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The Camptonville Volunteer Fire Department Community Picnic raises a bundle!

By Donna Tate

Wow, the community really showed their support this year at the Camptonville Volunteer Fire Department Community Picnic by raising a whopping \$3500 for the Fire Department. The turnout was outstanding, and much more than we expected. It was great to see some old faces and to welcome some new ones.

A huge thank you to all the volunteers who stepped up to help out; especially the new auxiliary members! Numerous hours were spent by all, gathering raffle prizes, shopping, cooking and helping at the picnic. The extra help made the day go extremely smooth. A special thank you goes out to one of our hardest working volunteers, Jan Jero. She silently takes care of planning, reminding, donations and anything you ask her to do. Thanks Jan we couldn't do it without you! I think everyone can agree the raffle prizes were awesome. Thanks to our local and neighboring communities for their outstanding support and donations!

On Monday, September 22, the auxiliary held a meeting to discuss how the day went and to start planning for next year. Yes, by a unanimous vote, the auxiliary voted to continue hosting the annual picnic. We tossed around different entertainment venues for next year, such as a DJ for the evening and looking into a bounce house for the kids. We also realized we definitely underestimated the attendance, and will have plenty of food next year. The auxiliary would love to hear from the community on how the day went and what we can add or change for next year. Give one of the auxiliary members a call, we welcome your input.

All the money earned will go towards the completion

of the fire house. This year the rough plumbing and electrical was completed. The next step is insulation and sheetrock; and with the help of some new folks who volunteered to help, we hope to have a final inspection by the end of the year. After the fire hall is complete, the auxiliary will plan a celebration event! More information will follow in future Courier editions.

Once again, thank you for supporting your community!

Good news everyone – your community newsletter isn't going anywhere!

By Roy Ruff

A group is coalescing to continue publishing the Courier in a cooperative manner. The Ruff family of Rebel Ridge will head up the publishing and editing with others in the Community - including: the Kesselmans of Blackberry, Birdsong and others - taking care of essential tasks like proof reading, subscription services, advertising, accounting and all the other hard work it takes to keep this great resource going. Thanks to all who have stepped forward; more details in the next issue. Rod and Rochelle will be in the wings advising us and contributing!

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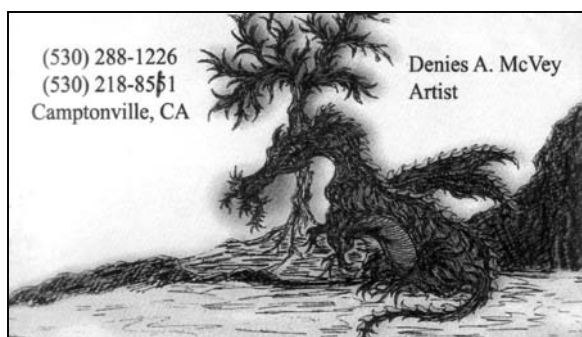
By Birdsong Sundstrom

The Camptonville Community Partnership was pleased to learn that we have been selected as one of the recipients of the 2008 Briarpatch Cooperative Community Fund awards. This award will allow us to host a special Twilight School program on October 14th to help the community expand its abilities to produce and preserve local foods. The program will begin with a free dinner of chili and cornbread, prepared by Patsy Prout. We would appreciate it if you can think green and bring your own dinnerware, but we will make sure everyone gets to eat.

Dinner will be served from 5:30-6:15 PM, with Fire Chief Mark Jokerst speaking about getting ready for a safe winter: **Furnace and Fireplace Use** at 6:00 PM. Next, Rebel Ridge Organics owner Jessi Wilcox will demonstrate season extending tools and tricks and discuss what crops to plant now for use over the winter and in early spring. There's no reason to give up on gardening just because your corn has stopped producing – Jessi has cole crop seedlings available for planting at the nursery right now.

From second-season gardening, we will move on to a discussion about food preservation, including some lesser-known methods such as drying, smoking, cold storage, and fermentation. Participants will each go home with a copy of Terra Vivante's booklet titled *Preserving Food Without Freezing or Canning*.

While the adults are busy making plans to expand their food supply, children will be able to paint pumpkins (in clothes that you don't mind getting dirty). Remember, all children 8th grade and younger must be accompanied by an adult. Plan to bring the whole family!



Moonshine Road potluck

By Judy Morris

Come join your neighbors of Moonshine Rd., Sunday Oct. 12, 3:00pm at the Annual Moonshine Road Potluck—where you ask? **Moonshine Road Campground**. Once again Chris & Dwayne Dobbins are graciously sharing the campgrounds with us, their neighbors to enjoy the beauty of the surroundings and visit with neighbors before we all “hibernate” for the season. So dig out that favorite dish to share along with plate & utensils. Beverages of water, tea & coffee will be available. Look forward to visiting with all of you, Sunday, Oct. 12, ---3pm. For more information call Carolyn at 288-3557.

Harvest Stew and Salad Bar

By Rod Bondurant

Saturday October 11, 4:30 to 7:30 pm at the North San Juan fire Station #1. Note the new temporary location: the center's parking lot is being paved (at last)!

Come join us for a great meal, some fun conversations, and get lucky with the wonderful raffle.

Sponsored by the North Gold Senior Mountaineers. Stew and salad \$8, Salad bar only \$5, bake sale & desserts.

Quilt Show In Brownsville

From Joan Carpenter

Come see quilts that will warm your heart as well as your body. Brownsville Mountain Quilt Guild will hold its 7th annual Quilt Show November 1 and 2 at Ponderosa Community Center at 17103 Ponderosa Way in Brownsville. The show will be open on Saturday from 10-4 and again on Sunday from 10-3. The admission fee is \$5.00 and there will be food available. On display will be several quilts, various wall hangings and holiday decorations.

Vendors will be selling their wares, a Country Store will have some crafts and other things on sale, and there is a raffle for a beautiful queen-sized quilt. The quilt guild works hard throughout the year making lap-sized quilts to donate to various service organizations: Veterans, the Sheriffs offices, Hospice, Fire Departments and groups that help families in trouble. Income from the quilt show helps buy supplies to continue this service. Come enjoy a day in the foothills in Brownsville attending the Quilt Show.

For more info call Mouse Norris at (530) 675-0508.

Fire Chief's Report

By Mark Jokerst

Predicting fire danger is high science these days, but anyone with two feet and a pair of eyes can see that fire danger is high. As the fall season sets in, so does the temptation to start lighting those burn piles, so a word of caution is in order: The Burn Ban remains in effect until the State guys say it's lifted. Please check the burn day status by calling 289-3662. Once the burn ban is lifted, common sense is the rule: If the wind is blowing and everything is still dry, please don't light your piles. My best advice is to put a 8 foot by 8 foot square of plastic over a corner of each pile, to keep part of it dry, and wait for the big storms to roll in. Hopefully, for all our wells' sake, they will. The Farmers Almanac is predicting a "mild winter" which does not bode well given this year's little drought.

A word on the home improvement front: I just learned that Yuba County had a policy of requiring a combination 4-1/2 inch/ 2-1/2 inch valved fire hose outlet on all new fire water tanks, a \$900 part. Whoa! But thanks to the good work of our friends in Dobbins, it turns out that this spendy piece of plumbing is NOT actually a requirement, due to the simple fact it never made it into the County Code. The County Code does require a 2-1/2" fire hose adapter on the tank outlet, just as I discussed last time, for all new construction.

Finally, in another note, if you are working up the steam to finally install that gate on your driveway, please-please-please make it 12 feet wide or larger. By the time you add up the width of our fire truck with mirrors, and add a little for turns, an 8 foot gate is scraping the side of the truck, and a 10 foot gate is bending the mirrors. Leave a little room for the big trucks !!

The turnout of Camptonville people for fire training and for helping out with the various chores has been fantastic. We are building this department with new blood and lots of enthusiasm. It takes all kinds of help, and everyone is welcome to help out. It doesn't have to be as a firefighter, there are plenty of jobs to do. We meet each Tuesday at 6pm at the fire house.

Yuba County Fire Safe Council Water-Source Mapping Project

The county Fire Safe Council secured a grant of money to fund the development of fire district maps with all of the key water-sources located and identified. The Camptonville VFD receives a portion of these monies to go out, identify water sources, get GPS coordinates and fill in a form describing the source. Once all the data is

collected, the Yuba County GIS (mapping) people will produce a set of maps for each fire district, showing roads and water sources. The idea is that in the event of a fire local and out-of-area strike teams will be able to quickly locate viable water supplies.

We have all of the major water sources identified, and are in the process of getting GPS coordinates and filling in those forms. We are putting out a general request to all interested property owners: If you have a pond or other water storage like a pool or a tank of a 1000 gallons or more, and if you'd like to make that water available for our use in the event of a fire, give us a call. We'll come out, get GPS coordinates and complete the form for your water, and it will be included in the overall Camptonville Fire District map. This is completely voluntary, no strings attached. To learn more, please call Mark Jokerst at 288-9320.

Annual river cleanup

By Rod Bondurant

On the beautiful Saturday morning of September 20 I joined about 18 enthusiastic SYRCL volunteers who came to our town to clean up the trash at their favorite swimming holes on the Middle Fork. I was delighted that the areas were cleaner than I had seen in the past. To me, it appears that in the last few years the river scene has been improving - except for the spray painters. Most of the visitors this year seemed more mellow and considerate. Are we better off with the bridge at Oregon Creek closed?

So, I would like to thank the volunteers and the "invisible" trash collectors who continually leave our land better than they found it.



The "crew" at Mushroom Hole parking lot.

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News from the School Board**By Ruth Schwartz**

We've had some big kids (teenagers) bullying some smaller kids on campus during the weekends. In a particular recent event, big kids with Airsoft guns held them point blank at kid's heads saying things like, "Stop or I'll shoot". We have discovered that law enforcement isn't going to act on this so our board discussion was about legal responsibilities on campus (maybe you'll see some signs going up.), bringing in the sheriff to speak to the kids about handling bullying (which happened), and local parents helping to take control of the campus to make it safe. Got ideas? Come to the next board meeting. Or come to the school during the weekends to help monitor this situation.

In better news, we got textbooks - not only to comply with the law but more than enough to go around. In better news, our school's API (Academic Performance Index) went up 11 points in the last year. That is good news, but our work is still ahead of us as we still have room for improvement. How about another 11 points this year? Our superintendent Steve Kelly wants everyone to know that attendance is EVERYTHING. Not only does it supply needed funds to run the school but it is a big part of our success and those API scores. The population of our mighty school is now 52 students down 10 from last year. The split looks something like this: 17 in the K-1-2. 17 in the 3-4-5 and 18 in 6-7-8. We've got lots of babies in 123 Grow, so maybe some growth is right around the corner. Our next board meeting is Oct. 8th at 6:30 PM in the School Library. Please come contribute. If you are the least bit curious about replacing our more tired board members, this is a great way to test it out.

We need you.

Last but not least, if you want more info, go to
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Calendar Deadline - Art Contest Fast Approaching!

By Rita Ortega

Photographers and artists, October 29th is fast approaching. This is the deadline for the 2009 Camptonville Calendar artwork. In the spirit of years past we would like to have a **contest** with local artwork and photographs that represent our community. Please get your artwork and photographs 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 an opportunity to get all your important dates on the calendar (birthdays, anniversaries, remembrances, etc.) The cost for each announcement is \$1 per date. You can bring the names and money to the Resource Center. The deadline is also **October 29**. If you have any questions, call Rita at the Resource Center 288-9355.

Crossroads for the Courier

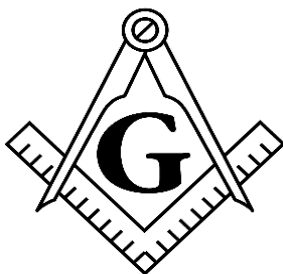
By Shirley Dickard and Yana Slade

Crossroads, transitions, changes. In our lives, we all transform, evolve, move on. After twelve years serving as the voice of Camptonville, *The Courier* will be going through another transition as Rod Bondurant, Volunteer Editor, hangs up his hat and moves on, as did Roger Rapp after his tenure as a founding member and Editor from 1996 -2003. Thank you Rod, (and of course, Rochelle) for your 5 years of dedication as *Courier* Editor. Now how will you fill the last week of the month?

The Courier requires a commitment of passion – one that Roger Rapp, Rod Bondurant, Rochelle Bell, Joan Carpenter, Bob Crabtree, Cathy LeBlanc and the many, many faithful writers and folders know by heart. We feel excited that new folks have stepped forward to steer *The Courier* into the future?

The Courier began in response to a community Action Team meeting where one of the main messages people said was that “We need a community voice. We need a way to communicate with each other, to share our joys, sorrows, creativity, and opportunities.” In recognition of how successfully this was accomplished, *The Courier* was honored with a Community Building Award by The Sierra Health Foundation in the late 1990's.

The Courier has been produced totally by volunteers. These faithful community members have made sure that this small paper gets to you every month for the last 12 years. Thank you for all the hours and attention given to *The Courier*. Thank you for caring that Camptonville residents have an opportunity to share their voices and stay connected with each other. Good job! Well done! Bravo! and once again, THANK YOU.



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Chicken Chronicles


By Stephanie Ruff

This past month at Rebel Hen Ranch was filled with great sadness. Remember those triple digit days? Well, since we've gotten our little red heeler named "Blue" the hens haven't free ranged as much as they used to, as we can't leave "Blue" unattended with them. It was a sweltering day; I had filled the chicken water earlier that morning. Busy with homeschool and other chores, I became preoccupied. Around 5pm I realized I hadn't checked the water again, which I normally do several times a day. I ran out there and the hens were panting and their water was gone. Boy, did I feel like a total schmuck. Sadly I felt worse when I checked for eggs and found Ruth lying there..... dead in the hen house. She had been fine and healthy previously so I can only assume she died of heat exhaustion. The hen yard becomes really hot in the latter part of the day. When the girls were loose they could run under the trees and bushes to cool down. Now, I try to let them free range during those hot times and keep a watchful eye on Blue. We are also very diligent about keeping the water cool and full. I've heard of chickens that refuse to drink warm water and will die because they won't drink it!! The heat also sent about half the girls into molt and they look miserable. With molting comes a drop in egg production. The girls lose their feathers and grow them back. It's a good time to boost their immune systems with vitamins you can mix in their water and they love worms from the bait shop-those little ones in the sawdust mixture. Wow! They go CRAZY for those buggers!

The other bit of sad news is about "Insulator" the last of our 3 roosters. He found a wonderful life and home with Jenny over at the farm store in Oregon House. Well, I'm sorry to report he met his fate with a hungry raccoon one night. He was a wonderful and beautiful rooster and will be missed.

Now, that it is cooling a bit the girls are so much happier. Egg production is building and feathers are growing back. Although Susan, who lost her back feathers due to her popularity with "Insulator" way back in spring still has not grown them back, due to feather picking from the other girls. They can be so vicious! As soon as the weather cools and my laundry room is not a hot box, she can come in and stay at the "HEN SPA" for about a month and grow her feathers back. Life goes on!

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Reader Ranch History Part1

By Stephanie and Liam Ruff

Have you ever wondered about the famous cattle drive that occurs every spring and fall on highway 49? Liam and I had the wonderful experience of interviewing John Reader about the history of the ranch and the drive. John, along with his brother, are the proprietors of Reader Ranch whose cattle make the twice-yearly trek to and from the high country.

John is one of six boys born and raised at the ranch. This was a great help to his dad, who continued the family ranching business. John's great grandfather, James Reader came to California in 1854 from Wisconsin via Cape Horn on a ship. As with many other folks-"gold fever" brought him westward. When James arrived here he quickly discovered he would not make a living as a gold miner. Shady Creek, which runs thru the ranch, was already picked clean by the 49er's.

James had to utilize the land in different ways. He bought a piece of property from the Howard family in 1854 and Reader Ranch was born. The ranch increased in size in 1862 when the Homestead Act was established. Today the working ranch has around 1000 acres. James not only raised cattle, but had a sawmill and a freighting business as well.

John's grandfather Frank was born in 1870. He was a great storyteller. John remembers stories that Frank told him as a child about the history of the ranch. The most notorious one describes the infamous stagecoach robber "Black Bart", who, as the story goes, lived and worked at his great grandfather's sawmill. Employees of the mill lived in cabins on the ranch. It was told that one stormy day, John's great grandfather was hooking up his team to go to the bank in North San Juan. Jim Martin, an employee, asked James why he was going to town in the pouring rain. When he replied he had to payroll Jim Martin offered to loan him the money so he wouldn't get sick. James took him up on the offer and later wondered why his employee had enough money to cover payroll. Years later, when Black Bart was caught and put in a San Francisco jail, one of the ranch's bookkeepers was in the city at the time and decided to see for himself who the Infamous Black Bart was. He wrote to James Reader

telling him that Black Bart was indeed Jim Martin, his past employee.

Black Bart was released from San Quentin after serving his term. Around that time John's great aunt, who was living at the ranch, was alone one day and a white haired gentleman came to her door saying he used to work and live at the sawmill and could he have a look around. They figured it was Black Bart coming back to dig up his money. When he left, he gave her a silver dollar which was a lot of money back then.

Liam and I had a great visit with John, complete with an impressive tour of the ranch. We'd like to thank John for his hospitality and taking time out of his busy day to meet with us. Look forward to next month's issue.....all about "The Drive".

Camptonville landlords !

By Barbara Mueller-Hogan,
Outreach Worker

The Camptonville Resource Center and the Outreach Program often get asked about rentals in our area, sometimes for families with children who attend our school and sometimes from people looking to move to our small town.

We would like to make up a list of possible rentals so that when calls come in we can relay information. I see this happening in two ways – refer person to you, the landlord, or give you, the landlord, the person's information so that you can contact them yourself.

Either way I need YOUR help, please contact us at the Resource Center with your information, requirements and availability. If you are an interested landlord please contact Barbara or Cathy at 288-9355. Thank you for your time.

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Single mother of two, has a request for household furniture: Beds, dressers, couch, dining table, chairs, etc. Any help would be greatly appreciated please call the Resource Center 288-9355.

State Budget Update

By Cathy LeBlanc

After the longest budget stalemate in California history we have a budget that includes \$24.0 billion of "solutions". These solutions are part of a plan that has deep spending cuts, massive future tax breaks, and debt and budget process changes.

According to a California Budget Project report (www.cbp.org) these "solutions include \$10.3 billion in spending cuts, \$9.6 billion in revenue related provisions and \$4.0 billion in borrowing. The new spending plan assumes, voters will allow the state to borrow an additional \$10 billion or more. (We can look forward to a special election to decide that. Uh, what is the price for a special election?)

Programs and services that help low-income seniors and folks with disabilities pay their property taxes bore the brunt of the Governors \$510million worth of line-item vetoes. The Governors Line item vetoes also include reducing support for child nutrition and childcare by \$862,000, \$253,000 for public libraries literacy programs and \$8 million cut to the California Methamphetamine Prevention Campaign.

The Governors vetoes and summary of the final budget are available at www.ebudget.ca.gov/. Below is a brief look at the final agreement:

\$10.3 billion in spending reductions, includes \$3.3billion in cuts to "base" K-14 education spending, deep CalWORKs cuts and an extension of the 10% Medi-Cal provider reimbursement.

The only slight tax change is the "yacht" tax. This allows folks who wish to avoid payment of the *use tax*, to keep their luxury items such as boats, vehicles, and aircraft out of the state for 12 months instead 3 as the prior law had required. (Advocates were hoping to close this loophole). This provision is expected to raise \$16 million for fiscal year 2008-2009 and includes a massive permanent tax cut that will cost the state \$965 million in 2011-2012 and similar amounts there after.

There will be changes to the budget process to give governors huge new power to increase the size of the state's reserve and reduce spending more at mid year.

(Here's more assumption) Assumes California's will double the amount spent on the Lottery, then replace the schools' share with a General Fund appropriation equal to the Lottery amount in 2008-2009. A revenue package that will include significant future tax cuts.

I would go on but you get the idea. It's not good. After 80 days with no state budget that left many services on the brink of closure, Speaker of the State Assembly, Karen Bass said, "The Governor's penny-wise and pound foolish and mean-spirited cuts add insult to injury to a budget that already will hurt middle-class and low-income families struggling in a difficult economy."

Beginnings and endings

By Rod Bondurant

Gary Snyder (our poet on the Ridge) once said something like (I can't find the exact quote) "A poem, like a life, has a beginning and an end; it is a uniqueness in the oneness".

I'm considering that *The Courier* for the last 12 years is a long poem. It has been its own unique take on Camptonville life, while holding a vision of what's good in our lives. Although it has been a lot of work for all involved, I have had a great pleasure in helping to chronicle the dreams and aspirations of those around us. Of course, we have received a few irate letters and phone calls, and had a few blunders on our part that show up as (OOPS! We forgot.... or AAKK! We let that slip through?).

Looking back over *The Courier* years, I want to acknowledge the trust, generosity, and goodwill that we have enjoyed. Our local businesses, sponsors and readers have been so generous with their donations and support.

So now it ends and a new uniqueness will manifest. Rochelle & I are looking forward to the next poem.

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Voting Machines: Vulnerability is manifest...

Cathy LeBlanc

I begin with these words from *Landslide Denied: Exit Polls vs. Vote Count 2006*, a study published shortly after the 2006 election *"The vulnerability is manifest; the stakes are enormous; the incentive is obvious; the evidence is strong and persistent. Any system so clearly at risk of interference and gross manipulation cannot and must not be trusted to tally the votes in any future elections"*.

Facts: Yuba County uses Sequoia Direct Record Electronic (DRE) Voting Systems, the Edge model. In response to concerns over the integrity and security of electronic voting equipment (post November 2006 Election) the Yuba Office of the Clerk/Recorder & Registrar of Voters initiated a Yuba County Grand Jury Investigation into Sequoia DRE Voting Systems for the purpose of ensuring their accuracy. It was concluded that Yuba County election officials believe Sequoia DRE voting equipment *is free from error* (DRE final report_rev 112706 November 21, 2006). This decision was based on a hand recount of votes in the June 2006 election. The result was exactly the same as reported by the machines.

In 2007 Secretary of State Debra Bowen, entered into a contract with the University of California Santa Barbara to test the security of three electronic voting systems, including Sequoia Edge. Findings for the Sequoia Voting System Public Report state the testing team *"identified a number of security issues that are of great concern. In our test we were able to bypass the physical and software security protections of the Sequoia Systems"*. The team also concluded, *seals were easily bypassed and other security-critical parts of the system were accessed by simply unscrewing a few screws*.

As a result of the findings in the above report Secretary of State Debra Bowen decertified and then immediately recertified a number of voting systems in use throughout the state (including Sequoia DRE) As a condition of recertification, the Secretary imposed a comprehensive system of post election manual ballot tallying on local election officials. County of San Diego Registrar of Voters appealed this decision because the conditions were too burdensome and costly.

The decision of County of San Diego vs. Secretary of State, Debra Bowen (Court of Appeal DO52744): "Regardless of the wisdom of, or the necessity for, the post election manual ballot tallying requirements, they

are void under California law due to the Secretary's failure to adhere to the procedures set forth in the Administrative Procedures Act (the APA) Section 15003.

What can be done? Well first you've got to vote. It's our best tool to ensure Democracy. According to Yuba County Elections Department the Sequoia Edge DRE has a Federally-Qualified Voter-Verified Paper Audit Trail capability. Properly conducted Exit Polls are also a tool we have as citizens to verify the integrity of an Election. Exit polls are surveys of voters conducted after they have cast their votes at their polling places.

See for more information

<http://www.blackboxvoting.org/toolkit.html>

Or come by or call (288-9355) the Resource Center I'll share my copy.

Literacy Through Music by Birdsong Sundstrom

1,2,3 Grow is very fortunate this fall to be able to offer the children extra literacy enrichment once a month through a program developed by Julie Ashmore. Julie received her musical training through the Royal Conservatory of Music in Canada while growing up, and now serves as the Education Coordinator for the Yuba County Family Literacy Program, as well as teaching music one day a week at Camptonville Elementary School. She *combines* literacy with song and movement and everyone loves her gentle nature and how much fun we have with her. Julie has a serious side as well and stresses that research on brain development shows music builds neural pathways that help with mathematical learning.

Our first class with Julie took place outside in the gentle morning fall sun, *with* animals as our theme. We talked and sang about what animals eat, where they live and even practiced how they move. We also sang songs about plants and what they need to grow. We look forward to another class with Julie this month.



Cathy's Analysis of the Propositions

By Cathy LeBlanc

IMPORTANT Correction! Please Disregard the November Ballot article printed in the September Courier! It was a reprint from the 2006 November Election. I apologize for sending a misdirected e-mail attachment, which led to the error.

I have read the propositions and researched various websites whose values I believe in and trust, such as: the League of Women Voters, the Conservation League and The Children's Advocate, then I added my own common sense. The "Yes" or "No" linked to each of the Propositions are my own opinion as a citizen and do not necessarily reflect the views or opinions of my employer or any of the Foundations from which I receive funding.

Proposition 1A Yes --High-Speed Passenger Train Bond Act: Proposition 1A would provide a transportation option that reduces greenhouse gas emissions and lessens the need to expand highways and airports. This just makes sense and in fact it's probably our duty to invest in the future. California is responsible for much of the world's greenhouse gas emissions, 40% of those emissions come from transportation and our states' population is expected to grow by 15 million people in the next 25 years. If this proposition passes folks will have an opportunity to positively affect air quality by using high-speed rail instead of an airplane or automobile. This \$9.95 billion bond act would partially fund a high-speed train project between Los Angeles/ Anaheim and San Francisco, and possible extensions to Sacramento and to San Diego, at a total project cost of \$45 billion, including the additional segments. Federal grants and public-private partnerships would be needed to fund at least half of each segment.

Proposition 2 ?-- Standards for Confining Farm Animals: This is for you to decide. But as you do, here's something that may help you to make your mind up. Should we legislate whether certain farm animals have freedom to move in their surroundings at the expense of low-income families who will then be forced, because of increased price, to buy their food from out of California?

Proposition 3 Yes -- Children's Hospital Bond Act: Authorizes \$980 million in bonds to fund children's hospitals. Without regard to a family's ability to pay, these regional hospitals provide specialized care for children with serious illnesses or injuries. They treat the majority of California's low-income children. Eighty percent of the proceeds would go to eight nonprofit children's hospitals and 20 percent to University of California children's hospitals. Prop 3 will help

construction costs and improve health care access for all of California's children.

Proposition 4 No -- Waiting Period and Parental Notification before Termination of Minor's Pregnancy: *Voters have rejected this proposition twice since 2005!* Prop 4 requires the doctor to notify the parent of every pregnant girl under the age of 18 before performing an abortion. What if she felt that seeking such permission might endanger her? In the latest version of this proposition, a physician could notify an adult relative other than a parent if the patient claimed physical, sexual or severe emotional abuse - and the doctor reported those allegations to law enforcement or Child Protective Services. We want to be involved our teen's lives, but good family communication should not be a government mandate.

Proposition 5 Yes -- Nonviolent Drug Offenses. Sentencing, Parole and Rehabilitations: This Prop would build on Prop 36 (Substance Abuse and Crime Prevention Act), and invest in treatment programs for at-risk youth. It would require the state to expand treatment and rehabilitation for nonviolent drug offenders and parolees, and reduce the criminal consequences of nonviolent offenses. Studies have shown and Juvenile Justice agencies affirmed the need to give priority funding to prevention, early intervention and rehabilitation. Even the Secretary of State agrees the cost of the measure would be offset by reductions in prison and parole operating costs, as well as in the need for capital outlay for prison facilities.

Proposition 6 No-- Police and Law Enforcement Funding. Criminal Penalties and Laws: Harmful policy changes in this initiative include prosecuting more 14-year-olds as adults and giving counties less flexibility in the use of drug and mental health funds for juveniles. This measure requires that nearly \$1 billion annually in state general funds be used for designated local law enforcement and probation programs.

Proposition 7 No-- Renewable Energy Generation: Protect small solar producers and encourage solar energy production. Sound good? Take another look! If this proposition passes it, "would jeopardize achievement of the current requirement of California law, which requires that 20 percent of electricity sold to customers be renewable by 2010".

http://ecovote.org/endorse/endorse2008_nov.html#prop1a

Proposition 8 No -- Eliminates Right of Same-Sex Couples to Marry: This would change a Constitutional Amendment: The California Supreme Court has concluded that there is a "fundamental constitutional right to form a family relationship." How can we continue to limit the basic civil rights that should be guaranteed to all Californians? Including me!

Proposition 9 No-- Criminal Justice System. Victims' Rights. Parole

This initiative asks voters to support victims' rights that are already protected under state law and is unnecessary.

Proposition 10 No -- Alternative Fuel Vehicles and Renewable Energy Bonds: Stop the alternative energy scam! Prop 10 will pay CA trucking companies the cost (up to \$50,000 per truck) to require "clean vehicles, yet there is no mandate to reduce global warming emissions. This is at the expense of an already stressed budget that has repeatedly cut funds to schools and health programs. Prop 10 is biased toward natural gas technologies and away from much cleaner wind and solar. *And who paid \$3 million to have it put on the ballot?* Texas oil tycoon T. Boone Pickens: What? I thought this was a California Proposition! (From wikipedia: *Pickens now owns Clean Energy Fuels Corporation, a natural gas fueling station company that is the sole backer of the November 2008 Proposition 10 on California's ballot.*)

Proposition 11 Yes -- Redistricting Reform: California Voters FIRST Act: This Act would remove from the legislature the power to redraw district boundaries for the State Senate, Assembly and Board of Equalization after each census, an inherent conflict of interest. Instead, it provides for the appointment of a 14-member independent citizens commission to perform this process, establishes clear criteria for how the boundaries shall be drawn, and *requires an open and transparent process* with due notice, public hearings, and no communications outside of the hearings.

Proposition 12 Yes-- Veteran's Bond Act of 2008: Shall a nine hundred million dollar (\$900,000,000) bond be issued to provide farm and home aid for California veterans? Since 1922 this program has provided low-interest home loans to California veterans. The bond sale would allow about 3,600 additional veterans to purchase homes. Monthly payments cover all costs of the program, including bond principal and interest.

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I happened across this painting class at Oregon Creek the day of the river cleanup. Nice way to spend a beautiful fall day – forget politics & go painting.
Rod

Camptonville Picnic 2008



Picking a Raffle prize winner



Food was a sellout



Live entertainment



A quick cool down from the CVFD



The CCP's kid's booth was popular



Future firefighters?

Yuba River Ranger District

By Betty Leffew

Fall is here. The leaves are starting to change colors. We have had a hot and dry summer. We are experiencing very high fire danger. This is one of the driest years on record. Be extra careful. Please remember Campfires and Bar B Q's are not allowed except within the grills and fire rings provided in develop campgrounds and make sure your fire is completely out. Campfires are not allowed at Madrone Cove, Garden Point or shoreline camping.

Please be cautious in the wood as Squirrel season is open extending through the last Sunday in January. Deer season opens in areas D3, D4 & D5 on September 27th through November 2nd. All Forest Service employees can validate your deer tag. The ranger station has hunting regulation brochures available.

Bullards campgrounds will close on October 15th and campgrounds along Highway 49 and the Sierra Butte's area will be closing mid to late October, depending on the weather.

Update: Broadband Internet

By The Resource Center Broadband Team

We had a conversation with a few folks from Pike who are being solicited by *digitalpath* wireless Internet for high-speed service. *digitalpath* is company out of Chico who is currently bringing high-speed Internet to Sierra County. The flyer the company posted to folks in Pike said, "Sign up in groups of 10 to receive \$100.00 off each install". They have 30 day money back guarantee and 2 plans to choose from, Excel and Express that range from \$39.95 to \$49.95 with download speed from 1500k to 3000k and long range installation (dish) \$350.00.

Then we called *digitalpath* who further explained they will be in our area in about a month, currently they're in Goodyear's Bar. If you're interested here's their number: *digitalpath* 800-676-7284 or you may email them at info@digitalpath.net


"Keep the change", and other acts of kindness

By Rochelle Bell

We had a good season at the Gardener's Market. We had so many loyal customers including some who ended every purchase with "keep the change", that we were able to raise \$635 to be split between the school library and Journey Home Hospice. We want to thank all our contributing gardeners for their generosity in sharing not only their "surplus" food but bringing us their good will. To us, the spirit of the market manifests the essence of "thinking globally and acting locally": sustainability through sharing our good energy and abundance with our community.

An added feature at the market this year was the History Society's crepes or taco sales. We all enjoyed the delicious food that changed weekly as the season progressed. So far, a total of \$785 has been raised for the CHS museum. Having "brunch" while shopping seemed to keep people around longer for the visiting that everyone enjoyed.

Special thanks to Denise Stratton of the Rebel Ridge Store for hosting us for another year; Hal Stocker (our supervisor) for bringing those luscious watermelons etc all the way from Challenge; Mac Claar for his lugs of tomatoes from his new home in Browns Valley; Dan and Emily's (new family in Celestial Valley) positive energy and beautifully displayed veggies.

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Harvest Stew
Moonshine Road Potluck
Twilight School
Quilt Show in Brownsville
School Board
CCSD
Yoga
Food Bank

Saturday October 11 4:30 to 7:30 pm
Sunday October 12, 3:00pm
Tuesday, October 14 starting at 5:30 pm
November 1 and 2 at the Ponderosa Lodge
Wednesday, Oct 8 at 6:30 pm in the school library
Monday, Oct 15, 7pm at the Camptonville School
Tuesdays 5:15 pm at Camptonville School
Third Thursday at the Lake Francis Grange, Dobbins

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