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School Rummage Sale Saturday

From Steve Kelley

Club Live is having their annual rummage sale on Saturday, February 2nd from 9am until Noon in the Camptonville School gym. Remember, one person's junk is another's treasure!

Also, Club Live members will be participating in a fundraiser by selling bulbs and flowers. Half of all proceeds will go to Club Live. There are a variety of bulb packages available from \$5 to \$20, and all items are 100% guaranteed by Flower Power Fundraising, Inc.

Happy Valentine's
Day

Shirley DicKard retires

By Rod Bondurant and Yana Slade

On behalf of the Camptonville Community Partnership, we wish to thank Shirley DicKard for her years of dedicated leadership in our community. Shirley has consistently held a positive vision of what we could become. She always embraced the best in all of us and found ways to encourage us to use our unique assets to better this place we call home.

This town is a tough place to organize; we live physically separated, with not a lot of real "town" in the sense that we know it from our experience. But Shirley's sense of place and her vision was so strong that in 1995 she and others began creating opportunities for people to come together to socialize, learn and make a difference in our community. Shirley has the ability to listen to others and then weave the ideas into a plan of action.

We wonder how many people's lives are better today because of Shirley's persistent vision of what a community could be. Could we have ever imagined Camptonville residents going to Sacramento to be heard by legislators, being included in competition for the All American Cities award, presenting our opinions on planning to the county Board of Supervisors? Shirley saw the need for a pre-school program in our community. She and the Resource Center folks made this program available to our families. The 1,2,3 Grow program was started in May of 2003 and is still going strong. We could make a very long list of all that has happened in the last dozen years under Shirley's guidance.

We all wish her a well earned rest and time to enjoy her friends and family.

Things to do this winter while thinking globally and acting locally

Saturday February 2 events

Quick! Drop everything and go to:

The rummage sale at school.

Then go to:

Sacramento Museum Day

Twenty-five (25!) greater Sacramento area museums will be offering FREE admission during the Tenth Annual Sacramento Museum Day on Saturday, February 2, from 10 am to 4 pm. Free shuttle buses. Details at www.sacmuseums.org

Or

Be a Local Food Activist! Attend the 13th Annual PlacerGROWN Food & Farm Conference!

8 am - 3:30 pm Lincoln High School, Lincoln,

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For more information www.ceplacer.ucdavis.edu

Go to lunch:

VFD Appreciation Potluck Luncheon

From The Camptonville Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary

After serving 5 1/2 years as Chief of the Camptonville Volunteer Fire Department, Clint Carson, moved to Grass Valley and turned the Chief's helmet over to Ned Cusato. The fire department auxiliary would like to honor Clint at a potluck luncheon on February 23rd along with all the volunteers.

When: Saturday February 23rd at 1:00 p.m.

Where: Camptonville School Gym

Join us and show these dedicated community members how much they are appreciated. If you have any questions, please call Skip 288-3561 or Rita 288-9355 or 288-3421

Take a class: Market-Driven Farming

Classes held at the UCCE Conference Room, DeWitt Center, Auburn \$30 fee includes course materials

For new/prospective growers of horticultural crops

Tuesdays, February 5 to March 11 6-9 pm

Learn: how to assess your resources and property for small scale fruit, vegetable, flower or ornamental production, about suitable crops, how to conduct market research, regulatory processes, resources and assistance agencies and organizations offer.

Farm Business Planning

Thursdays, February 7 through March 13 6-9 pm

Understand your farm's bottom line so that you can develop more profitable enterprises. Network with other growers

Answer such questions as: Is our business making any money?

At the end of this course you'll have a business plan and an action plan to implement it and have formed connections with a network of other growers that are dealing with similar issues.

For more info contact: Cindy Fake, Horticulture & Small Farms Advisor, UCCE Auburn, (530) 889-7385, cefake@ucdavis.edu

Meet the Local Food Coalition

The Local Food Coalition meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6 pm at Briar Patch during the winter.

Come Home To Eat 2008 will be June 21 at Bierwagen's Farm in Chicago Park.

Visit our website www.localfoodcoalition.org for local food news and happenings

If loving were easy
We would not
Notice it

January in 1,2,3 Grow

By Marcy Kime

This has been an off month with crazy weather and all sorts of colds and viruses going around, leaving us with fewer class days. When we were there, we made the most of it, and it seems many of us were glad to get out of the house and socialize, suffering from a bit of cabin fever!

Parent Council was cancelled in January as was the January Dental Discussion, but we will be back on track in February. We have started a more detailed weekly Kindergarten Readiness schedule every Thursday, now that we are that much closer to our students entering the school next year.

Four of us attended the First 5 Commission Meeting to find out if our grant will be extended for an additional twelve months past June 30th, and they decided the topic needed further discussion at their Executive Council meeting. We hope to hear more on this in the next month or two.

A few people have asked and/or made comments as to why we don't just have a regular preschool/daycare program in which the parents have to pay instead of always looking for free money from grants and such (though so many of you out there in the community have been nothing but supportive – thank you!) The answer to that entails many parts. First, we cannot become a licensed program in our current facilities, (though we are thankful to the school for letting us be a part of the campus); we need a larger, multi-room location as children must be separated by age. At this time there is no other location in our small community to house us. Another reason is that some of the folks that attend our program are raising their grandchildren, and many of these folks are retired and did not plan for such an expense, but also want their grandchildren to have socialization and a jump on their early education. Third, being in such a rural community we attract a variety of family types and needs from a couple of counties and many at this time just want to get their children socialized, enjoying our drop in casual environment which sort of acts as a parent co-op. Many of the parents here don't want to put their children into an all day, everyday program, they just want them to start learning to play and work together with other children, and many of the parents enjoy chatting with other parents when they normally would not have such an environment in which to meet. We

could not gather in such a fashion if we were licensed. As the program stands now it also allows everyone to be a part of it, unlike many programs that are income eligible. This is an on-going discussion and researched topic for me as the Program Manager, and I would love to hear any ideas you have for a solution to our needs, or if you have any ideas of a location we might use to further our growing program.

In February we are having a Dental Discussion on the first Tuesday, Parent Council the first Wednesday, a tentative non-certificated CPR class for the parents, and a Nutrition and Physical Activity Puppet Show for the children near the end of the month, on top of our regular class times. If you are interested in any of these activities, or our program please contact the Camptonville Resource Center at 288-9355.

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Beginning

By Stephanie Williams

Excited, anxious, confident and thrilled would be some words that come to mind when asked how do you feel about being the new Executive Director of Camptonville Community Partnership (CCP)? I am truly honored to be a part of an organization that is committed to "Rural people working together for a safe, sustainable, and healthy community". I have two young boys, a partner, parents and a brother who complete my immediate family here in Camptonville, so to be a part of the community through my association with CCP is quite something. I am looking forward to working with the staff and community to continue the great things this organization has done and the great things we can do to provide programs and events that create a strong, safe and healthy community. As always I encourage everyone to visit us at the Resource Center behind the school, to get involved with the creation of our future or simply to stop in and visit.



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My arms open wide
How quickly
A grandchild appears

Kudos for Tonie Hilligoss From the Camptonville School Board

After 20 years of dedicated, volunteer service to Camptonville School, Tonie Hilligoss has stepped down from the Board of Trustees. Her professional insight to teaching - being a teacher herself - will be sorely missed. She was instrumental in creating Camptonville School's charter school, The Camptonville Academy. She strongly supported a broad, rich curriculum for our students. She was founder of the Yuba Watershed Alliance which integrated three local schools and communities in promoting place-based education. Her community wide perspective nurtured children; she worked for a healthy Camptonville community which is essential to raise and educate healthy children.

Tonie, the staff and school board at Camptonville School thank you very much! You have been a strong supporter and a real asset to our school. We'll miss you.

School staff changes


By Richard DicKard

Due to declining enrollment and a teacher retiring, there will be changes in the school's teachers and their assignments. Steve Kelly will become Camptonville School's part-time administrator along with being the Title I teacher. Teachers in grades K-5 will remain the same. A new 6-7-8 grade teacher will be hired. The candidates for that position will be screened and then recommended to the school board who will make the final selection. That screening committee will consist of a school board member, teaching staff members and a parent or two of a 6-7-8 grade student. Contact the school, 288-3277, if you are interested in participating.

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Your dam input is needed

By Richard DicKard

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) is in the final stages of taking community input to their process of relicensing dams and electrical power generation plants in Nevada County. The Middle Yuba River can be affected by the new license differently than it has been in the past. In 2009 FERC will begin taking input for the relicensing of Bullards Bar Dam and the Colgate Power House. Here again, changes may occur that could affect our area. Local, Camptonville input is important. We need to identify issues of concern to us such as water quality and quantities, fish and aquatic resources, recreation, socio-economic resources, and land use to name just a few of the areas. Once identified, a study can be requested to see if those issues will have an impact on Camptonville that can be somehow mitigated. These areas of concern have been discussed at recent meetings of the Camptonville Community Service District (CCSD). If you would like more information or have concerns, please contact me at 288-3479 or attend a CCSD meeting which usually occurs on the third Monday* of each month at the Camptonville School. *(weather permitting, we have a quorum and the creeks don't rise.)

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Chicken Chronicles

By Stephanie Ruff

After an uneventful holiday "chicken" season, this month seems to be quite the opposite. There's a lot going on here at the Rebel Hen Ranch. Many of you noticed that our rooster "Insulator" was not included in the list of holiday greetings wishers. I chose not to include him as I was trying to detach myself from him as we found someone to take him. Only-it wasn't to give him a good home it was for holiday feasting purposes. We just needed to catch and deliver-well, to tell ya the truth-I've grown kind of attached to this fella since finding him a taker-and so have the kids. Insulator is quite the guy! He finds his girls' food-makes a delightful chirping sound when they run to him and he lets them eat first-before he ever takes a bite! He keeps them all round up in a tidy group and crows proudly-announcing to the world that he has the best "chicks" around-and they are all his! So, I keep making excuses as to not catching him while I figure out what to do with him as I promised Hubby no roosters!

I've also been busy with coop repairs- trying to keep the girls warm and dry during all these storms. The storms haven't affected egg production though-they are laying like crazy! We had eight eggs yesterday! The girls are averaging about 5-7 eggs a day. The wild turkeys continue to be a nuisance. My new wrist rocket doesn't help much-they keep coming back to eat the expensive organic chicken feed!!!

We had another bad predator scare the other day-no wild beasts this time. A neighbor's dog was chasing the girls madly around our house. Fortunately I looked out the window before we had another chicken massacre. My throat hurt the rest of the day from screaming and yelling so loud. Heavy sigh of relief!

On a sadder note-as I sat down to write this article earlier today my youngest son came running in to tell me "Ruth" was sick. She looked terrible!-pale comb and foamy frothy eyes. I knew I had to separate her from the rest of the flock. Luckily a few years back I bought an old collapsible dog cage-I had no use for it at the time. Best 5 bucks I ever spent! We brought it in the laundry room- filled it with straw, a roost stick, food and vitamin/electrolyte laced water. The boys and I caught "Ruth" easily and brought her inside. I dosed her eyes with homeopathic pink eye remedy by Similasan as I knew it couldn't hurt. We put her in the cage and she seemed real content to be out of the

elements. I've been reading up in my "Chicken Health Handbook" by Gail Damerow-it could be many things-but the frothy eye seems to be listed under "Chronic Respiratory Disease" which is common and usually not fatal-but I'm going to do more research to see what's going on with her. I'm hoping it's just a cold due to all the wild wet weather.

As I finish writing this I've noticed her eyes are no longer foamy and she is resting peacefully. I may try and give her some Echinacea as it always helps us when we are sick.....Stay tuned for the next exciting adventures of "The Chicken Chronicles." May all be well!

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For days my heart is warmed

"CB's" 2008 challenge to Camptonville

By Judy Morris

This is the year----our 6th year for Camptonville Buddies Relay For Life Team----and we want to break the 'Bank'. Over the past 6 years all of **you---** residents, friends, families, school kids, team members, & local businesses have supported this team. We are asking & challenging all of you one more time, help us reach the Team Recognition Level of **BRONZE** = raising \$2,500 to \$4,999 to help fight cancer.

Yep 2008's Relay For Life season is upon us. Camptonville Buddies is one of appx. 70 teams that participate in the American Cancer Society's annual fundraiser called Relay For Life. It is a 24-hr. event of **Celebration** of Life/Love/Happiness/Awareness and yes Education that raises money to fight this disease on various levels. Your local community team over the past 5 years has reached the level of **PURPLE** = \$1,500 - \$2,499----Lets make 2008 the year that we reach **BRONZE**. WE can do that with all of YOUR help.

We need your dollars and we need your physical support---join us walking on the track for just one hr. during this 24 hr event. Mark your calendars now---
Sat. May 31st & Sun. June 1st.

So let's start now.....One way to help donate & raise money is to buy a Luminaria Bag, this is a bag that you can decorate in **Honor of**, (a loved one who has survived their fight with cancer) or in **Memory of**, (a loved one who lost their battle). These bags will be filled with a small amount of sand & a candle that will be lit and placed around the walking track. It is an awesome sight to walk around the track at 3am and have your way lit by all these bags in memory or in honor of a friend or family member. You gotta see it, just ask one of the Camptonville Buddies team members what it's like to see the Luminaria Ceremony in person. You can purchase the bags from us, (Paula & Judy) they cost \$10 each---you decorate and return them to us & we will place them along the track in front of Camptonville Buddies Booth.

So Camptonville-----the Challenge is on!!! 2008 lets help Camptonville Buddies reach **BRONZE Level**.

Call 288-1228 for further information. Relay On!!!!!!

Medical care screening clinic – March 8

Submitted by Gary Schlusser Mountain Range Lodge #18

Shriners Hospitals will hold a confidential, free clinic at Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital to identify children in our area who can benefit from the expert orthopedic and burn care provided at Shriners Hospitals.

If you know of any children under 18 who have problems of the bones, joints or muscles, or problems associated with healed burns, bring them to the free clinic for an evaluation to find out if they are eligible for free, expert medical treatment.

Shriners Hospitals treat such problems as, scoliosis, neuromuscular disorders, hand and back problems, leg length discrepancies, rickets, congenital hip problems, juvenile rheumatoid arthritis, and orthopedic problems associated with cerebral palsy.

The clinic is free and the consultations are entirely confidential. The clinic date is Saturday March 8, from 9am to 1pm at Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital (Outpatient building), in Grass Valley. For more info contact George Harper at (530) 265 5310



After all these years
We discover each other
Anew

February 2008 election

By Cathy LeBlanc

YOUR VOICE COUNTS, VOTE

Well Camptonville It's voting time again. And just so you know for this election, Camptonville once again has a polling place; the LDS church. **If you wish to and if you have a vote-by-mail ballot you may vote in Camptonville on Election Day, February 2 at the LDS Church located on Marysville Rd. and Hwy 49. between 7am and 7pm,**

Here's How:

You can just drop off your completed vote-by – mail ballot. Or you can vote at the polling place. To do that you must bring your non voted vote-by-mail-ballot and give it to the polling place worker before voting a regular ballot. If you are unable to surrender your vote-by-mail ballot, you may still cast a "provisional" ballot at your polling place which will not be counted until the county elections official can determine that you have not also voted a vote-by- mail ballot. (Elections Code 3016 and 14310)

Now for Cathy's Picks: Before I go on I must give the necessary disclaimer:

The views expressed below are mine alone and not those of my employer or funders.

In my opinion **this is a vote NO ballot** for the reasons listed below.

Measure N Yuba County NO

After attending many Board of Supervisors meetings on the subject, (in my opinion) this housing development does not have the best interest of Yuba County in mind, (especially the foothills and mountain region) The North Yuba Highlands are slated to be built adjacent to the Spenceville Wildlife area. Those that would benefit most would be folks who live in Roseville (proposed traffic corridors lead in that direction not into Yuba) oh and of course the developers. At the last BOS meeting I attended on the subject, Yuba County folks stepped up the microphone in droves giving their reasons for **not** wanting the project. The only person for it was the spokesman for the developer. It was then decided that the voters should decide

Proposition 91. NO

IT'S NO LONGER NEEDED.

As the official proponents of this measure, are encouraging you to VOTE NO ON PROPOSITION 91.a different constitutional measure on the November 2006 ballot that also accomplished what Proposition 91 set out to do. That measure, Proposition 1A, was approved by an overwhelming 77% of California voters in November 2006.

Proposition 92 NO

Though it may sound like it's helpful to students it actually changes the make up of the Board of Governors and funding requirements. (Mainly it would remove Community Colleges from certain funding streams by separating it out from k-14 education covered by Proposition 98). I believe students need a financial break but \$5.00 off per credit is not a good trade.

Proposition 93 NO

93 is designed to trick voters and sabotage voter-approved term limits. It would actually increase terms for certain current incumbents. It's written by career politicians and funded by millions of dollars from special interests with business before the Legislature.

Proposition 94-97 NO

REFERENDUM ON AMENDMENT TO INDIAN GAMING COMPACTS.

Indian Gaming Compacts benefit the Big 4 tribes. Many local tribes including the Strawberry Band of Maidu receive no compensation I just don't see the benefit especially since it omits certain projects from the California Environmental

Measure N update

By Rod Bondurant

In a strange twist, the developer of Yuba Highlands has rethought the project and now advises us to vote against his own proposal. Honestly!

Floating peacefully
In primal womb
Outside, such love awaits!

Conservationist of the Year Award

By Pete Hammontre

The Yuba County Resource Conservation District Chairman, John Waskiewicz, (center) presented the award to Supervisor Hal Stocker and the founders of the Yuba Watershed and Fire Safe Council. This award was presented to honor ten years of effort to make the foothills safer from the ravages of fire. In 1997 Hal and this group, applied for and received, a Prop 40 grant of 1.7 million dollars. This money was used to create fire breaks, clear under growth, and preserve the environment.

The members are very proud of the fact that all most every dollar went into the actual work of making our foothill communities safer from the fire we have experienced in the past. Gentlemen, thank you from the members of your community.



FireSafe stalwarts l to r:
Greg Crompton, Hal Stocker, Glenn Nader, John Waskiewicz, Dennis Pooler, Ernst Paschke

Yuba River Ranger District

By Betty Leffew

We have been grooming in the high country since shortly after the first of the year. For up-to-date information on the status of the snow trail system, feel free to call the ranger station. We have plenty of the free Winter Recreation maps. Come in, pick one up and enjoy some winter fun.

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Cupid has always played a role in the celebrations of love and lovers. He is known as a mischievous, winged child, whose arrows would pierce the hearts of his victims causing them to fall deeply in love. In ancient Greece he was known as Eros the young son of Aphrodite, the goddess of love and beauty. To the Roman's he was Cupid, and his mother Venus.

One legend tells the story of Cupid and the mortal maiden, Psyche. Venus was jealous of the beauty of Psyche, and ordered Cupid to punish the mortal. But instead, Cupid fell deeply in love with her. He took her as his wife, but as a mortal she was forbidden to look at him. Psyche was happy until her sisters convinced her to look at Cupid. Cupid punished her by departing. Their lovely castle and gardens vanished with him and Psyche found herself alone in an open field.

As she wandered to find her love, she came upon the temple of Venus. Wishing to destroy her, the goddess of love gave Psyche a series of tasks, each harder and more dangerous than the last. For her last task Psyche was given a little box and told to take it to the underworld. She was told to get some of the beauty of Proserpine, the wife of Pluto, and put it in the box.

During her trip she was given tips on avoiding the dangers of the realm of the dead. And also warned not to open the box. Temptation would overcome Psyche and she opened the box. But instead of finding beauty, she found deadly slumber.

Cupid found her lifeless on the ground. He gathered the sleep from her body and put it back in the box. Cupid forgave her, as did Venus. The gods, moved by Psyche's love for Cupid made her a goddess

Mother Earth must
Love her creations
How can we be so insensitive?

Random Lines on Love

For Valentine's Day, 2008
By Shirley DickKard

FEBRUARY CALENDAR:

Rummage sale
VFD Appreciation Lunch
CCP Board
History Society
School Board
CCSD
Yoga
123 Grow
Food Bank

Saturday, February 2nd from 9am until Noon in the School gym.
Saturday February 23, 1pm in the Camptonville School Gym
Monday, February 11, 4 pm at the Resource Center
Tuesday February 12, 2pm at the Rebel Ridge clubhouse
Wednesday, February 13 at 6:30 pm in the school library.
Monday, February 18, 7pm at the Camptonville School.
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