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Thank you Clint Carson By Members of the CCSD

Clint Carson has been an excellent Fire Chief for Camptonville. Unfortunately, he has resigned as of July 1. He is moving from the area. He will be sorely missed.

Clint has routinely donated many hours each week of his personal time to keep Camptonville's fire department up and running. Not only has he spent a great amount of time and energy to deal with reams of bureaucratic red tape just to keep the department legal, but he has spent even more time in order to get Camptonville a state of the art, brand new fire engine. Under his leadership the volunteer fire fighters have been well trained. Besides his administrative duties, Clint has responded to fires and other emergencies.

Clint Carson, thank you so much! CCSD truly appreciates your work, your devotion and the endless hours you have given to the Camptonville Fire Department.

Camptonville, you are awesome By Judy Morris

Camptonville Buddies & Camptonville residents working together fighting cancer. Nevada County's 2007 Relay For Life event is over, BUT the fight to eliminate this disease goes on.

Please give yourselves a huge HUG—together as a team and community, Camptonville Buddies raised \$2,500 (at print time) once again reaching the PURPLE level of FUNdraising. Congratulations & thank you.

At 2007's event 58 teams participated; 100 survivors attended, (3 of which are from our team----l'm truly proud of these survivors for coming out & allowing all of us to celebrate life with them); \$147,711 raised. Donations are still being collected and can be made until Aug. 30th. So if you still want to donate its not too late.

This year's event is now over BUT, you guessed it, plans for 2008's Relay are in the brainstorming stage now. I have 3 goals for Camptonville Buddies team of 2008; 1.) Get more Camptonville residents involved on the team; 2.) Team Spirit: getting more involved in campsite decorations/education & awareness; and 3.) Developing a game participants can play at our campsite that educates about Colon Cancer – kinda like a pinball game---So, Camptonville Buddies of past and future put those thinking caps on. Also students doing Senior Projects or School Service hours, we can use your help and new ideas.

Have a great summer. If you have questions please call Paula & Judy @ 288-1228.

The Camptonville Gardener's Market plans to open Saturday morning August 4th at the Rebel Ridge Store. Stop by and get some wonderful local veggies.

'07 – '08 Gold Pages By Shirley DicKard

A job well done! That's what we've been hearing about "The Gold Pages," Directory of Local Business and Services. The first 300 copies of the '07-'08 Gold Pages evaporated within the first weeks of being put out around town at stores, restaurants and the post office.

If you missed getting a copy, you have two options. First, you'll soon be able to download The Gold Pages from our website:

www.camptonville.com. Lucky you – all pages will be in color. (We only had enough funds to print the beautiful cover of wildflowers in color). Second, call The Resource Center at 288-9355 to reserve a copy when we do our second printing. The *free* Gold Pages are made possible by community donations to Camptonville Community Partnership's fundraising campaigns. Thank you!



Celebrating at Burgee Dave's after completion of The Gold Pages:

L to r: Bob Carpenter, Stephanie Williams, Jessi Wilcox, Irene Williams, Pam Wilcox, Skip Ness, Shirley DicKard, Joan Carpenter.

C'ville town water rate increase

By Rod Bondurant

Good tasting and disease free water are essential to Camptonville town. The governing board of the Camptonville Community Service District (CCSD) has reviewed the condition and the operations of the water plant. To guarantee a high quality water supply, at least a 50% increase is needed to pay for: increased costs of maintaining the water plant, repairs to the water system, replacement of old worn out equipment and for improvements to the system.

The last rate increase was about 15 years ago. Given the need for improvements, there may even be another rate increase in the next year. The CCSD will make their final vote on this year's rate increase in a public hearing at their regular meeting on Monday, July 9, 2007 in the Camptonville School's library. Please feel free to come to the meeting and give your input to CCSD about this increased cost for water in Camptonville town.

NSJ Cherry Festival By Rochelle Bell

This year's Cherry Festival was a big hit! Cherry juice, Cherry pie, Cherry cobbler along with hot dogs, burgers, and salads. Also Soy and beef Tacos by our own Burgee Dave's. The parade was led by a large group of drummers followed by the NSJ fire trucks and an assortment of floats and decorated vehicles.

The Senior Center and AIC courtyard was a hub of activity. Booths selling everything from plants to pots and pans, artwork and information of every kind. Live music and a Haute Trash review kept us smiling. The Seniors made over \$800. Their building has just been painted by Camptonville's Daniel Tinnel and looked great.

Our fire department needs you

By Richard DicKard

Thank you so much to our volunteer fire department members. But, there is a real need for more volunteers. During the winter, the Camptonville Fire Department and other surrounding fire departments have been good in responding to emergencies. Now, however, with the hot dry days of summer, the risk of fire is high. More tourists and traffic increase the number of emergencies to which our fire department responds. And last but not the least, many of the fire department's volunteers are not available for emergencies due to their jobs that take them out of Camptonville during the summer. Camptonville will not be as well protected this summer as it was this winter!

Hey, you men and women of Camptonville, we sorely need your help! Please call one of the Camptonville Community Service District board members and volunteer: Richard DicKard, 288-3479; Rita Ortega, 288-3421, Skip Ness, 288-3561, Carol Holland, 288-3558.

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Camptonville Buddies Sponsors....

A huge thank you for all your support. Camptonville Buddies Relay For Life team has had the pleasure of working with some local merchants over the past 3 years. We'd like to thank all of you----La Sierra Beauty Boutique, Burgee Dave's @ The Mayo, Lost Nugget Market, Rebel Ridge Store and Bullet Screen Printing.

Your financial & emotional support has been great. We look forward to continuing our Relay relationship for the 2008 season. Talk to you in Jan. for 2008's event.

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Yuba County General Plan Update

By Wendy Tinnel

The Yuba County General Plan is moving right along. On the Camptonville side, at the last Camptonville Community Service District (CCSD) meeting the Community Health Action Team (CHAT) received designation as an Ad Hoc committee of CCSD to represent Camptonville. This status gives us a "little more teeth", in the eyes of the County.

We had another CHAT meeting held June 21. At this meeting we held another training session that discussed Asset Based Community Development. This training was conducted by CCP's very own Cathy LeBlanc. She gave us a wonderful presentation on how everyone in the community has positive assets that can help to benefit each other. The CHAT group discussed having an idea that would benefit the community and then devising a plan of action. We also discussed some issues that people would like to comment on about the General Plan. For example: 20-acre minimum's, growth within the community, and the much-needed housing for middle to lower income families. Our meetings will be held the first and third Wednesday of each month. However, the first Wednesday of July is the 4th so our next meeting will be held on July 18th at 5:30 in the Resource Center. At that meeting we will look at data already collected from surveys, focus groups and interviews and we will discuss topics that we still need to address. It's not too late: we are still looking for a few more members; call 288-9355 if you're interested.

We attended the June 12th Board of Supervisors meeting and received a copy of the current General Plan. It's at the Resource Center if you'd like to view it). At the June 26 meeting (we were not able to attend) the BOS chose their General Plan Update Committee, which includes the following people: Darin Gale, Ilene Jacobs, Charles Mathews, Jr., Cory Wilkins, Joni Gerry, Richard Teagarden, and two individuals from each supervisory district to the General Plan Update Advisory Committee. Within our district, (which is district five) there were six people including Cathy LeBlanc, who applied for the two positions. These people were; Dan Hunington a General Engineer, Gene Sexton an Olive Farmer and Olive Oil Maker, Steve Souza a Real Estate Appraiser, Luther Hintz a Civil Engineer, and also William Appleby a Respiratory Therapist who was also on the Trails Commission. No decision will be made for District 5 until after July 10, 2007. We have yet to hear

who received the other District positions. Regardless of whether we receive a position or not, we will still have a huge impact on the Yuba County General Plan. We are set to present our General Plan information to the Board of Supervisors on December 4, 2007 in Marysville. All input is gladly welcome.

For any questions or comments please contact Wendy Tinnel or Cathy LeBlanc at the Resource Center 288-9355.

Fire season again By Rod Bondurant

A few thoughts and suggestions...

Don't start a fire. Every year (two were reported in yesterday's news) well intentioned homeowners set their own property on fire. Do not mow dry grass with a metal bladed mower. The blade hitting a rock makes sparks that can easily start a fast moving fire. Be careful with string trimmers too. Have water & shovel handy. Don't work alone.

Do clean up around your house. Clean roof and gutters and rake up and take away dead grass and debris.

Do have a plan. What would you take if evacuating in a hurry? How would you get out? Are there alternate escape routes? What about your animals? Where are your kids? What do they do if home alone? Discuss all this with your neighbors.

The Tahoe fire has motivated some of us (including myself) to finish that brush clearing we started earlier. You can get brush chipped for free by calling 713-7515.

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Possible McDonald's coming our way

By Yana Slade

How would you feel about having a McDonald's at Marysville Rd and Highway 49? Or even a Trader Joe's for those of us who crave a healthier alternative? Do you want to be able to sub-divide? Or do you want to be able to keep all the space around you? Do you want to have your voice heard? Or do you want people who don't live here to make decisions for us?

The Yuba County General Plan is being worked on as we speak. There are not many chances to influence our lawmakers. However, Camptonville has one chance to have our voices heard.

We have one slot in December to present our concerns and our wishes to the Board of Supervisor's as they make new laws that will affect us for the NEXT 20 YEARS. Water usage. Zoning. Land management. These areas and others are under review.

Meetings are being held bi-monthly to discuss these issues and decide what we want our supervisors to hear from us. Only a small representation of Camptonville residents have been attending.

This is a personal invitation to each of you who cares what happens here in Camptonville. Please, take the time and join us. YOUR VOICE COUNTS

Need a ride? Don't know where or when? Can't come to the meetings but want to express your opinion?

Want to host a meeting at your home? Call Cathy or Wendy at 288-9355

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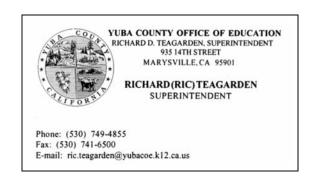
Is Camptonville scared of Yuba Highlands?

By Richard DicKard

So how will a big development on the other side of Yuba County be a problem for Camptonville? On June 21 at the Dobbins Grange Hall, there was a meeting of about 50 concerned people from communities in the 5th supervisorial district: Oregon House, Dobbins, Browns Valley, Wheatland and Camptonville. The issue was: what impact will the 5100 proposed homes of the Yuba Highlands have on the 5th District? After an hour of discussion, the conclusion was that the Yuba Highlands development will end up costing Yuba County twice as much money in infrastructure cost (police. sewer, education, roads) than the development and its occupants will ever bring into Yuba County's coffers. What that means to Camptonville, is that Yuba County will have even less money to provide services to our area such as road maintenance, sheriff's patrols, and school support.

So what you gonna' do? Everyone at the meeting agreed that the developers need to get a strong signal from Yuba County residents that Yuba Highlands and other such big developments are not wanted. Unfortunately the situation is that 3 of the 5 supervisors have been swayed by developer's money to vote for this development. Cathy LeBlanc and Wendy Tinnel will be leading an effort this month of July to get signatures for a referendum to put the question of Yuba Highlands on the ballot so the citizens of Yuba County can vote for or against it.

If you want more details, check out the Yuba Highlands Alert at the web site: http://spenceville.org/ or call Cathy or Wendy at 288-9355.



Bird Notes

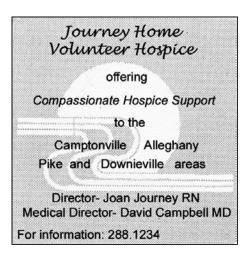
By Shirley DicKard

Fledgling season - my favorite time of year. I love stepping out the back door to a roaring flutter, as several dozen birds take off from our feeders and pond. I love the persistent call of "feed me, feed me!" from freshly feathered Black Grosbeak fledglings. It's my living aviary.

There's a lot of concern nationwide about falling numbers of migratory birds.

Deforestation? Global warming? Disease? Even birders in Grass Valley are noticing a low number of birds this year. It's a small world, and eventually we're all touched by the growing practices of converting native forests to cash crops and suburbia, both here and below the equator. I wish I could invite these songbirds to live at my house year-round, but they need the climate and food of the southern hemisphere. So I've decided to do what I can. I've forsaken my favorite coffee brand and now drink only bird-friendly, shade-grown organic coffee. It's a small step towards keeping the birds returning.

I also want to share, after my concern about the Moonshine Road osprey nest being quiet, that I've seen one small head bobbing in the nest, being tended by momma osprey. Yea! If you have Bird Notes to share, please give me a call (288-3479) or email me at sdickard@gotsky.com.



8th grade Earth Awards By Rod Bondurant

As one of the judges, I certainly enjoyed hearing all the student's presentations. They were so creative it was difficult for all of us on the CCP judging team to pick only two for awards.

First place went to Jon Stuart and Talon Cook for their project to start recycling in Camptonville.

Second place winners were Shoalay Morris and Christina Dondono for their work on the school vegetable garden.

The other great projects were:

Rayah Newman educating us about global warming.

Logan Kemp and Renn Britton bringing back the public bus.

Heather MacKay and Christopher Morris enhancing habitat for mosquito eating bats.

Dakota Cook encouraging more organic healthy foods at our stores.

Mike Walsh sharing his passion for wildlife.

The Camptonville Community Partnership will offer the award again next year.



Mike Walsh explaining to the judges why not to feed the bears.

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Chicken Chronicles

By Stephanie Ruff

As I frantically prepare for my roadtrip, I'm full of anxiety and angst. I'm taking my boys on a road trip to Idaho, Wyoming and Montana. What happened to my spirit of adventure? Instead of excitement I feel worried and stressed-will the car make it? Family gatherings have their ups and downs and yes you guessed it-I'm worried about the chickens. It's not that hubby can't take care of them-it's just that I'm leaving at such a bad time.

Things have been rather crazy here at the usually calm and serene hen house. It's more like chaotic bedlam infiltrating the trenches! Sigh-heavy sigh-what was I thinking? I wrecked my wonderful, harmonious and blissful chicken trio community.

Remember-I increased my flock by 6 baby chicks? Well, they are teenagers now. And once I had enough of my bathroom being the pullet motel I got to business and finished the coop extension. Oops! Oh my gosh I forgot to tell you all:

About a month ago my dear Hazel went broody on me and was sitting on 2 unfertile eggs and one wooden eggshe was so determined I felt guilty not having a rooster. I called my friend Mimi and she gave me 5 fertile eggs from her hens. That night, after dark we made the switch. Hazel didn't seem to mind a bit.

Well, then I had a little incident with Lucie-remember how she liked to sit on my shoulder? Well, she pecked me right in the eyeball-not a pleasant experience-she scratched my cornea and I had double vision for daysnot to mention nausea from the vertigo. Anyway-I guess Lucie is lucky we are vegetarians-she was not being malicious-but she is no longer allowed to sit on my shoulder!

Now, jump ahead to 21 days after Mimi gave us the eggs. What is that peeping sound coming from the coop? I didn't think it would happen- they really did hatch-and it really was 21 days and oh my god what am I too do now-what was I thinking!!!! I quickly grab my chicken books and start reading-what I read was horrifying. Other hens would try and kill the new babies

and need to be separated from the others. Geez! Goodbye harmony.

So mama and new babies- (yes all five hatched-one was a runt though) got to move to the luxurious new addition. And the teens were out o luck-they have to share accommodations with Lucie and Ruth. Not a pleasant affair, they are both extremely bent out of shape-got their tail feathers all in a ruffle and are marching around here like nazi soldiers - squawking, chasing and being just plain nasty to the teenagers. Not to mention the very sound of the chicks drives Lucie insane!

So we have utter mayhem here at my coop-and sadly enough the runt of the 5 did die-there was definitely something wrong with the baby –thank you so much Mimi and Jori for your help and burial services.

So, yes I feel a bit stressed leaving dear hubby to deal with it all!

Thank you Roy- never a dull moment here at the Rebel Hen Ranch!





Courier Classified

Wanting to buy a quality bread making machine with all parts & manual. Please call Paula at 288-1228.

CanWORK

By Jeannie Costa

On June 13 Cathy and I gave the last program funded CanWORK class.

We were sad to say good-bye.

I remember March 2, 2001; I attended my first CanWORK meeting. CanWORK was developed out of CalWORK's, which is a state program, providing aide to needy families.

I was mandated by the Yuba County Department of Health and Human Services, to attend CanWORK classes. I was scared and didn't know what to expect from the program. When I got to the class, I was happy to see so many familiar faces, and Cathy our Program Director. I recall singing "work and smile", which was a great icebreaker. Cathy added music to the program.

Assessments were given to determine skill levels. Classes soon followed such as Resumes, Computers, Interviewing Skills, Budgeting and Banking, etc.

I became the CanWORK Program Assistant in October 2001.I assisted Cathy with classes in Camptonville and we expanded out to Challenge, Brownsville and the Yuba foothills. Kathleen Smith, another CanWORK assistant, was awesome at developing work sites. She helped develope openings at local businesses for folks to get on the job work experience.

We lost our funding due to budget cuts at the Federal level, due to the Deficit Reduction Act.

Folks who may still need this program please feel free to come to the Resource Center for information, assistance and referrals 288-9355.

PS from Cathy

CanWORK had been a great way to connect with the community. Thanks to all the folks who were a part of it. With special thanks to Camptonville School and the LDS Church of Camptonville for giving us meeting space for so many years.

Thanks to all the volunteers and staff members who made this program work. Jeannie, special thanks to you for keeping the program organized!



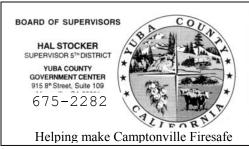




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Children's Roundtable Report By Cathy LeBlanc

When I read the e-mail, "Due to bill loads and legislative schedule and related advocacy we must cancel the June Roundtable meetings scheduled for next Thursday, June 14th. The next Roundtable meetings will be held on July 12th.", I thought it was a mistake. How could the Children's Roundtable meeting be cancelled? This is state budget time. We need our up-dates. Well maybe, I'd just look around and try to fill in the blanks myself.

Shortly afterward I received a phone call from the editor of Children's Advocate magazine Jean Tepperman and asked her where I could go for information and updates, she said the Children's Roundtable is a great source for information for her also. She said, "Right now it seems everything (concerning the Budget) is closed up. It's in the hands of five guys. We're waiting for news from the Big Five. There's just no information coming out" (From wikipedia: The Big Five is an informal institution of California government, consisting of the governor, the Assembly speaker, the Assembly minority leader, the Senate president pro tempore, and the Senate minority leader. Members of the Big Five meet in private to discuss bills pending in the legislature. Because the party caucus leaders in California's legislature also control the party's legislative campaign funds, the leaders wield tremendous power over their caucus members. They are thus usually able to guarantee their caucus's votes in Big Five meetings. Therefore, if all five members agree to support a bill, (or budget items) it will likely pass into law.)

So I set out to search on my own.

I checked the State's web site. Updates -What updates?- And where are they? How many dead end searches was I going to encounter. I checked on-line with the California Budget Project (www.cbp.org) found out about the SHCIPP program and the Farm Bill, both very important (see below) I went to the Budget Committee Chair, Assembly Member Laird's (D Santa Cruz)) web site (http://democrats.assembly.ca.gov/members/a27/budget0 7.htm), heard a few radio clips in reference to some of the Budget issues "He's (Governor Schwarzenegger) choosing Wall St. instead of kids and seniors" Also from Laird "...We're really looking to see if there can be a cooperative agreement,.... But if (in) a week or ten days, there's not an agreement or significant progress toward it, I'm sure that we'll come up with a conference committee budget that we can vote on or have ready to have a vote by June 30th."

Others are not so certain; from former Assembly member Hannah Beth Jackson (www.speakout.org) "This dance continues, with the Gov. washing his hands of any arm-twisting power he has by taking a European

excursion... Guess there's more publicity to be gained there than trying to hammer out the necessary compromises at home. Of course, what's in the budget should be of greater concern than meeting the deadline. But it's much easier for the public to put its collective arms around the failure to meet the deadline than the priorities being included in the discussion. The budget is complicated and decisions about whether to fund foster care, gang violence, Medicare reimbursement rates for Planned Parenthood and other community care clinics require considered thought and participation, something we're sadly lacking in political discourse.

How will the budget be balanced? Will it be once again on the backs of the poor, the children and the elderly? Stay active, Stay tuned and I'll keep you informed. Remember your voice counts.

SCHIP Federal Congress has an opportunity to help more children when it re-authorizes the State Children's Health Insurance Program SCHIP Current funding will expire September 30, 2007. SCHIP funding is responsible for funding Healthy Families during fiscal year 2007 California has spent \$300 million more in SCHIP funds than it receives and has done so for several years. Currently California legislature is considering proposals to substantially expand coverage to even more uninsured.

The Farm Bill/ The Food Stamp Program is also up for re-authorization current expiration is September 30, 2007. Food Stamps provide nutritional assistance to 2 million Californians with about 2million more being eligible. The purchasing power of food stamps has declined due to inflation according to the California Budget Project brief CONGRESS CAN STRENGTHEN THE FOOD STAMP PROGRAM; Congress now has the opportunity to make the necessary changes that could increases the effectiveness of the food stamp dollar. For more information go to www.cbp.org

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About the Volunteer Fire Department

By Rod Bondurant

Some people I have talked to do not understand the role the VFD plays in our community, so I am attempting to explain from my perspective as a past volunteer why I feel it is so important to our community.

First off, the word <u>volunteer</u> in volunteer fire department means just that. All members are volunteers and receive no pay or compensation of any kind. When I was in the department before the fire tax increase, I recall it actually cost active members a few hundred dollars each year for miscellaneous supplies and gas. This means that our fire department members are very special people who are willing to freely give their time and energy to help you.

If you get hurt or ill and call 911 for help, an ambulance will be sent. Yuba County contracts with Bi County Ambulance Service, a private company. Bi-County keeps an ambulance and crew in Loma Rica, about 45 minutes away, if it is on another call one will come from Marysville. This can be a long agonizing wait.

In the meantime, while the ambulance is on the road, Department members will do their best to get to you quickly. Many of them have spent a lot of time getting certified as first responders or EMT's. They will give you critical emergency medical aid and attend to injuries. If you are in a car wreck they are trained in vehicle extrication and will work to get you out of the vehicle and ready for the ambulance. Their actions might save your life right on the spot and at least will get you to the hospital quicker. Sometimes the ambulance has a difficult time finding and getting to you particularly if you don't have good signage on your road and property. Having local people to guide the ambulance in who know the town can save valuable time.

Since most volunteers have a full time job and all have a life of their own, at any given time of day there will be only a few members available to help you. This is why we need to have enough members to ensure that at least a few are always ready to respond to a call.

So why would anyone volunteer? Some people like a challenge, some want to give back to their community, it is an opportunity to learn and use new skills (even start a new career), and for all there is a certain pride and pleasure to be had working with other dedicated people.

So please give these folks a big thank you and consider if you yourself are willing to give some of your time to your friends and neighbors.

123 Grow June and July By Marcy Kime

In June we only had a week, as school was out that first Friday. During our last day we had a preschool graduation for the four students who will attend kindergarten in the fall; Miya Garcia, Cameron Kime, Waylon Morrison, and Cooper Patterson, as seen in the photo. It was a fun event followed by a potluck, and many of the parents also received awards for all they have done this year.

July will be a quiet month as we don't officially have any classes in session, although the parents are still getting together for weekly play dates. Our garden is starting to flourish with green beans and squash already being picked, and tomatoes blooming. It is so nice to see results of the hard work of the parents and children. Thanks to all of you who are helping to keep our garden watered. Also a big thanks to Robert for allowing us to have a pumpkin patch on his property through all the chaos, and to Norm for making sure it is getting watered.

Classes will resume in August, following the school calendar. Wednesday, August 15th, and Thursday August 16th are tentatively our sign up dates for the new year, with class starting on Tuesday, August 21st. Watch the August Courier for more information about the new school year.



Help save the frogs

By Joel Shawn

At the turn of the 20th century the miners in coal mines would carry a caged canary down into the mines to warn them of any dangerous gases. If the canary died, they would leave the mine and return to the surface and fresh air.

Today small creatures are warning us of other environmental conditions that may be injurious to human health.

The California red-legged frog is the largest native frog in the western United States. It is brown, dark green or black, and has a red underbelly. In 2006, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service designated over 450,000 acres in California as "critical habitat" for the California red-legged frog.

Like all amphibians, frogs absorb some of the oxygen and water they need to survive through their skin. There are many advantages to having permeable skin, like being able to breathe in and out of water. But there are disadvantages as well. In addition to oxygen and water, chemicals can easily penetrate the skin of an amphibian and enter its body. This is one of the reasons why frogs may be particularly susceptible to potential harm from pesticides and environmental pollutants.

Amphibians are also threatened by pollutants in the environment because their eggs do not have a hard shell acting as a barrier between the un-hatched amphibian and the water that surrounds it.

The U.S. district Court for the Northern District of California recently issued a court order requiring EPA to assess the potential effect of 66 pesticide active ingredients to the California red-legged frog. The U.S. District Court's injunction cancels the authorization to use certain pesticides within critical habitat and other small portions of certain counties in California including Yuba and Nevada Counties.

What you can do to help reduce the exposure of frogs and other amphibians to pesticides.

- 1. Keep pesticides out of waters and areas near waters.
- 2. Do not spray if heavy rain is expected the pesticides may wash away from the area of application and into water bodies.
- 3. Implement an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) plan to utilize cultural, mechanical, and biological pest controls where you can.
- 4. Dispose of pesticides safely. Never dump pesticides down sink drains, storm drains, or on the ground. Take unused pesticides to your local Hazardous Waste Collection Center."
- 5. If you use pesticides apply them in the early morning or in the evening when winds are calm. This may help reduce spray drift.
- 6. Use low pressure, large droplet spray, and spray close to the ground."

Yuba River District By Betty Leffew

Due to the unusually dry fuels, the Tahoe National Forest implemented Fire Restrictions in June. A second round of restrictions is due July 2. This imposes additional limitations on the use of campfires, charcoal barbeques, smoking and the operation of internal combustion engines on National Forest lands. Persons with a valid 2007 Firewood permit will need to continue to call into the Yuba River Ranger Station and abide by the daily activity level. Copies of the Fire Restrictions, which includes a list of fire safe recreation sites where campfires and charcoal fires are allowed, are available at the Ranger Station,

Property owners are required to remove hazardous fuels from around residences and out buildings. Reducing fire hazards within 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 with an opportunity to safely defend your home.

Your cooperation will make your property, your community, and the National Forest safer from wildfire. If you need additional information or assistance please contact Clint Carson, Fire Prevention Technician, at the Yuba River Ranger Station (530) 288-3231.

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JULY CALENDAR:

CCSD Monday, July 9, 7 pm in the Camptonville School library.
CHAT Wednesday, July 18th at 5:30 in the Resource Center
CCP Board Monday, August 13 1-2 pm at the Resource Center

Forbestown Daze Saturday, August 4

Yoga Saturdays, 10 am at the Rebel Ridge clubhouse

"123 Grow" is closed in July, and will resume with registration August 15 & 16.

Food Bank Third Thursday of each month at the Lake Francis Grange at 10775

Texas Hill Road in Dobbins from 8 to 10 am.

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