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## Welcome back – Santa Claus

By Rochelle Bell

Yes, Santa is coming to town – our town. He has invited all children to come see him at the school on Saturday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6 pm. There will be gifts for all and the famous “goody bags” too

Donations, especially of money, are welcomed by our head elf Georgette Fowler and assistant Denise Stratton. Please call 288-3429 or 288-3528 if you would like to help in any way.

The Christmas Club will be having a bake sale and raffle at the December 8<sup>th</sup> Crafts Faire to help with the cost of gifts and to help Santa with his visit.

So, come help out by buying raffle tickets and yummy baked goods or sign on to be an elf and help Santa when he arrives.

## Holiday Crafts Faire

Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>

By Rita Ortega

The Camptonville Holiday Crafts Faire is Saturday, December 8th from 2-6 pm at the Camptonville School. Do your holiday shopping and support our local vendors! Kids can do their own shopping at the "Kids-Only Holiday Shopping Room" where gifts will be 50 cents to \$5. Come early for the best selection! This was the big hit at last years Craft Faire.

We can always count on Cathy for holiday music and I'm sure we can talk others into joining-in for a group sing. Funds raised will enable Camptonville Community Partnership to continue providing child, family, and community activities, including "1,2,3 Grow". For information, call Rita at the Resource Center at 288-9355.

## Winter Book Fair Watch December 8 – 14 in the school library

By Yakshi Vadeboncoeur

Don't miss this year's Scholastic Book Fair with awesome new titles, holiday shopping opportunities, polar panoramas, guessing games, treasure hunts, and winter-white-out treats!

A Blizzard of Books is coming our way!! See page 2.

## Winter Book Fair Watch *continued*

It's fun! It's fantastic! It's totally cool (if not freezing)!

Come join the fun at Book Fair Blizzard!  
Everybody's welcome!!

**Grand Opening: Saturday, Dec. 8 from 2:00 – 6:00 at the Crafts Faire**

**Every morning Mon. through Fri. Dec. 10 – 14, from 9:00 – 12:30**

**After school on Tue., Dec. 11 from 2:45 – 4:30. (Children must be accompanied by an adult.)**

**Thursday evening Dec. 13 before (6:00 – 7:00) and after the Winter Program**

There are lots of fun activities planned and also some quiet-time shopping opportunities with:

Class previews during your child's regularly scheduled library time.

**Miss-matched mittens Monday** (wear scarves, knit hats, stockings, and mittens to school and get your name entered into the drawing to win a \$15 shopping spree)

**Polar Panorama photo opportunities, treasure hunt, and snowball snacks** – Tuesday after school. \*\* Must be accompanied by an adult.

**Parents' Peaceful Morning Shopping Exclusive** – Thursday from 8:00 to 9:30.

**Polar PJ Party Friday.** Visit the Book Fair in pajamas and slippers; chill with a good book, or read to someone younger; do last minute holiday shopping and help close out Book Fair Blizzard on a relaxing minimum day before the start of Winter Break.

Volunteers willing to help with set-up, take-down, decorating or clerking call Yakshi 288-0619 or Skip in the office 288-3277.

## The season of giving & thanking

By Judy Morris

It's December and a time we're all rushing around shopping for the perfect gift for that special someone in our lives. Well, Camptonville Buddies, Relay For Life can help. It's not too early to start thinking about next year's Relay for Life event at the Nevada County fairgrounds. Cancer has touched us all in one way or another---a family member, friend, co-worker, or neighbor has been diagnosed with cancer. A way to remember that special person is to buy a Luminaria Bag. American Cancer Society has their annual fundraiser in Nevada County---Relay For Life that Camptonville Buddies participates in each year. 2008's event (yep it's around the corner) is May 31<sup>st</sup> to June 1<sup>st</sup>. This is a 24 hr. AWESOME event that raises awareness & money to fight this disease. Luminaria Bags are paper bags filled with sand & a candle that line the walking path at the event. These bags sell for \$10 each, and can be decorated by you personally in **Honor of**, (for cancer survivors) or in **Memory of**, (those who have died). This is a special way that kids & adults can deal with fighting this disease.

If you are interested in purchasing one or more of these bags to personally decorate please contact Paula or Judy at 288-1228. Once you have decorated the bags return them to us so we can place them around the track on May 31<sup>st</sup> at the Relay For Life Event. Better yet, sign-up as a Camptonville Buddies team member and place the bag in front of the team booth yourself.

For more information please call Paula or Judy at 288-1228. Wishing you all a happy & healthy holiday season.

## A Busy Fall in 1,2,3 Grow

By Marcy Kime

With such an involved parent group, and such a hard-working classroom teacher and assistant we have accomplished much in October and November. In October we enjoyed a trip to Bierwagen's Pumpkin Patch, a dental education day in class with Wendy, a Healthy Self-Esteem in Families Presentation by Yana for the parents, a Children's Car Seat Inspection Day thanks to Yuba & Sutter County CHP and Nevada County's Safe Kids volunteers, a talk on Behavior Battle Busters by Thelma who is a Yuba County Behavioral Specialist, and we ended the month with fun at the Camptonville School Halloween Carnival.

November brought the First 5 Yuba Director to visit our program, a craft faire preparation day, many hours of craft preparation from the parents and staff, and the holidays.

Now it is December, with only two weeks of class before Christmas break. Our number one event for December is the Craft Faire, which is our biggest fundraiser of the year. Please mark your calendar – December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2-6pm, in the Camptonville School Gym. Featured items this year for our table include a pine tree quilt to be raffled, 2 afghans, felt-crafted advent calendars, holiday banners, ornaments, holiday jewelry, recipe jars, baked goods, gift tags, homemade cards, and even some items made by the children of 1,2,3 Grow.

We also accept monetary donations at any time throughout the year which are tax deductible and greatly appreciated as we run on a very limited budget. All the money made at the craft faire as well as other fundraisers and donations, go directly to the 1,2,3 Grow Early Childhood Program.

We are also still working diligently towards supporting ourselves as a program, surveying the parents to find out what they want out of a program, and researching many possibilities through phone calls, meetings, visitations, and the Internet. If you are a parent of a 0-5 year old in the community and we do not see you at the 1,2,3 Grow Program we'd like to hear from you. Please let us know what you would like to see in a childcare or preschool program for your child. This helps us to know



1,2,3 Grow at the Pumpkin Patch

which direction to go in long-term plans for childcare in our community. You can call me at home at 288-3237 and I'd be glad to talk with you about your ideas.

At this time we are operating on a grant from First 5 Yuba that runs through June 2008. We are hoping to get an extension to cover a lot of our expenses for an additional year. In the meantime we are also looking at state program possibilities, which means jumping through a lot of hoops, if we qualify. Work is being done to determine our eligibility as we speak to see if this is something that is appropriate for our community at this time or not.

For 2008, look forward to seeing our upcoming events, updates on funding, as well as what will be going on in the classroom. Changes in class will include weekly kindergarten preparation classes for the four year olds going off to kindergarten next year.

## Welcome Stephanie Williams

By Rod Bondurant

The Camptonville Community Partnership (CCP) has chosen a new Executive Director.

In the next two months the transition of the outgoing Director, Shirley DicKard and the incoming Director, Stephanie Williams will be taking place. During this time Stephanie will be working with Shirley and the rest of the CCP staff to orient herself with our organization.

Shirley will be retiring in February to take a well earned rest, but as she has not officially handed over the reins yet we will wait to say our goodbyes.

Stephanie comes to us from Grass valley and has lived in Camptonville for two years but has developed a relationship with the area for over seven years through friendships and acquaintances she has made here. She is a parent of two children who attend our school and we are looking forward to having her as another leader in our community. Stephanie brings great enthusiasm, vision and energy with her. She has a background in corporate accounting, budgeting and human resource administration. We at the Partnership are confident that Stephanie will help us continue to be an active and creative influence in Camptonville.

Look for a short bio by Stephanie in the February issue at which time we will also thank and say our goodbyes to our current Director, Shirley DicKard.

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If you would like to go, and need a ride, call Rod & Rochelle at 288-3550. We may be able to help get you there.



## Is Camptonville *in da house*?

By Cathy LeBlanc

Well, with your involvement we've done it! After a year long, grass roots process, the Community Health Action Plan (CHAP) will be presented to the Yuba County Board of Supervisors on December 4th. The presentation will be about 10-15 minutes in length accompanied by a digital slide show of Camptonville!

Our community vision will be presented by members of the Community Health Action Team (CHAT) who include Kathy Dobbins, Ed Kime, Lyuba Saunders, Scott Spackman, Molly Spackman, and Daniel Tinnel, together with Shirley DickKard, Wendy Tinnel and Cathy LeBlanc of the Camptonville Community partnership staff.

We would like to thank and acknowledge the team members above plus all the community members who took time out to let us know their opinions. Also on our list of thanks, our county Supervisor Hal Stocker and planning department staff Wendy Hartman and Dan Cucchi for their help and expertise in this process. With special thanks to our funders The California Endowment and The James Irvine Foundation.

And just so you know:

The purpose for creating the Camptonville Community Health Action Plan (CHAP) is to serve as a resource to guide our community and Yuba County decision makers when they are developing the Yuba County General Plan. "CHAP," has been a year-long, community-based, collaborative process. We consider this a "living document" that will grow and evolve as the community and outside factors change.

*The plan was created through a grass roots effort, which included a wide spectrum of diverse people living here and intended to exclude no one. We feel it provides a broad base of community input.*

The CHAP will be available on-line in January 2008 at [www.camptonville.com](http://www.camptonville.com). Also at that time a CHAP summary will go out to residents in the local mail.

Wendy and I will continue to keep you informed. We will be attending the Yuba County General Plan Advisory Committee meetings as the planning process continues through 2008. So stay tuned Camptonville!



CHAT Team members talk with Supervisor Hal Stocker at last month's General Plan meeting.

## Thank you, Diane

By Shirley DickKard

Camptonville Community Partnership would like to thank Diane Pendola for her five year's of service as a member of the Board of Directors. Although she has resigned after an extended term as a board member, her long-term impact will be felt. Diane introduced us to the Earth Charter, a document developed by the United Nations on how we can live together and care for this planet we all share. She also brought the Enneagram and centering practice into our work. We wish her well as she continues the work of Skyline Harvest, an Eco-contemplative center in the Pendola area of Camptonville.



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# Fire Hazard Plan

By Richard DicKard

After two years of hard work by many residents of Camptonville, The Camptonville Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan has been finished. The biggest hazard that was identified was FIRE. The Hazard Mitigation Plan proposes local goals to reduce potential fire hazards. The Camptonville Community Service District (CCSD) will set priorities on the projects to accomplish those goals at its next meeting on Monday, December 17, 7:00pm at the Camptonville School. If you would like to go by our C'ville school and look over the document detailing this plan with all the different hazards and its many goals, please call Skip Ness at 288-3277. If you want to discuss the plan and goals with a board member, feel free to contact them: Wendy Tinnel, 277-6737; Skip Ness, 288-3561; Rita Ortega, 288-3421; Carol Holland, 288-3558; or, Richard DicKard, 288-3479. And definitely plan to attend the meeting noted above to give your comments and concerns.

CCSD thanks Pat Beecham & Andrew Vodden at the Yuba County Office of Emergency Services for their support of Camptonville and their untold hours of toil to bring this plan together so successfully.


The Camptonville Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan was prepared and funded as a component of the Yuba County Multi-Jurisdictional Multi-Hazard Plan. The project was funded by the Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program.

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## Thanks for your summer work

By Bobbie Hollingsworth



Over the summer, the Harvey family grew pumpkins, a big patch of pumpkins for the children of Camptonville. The seeds for this crop were provided by the Hollingsworth family who have grandchildren who will spend their educational years here at our home school. Norm, from the 1,2,3 Grow Program, helped Robert most days for an hour or two. The patch produced 70 to 80 pumpkins of all sizes for our local kids. Thank you Robert, Ruby, John, Vic and Bobbie, and the many parents that stopped in and gave a hand.

## Worth the wait!

By Rochelle & Rod

We have all been watching the evolution of some new businesses in North San Juan. Every time we drove by we checked for progress. NOW we have two new restaurants; the Ridge Stop Cafe and the Forty Niner Pizzeria open for business. We just had to stop and sample the offerings.

At the Ridge Stop Cafe we discovered some of our friends and neighbors were already there relaxing and enjoying the ambiance. In pleasant weather there is room to sit outside. WI FI internet service is coming in a few weeks.

Owned by Belle Star and Andrea Wilson, the Ridge Stop Café serves up soups, juices, smoothies, baked goods and features a daily special with salad. To get yourself going in the morning try their full service organic coffee bar. They use organic ingredients and locally grown items if possible in everything they serve.


You can special order birthday cakes and pre order your holiday pies now by calling 292-3488.

The café is open Monday through Friday 6 am to 3 pm, Saturday and Sunday 8 am to 3 pm, at 29318 Hwy 49 in "uptown" North San Juan next to the Brass Rail tavern.

On the other side of the Brass Rail, Pike residents Matt and Mary Addeigo have opened Forty Niner Pizzeria. Their family friendly business serves up pizza and salads to eat in or take out. Why not give them a try during the holiday rush on your way home from shopping.

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# Yuba Highlands

A letter from Hal Stocker

There is a very important issue on the ballot February 5<sup>th</sup> ---aside from deciding about Hillary, Obama, etc. --- and that is Yuba Highlands. This is a huge housing project of 5,100 houses next to Beale AFB and the Spenceville Wildlife Area. It would amount to a new city the size of Marysville (13,000 people) out in the boondocks - an egregious example of sprawl.

Speaking as your Yuba County foothills supervisor, having been in office for 13 years, my advice is to vote No on Yuba Highlands. I am firmly convinced the project is bad for the county and bad for the citizens:

- Our already bad traffic would get much worse.
- Beale and the Spenceville Wildlife Area would be seriously encroached upon.
- It would be one more bedroom community, with many people going out of county to work and spend money.
- County services would suffer, since Yuba County only gets 19% of the property taxes.
- County roads would suffer, since SACOG and Caltrans (agencies that control state and federal road money) do not approve funding for roads serving sprawl projects.
- There is a good chance the project would go belly up and cost the taxpayers a lot, because development costs in a remote area are very high.

And who needs more houses now with the market at a standstill.

In short, we need Yuba Highlands like a hole in the head.

Vote no on Yuba Highlands!

Hal Stocker 675-2282

# Dental News

By Wendy Tinnel

Have you ever wondered what the risk of tooth decay is from bacteria in your mouth? Are you more prone to getting cavities? Well, there is hope. You can be tested and then be given some techniques to decrease those bad bacteria. The CariFree Risk Assessment is a simple and easy test; it takes about two minutes; - one minute or less to use a cotton swab to rub on several teeth, and then another minute in the CariFree Test Meter. The test results tell if you are at low, moderate or high risk for dental decay. High risk people have several simple home care strategies to reduce that risk.

The Camptonville Dental Outreach Program is just starting to screen children and their families for the dental decay bacteria. It is a great way to get together and have some "fun" testing your family for risk of dental decay. If you are interested in trying it for yourself, want to learn what the bacteria levels are, or just go over some strategies for reducing dental decay in your children's mouths, please give me a call at the Resource Center 288-9355.



Alexander Alligator gets a good brushing at 1,2,3 Grow

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## Chicken Chronicles

By Stephanie Ruff

Happy holidays from the rebel hen ranch! Things have quieted down here-predator wise (knock on wood!) Thanks to Skippy –dog of the hill!!! He keeps it well patrolled. The latest news is the young ladies have started laying. I just love their cute little eggs. Meanwhile, Lucy and Ruth have stopped laying eggs as they have begun their first molt. Molting is when birds lose their feathers and grow new ones. They sure look pathetic! I've been putting some chicken vitamins in their water to help boost their systems during this stressful time. I wonder why chickens molt during the colder seasons?

As, I write this article I feel very worried by the lack of rain this autumn. I know it won't last but it's a great time to take advantage of the nice weather. If you haven't done so already give your hen house a good cleaning before the weather does change. Clear out everything from the house and spray it down with a good poultry approved pyrethrum spray to help alleviate mites and lice. Some predators live on the birds others hide in cracks in your coop during the day and feed at night (vicious!) Open up the coop so it can dry out real good and let fresh air in. I then dust my coop with food grade diatomaceous earth for further precaution against bugs. If you find bugs in your nesting boxes be sure to burn the bedding before adding fresh-I always sprinkle my nesting boxes with the diatomaceous earth and change that bedding weekly. Pouring the d. earth into their dusting areas is also a great way to alleviate the little devils! Although once it's wet-it is not effective. If you have a large enough indoor space for your chickens you can make them a dusting box that won't get wet. Dusting themselves is the chicken's instinctual way of getting rid of the skin predators (they are not just playing in the dirt!) It's a good idea to check your birds too. If you see mites or evidence of bites or eggs on feathers, especially around the vent (i.e. butt) area, dust the birds with the d. earth. Easier when it's getting dark as they aren't as active-they aren't particularly fond of being dusted or sprayed. Good luck!

I leave you with this: our rooster "Insulator" is still in need of a home. Anybody out there? He is coming to that mature age of crowing and wanting some romance with the girls. They are NOT interested and really quite annoyed with his antics. Please give me a call-288-3512. Thanks!

## Changes being considered at C'ville School

By Richard Dickard

The Board of Trustees is still considering options for staffing and the educational program for the 2008-2009 school year at Camptonville School. The changes are necessitated by many factors such as: decreasing funding from both the state and federal governments; Camptonville School's continued deficit spending; key staff persons retiring at the end of this school year; and, decreasing enrollment. The school board's goal is to maintain the school's high quality educational program.

For more details about this situation, speak with or call a school board member: Donna Tate, 288-1225; David Brown, 288-3616; Arnold Olson, 288-3589; Richard Dickard, 288-3479; or Tonie Hilligoss, 288-3451. If you want to give your concerns, thoughts or general input to the school board, be sure to attend the January school board meeting on Wednesday, January 9, at 6:30 pm in the school library.

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# Mountain Range Lodge installation of officers

By Gary Schlusser

On December 15, 2007, Mountain Range Lodge #18 F. & A.M. will install its officers for the 2008 Masonic year. This installation marks the 154th such installation for the combined lodges which make up Mountain Range Lodge #18 here in Camptonville.

2007 marked a wonderful turning point for Mountain Range Lodge #18. The lodge raised its first master mason in 13 years and received 4 affiliations from other lodges. New members have increased participation in our pot-luck lunches as well as our meetings. The lodge received a donation from brother Bill Hatch which was used to pave the parking lot, restore and paint the building, and restore the roof.

As master of the lodge for the past year, outgoing Master, Joseph Reusser, can be proud of his work and accomplishments by and for the Lodge. Because of the growth in the lodge in 2007 the slate of officers for 2008 is being filled with members who are not only healthy and active but they can and do attend our meetings. Congratulations go out to Joe for a job well done.


As Masons and members of the community we will continue to reach out to the community in ways that make our fraternity an interesting and vital part of society. We will strive to find new and better ways to get the word out about Mountain Range Lodge #18 and its many benefits to the community of Camptonville. Good Luck in 2008!



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Food Bank

Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2-6 pm at the Camptonville School  
December 8 through 14  
Saturday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6pm, at the Camptonville School  
Wednesday, January 9 at 6:30 pm in the school library.  
Call the Resource Center for the date 288-9355.  
Monday, December 17, 7:00pm at the Camptonville School.  
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