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Secret Santa By Barbara Hogan

Santa Claus arrived in true Camptonville mountain style thanks to our wonderful Volunteer Fire Department. Bells, whistles, horns and the big red truck delivered Santa to school on Saturday December 22nd to meet with about 60 kids and grownups of all ages. This wonderful event brought to all of us by our own terrific "Aunt Georgette" came with homemade cookies, hot chocolate, candy, fruit and gift bags for all the children.

Santa did a fine job of greeting everyone. The elves; Courtney, Lyndsay, Talon, Dakota and Krystal handed out the goodie bags and took pictures. Jeanne Costa sold raffle tickets to raise money for next year and Barbara managed the picture sales. Jeannie Black did a good job of keeping everything moving. Lots of thanks to Melissa and Carol for keeping our wall full of hats. Aunt Georgette wants to let everyone in the community know that she really appreciates all of you and thanks you for keeping Santa coming back to Camptonville every year. Your "elves" want to thank you, Georgette, without you and your family, it would not happen. We love you!

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Happy New Year Camptonville

By Stephanie Williams
In-coming Executive Director

From the staff at the Resource Center we wish you all a very Happy New Year.

CCP (Camptonville Community Partnership) has had a very busy and successful 2007 and we look forward to working with you all in 2008.

I would like to share with you all that we have accomplished this year, as I have found many do not know who we are and what we do.

In December we presented to the Yuba County Board of Supervisors Camptonville's first ever mini General Plan in the form of our *Community Health Action Plan*. This document was a year long project of our CHAT team that in its finished version outlines what we, as a community, want in our future. It serves as a road map for growth and development.

1, 2, 3 Grow, a free child enrichment and kindergarten readiness program, is as strong as ever. This year we had nearly 20 children enrolled. All children ages 0 to 5 years are welcome to come with their parent/guardian and play, learn and have fun.

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Secret Santa continued

There were bicycles and balls, baby dolls and blocks, dump trucks, tow trucks and even "Jack" on Santa's list this year. Makeup, movies and princesses along with lots of good food all made its way with Santa's Elves to many friends and families of our extended area due to the generosity of many loving people. A very special thank you to all of you who donated money and gifts. Much Love is sent to all of those people involved with the Camptonville Community Partnership who sponsors this yearly "Secret Santa" project. Mindi Morton and all the wonderful people of North San Juan along with Dick Dahms and all his helpers at the Dobbins Grange hall supplied large boxes of delicious ham and turkey dinners. Don and Nancy Walker and the Lions Club of Oregon House gave Santa enough art kits to supply every child in school and on the Santa list with an opportunity to use their imaginations and get creative. Suzanne Barger and the ladies of the Penn Valley Knitters Guild supplied everyone, moms, dads, kids and even grandmas and grandpas with stunning hand made winter hats (much needed with the weather we've had). Besides these hats from Suzanne and her ladies helping to keep Camptonville, North San Juan and Goodyears Bar heads warm, the remainder of the hats made their way by sleigh to the homeless prenatal program in San Francisco where they were received with much thankfulness. My special friends. Georgette Fowler, Jeannie Black and Joe who wore their elf hats well.... I could not have done it without their help. Hugs to Bob and much love and respect to my friend the "bag carrier" for his patience with me and for him being a big kid at heart. It's been another fine Christmas and even though it sometimes seems rough in this big world, much light and love shined out from our little corner of it this year as it has for several years in the past and hopefully into the future, all due to the generosity, love and greatness of all of you who still believe in the magic of the season. Blessings to us all.







Happy New Year continued

First Smiles, is a model program developed by CCP staff and community dental volunteers to demonstrate how a community Outreach Worker can help families prevent dental decay in very young children. It is in its final stages and ready to be shared with other Yuba County communities. For those of you who may have some concerns or are just curious about your dental health, call Wendy at the Resource Center to arrange for a free "caries susceptibility test" that will indicate your family's dental health. This service is free to all families with children birth through 5 years.

Twilight School continues to provide interesting topics taught by locals, sports and a great time to gather with other community members. We're looking for someone willing to help coordinate and bring it back on a regular basis.

This year's Holiday Craft Faire was wonderful. Local artisans came out to show their wares, a Camptonville tradition allowing for local shopping at the Holidays. The "Kids Only" shopping area, once again, was a huge success.

Thanks to Barbara and everyone who donated time, money, food and toys, the *Secret Santa* project helped over 35 children and Camptonville families have a wonderful Christmas time. Thanks also to the Yuba Feather Lions Club for donating a toy for each child at school.

CCP was also honored to be involved with *Santa* comes to *Town*, an annual event presented by Georgette Fowler. Hope everyone made that event, as Santa was on form and giving away lots of presents.

CCP is a non profit organization that is community based. We are here to work toward a vital present and a promising future for our community. We invite all community members to stop into the Resource Center, conveniently located on the school campus, to see who we are and what we do.



Winter Break makes for quiet time in 1,2,3 Grow By Marcy Kime

With such a busy fall it felt great to quiet things down a bit before our big holiday season. December brought our annual craft faire which we were so much more prepared for this year than ever before, thanks to all the hard-working parents. Unlike years before, we had a raffle with a handmade quilt, 2 handmade afghans by our own staff person and parent, and a basket full of our recipe jars. We would like to congratulate Stephanie Williams for winning the quilt, Tudy Tardiville and Jan Jero for winning the afghans, and Judy Marovich for winning the basket full of goodies! This was a fun event, with close to \$1,000 made this year, three times as much as last year! All the preparation really paid off.

The children of 1,2,3 Grow also sang a couple of songs at the Camptonville School Winter Program, of course looking so adorable up there on stage! We had a nice turn out for this event, showing the community how much we really are growing.

Now we are off for a break, just like the school, through the New Year, and will return on January 2nd to start a new semester. We look forward to more health topics, an upcoming CPR class, a dental discussion, Literacy Through Music, and kindergarten preparation classes to get ready for the next school year, which will be here before we know it!

I hope this holiday season finds you and your family healthy and in good spirits. Once again we have a new year upon us to start fresh.

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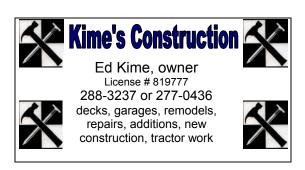
Book Fair Blizzard Weather Report

By Yakshi Vadeboncoeur

The hurry and scurry of Christmas is behind us, the New Year's celebrations just over. Serious cold has arrived and some white stuff has fallen, so our little December book fair blizzard may easily have melted out of mind and memory. Not so easily, however, if you were lucky enough to have been present at or stumbled upon one of the mock snowball fights that ended each of our polar panorama parties, a highlight of this year's fair. Hope those dress rehearsals had everybody primed and ready to go when that end of December snowstorm gave us an opportunity for the real thing. Hope those new books and stories have taken folks off on some great adventures when it was too wet and cold to be outside.

Book Fair Blizzard was lots of fun, really cool, and a great success. The library earned \$170.00 in free books and \$350.00 in cash. I'm sending a snow flurry of thanks to drift and dance around the heads of all the steadfast, loyal, and hard working volunteers who made it possible. Thank you Elijah Bauer , Rocky van der Meer and finally three's-a-charm Cameron Kime for helping to find the pup tent that became our igloo. Thank you! Thank you, Cheryl Durrett for the transformation of tent, idea, and sundry materials into the ice block home that housed our reading polar bears. And thank you Katie O'Hara Kelly, Heather McKay, and Kerrie Pratschner for taking most of the polar bear photo opportunity snapshots.

Marcy Kime was the Santa of setup, and Davia, Ravynn, Taylor, Lily, and Moriah were able student elves. Thank you, ladies! Many hands made light work



of all those boxes. Sorry if I missed naming any young helpers. Let me know, kids, so I can thank you in person. Finally, there was the shopping and selecting, counting-coins-and-finding-affordable-items crew. Thank you, book fair staffers: Heather Morrison, Melissa, Rusty, Nellie, Joan, Jennifer, Desiree, Roger, Jocelyn, Marcy, and Kerrie. You made it my most fun book fair ever.

And those multitude of hands both little and big throwing mock snowballs amid shrieks of laughter, still freshly frozen in my memory, are a huge part of what made it special for me. Thank you again, one and all! And CONGRATULATIONS, Jasper Carnevale, whose guess of 442 was astoundingly close to the 444 "penguin egg" jelly beans in the guessing jar, making him the master guesstimator and proud new owner of the polar panorama's biggest stuffed polar bear.

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Crafts Faire 2007

By Rochelle Bell

It was fun. Lots of people came to enjoy shopping locally. It sure beats driving down the hill to fight the crowds. Lots of goodies, good food from the kitchen, everybody was in a holiday spirit. Cathy led caroling. The kids only shopping room was again a big hit. The money earned gives extra support for community programs sponsored by the Camptonville Community Partnership.







Congratulations Camptonville

By Hal Stocker

The Yuba County Board of Supervisors enjoyed a rare treat on December 4 when a good-sized contingent of Camptonville residents journeyed all the way to Marysville to enlighten the Supervisors as to what Camptonville folks want for their town for the next 20 years.

Yuba County is updating its General Plan. The last update was 11 years ago, and a lot happened in the county since then.

The Camptonville folks were well prepared. They presented with authority the findings of their efforts and studies over the past several months.

The message came through loud and clear: Camptonville folks will accept some growth, but they cherish the mountains and their rural atmosphere.

As your foothill supervisor, I was very proud of Camptonville's presentation to the Board.

Good job. Well done



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Camptonville's voice heard by the Board of Supervisors By Cathy LeBlanc

Wow, Camptonville we have accomplished something pretty amazing! We were heard and well received by the Yuba County Board of Supervisors in regard to Camptonville's part in the Yuba County General Plan.

On December 4^{th,} with speeches in hand, the Community Health Action Team (Yana Slade, Scott and Molly Spackman, Kathy Dobbins, Wendy Tinnel, Shirley DicKard and Cathy LeBlanc) and friends gathered to present the Camptonville Community Health Action Plan to the Board of Supervisors. Each Supervisor was handed a copy of the plan and we were given ten minutes to present it. Our volunteer public speaking coach, Ruth Schwartz was there to support us as well as community members Skip Ness, Rita Ortega, Tonie Hilligoss, and Stephanie and Noah Williams.

We walked into the chambers early to set up and get the "feel" of the place. A video, basically consisting of photos of Camptonville, would accompany our words. We realized many of the Supervisors probably had never been to our small town and we wanted them to appreciate the beauty and feel of it.

When we began, we introduced our five vision points that describe our core values: Our rural environment, growth and economy, connectedness and health, a community center and travel. Cathy opened with a song "Oh Camptonville little town up on the hill...." Molly spoke about growth, economy and travel. Scott told a story about how his son values dirt over concrete. Wendy let them know our desire for a community center while Yana revealed our views on health and connectedness. Shirley closed the presentation discussing Camptonville's sphere of influence as 56 square miles reflecting the same boundaries as the school and water districts.

We felt honored as each Supervisor in turn responded positively thanking us for our work and diligence. Mary Jane Griego said it sounded like we value smart growth. Dan Logue wondered if the Mayo was open and said he wanted to ride his motorcycle up here.

An executive summary of the Plan will be mailed to everyone in Camptonville in January. A copy of the entire Plan will also be available on-line or at the Resource Center.

The Community Health Action Team celebrated a job well done a few days later with dinner and participation awards. We spoke about what we had accomplished and felt very empowered by the process. Some even said they'd be ready for more civic involvement in the near future. So be ready Yuba County, Camptonville is organized, empowered, experienced and ready to do more!

We would like to thank The California Endowment and the James Irvine Foundation for their support helping to make all this possible.

In other General Plan news: The result of our work is already being seen: At a study session concerning the Yuba County General Plan, the Board of Supervisors said they would address community boundaries in the Foothills and Mountains (Camptonville is considered to be in the Mountain region of Yuba County) and later there would be a discussion of transportation needs.

This has been a yearlong grass roots process that also involved the Yuba County Parks Master Plan which is also complete and posted on the County web site.



Chat team at the Supervisors meeting

Volume twelve!

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Mark Your Calendars! Camptonville Volunteer Fire Dept. Appreciation Dinner

By Rita Ortega

The Camptonville Community Services District and the Camptonville Fire Department Auxiliary would like to invite you to a pot luck appreciation dinner to honor Clint Carson for his many years of service to the Camptonville Volunteer Fire Department. We would also like to show our appreciation to all the other volunteers, so please join us on **Saturday February 23**rd to show these dedicated fire department volunteers how much we appreciate everything they do. Watch the Courier and flyers for the location and any additional information.

Meet and greet

Can you count on one hand how many local school parents you know?
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Parents Meet and Greet
Wed. Jan. 16th at 6pm in the
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Happy New Year from the C'ville Co-op!!!

By Carol Holland

We are starting the new year with our "old" members (Shera Blume, Dayana, Carol Holland, Michael Miller, Heather Morrison, Carolyn Mumm and Molly Spackman,) welcoming our newest members Marylou Knapp and Judy Morris!!

The Co-op is growing and we have had some trading of points this month. My hubby, Alan Kinne, gets a thrill every time he "gets" to go let the chickens in or out at the Spackman's!! It's fun and it helps the community thrive. We have had jobs from moving refrigerators to feeding critters to splitting wood.

Wouldn't a little help in your next chore around the house be nice? Of how about that forgotten item at the store? Or what do you do with the critters when you leave to visit "Auntie Rose"? Call me (Carol Holland 288-3558) and see how membership in the C'Ville Co-op can help you!!!

2008 Camptonville Calendar!

By CCP Staff

The 2008 Camptonville Calendar is brimming with important dates noted by friends and neighbors, and adorned with local artwork and pictures, but it sold out quickly this year. Fear not, if you would like to purchase a local calendar there is still time. Call the Resource Center (288-9355) or email (ccp@cville.k12.ca.us) to place your order. Support your community programs – buy a calendar!

We would like to thank everyone who submitted artwork and photos for our wonderful local calendar. Thanks also to the "calendar committee" for all the work you put into putting this together; it is a beautiful work of art.

OPINION: Proposal N

NO on N

By Hal Stocker

Dear Camptonville voter:

Please, please, please vote on February 5th, (or send in your absentee ballot well before then). And please vote NO on Yuba Highlands (Vote No on N).

This is the most important issue I have seen in Yuba County since I have been a supervisor (13 years).

This is a struggle between those who want to preserve a rural atmosphere in upper Yuba County and the developers and their politicians who want to make money by urbanizing the countryside.

If Yuba Highlands (15,000 people) goes in Smartsville, then Spring Valley (13,000 people) will probably go in Loma Rica. Before long, there will be pressure to put big subdivisions in Camptonville. Now is the time to say "NO" by your vote.

The Yuba Highlands developer is using false and misleading data to get your vote. Stand firm. Vote NO on N.

(The Courier staff concurs with our School Board President and our local Supervisor. Opposing viewpoints are welcome for the Feb. issue.)

Yuba Highlands- a serious liability By Richard DicKard

Yuba County is one of the poorest counties in California. Public services for the foothills where I live in Camptonville have been steadily decreased over the years due to lack of county funds. The development and ongoing support of the Yuba Highlands residential area will further drain Yuba County's already low bank account. Cost of Community Services studies have been performed in more than 63 communities nationwide. While every community is different, those studies show that for \$1.00 of revenue generated by residential development, the cost is from \$1.15 to \$1.50 to provide services to those residential areas. To verify these figures, Google "Tax base vs. cost of services". Developing and supporting Yuba Highlands means even fewer public services for the rest of the foothills and other existing communities in Yuba County. The Yuba Highlands development will certainly benefit the developers but will definitely be a serious liability to Yuba County and those of us who already live here.

Use it or lose it

Be sure to exercise your rights and register your opinion by voting on February 5th. Keep track of that mail-in ballot and send it in well before the 5th.

Chicken Chronicles

By Stephanie Ruff

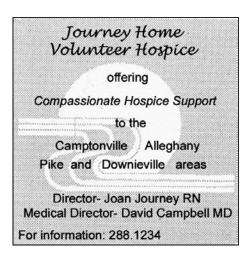
All's quiet here at Rebel Hen Ranch. Happy New Year and love from all the girls-Lucie, Ruth, Hazel, Lillie, Susan, Minstrel, Cacao, Onion Ring, Gilligan and Kamikaze.



New year's resolution By Rochelle Bell

Get off your couch and come on down to the North San Juan Senior Center some Tuesday. Lots of Camptonville people are in attendance already and we would love to add more.

Lunch for non members is only \$4. The menu changes every week. Call John Skoverski 292-3315 the Sunday before to make a reservation. Along with good food you can enjoy visiting with some fascinating people.







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