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## Congratulations to Camptonville's class of 2008



### Graduates

Lindsay Gross, Jacob Gemmel, Skyler Noble,  
Reiss Applington, Heather Mackay, Joseph Journey,  
Mathew Sandberg, Ramon Padilla, Gage Crawford,  
Joseph Jeffries, Cody Carlton

## Welcome Interim Fire Chief Mark Jokerst

By members of the CCSD

Camptonville is fortunate to have Mark Jokerst acting as Camptonville's interim Fire Chief. Mark is also the Pike City Volunteer Fire Department Chief. The Board of the Camptonville Community Service District on May 19, 2008 at their regularly scheduled meeting unanimously voted to have him step into that role to help develop a strong, effective and independent Camptonville Volunteer Fire Department capable of protecting it's own community resources and also able to assist neighboring fire departments. Mark brings years of experience and leadership. He will work with the Camptonville Volunteer Fire Department (CVFD) to build it up. CVFD then can operate under his experienced leadership while the CCSD board assesses fire department needs, develops a foundation for the future and mobilizes community commitment and involvement.

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Want faster Internet access?  
Show up at this meeting.  
See page 6

## Things to do this spring/summer while thinking globally and acting locally

### Volunteer!

Help Protect Camptonville. Together we are stronger.

The Volunteer Fire Department needs you in any of the following areas: office manager, station manager, risk or safety manager, and even just occasionally cleaning fire hoses. Call Rita Ortega, 288-9355 to volunteer. Thank you!

Yuba County Sheriff's Team of Active Residents in Service (STARS) is looking for new volunteers. Volunteers work in a variety of areas in the law enforcement field. Applications are accepted on a continuous basis. For more information please contact Shawn Garcia at the Yuba County Sheriff's Department, (530) 749-7777.

### Go to events (all on the 21<sup>st</sup>)

#### Celebrate local food

Come Home To Eat 2008, the third annual community celebration of local farmers and ranchers and local food.... Saturday, June 21, 6 pm, Bierwagen Farm, Chicago Park featuring a local food picnic dinner, program showcasing local farmers, and contra dancing with Ragged But Right.

Advance ticket purchase required. Tickets: \$15 to \$50 adults (sliding scale), \$5 youth 13 to 18, under 12 free. Net proceeds will benefit Nevada County Grown.

Ticket outlets: BriarPatch, Natural Selection, Sweetland Garden Supply

More info: [www.localfoodcoalition.org](http://www.localfoodcoalition.org) or call 272-8977.

#### Share our local history

##### 5th Annual Family History Gathering

The Camptonville Historical Society will hold its 5th Annual Family History Gathering on Saturday, June 21, at the Clubhouse of the Rebel Ridge Village on Marysville Road and Highway 49 in Camptonville.

The event will begin at 10 am and feature storytelling and photo-sharing. We'll be gathering at a new location this year. Jan and Gary Wall graciously offered the use of the Clubhouse at Rebel Ridge Village. It's a nice, homey atmosphere – with an excellent kitchen area to support the all-important potluck lunch! Anyone with an interest in the history of the Camptonville area is welcome to come, listen, and share stories about living and working here.

We will be making video and audio recordings of the event, so keep that in mind when telling your story. The History Society is always interested in copies of family photographs, family trees, and family histories, so if you have anything you'd like to contribute to the Archives, we would love to have it.

The famous potluck lunch will be served at 12:30 pm. Please bring food to share and your favorite beverage(s). We'll provide water and lemonade.

See you there!

#### Cherry festival

The 109<sup>th</sup> Annual North San Juan Cherry festival is Saturday June 21. Parade starts at 10am. Afterwards, enjoy food and live entertainment in the AIC/NGSM courtyard, lunch and bake sale served by the seniors.

## More things to do this spring/summer

### Exercise with your neighbors

#### Tennis Club update

By Jimbo Garrison, project coordinator.

We have had a rather limited response, so far, to the idea of the Camptonville Tennis Club. We have a few folks who have been meeting to play but there is a new wrinkle, as it were. Local resident, Nancy Daub, who spent many years teaching tennis professionally to kids, is very interested in becoming involved with the program. We have one local kid who is interested in learning and playing but we need more. So, here is your chance to pry your kid's fingers from the video console and get them outside to do something healthy and fun. The only hitch is, we need kid sized rackets. Nancy said a racquetball racket for smaller kids is better than an oversized tennis racket. Thrift stores are great places to find used rackets cheap, generally below \$5.00 and of course yard sales. If you have any interest, either for you or your kids, give me a call at 288-1001 Ask for advice on selecting a racket or any other questions you may have. LETS PLAY

#### Treat Yourself to Yoga

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Class schedule

Tuesdays 5:15 pm –6:15 and Saturdays 10:00 am -11:00

Adults \$10.00 and Camptonville school students are FREE!

### Share the chores

#### C'ville Co Op is going strong!

By Carol Holland

We have had several trades this month...all for help in the garden! The Co Op is an easy way to get things done around your place, or get to a movie with your honey (without the kids), leave for a weekend and have someone feed the dog or paint your house (like I did) simply by trading points. We are a great group....come and join us and see how "mutually beneficial" the Co Op can be for you!! Questions gladly answered.....call me 288-3558!

### Get Informed

#### Watch movies

Thursday July 10th will be Camptonville's Inaugural Environmental Film Festival!

Films for all ages will be seen in many locations around town. Camptonville Community Partnership will sponsor this event in cooperation with local business and townsfolk and there will be no admission charged. (Though you know your local non-profit can always benefit from your generous donations at any time!) We'll let you know more in the July Courier and flyers around town or call 288-9355.

### Become an editor

Just a reminder, our current editor, Rod, is "retiring" in October. We need a volunteer to take over collecting articles, editing, and laying out the Courier.

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# To your health!

By Cathy LeBlanc

Good health and enjoyment of our life, isn't that what we all strive for? We are making better choices for our future. Not just OUR personal future, but the future of our planet also. Folks are looking beyond the glitz more deeply into the substance and sustenance of life. We are eating more healthfully, growing gardens, recycling, and trying to be conscious of when we jump in our car\*. We realize that it takes healthy people to grow healthy communities. Good health is the foundation on which we must stand. Our community has defined good health in our Community Health Action Plan (CHAP). The information and ideas were collected from interviews and meetings with many residents and the Plan was given to the Yuba County Board of Supervisors and the Planning Department, but the work doesn't stop there. We want to take action on some ideas to sustain and improve our lives here.

Well **the good news is** The California Endowment has recently informed us that they also believe in our community and our ability to inspire action. They granted funding for our proposal that will allow us to keep doing the good work to help reach the goals of the CHAP.

**Here's where you come in:** Camptonville Community Partnership will be reviving the Community Health Action Team (CHAT) and we'd like you to be a member. Why me, you may ask? Well it's simple, because you are the expert! Only you know best when it comes to Camptonville. I don't believe any of us want to give up our choice in decision-making, especially decisions that influence our good health. Please watch for flyers and articles in this paper as we begin to gather the community for action. If you are interested or would like to view a copy of the CHAP call the Resource Center at 288-9355 ask for Cathy or Wendy. The CHAP may also be viewed on-line at [www.camptonville.com](http://www.camptonville.com)

(\*Though in Camptonville as in many rural areas, cars are often the only way we get from point A to point B. Could we walk? Probably, but not likely for most of us. Could we ride a bicycle? Only if we feel very lucky. On Hwy 49 it is dangerous! We need rural transit!)

# We're Back!

By Rita Ortega

The Camptonville Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary is back, and recharged with new energy! And, by popular demand will be bringing back the Annual Picnic.

The CVFD Community Picnic will be held at the Rebel Ridge Market Field on Saturday, September 6. We will have great food, beverages, horseshoe tournament, games for the kids and a street dance so us old folks can shake a leg and feel like we're twenty again. We will also be adding a flea market to the festivities this year.

We are always looking for new ideas, and of course volunteers to help out on the day of the picnic. Please contact either Rita Ortega at 288-9355 (w)/288-3421 (h) or Skip Ness at 288-3277 (w)/288-3561 (h) if you are interested in helping out.

A special thank you to the new members of the Auxiliary: Elaine Petry, Rochelle Bell, Denise Stratton, Beth Lopez, Wendy Tinnel and Kathy Dobbins for stepping up to help the Fire Department. And let's not forget our old faithfuls: Rita Ortega, Skip Ness, Tudy Tardiville and Donna Tate. Between the old and new, this surely will be a community event to remember!

# Fire Chief's Report


By Mark Jokerst

The Camptonville Volunteer Fire Department is now maintaining the status quo for responding to fires and emergencies. Fire responders training is every Tuesday at 6:00 pm at the Camptonville Fire Hall. Everyone is welcome!

My goal is to build up the CVFD and take it up a notch. The CCSD and I are looking for volunteers not only for fire and emergency response but also to help with the day to day operations of the fire department. If you are retired or have any free time, you can be of great service by helping in any one of these duties: manage the office, keep fire and emergency vehicles stocked, check on and order supplies, keep records, manage public relations, help finish the construction of the fire hall, take on the duties of the risk manager, the safety manager or the fire station manager. Everyone is needed and welcomed.

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# Encourage local (hi-speed) Internet access

Compiled by the Courier from news from Pat Leach & Brent Smith

High speed is coming. Wireless service is being installed in large areas of Sierra County right now. The phone company is installing fiber optic cables in our area. Some people here are now using satellite or service from cell phone companies.

Demonstrate the demand! Attend:  
A Presentation & Survey on Broadband.  
At NSJ Community Hall Fire Station 1  
on Reservoir Street  
On Thursday, June 19th at 7:00pm

Brent Smith, President of the Sierra Economic Development District (SEDD) has asked that our communities come together for a brief presentation and survey regarding broadband (hi-speed) Internet access in our area along the HWY 49 corridor.

SEDD has been contracted by the State to lead a regional effort to accelerate the deployment of high speed internet access systems in five counties. Mr. Smith is interested in rural areas, like ours, not being overlooked in this process. The presentation will be brief to assure the terminology is understandable by all and to answer questions, and to survey those present. The entire meeting will be no more than 1 hour. If our citizens want a variety of broadband carriers and affordable service in the very near future, this is the best opportunity to let it be known.

If this is an inconvenient time for you, please contact me directly to take part in the survey. We'd like to hear from you. If you have other questions, please email me at [pat@rcdengineering.com](mailto:pat@rcdengineering.com).



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## Chicken Chronicles

By Stephanie Ruff

The girls seem to have forgotten all about Insulator the rooster. They have settled into a peaceful, mellow rhythm of eating, scratching and laying-or so I thought! Miss Lily has decided to go broody on me-now that we have no rooster. When a hen goes broody-she becomes obsessed with having a cute little flock of her own-i.e. baby chicks that call her mama. Last year it was Hazel. We felt sorry for her so we switched her unfertilized eggs with fertilized ones and she raised a brood of one hen(onion ring) and THREE roosters. Don't want to go there again.

The problem is she's upsetting the whole flock. Miss Lily fluffs up her feathers and screeches loudly when the other girls try to come in the hen house to lay. She looks like a tom turkey all ruffled and prancing and she sounds like a baby pterodactyl. Most of the time she is sitting on nothing. Sometimes she jumps on the other hens eggs. We constantly take her off the nest and relocate her-but she runs back in and hunkers down. I was talking with my wonderful dental hygienist, Heather, (during my recent cleaning) who also raises chickens. She told me that some hens will remain in that state till they actually have babies. She suggested I buy a baby chick or two at the feed store and stick them under her at night and she will think she hatched them. HMMM? I'll have to ponder this as I will have to get her set up with her own little spot away from the others-which my coop is not set up for at the moment. I was thinking of taking Miss Lily on a car ride- which just might take her mind off of baby chickens enough to forget she has gone broody. What do ya think?

Kamikaze seems to be greatly affected by her broodiness. Ever since Miss Lily came into this state of being-Kama has figured out how to use the cat door and comes in the house on a regular basis. She immediately jumps onto our bed and makes her self at home and wants to lay. This does not make the cat very happy- as the bed is her spot! Kama realizes now that I'm not too happy with this and tries to sneak into the laundry room. She loves the pile of dirty clothes. Heavy sigh-I'm no longer yelling "no chickens on the house!" Now I'm yelling "No chickens on the bed!" Can you believe it? Well anyway-I'm sure by the time the next "Courier" comes out I will have found a solution. Hopefully.



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## Summer activities for kids

Camptonville parents,

Do you need child care for the summer so you can work, go to school or if you have a medical disability? A full day – 7:00 am to 6:00 pm - program in North San Juan would like to know if you are in need of this kind of summer care.

This program offers nutritious breakfast, lunch and afternoon snacks and enriching activities along with inside and outside games, computer time and daily reading.

Daily rates and financial assistance information is available from Kathy Giguere, the Twin Ridges site supervisor, at 292-1708. This program will be offered ONLY if there are 20 FULL TIME enrolled students. Part time positions will be available if maximum enrollment is met. The Twin Ridges Board will be making a decision about the funding for this program on JUNE 6<sup>TH</sup> so any interest must be expressed before the 4<sup>th</sup>!

This Program is offered for all school age children including children who will be old enough to attend kindergarten in the fall.

Information packages have been sent home with the Camptonville school children along with the C'ville Summer Recreation info. Look for it in your child's end of the year paperwork.

Don't delay, if you need this program please call Kathy at 292-1708!

## CCP sponsors a Summer Recreation Program

This summer CCP will provide a summer recreation program for children in grades K-8.

Please contact the Camptonville Resource Center for details and registration information. 288-9355

## May & June in 1,2,3 Grow

By Marcy Kime

May started with the Rebel Ridge Plant Sale on May 3<sup>rd</sup> where the parents of 1,2,3 Grow raised about \$120 with great help from Kerri, who designed an incredible sign for the booth, and sat there all day! Others who helped include Molly, and Wendy, and Sandy who donated all the proceeds from her great desserts and breads to the 1,2,3 Grow Program. If you haven't tried Sandy's fudge it is delicious! If there is anyone I missed, thank you, it is much appreciated! During May we also had our annual School Bus Ride, which the preschoolers think is so fun! Thanks Matt for taking time out of your busy schedule to accommodate us, share the safety rules with us, and take us for a fun ride down to Vista Point and back. I have some unforgettable photos of the kids on this day!

If you want to see something completely adorable you have to come see the preschoolers at the Spring or Winter Program. This year the Spring Program was on May 29<sup>th</sup>, and the kids sang, "It's a Small World" with the K-1 class.

May is also the month each year when our students going to kindergarten next year get to spend two mornings a week with the K-1 class; one morning doing projects in the classroom with the current kindergarteners, and one morning doing P.E. with Jeanne and the entire K-1 class. The students that have been able to participate in this program have thoroughly enjoyed it, and it really helps them feel more comfortable with the classroom and the students they will be in class with, as well as Mrs. Furlong and Jeanne.

June will wind up another year for the 1,2,3 Grow Program, which will be closed for the summer, starting up again around the same time as school. We will have our last Parent Council Meeting of the school year June 3<sup>rd</sup>, a Dental Discussion for the parents on June 10<sup>th</sup>, and a celebration on our last day on June 12<sup>th</sup> with a Preschool Graduation and a End of the Year Potluck.

Have a great summer with lots of watermelon, swimming and naps in the hammock!

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## Appreciation dinner at The NGSM center



The North Gold Senior Mountaineers enjoyed a delicious dinner delivered to our tables by Dianna Pasquini's Grizzly Hill School students. Dianna, a teacher at Grizzly Hill brought another group of kids to set tables and decorate the day before the dinner. Tokens of appreciation were handed out with a few words describing each recipient's efforts over the last year. It was a lovely dinner cooked by Denise Prout and assisted by Tom Sargent.

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## Yuba River Ranger District

By Betty Leffew

Rafting season is open, so be on the alert for rafters and kayaker's. Use caution at all times. Enjoy a beautiful spring.

Trails in the lower elevation are open. The North Yuba Trail is especially nice this time of year and the Tamarack Lakes Trail is wonderful. Fishing in Sardine Lake is exceptionally good at this time. Sierra Buttes Trail, the PCT and other high country trails are closed with snow. There should be something for everyone.

Rainfall for May 2008 is .82 inches bringing our season total to 42.13 inches. Last years total were 42.77 inches. Please use caution as things begin to dry out. It looks like we are in for another very dry year.

## Water

By Rod Bondurant

Speaking of a dry year, the Camptonville water guys ask all of you to be conscious of your water use. Glenn just identified several houses in town with major underground leaks. We already had a few stressful days for us when the storage tank was getting low. Please look on your June bills to check the amount of water you used in May. Is it a reasonable amount? Did you really need to use that much? Where did it all go?

Right now there is plenty of water in the creek, but it is flowing well below average for this time of year. So we expect to be using the backup wells early this summer. In the news there are stories already of communities starting water rationing, and of wells going dry. Wherever you live, this is a good time to get around to installing a drip system.

## News from the school

By Pam Wilcox

Three of our staff members were honored at Yuba County Office of Educations "Educators Who Make a Difference" Awards Ceremony. Congratulations to Cheryl Durrett, Jill McAllaster and Pam Wilcox.

The school year is winding down and we have a lot going on.

- June 2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> – Field Trip to Shasta Caverns 7<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade
- June 6<sup>th</sup> - Awards Assembly and Report Cards go home
- June 10<sup>th</sup> – Reading Reward Trip (destination a secret)
- June 11<sup>th</sup> - **GRADUATION** 7pm
- June 12<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Skip Day - All School Breakfast Day
- June 13<sup>th</sup> - Last day of School - Picnic at Lake Francis
- June 17<sup>th</sup> - Site Council Meeting 6pm
- June 18<sup>th</sup> - School Board Meeting 6:30pm

There is no Summer School this year but....four days have been scheduled for the Summer Rec Program with Jeanne Black For more information call the Resource Center at 288-9355.

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank our community for supporting all of our fundraisers, events, plays, programs etc. We hope next year brings even more community involvement with the school.

Have a great summer and remember school begins Wednesday August 20<sup>th</sup>.

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## Relay for Life 2008

By Rochelle Bell



Photo by Donna Tate

Camptonville Buddies and friends joined at their booth at the fairgrounds on Saturday June 31. Behind them is the beautiful handmade quilt that some lucky person will win in the raffle.

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## Courier Classified

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## Plant Sale & Flea Market

By Rochelle Bell

If you came to Camptonville's annual Plant Sale & Flea Market, you had a good time. The weather was perfect, the crepes offered by the Historical Society were delicious, so were the burgers and dogs served up by the Rebel Ridge Store and friends, Dessert by Sandy Watkins of 1,2,3 Grow and her special fudge as a snack, along with the Cobbler Guy and Gal – wow we had food!

Lots and lots of gardeners were represented from our ranks as were nurseries from around the area – vegie starts to exotic perennials. We loved them all and thanks again to Denise Stratton for hosting this successful event.



School Garden booth at the Plant Sale

## Tournament

The horseshoe tournament for my 8th grade project at the plant sale was a huge success!! We were able to raise \$120 for Relay 4 Life! Great thanks is given to those who made it what it was: Rita and Carlos Ortega for making the brackets for us, Sandy and Brian at the Mayo for donating gift certificates to the winners, Denise Stratton for giving us the space, and, of course, all of those who contributed and participated! Alan Riley and Cliff Hilligoss were the champions this year! Thank you for making this a great project for me!

-Lindsay Gross

## JUNE CALENDAR:

Family History Gathering	Saturday, June 21, at the Clubhouse of the Rebel Ridge Village
CCP Board	Monday, June 16, 4 pm at the Resource Center
School Board	Wednesday, June 18 at 6:30 pm in the school library.
CCSD	Monday, June 16, 7pm at the Camptonville School.
Yoga	Saturdays, 10 am, Tuesdays 5:15 pm at Camptonville School
Food Bank	Third Thursday of each month at the Lake Francis Grange, Dobbins

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