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CVFD News

By Rochelle Bell

Camptonville welcomes Melvin "Lee" Brown as the new assistant chief of our volunteer fire department. The Camptonville volunteers held an "election" and chose Lee last week. Mark Jokerst will continue as interim chief. Lee's family goes back a long way up here in the foothills. He grew up on a ranch in Penn Valley which his dad, at 90 years old, still works. Lee's great grandfather hauled sugar and flour by horse team and wagon up here in the late 1800's from the seaport in Marysville. Lee and his wife Linda have lived in Camptonville for 8 years raising goats.

Lee has years of fire experience as a dozer operator for CDF and Penn valley Volunteer Fire Department. He has had lots of trucking experience also, so he can handle those big fire trucks of ours.

Also welcome to the newest department member Tony Scarafiotti who just moved to town and quickly joined up.

Gardeners' Market

Every Saturday in September By Rochelle Bell

Join us for fun, socializing and saving money at our Camptonville Community Gardeners' Market from 10 am til Noon at the Rebel Ridge Store.

Part of the proceeds benefit Camptonville School and Journey Home Hospice. Any gardeners with surplus produce are welcome. Call Rochelle at 288-3550 or Carolyn at 288-3557 for info.

Counting down the days.... By Donna Tate

Get ready for a day of fun at the **Annual Camptonville** Volunteer **Fire Department Community Picnic on Saturday, September 6**th at the field near the Rebel Ridge Store.

The day will begin at 10am with a community flea market, followed by food, drinks and fun at 2pm. The food "fixins" will include choice of Tri-tip, Chicken, or Hamburger served with salad, baked potato and bread all for an \$8 donation. The Raffle Prizes are incredible, including several cash prizes and donations from local and neighboring merchants. Raffle tickets are available now for \$1 each or 6 for \$5 at our local businesses, Rebel Ridge Market, The Lost Nugget and Burgie Dave's at the Mayo. Drop-in and check out the list of great prizes!

The Camptonville Resource Center will be hosting activities for kids of all ages including a bucket brigade for the "youngins", face painting and volleyball. Music will be provided by local entertainers throughout the day, and the horseshoe pits are ready for some throwin'. So pack up a lawn chair (The CVFD is having trouble getting enough chairs together) and come show your Camptonville Spirit and support this awesome community event. See ya there!

Oops! One more thing, if you are interested in participating in the flea market, sign up for a space at the Rebel Ridge Market.

Environmental Film Festival By Wendy Tinnel & Cathy LeBlanc

Thank you to everyone that was involved in the launch of Camptonville's inaugural Environmental Film Festival!!! It was a great success with 31 attendees. Burgee Dave's and Luigi's were hoppin with people to view the films. While at the Library a small group gathered to listen to Leland Pauly our town historian. Many thank-you's go out to: local filmmaker Will Keir who shared two of his films Water Loving Doggies and The Ridge Boys* (both excellent,); Brian and Sandy of Burgee Dave's @ the Mayo and Annette at Luigi's Pizza for supporting the community and providing space for this social event; Leland Pauly for presenting a grand history picture display of Camptonville town along with a vintage film of local people from the past; Camptonville School for letting us host movies at the Gym, 1,2,3 Grow and

the library; finally to Cody Sander of Access Distribution (a snowboard, skateboard, and watersport distributor based in Nevada City) for donating a snowboard as an unexpected door prize! The board was won by filmmaker Will Keirl



There's seems photo courtesy of Liam Ruff

to be lots of interest to do this again next year.

We hope to gather more partners make this event even better. If that includes you give us a call at the Resource Center 288-9355

*The Ridge Boys is a **must-see** for those who oppose flooding the Middle Fork of the Yuba. See related article *California State Budget update* for a reality check.

Fall will come....& so will the

Annual Moonshine Road Potluck

Save the date
Sunday, Oct. 12
At Moonshine Campground
Watch for more info...

2009 Camptonville Calendar

By Rita Ortega

Well Camptonvillians, it's that time of the year to start thinking about 2009!

We at the Resource Center are gearing up for the 2009 Camptonville Calendar. In the spirit of years past, we would like to have a **contest** with local artwork and photographs that reflect the beauty and spirit of our community in our calendar. Please get your artwork and photograph to the **Resource** Center (behind the Camptonville School) by October 29th. Winners of the contest will receive a free calendar, so get your art supplies out and dust off your camera.

This is also the opportunity to get all your important dates on the calendar (birthdays, anniversaries, etc). The cost for each date is a bargain at \$1 per line per date. You will have your first chance to purchase your dates at the Resource Center booth at the Fire Department "Picnic" on Saturday September 6th (Rebel Ridge Market). You will also be able to bring your names and money to the Resource Center. The deadline is October 29. If you have any questions, call the Resource Center at 288-9355

11th Annual River Cleanup Sept 20

By Rod Bondurant

Join SYRCL in cleaning up the Yuba River watershed Saturday morning Sept 20.

The cleanup list includes over 25 sites including Oregon Creek and Mushroom Hole if there are enough volunteers. Please call SYRCL and sign up to help.

Afterwards, celebrate 25 years of SYRCL protecting the Yuba River at Pioneer Park in Nevada City at an all-day festival! For more information, to donate, or volunteer please contact: Miriam Limov, miriam@syrcl.org or (530) 265-5961 ext. 201.

1,2,3 Grow

By Birdsong Sundstrom, Program Manager

As I write this, 1,2,3 Grow is readying to begin classes on Wednesday, August 27th. We have grown so large that we needed to restructure our class days and times to accommodate our increased size and make use of the additional space that the elementary school was able to provide us this year. Even with adding two mornings in the Library Annex, and being able to divide into a preschool class and a toddler class, we had to turn away the toddler group for one of the three mornings, until we can figure out where to put them! We are proud of our success in serving the families in our region (we have enrollees from both Nevada and Sierra counties, along with our Camptonville families), and are pleased to announce that we have 23 students enrolled this year, more than one third the population of Camptonville Elementary, with all of them looking forward to growing up and going to kindergarten right here in Camptonville. We have had to place a cap on further enrollments this fall, but are putting students on our waiting list, so please continue to spread the word about this great parent participation, early childhood and school readiness program that is offered free on the school grounds.

We will have a 3-day a week program for preschoolers and a 2-day a week program for infanttoddlers, and our staff has assigned enrolled children to a class based on their current age. The younger group will meet in the 1,2,3 Grow classroom on Mondays and Thursdays only, with Barbara Mueller-Hogan as their teacher. The older group will meet in the Library Annex on Mondays and Thursdays, with Susan DeLisle as their teacher, and in the 1,2,3 Grow classroom on Wednesdays with both Susan and Barbara. We will be discussing options with the Parent Council and the school staff to increase the toddler program back to three days a week when possible. The first Parent Council meeting will be held on September 4th from 9:30-10:30 AM at the Family Resource Center. Interested families can call the Camptonville Family Resource Center (288-9355) to get on the waiting list.

We also want to thank Nancy and Bill Doub for donating lots of toys to us last month that their grandchildren have outgrown! They have a grandchild paradise, and we are grateful for their contributions to the program.

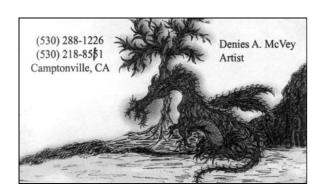
Broadband Internet follow-up

By Wendy Tinnel

On August 8 there was a broadband meeting for all those interested in an affordable and more efficient means to link to the Internet. So what does that mean for us in Camptonville? So far it means that we have a lot of questions. At our recent meeting everyone who attended brainstormed to find what issues are the most important. The top five questions that we intend to find answers for are:

- * How can we insure the reliability of Broadband wireless company providers?
- * How is the wireless Broadband different from the high-speed service that is available now?
- * What do providers consider affordable Broadband service?
- * Is the government anticipating use of public domain (public airspace)?
- * Is the trend to be offering solutions that include packages only?

Right now we are in the investigation stage of this project. We are conducting research on the federal website www.fcc.gov/broadband/. We are also looking into the research that Chico State University is gathering to give to possible rural providers. We will keep you posted with any new information that we receive and invite you to conduct your own research on the website mentioned above. Camptonville Community Partnership along with the help of those interested in our community will continue to ask questions and try to find solutions that will lead us to our goal of receiving; affordable, and efficient Internet access. If you have any questions or further comments please contact Cathy or Wendy at 288-9355.



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News from the School Board By Ruth Schwartz

School has starting and there are a number of differences and new items coming up.

First: Don't forget that we have a new Jr. High Teacher – Lisa Carr. Welcome Mrs. Carr!

Second: Steve Kelly is our new superintendent. If you need to call or walk into the office for any reason, you'll be helped and greeted by Mr. Kelly. Pam Wilcox has also picked up some new office duties and can often be found answering the phone and helping parents in the office. (In case you aren't aware, Judy Marovich, Skip Ness and Yakshi Vadebocour all retired in June.)

- Mr. Kelly gave the school board a great report this week to let us know that this summer:
- 170 feet of new plumbing was installed to fix last year's end of year "problems".
- The basement of the Resource Center was cleaned out and repaired, and a 20 yard dumpster of junk was hauled off.
- Downieville Motors will provide bus service again this year.
- Annie Garcia resigned from her position in the kitchen to take a job at the forest service. She will be missed. Good luck, Annie.

Third: Three school board spaces are ending in November: Donna Tate, Dave Brown and myself. I already applied for my position, but these other board members believe it is time to move on. Please keep in mind that those people who would like to be replaced have: No children in the school and have already given dozens of years of service. If you have children in the school or going to enter school soon, this is an important opportunity for you to shape the future of this incredible place.

The next board meeting is Sept. 10th in the school library at 6:30 pm. You are welcome to come check it out.

Fourth: I want to mention that the school has a great website: www.cville.k12.ca.us. This monthly letter plus a whole lot more can be found on the site.

Till next Month.

Ruth Schwartz , Rocky's mom 288-0816

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General Plan Update

By Cathy LeBlanc Land Use Alternatives

Yuba County collected preferences from interested residents, property owners and developers regarding the 5 Land Use Alternatives to the General Plan at eight countywide workshops and website*. (Very simple Alternative descriptions are listed below. Call or come by the Resource Center (288-9355) or visit the county website for more detail.)

Alternative 1 Focused growth and prioritizes conservation

Alternative 2 Focused growth and moderate conservation

Alternative 3 Expansive valley growth

Alternative 4 Expansive valley and foothills growth

Alternative 5 Land owner and developer request

Yuba County invites residents to feel free to browse the County Website* www.yubavision2030.org and to attend any public hearings and workshops to offer your thoughts in person. You can also use the website to submit your comments on any aspects of the General Plan.

The county has developed *maps* depicting how these 5 alternatives would play out. On each alternative map Camptonville is highlighted with a green star (actually it looks more like a Pelton Wheel) to depict a New Rural Center. I was told by Planner Dan Cucchi that this could translate into what we decide including the Community Center we envisioned!

At two meetings in C'ville, one at the school library on the 7th (Our Yuba County Supervisor Hal Stocker attended) and another on the 9th at the Saturday Growers Market (Rebel Ridge) fourteen people used the opportunity to vote for their preferred Land Use Alternative. And guess what? Unanimously folks agreed to choose Land Use Alternative One; most folks felt it more closely resembles our Community Health Action Plan (CHAP). Next Camptonville's votes were brought and included with data collected at the *Foothill* Yuba County Land Use Alternatives *Workshop* held in Dobbins on August 12.

Then on Wednesday August 20 the County
Planning Department reconvened the General Plan
Update Advisory Committee (GPUAC). This meeting
was held to inform the committee regarding the 5
Land Use Alternatives, consolidate the information
gathered from the Land Use Alternatives Workshops/
website and discuss next steps. Planning Department

Consultant Mathew Gherkin (EDAW) led the Committee through the presentation. He reminded them that these alternatives are conceptual and not Land Use Plans but instead reflect broad countywide growth patterns. The eventual goal is to choose 3 alternatives then consider 2 in detail, finally choosing the preferred alternative. Data he shared showed the results from all the Workshops and the website (partial table below). Amongst residents countywide the most preferred alternatives were one and two.

Land Use	All	Foothill
alternative	Workshops	Workshops
1	34%	38%
2	25%	27%
3	21%	8%
4	11%	17%
5	10%	8%

I also thought you might be interested in knowing that the vision and values we stated in our CHAP also matched some of the *most common criteria* the public attending all workshops/website agreed on:

To conserve agricultural land and economy, other open space and the rural character Infill, revitalization, targeted, strategic growth Efficient infrastructure Preserve foothills, other outlying areas Jobs/housing balance, employment growth Reduce trips/lengths, auto dependence Rural center growth**

Way to go! Your Voice Counts Camptonville!

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State Budget Update

By Cathy LeBlanc

Hi folks I attended the Together for California Future Meeting (T4CF) on Thursday August 21st in Sacramento. At that meeting advocates gathered to discus the status of the State Budget. Here's some of what they said," It is a stalemate." "They're not even close to a deal but anything can happen this weekend. "(this was written 8-22-08). There is even talk regarding a water bond that may become part of this power play. In an article written by Assemblyman George Plescia (75th District San Diego) he is urging Republicans to place a Water Bond on the Ballot. He says, "The bottom line is that our water crisis is real, and we need to get real about addressing it. Governor Schwarzenegger and Senator Feinstein have proposed water bond language that I believe serves as a strong foundation to finalize a bond for November. It includes funding to fix the Delta, rebuild and improve statewide and local water delivery infrastructure and – most important – funding for much needed water storage, both above and below ground. The bond also includes funding for environmental restoration, which some (Republicans) have criticized. But let's get real. Legislating is the art of negotiation and compromise. Any comprehensive bond will also need to address the issues that our colleagues on the other side of the aisle demand."

Insiders say Assembly Democrats who realize increased revenue is the only likely way out of this 14.5 billion dollar 2008-2009 State Budget deficit are entertaining the idea to swap New Revenue for the Water Bond. Most folks present at the T4CF meeting felt this would be a bad idea for budget negotiations to use these kinds of tactics. The Water Bond is mainly supported by Big Agricultural interest. Implications for our neck of the woods are enormous, think, Freemans Crossing Dam on the Middle Fork. Well you know what to do. Contact your Assemblyman Rick Keene at 530 895 4217 or fax him at 530 895-4219 and let him know what you think!



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Chicken Chronicles

By Stephanie Ruff

As I write this article I'm soooooooooo tired. The full moon and the week after brings the coyotes (we have very bold ones!) and they carry on right outside our house-they are very loud with their ear piercing shrill yaps-which excite all the dogs on the hill-especially Skippy. He's actually the neighbor dog but considers himself "dog of the hill!" but lives most of his life at our house. The noises were so loud and vicious I thought they were ripping Skippy apart. -He has a dislocated hip and broken teeth so he's an easy target. I had to bring him in the house and he barked all night-I finally let him out at around 4 a.m. when I knew the coast was clear. All night I worried whether they were getting into the chicken coop or whether the cute flock of wild roque banty hens that live in the forest will survive another moon. Needless to say-I did not sleep well.

As many of you know we have a new addition to the family that bites my ankles and wakes me up very early in the morning. Yes, we took the plunge and got a puppy! Not just any puppy- but a Queensland Heeler puppy. Also known as- Australian Cattle Dog or commonly known as a Red Heeler. In other words - a very highly intelligent dog. I have never been known to do things the easy way!!

Well, they were bred to herd cattle-but I've heard they will herd anything-including chickens!!! So, that's what I am dealing with right now at the Rebel Hen Ranch. Trying to train a puppy not to chase and hurt the chickens but to gently guide them-ha! This is going to take some time and effort and not to mention.....patience! At this point he chases and nips anything that moves.

Kamakazi-liam's special hen loves to perch on the outdoor dog water dish and drink and carry on like the water is all hers. She pecks at Blue (the puppy) when he tries to drink-which is good cause the other girls run from him which makes him want to chase! I wish they'd all peck him and maybe he'd realize this is a "force" not to reckon with!

Generally, the girls are doing well. Lily went thru another broody stint-argh!!!! They dislike the heat as much as I do. So, egg production has dropped a bit. We had the incredible experience of watching Susan kill and eat a lizard! Wow! That was intense. I've heard of chickens that eat mice too! I think the girls eagerly await the rains as much as I do-they are done with all the dry dead vegetation to snack on.

Goodnite everyone, I hope for a coyote free evening and a deep sleep!





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Changes at Willow Creek By Rochelle Bell

Welcome Don Deane, the new owner of Willow Creek Campgrounds. Don hails from the town of Bolinas where he owns Smiley's Saloon and publishes The Coastal Post. Check out costalpost.com for a view of life on the other side of the valley & the scoop on Smiley's. Don tells us he is making lots of changes to the campgrounds. Adding more tent sites, reducing RV sites, fixing up trails and cabins. They have showers, propane, a game room, dump station, and video games. Don hopes to have live music every Sunday next summer and wants the community to feel welcome. He says his campground is biker, bicyclist and family friendly. The setting where Don had his bands playing in August was so beautiful and peaceful next to the creek. We danced and ate and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. Don says he hopes the community will take advantage of the lovely setting for more events.



That's Don on the left joining in with the dancing

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Relay For Life 2009

Judy Morris, one of Camptonville Buddies Relay For Life team captains has been "promoted". Judy was nominated & asked by American Cancer Society to be one of the volunteer Co-Chairs for the Nevada County Relay For Life 2009's event. Being involved in the various community events here in Camptonville has prepared her for the task at hand. She accepted with hesitation, worried about 'abandoning' their faithful "CB" teammates, but realized that she could help "promote" Camptonville as a community in this position. With **TEAM** effort and support of her family, friends, Camptonville Buddies & their sponsors we will continue to **FIGHT BACK**, for all of our loved ones who have been touched by cancer.

Current "Cber's" and future team members will hopefully become more involved in the planning & development of this community's Relay For Life team. For more information on Relay For Life or services/programs offered by American Cancer society contact Paula Goodman or Judy Morris @ 288-1228 or email owlsneagles@inreach.com

Smile Secret #6

Baby Teeth are very important.
Children need their teeth for;
Smiling, Talking, and Eating
The Whole family must help take care

of teeth.
Brush Floss and Pick daily!
Don't smoke-Do see a Dentist



Homeless Osprey(s)

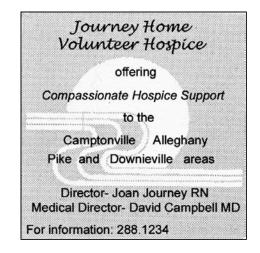
Update from the Courier staff

There's one still there. We can hear it squawking "feed me, feed me" every day. What happened to the other one is unknown. Is it OK??? Did it decide to get a life and leave? Investigation continues.....













It's our duty to VOTE By Cathy LeBlanc

Hey Camptonville it's time to VOTE in November. The Election is on Tuesday NOV. 4 our polling place in the LDS Church Maryville Rd. and Hwy 49. You may register to vote 15 days prior to the election, if you register 29 days prior you will be sent a sample ballot. You may look forward to a brief Cathy *analysis* of the Propositions in the October Courier! Folks in C'ville know the importance of having our voice heard and making our votes count.



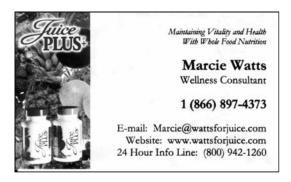
The taco team dished out some great food.



The crowd shopped at the market too



Ken came over from the post office in his Smart Car (40MPG around town) for some drive-in service.



Courier fundraiser By Rochelle Bell

Wow! The tacos were good. Stephanie Korney, Carolyn Mumm, and Wanda Carey raised over \$300 for the Courier.

The Courier staff thanks all of you who showed your support by turning out for the event. Also, thanks to the sponsors who donated ingredients: Sandy Watson for her tasty salsa, Janet Cowell for her homegrown tomatoes, Keith Montgomery and Chic Lotz for their Zucchini, Lucille Rovnak for the signage, Jeanne Black, Jan Jero and of course Denise Stratton and the Rebel Ridge Store for all their support. We also thank the Briarpatch, Natural Selection and Grocery Outlet for donating the natural beef and other ingredients.

This financial cushion was greatly needed as the Courier gets more expensive to publish each month. Thank you, Carolyn for all your effort.

By the way, the market has been doing well, selling a good variety of fine tomatoes, melons, fruit, and other veggies. The first four weeks have netted \$400 for Journey Home Hospice and the school library to share.

Welcome 49er stage By Rochelle Bell

Jessica Higgins has taken over the former Sierra County business by the same name. She offers a myriad of services including the following: Grocery shopping, laundry washed and folded, dry cleaning back and forth from town, rides to doctor. appointments, rides to the bus and more. Give Jessica a call for more info. Home phone 288-3464, cell 530-559-4306, E-mail dunnjessica@hotmail.com

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SEPTEMBER CALENDAR:

Community Picnic

Yuba River cleanup Gardeners' Market & Community Market School Board CCSD Yoga Food Bank

Saturday, September 6th, 2 pm till ????.

Saturday morning Sept 20.
Saturday 10 am - Noon at Rebel Ridge Market
Wednesday, Sept 10 at 6:30 pm in the school library.
Monday, Sept15, 7pm at the Camptonville School.
Tuesdays 5:15 pm at Camptonville School
Third Thursday at the Lake Francis Grange, Dobbins

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