brief speaking program, free healthy snacks and beverages, and other "MEGA-Kid-Friendly" activities, all of which make this the ULTIMATE FIELD TRIP! We also encourage children's participation in the 3rd Annual Heroes for Kids Art Contest, with all entries being displayed at Kids' Day, where the winners will be recognized! If you are a parent, teacher, legislator, prevention advocate, part of the business community, someone who knows a child, was a child or is a child. then the 2007 Kids' Day at the Capitol is for YOU!!! "

Spring is coming

By Rochelle Bell

Our annual community plant sale and Relay For Life flea market will be held Saturday, May 5th at the Rebel Ridge Store.

In Camptonville we plant in May and June and begin to pick zucchini and tomatoes in July (if the weather is favorable). Now is the time to start plants for your own use or for the plant sale. Carolyn Mumm has taught me to be patient and kind to my seeds. I used to throw them in a pot, dump on some water, and wonder why nothing happened. Providing them with just the right amount of water, light, warmth, and using the right planting medium makes a big difference.

I now start with a clean pot and sterile potting mix. Seeds grown indoors dry out very quickly so being careful with watering is extremely important. Too much water and they rot, too little and they dry up. It is good to cover the pots till the seeds sprout. After they sprout give them as much light as possible. Be careful not to cook them, also, you may need to move them to a warm place at night.

Each vegetable sprouts at a different temperature and has different needs. For example, lettuce needs a bit of light to germinate so they should be pressed into the soil instead of completely covered. Check with a gardening book. (Thrift stores have lots of these.) Before moving your little plants to their new home outdoors, be sure to gradually expose them to increasing amounts of cold and sun.



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By Judy Morris

Calling ALL Camptonville Buddies, Relay For Life returning and new team members.

Yes, it's time to sign-up for the 24 hours you don't want to miss. American Cancer Society's 24 hr. Relay For Life event will be Sat. & Sun. June 2nd & 3rd, at the Nevada County Fairgrounds. This is a 24-hr. TEAM FUNdraising event to support cancer patients through research, education, patient services and awareness. Several local Camptonville businesses are Camptonville Buddies Team Sponsors and we thank them for their support thus far. Now it's time for you and me to do our part---Recruit team members, raise money and have FUN. Those wanting to join Camptonville Buddies team or simply donate money can do so in 2 ways. 1.) Call Paula/Judy at 288-1228 for more information; and/or 2.) On-line you can join the team or donate by going to this website address www.acsevents.org/relay/ca/nevadacounty It's that simple. So sign-up, get moving and Relay On.



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Protect your home

By Clint Carson

Now is the time to start thinking about your 100 foot defensible space clearance requirement. Property owners are required to remove hazardous fuels from around residences and out buildings. Reducing fire hazards for a minimum of 100 feet around buildings is the most important step in protecting structures. This not only reduces the threat to your home but also the threat to your neighbor's home. Having adequate clearance around your residence also provides firefighters an opportunity to safely defend your home.

The State of California Public Resource Code 4291 mandates minimum clearance requirements. The homeowner is responsible for removing flammable material from around his or her building for a distance of 100 feet or to the property line.

This time of year is a great time to work on clearance requirements, as burn permits are not required until May 1st. There are more burn days this time of year and the risk of escaped fires are lower due to the wetter conditions. You still must call to see if it is a burn day.

In general the following guidelines apply:

Within 30 feet from each building or structure maintain a firebreak by removing and clearing away all flammable vegetation and other combustible growth. Single specimens of trees or other vegetation may be retained provided they are well-spaced, well-pruned and create a condition that avoids spread of fire to other vegetation or to a building or structure.

Within 30 to 100 foot zone (Reduced Fuel Zone) from each building or structure or to the property line whichever is nearer to the structure, provide a fuel break by disrupting the vertical and/or horizontal continuity of flammable and combustible vegetation with the goal of reducing fire intensity, inhibiting fire in the crowns of trees, reducing the rate of fire spread, and providing a safer environment for firefighters to suppress wildfire.

Single spaced trees, should be limbed, 10 feet from ground level or at least 1/3rd of tree height.

Cut any overhanging limbs away from the roof and at least 10 feet from chimneys.

If you have any questions with this please contact Clint Carson Fire Prevention Technician at 530 288 3231.

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Yuba River Ranger District

By Betty Leffew

We got some good snow out of this latest storm so you might like one of the free Winter Recreation maps. We still have plenty.

The trails around Bullards are fine this time of year although a bit wet after yesterdays snowstorm. Also North Yuba trail is good.

Campgrounds continue to be in winter status, no services, and no fee.

As of today February 23, we had 30.14 inches of precipitation. We have received 9.96 inches this month. Last year at this time we had 56.46 inches. A much better showing than last month. We need more rain to get up to normal but we still have the months of March and April. Hope for more rain and snow.

Business News

Burgee Dave's

March MarchMarch on down to Burgee Dave's and Munch Munch ...Munch.

Look forward to some new menu items and specials. Due to several requests there will be some specials at The Mayo featuring recipes from "The Mayo Clinic" for those who would like to dine out and not bust out of their summer pants.

St. Patricks Day will feature the traditional Corned Beef Meal. (You know how we do it) We'll start celebrating Fri 3/16 TGIF & KISS ME I'M IRISH. On Saturday St. Patrick's Day lets see who can come up with the best Leprechaun outfit or "IRISH JIG" with the winner receiving dinner for two.

Starting in March we will be re-opening for lunch on Saturdays and Sundays

We will be closed Easter Sunday April 8th, and also Monday the 9th and Tuesday the 10th.

We look forward to sharing good times with you here at Burgee Dave's @ The Mayo
Brian & Sandi

Greetings from the Real Estate Corner

By Karen Pettyjohn

Winter made it! The biggest, soppiest flakes landed to water my plants. Have you thought about how the plantings around our homes can create exterior living spaces? That shady side yard could feel like a cool and relaxing room in summer's heat with the right plantings. Check out the views looking from inside your home; could adding a tree or colorful flowers in Spring planting break down the barrier between inside and out making rooms feel larger? Planting a deciduous tree where it will block direct sunlight in summer's heat will cool your home. Whether you are thinking of selling or just want to enjoy your home more, try to look at your home as a prospective buyer. Healthy growing plants can add that welcome feeling viewed from inside or out.

Our 95922 zip code area has not welcomed any new owners over the last month. There is only one pending home sale, and none sold. We have 4 homes on the market with an average asking price of \$534,999. The land sales and pending sales are at zero over the same period, and the asking price for a parcel of land averages \$167,388.

Those flakes are melting, let the planting begin...

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MARCH CALENDAR:

"1,2,3 Grow" Parent Council	March 7, 9:30-10:30 at the Resource Center.
CCP Board	March 12, 4-6 pm at the Resource Center
School Board	Tuesday, March 14, 6:30 pm in the school's library
Yoga	Saturdays, 10 am at the Rebel Ridge clubhouse
Earth Charter Study Group	Call 288-3479 if you are interested in the Study Group.
"1,2,3 Grow" Program	for Infants to 5 years: Tues, Wed, Thurs 9-11:30. Call 288-9355
CanWORK Job Skills Workshops:	Tuesdays 9-11 at the Resource Center
CCSD Board	Third Monday of each month, 7pm at the school
Food Bank	Third Thursday of each month at the Lake Francis Grange at 10775 Texas Hill Road in Dobbins from 8am to 10am