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Secret Santa

By Stephanie Williams

Santa's elves are starting to get busy! CCP is asking anyone who feels they, or someone they know, may need some extra help this Holiday Season with food baskets to contact Barbara Mueller Hogan at the resource center 288-9355. To help us guarantee delivery and availability of baskets for all please submit recommendations by December 18th.

For those of you familiar with this seasonal project you may be wondering: What about the toys? This year CCP is only able to provide food baskets to those in the community. If you have any questions please feel free to give us a call 8:30am to 2:30pm Monday through Thursday.

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Santa Is Coming To Town!

By Carey Ruff

Continuing a Camptonville tradition ever since the Sixties; Kriss Kringle is indeed returning to Camptonville. He'll be at the Camptonville School Gym on Dec. 20th at 5:30 p.m.

Come join in on the fun and merriment of the Holiday Season with your friends and neighbors! Hot chocolate, cookies, and other holiday treats will be served, along with special goodies for children!

This wonderful, fun-filled event is made possible by Georgette, and donations are more than welcome. Please call her at 288-3429.

Remember, Santa's watching! So be nice!
(And don't shoot your eye out.)

News from the School Board

By Ruth Schwartz (Rocky's mom)

We had a pretty quiet meeting this month with one potential new member showing interest in joining the board. For all of you with kids in the school, please come to our meetings. The finances and direction of the school, while being a bit dry at times, is vitally important. There are a few members of the board who do not have kids in the school any longer and have a long term of service of which they are ready to move on. It is important that you, as parents, participate. We meet on the second Wed. of the month. Our next meeting is Dec. 10 at 6:30pm in the school library.

The first report cards of the year were sent home and we are proud to announce the following students on the Honor Role: Summer Newman, Kyle Carey, Lily Mitchell, Ariana Bonfiglio, Teddy Holt.

And these students on the Principle's Honor Role: Courtney Black, Casey Fites-Kaufman, Davia Pratschner, Kai Pratschner, Ravynn Noble, and Rocky van der Meer.

Congratulations from the school board. We are proud of all of you!

Ruth Schwartz
ruth@vandermeer4.com

*Crimson berries glow
Drifting mist and gingerbread
Winter solstice rains*

Stephanie Ruff

Cville CoOp

By Carol Holland

We are pleased to welcome our newest member, Debra Foote! Think of the CoOp the next time you are hauling wood, trying to find a babysitter or having to dash back to Nevada City for that "need it now" item....wouldn't someone there to help be a good thing??? Call me to join.

Carol Holland
288-3558

Perhaps strength doesn't reside in having never been broken....but in the courage required to grow strong in the broken places.

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Susan DeLisle

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Children's Dental Outreach

By Wendy Tinnel

Camptonville is continuing on with its Children's Dental Outreach Program. We were able to have one dental discussion on October 2. Four parents were able to attend. We had a great discussion and I handed out a *cheat sheet* for tooth brushing time as well as a few recipes that don't use sugar.

For those of you who don't know what a dental discussion is, here is some information. It takes only about a half an hour of your time and consists of parents or caregivers that get together to talk about anything to do with dental health.

I am a mother of two beautiful boys ages 3 and 4 with no previous experience in dentistry. I, personally, have had many problems with getting my children to the dentist and trying to find a dentist that takes my insurance and is capable to handle children in a fun atmosphere. We live in a rural environment that has so many hurdles we have to overcome just to do "simple things" like taking your child to the dentist. Our community dental discussions help to find what these hurdles are and to find ways to help each other to overcome them. These hurdles could include things like, finding a dentist that fits your needs, getting insurance, getting referrals, finding rides into town, or any dental hygiene questions that you might have.

Through these discussions we hope to see every child in our community be proud to smile and laugh. I work with Dr. Richard Dickard and Rochelle Belle, a Dental Assistant who have been in the field for the past 40 years. So if there are any dental questions that arise I can call them and ask their personal and professional opinions.

If you would like to attend, the next dental discussion will be December 4th at 10:30 am. For any questions please call Wendy Tinnel at the Resource Center 288-9355 or E-mail me at wtinnel@cville.k12.ca.us

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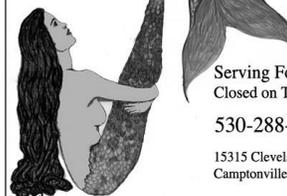
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Chief's (Last) Report

By Mark Jokerst

This has been one of the nicest fall fire season's in memory: thanks to all of you, we've been twiddling our thumbs and polishing the trucks over and again waiting for an alarm like that Maytag guy. We really appreciate your care in checking those chimneys and keeping those burn piles under control as the season fluctuates from cold and wet to warm and dry and back again.

Just the other night though, we all went to bed with the sound of some hard blowing wind and the pagers went off at 3 am for a 2 acre brush fire in Camptonville. The combined forces of the Camptonville, Pike and North San Juan VFD's and the USFS came quickly to scene and had the burn under control in short order. (This was the same windy night that hundreds of homes in southern cal burned to the ground.) The cause: some old burn piles re-kindled in the wind and the embers spread into the duff. The landowner was doing everything right, 'twas just a fluke of timing and wind. But it serves as a reminder to us all that Fire Season Never Really Ends Around Here. Please be careful and plan your work well.

In other news, after getting our annual budget in order and taking care of the essentials, the Department came to the CCSD board and made the pitch to purchase a "Water Tender". A Water Tender is a large truck capable of hauling a couple or more thousand gallons of water. Every fire fought in Camptonville in the last 8 years of my tour of duty around here has required the services of one or two Water Tenders, a need usually filled by Pike City and North San Juan, usually both.

The department made the pitch to the CCSD board that Camptonville should also have one of these rigs, so we can not only return the favor from time to time, but to better serve our own community here in Camptonville.

The board agreed, and after some hard looking around incoming Chief Lee Brown found a great buy up in Redding: a 1987 Peterbuilt Diesel 4000 gallon tender.

The purchase is in the works, and we should have the truck in the barn before the new year clicks over.

And with this last note, I say good-bye as your Chief and extend my best wishes to incoming Fire Chief Melvin "Lee" Brown and all of the Camptonville Volunteers and Directors. It has been my pleasure to serve down here and help build this department. We, and I do mean we, have accomplished much in the last six months, including bringing the CCSD board and the Fire Volunteers together as a team, bringing

in volunteers to help the Chief with all of the many jobs that need doing every month, getting a modern Safety program and Risk Management program off the ground, and establishing training and certification standards for all fire fighters. The citizens of Camptonville deserve an active and competent fire department and I think we have succeeded in establishing that once again. My thanks to everyone who have or has volunteered their time and taken on a chunk of this department as their own: Skip, Rita, Dick, Carol, Wendy and Pam of the CCSD board; Jim Esry, Glenn Smith, Michael Lewis, Denise Stratton, Lee Brown, Andrew Beams, Mike Hines, Chris Dozier, Allen Kinne, Char Saunders, Daniel Tinnel, Tony Scarafiotti, Brandi Dudek, Mike Rogers, and Cliff Hilligoss of the VFD. I'm for sure missing others, and I thank all of you as well, most especially past members of the VFD and the auxiliary for your enthusiasm and support throughout the year.

And I'll say it again: This is your department; it runs on 100% volunteer energy. Without your contribution, it can fall apart in a heartbeat, so please come and see what you can do to help. You don't have to be a fire-fighter, there's work to do everywhere. When I see the smiles on the faces of our hard working helpers, I know it's gotta be worth the couple hours it takes here and there. Come on down and help. We meet every Tuesday at 6pm for training, but there's always someone there at 5 getting the place ready to rock.

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My Other Hat

By Mark Jokerst

Before, during and after my stint as the Camptonville Fire Chief, I'm the Fire Chief up in Pike City and I've got a short tale of woe and victory for you. In July 2008, the Pike Volunteers put our numero-uno Fire Engine back-in-service after several months on the blocks as we re-built the pump transfer case, a major feat to save our 1968 Crown Fire Engine. No sooner than two weeks later, we had to put the truck out-of-service for yet another repair. We decided to throw in the towel and start searching for another Engine (like we could afford that!), and you folks came to our rescue and loaned us your old Ford Pumper while we looked. For that we thank you dearly.

So we looked high and low for a new truck, and in October a rare stroke of luck came our way and we were able to buy a 1990 Ford Diesel Type 1 Engine that can carry a crew of six and 750 gallons of water. It's a beautiful truck, and should provide Pike, Camptonville, Alleghany and others another 15 years of fire protection, but it set us back \$16,000. Now that's a great price for the truck, it's worth three times that, but for our little department, it's almost twice our total annual budget. So we're holding out our hat and asking for donations.

I know these aren't exactly flush times for many of us, but if you can help in any little way, we'll appreciate it greatly. Donations can be mailed to:

Pike City Vol Fire Dept, Inc.
100 Pike City Road

Local Teen Harpist Gets Scholarship

By Janie Kesselman

At age 14, Camptonville harpist Sage Po, a sophomore at Forest Charter's high school home study program, has already won a \$40,000 scholarship to the college of her choice! Sage was one of 520 "California Arts Scholars" to attend this year's month-long California State Summer School for the Arts, living in the dorms of CalArts in LA with other talented teens in the Theater, Visual Arts, Dance, Music, Film/Video/Animation, and Creative Writing departments. There she participated in an intensive program of music classes six days a week ranging from Balian Gamelan to African Dance, Song, and Drumming, to History of Modern Music, Musicianship, and Performance in various ensembles, not to mention daily harp practice. Participants were awarded college credit for their efforts.

During the program's final week, one outstanding student from each department was selected to receive the "Herb Alpert Emerging Young Artist Award," which also comes with professional financial aid consulting.

Sage will be awarded \$10,000 a year for four years to pursue her dream of becoming a harp teacher. In a telephone interview, Sage said "I want to pass on the gift -- I've had amazing music teachers and I want to be that for someone else."

Sage started piano lessons at age 6 with the late Kristin Mumm, beloved Camptonville music teacher. She was captivated two years later by the music of Lisa Stine, who she heard playing harp at a party in December of 2001. She started lessons just a couple of weeks later.

In summer, 2005, Sage left Lisa's fine tutelage to study orchestral (pedal) harp with her current mentor, Laura Porter, principal harpist for the Fresno Philharmonic and the Modesto Symphony.

The next opportunity to hear Sage in concert will be at the Foothill Children's Chorus holiday concert on Sunday, December 14th, 4 PM at Peace Lutheran Church, 828 West Main Street, Grass Valley.

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Literacy Learning Party Comes To 123 Grow

By Birdsong Sundstrom, Program Manager

We were very fortunate to bring Staci Howell's fun and educational Literacy Learning Party to the Camptonville Family Resource Center on November 12th. Staci is a Yuba County First Five grant recipient, just like the 1,2,3 Grow Program, and is very busy teaching parents how to build a life-long love of books and reading into their children. The latest research in child development and literacy shows that the more hours a child has been read to before entering school, the better they do in school. Staci encouraged us to start reading to infants from the time they are about three months old, while they still want to cuddle in our laps. This will build an emotional attachment to reading at the same time that it strengthens the bonds between parent and child. Aim for reading to your child about a half hour a day, and look for different times throughout the day to fit this activity in, such as before or after a meal, while in the bathtub, before naptime, and bedtime. If the infant or preschooler has older siblings, establish a "quiet time" for the older siblings to do their homework while you read to the youngest.

Audio books are a great way to expand your child's exposure to reading and language, and a boon while you are traveling or making that long trip to town. These can be checked out from several of our region's libraries. The Madelyn Helling Library in Nevada City has an excellent children's library and employs a children's librarian, but there are also good collections of children's books at Camptonville School and Grizzly Hill School.

Staci also stressed not to be self-conscious about your abilities when reading or singing to your children. Your job is to convey your love of these activities, not worry about any mistakes. Carrying on conversations about daily activities. new

experiences, and what is going on in their lives, are also an important pre-literacy activity. You can encourage your child's verbal skills by asking specific questions that require longer answers. Give your child a box of their own writing materials, such as junk mail, used envelopes, old greeting cards, and pencils, pens and crayons, and keep these materials readily accessible to them. Writing will develop as the child gains strong enough fine motor muscles and hand-eye coordination, and having their own tools to use will encourage children to practice these new skills. Early efforts at writing and drawing are best on blank, unlined paper. Parents do not need to make an effort to 'teach how to do it right', as neater work will develop best with personal practice.

By the age of 2, children will be hearing but not learning words and letters, and the more variety they hear, the better for their later reading abilities. By the age of 3, your child may have memorized a favorite book (especially those with a 'pattern' storyline), but most likely will not be able to pick the words out in a different story; true reading abilities will naturally develop between ages 5 and 7.

When doing your holiday shopping this month, consider giving the little ones on your list the gift of books, and your time reading to them. Camptonville School will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair the first week of December, which is an affordable way to buy a book for every child on your gift list.

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North Yuba Ranger Station Report

By Betty Leffew

CDF has officially ended fire season so dooryard burn permits are no longer needed. **You must still call in to see if it is a burn day.** During business hours, call the Yuba River Ranger Station at 288-3231. After hours or on weekends, please call the appropriate county:

- Yuba River Ranger District (Sierra Co.) 289-3662**
- Nevada County 274-7928**
- Yuba County east of Bullards Bar (Camptonville) 289-3662 or 274-7928**
- Yuba County west of Bullards Bar 743-1189**

All campgrounds are now in winter status but offer no amenities, such as water and garbage service, and there are no fees. All of Bullards Bar campgrounds are closed. We still have plenty of winter recreation maps. Be sure to stop by and pick up one. Sierra County Rivers and streams closed for fishing on November 15, 2008. Lakes and reservoirs are open year round. No rain in sight. So far for the month of November we have received 5.16 inches of rain, most of which came on the 2nd. For the season we have 8.41 inches.

As the holiday season approaches, just a reminder that the Tahoe National Forest does not have a Christmas tree cutting program. The Plumas National Forest has Christmas tree cutting permits available. For information, please call the ranger station in Quincy at (530) 283-0555 or in Blairsden at (530)836-2575. It is great family fun picking out a tree and playing in the snow.

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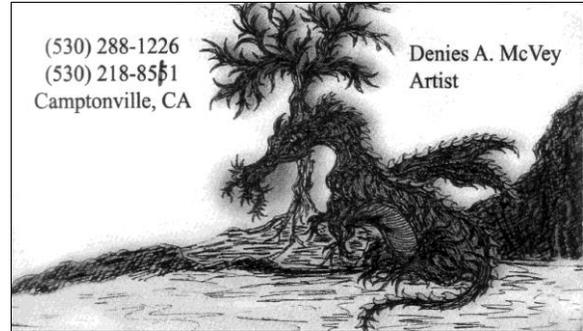
Mountain Quilt Guild

By Yvonne Scroggs

We hope you were able to attend the Mountain Quilt Guild Show last week, at the Community Center in Brownsville Nov.1-2. Even though it was pretty rainy, there was good attendance and many beautiful quilts. The people attending voted for their "favorites" and the big winner was Gean Younis for her Country Bouquet quilt, all hand quilted. It was gorgeous. Other winners for their quilts were Donna Layman and Shirley Stone. In the Wearable Art category Cathy Shepard and Lucy DeJanivier won ribbons. There were many wall hangings; first prize won by Claire Hintz for her Hooters. In the Holiday items category, 1st prize won by Janice Hammontre, 2nd by Donna Layman, and 3rd by Sue Franklin. For the first time there was a Challenge quilt group; 1st prize won by Lorretta Larson, 2nd by June Reinke and 3rd by Yvonne Scroggs. Thanks to all of you who voted.

The beautiful Opportunity Quilt, which was raffled off to raise money to buy fabric to make more service quilts, was won by Rick Davis of Woodacre in the Bay Area. This large quilt was made by Beth Camper, who was the featured quilter of last year's show, and is called Star Watch. All the vendors donated items for door prizes as well as 7 gift baskets which were raffled. Many thanks to the following vendors: Deby Sierra Sewing, The Rabbit Hole, The Cobbler Guy, Under the Pines Creations, Sew So Shop, Howell's Sewing and Vac, Mountain Quilt Guild, and Carmen Creek Gone Batty. Without these vendors it would not have been as much fun.

We look forward to the next quilt show early in November 2009. Hope to see you there.



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By Hal Stocker

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November Children's Roundtable Report: *The Shampoo Economy*

By Cathy LeBlanc

Just at a time when we thought we could begin to take a breath....Governor Arnold comes along to remind us of the huge price tag the last few years of no new taxes cost California. (Yes I used the 'T' word!) Much of the well attended November 13th Children's Roundtable meeting centered on responding to the Governors' State Budget Special Session Proposals made on November 6th. The proposals *called for a combination of cuts and revenue increases to solve California's budget shortfall, which has now reached \$11.2 billion (from Governors' press release 11/06/08)*. He wants to take action quickly to prevent a state governmental cash crisis. "We have drastic problems that require drastic and immediate action-we must stop the bleeding right now."

How does Governor Arnold triage? The State has been balancing the budget on the backs of children, seniors, the poor, blind and disabled with a house of cards and gimmicks that is now teetering on the brink of collapse. How will his *solutions* shore up the economic safety-net for California families in this time of extreme economic hardship? For many of them the Governor only offers more cuts. Under these proposals:

CalWORKs families will be cut 10% from a maximum grant for a family of 3, from \$723 to \$651 a month.

Social Security Insurance will be cut. Medi-Cal will be cut. Food assistance will be cut. In Home Supportive Services will be cut. (Ever heard the Buddhist story of a man punished by a King with a death of a 100 cuts? He didn't die. They took him out the next morning and stabbed him 100 more times. He didn't die and so on.) Then add to that; the state unemployment insurance trust fund is scheduled to go bankrupt in 2009, unless California secures a federal loan. Unfortunately, even more families will fall into a very hole safety-net, gaping with injustice and greed. Is this what we expect from a state with the 8th highest economy in the world? (nearly \$1.5 trillion) There could be other proposals made. Budget shortfalls could still be solved without cuts to the most needy in California. A small tax on the wealthy could save them.

Scott Graves of the California Budget Project told us he feels like we are stuck in a bad movie, we are forced to watch. He states 2 primary causes: the deepening economic downturn (i.e. recession) and a

shrinking economy with layoffs led by the housing bubble and reckless lending. All this is has been dubbed the *Shampoo Economy: Bubble, Bust, Repeat*. Mike Herald of the Western Center on Law and Poverty reminded us of the importance of connecting with our legislators all legislators. The Democrats especially need to know where constituents stand. He "Gets no feeling that *Dems* are ready to draw a line to cuts. I implore you (*Dems*) need to search your conscious and your soul. They need to draw a line in the sand a firm one." He suggests a stimulus package as opposed to cuts. (You may find your legislators at:

<http://www.legislature.ca.gov/port-zipsearch.html> Let them know what you think.) Graves added. "We need to quantify the loss that comes when we cut programs. The last thing we want to do is stop spending, whack a program, cut pay. Cuts hurt the economy. Tax increases will help raise us out of a recession." He then led us in a chant "California needs tax increases!"

On November 10th the Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) reported, "Combined with rising state expenses, we project that the state will need \$27.8 billion in budget solutions over the next 20 months. The state's revenue collapse is so dramatic and the underlying economic factors are so weak that we forecast huge budget shortfalls through 2013-14 absent corrective action.

We know state expenditures must decrease and revenues; no I mean Taxes must increase for us to see daylight. All of the Governors Special Session Proposals can be found at <http://gov.ca.gov/index.php?/calendar/2008/11/06/> Remember your voice counts!

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Mountain Range #18 2009 Installation of Officers

By Gary Schlusser

On December 18, 2008 Mountain Range Lodge #18 F. & A.M. will install its officers for the 2009 Masonic year. This installation marks the 15th installation for the combined lodges of Forest, Downieville and Camptonville which make up Mountain Range Lodge #18.

Mountain Range Lodge #18 had a lot of positives in 2008. The lodge received applications from two more local men and received another 3 affiliations from other lodges. The lodge goal of growing in local participation is working. New members have become involved in both our projects and our leadership. Robert Harvey attended the lodge membership development course in Sacramento and is having a very positive impact. The donation from Brother Bill Hatch continues to help make improvements to the facility with asphalt sealing and plumbing in the restrooms this year.

As the master of the lodge for the past year, Charles Schlusser had many accomplishments. Membership grew, the facility has new lights in the lodge, and the quality of the pot-luck lunches was terrific. Charles brought together several degree teams that produced high quality degrees that were put on this year. Congratulations to Charles for a fabulous year of service.

Life long resident Leland Pauly will be installed as Master of the lodge on December 18th. He served as master of the lodge in 1954 and has just completed 22 years of service as the Secretary. Leland is one of the sustaining forces for Camptonville's having a Mason Lodge. Good Luck in 2009!

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

By Cathy LeBlanc

Simply put: Do onto others, as you would have them do onto you. Think Global-Act Local.

There are many families now, and there will be more who will need a little neighborly support. Give as generously as you can afford, especially during the holidays. Know that if all those state level cuts go through, some of your neighbors will be left short. Have compassion.

Support local business. Think of shopping locally whenever you can. Cherish the gathering places we have. Give to food banks, schools, the volunteer fire departments, and local non-profits too.

Add your voice to the growing number of folks who are taking the time to get involved civically. Let decision makers and legislators know that you are appalled at the present economic situation. Ask them to drop the politics and get real! No more cuts to those who need their support the most.

"Thought and speech are forms of action. Right speech, inspires understanding, joy, hope, brotherhood and sisterhood. We may say something that expresses our loving kindness, our non-discrimination, and our willingness to bring relief. Uttering such words makes us feel better in body and mind. Speaking such words several times a day will bring healing and transformation to ourselves, to others, and to the world. Everyone benefits" (from: *The World We Have Thich Nhat Hanh,*)



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Yuba County General Plan Update 2030

By Wendy Tinnel

Yuba County has been involved in gathering input from the public for the last year, about specific topics concerning Yuba County for the next 20 years. Those topics are: agriculture and open space; economy; floodplains; water features and planned development; housing; transportation; and alternative land use maps.

Yuba County Planning Department has presented five land use alternative plans. They explain different ways the county could grow and develop in the future. These alternatives were well distributed at local General Plan town halls so people could vote in order to find the most popular alternative. The maps ranged from low to slow growth all the way to extensive growth throughout the county. The most popular choice of the Yuba County residents was, of course, land use alternative #1. This was slow growth with most of it happening in the areas of Marysville, Linda, and Olivehurst. It also included employment opportunities around Hwy 65/70 corridor in the vicinity of Wheatland, on the way to Sacramento.

With input from the public: Yuba County Board of Supervisors, the Advisory Committee, the Planning Department and Planning Commission are currently in the process of narrowing choices down to two alternatives, A and B. Currently both alternatives reflect: valley growth as mentioned above including the HWY 65 corridor business expansion, although Alternative A retains only 90% of the county's important farmland and allows for 250,000 more homes to be built, higher than SACOG (Sacramento Area Council of Governments) recommendation. Alternative B has a smaller "footprint" and retains 95% of the county's important farmland and allows for 200,000 more homes at build out capacity.

On November 18th, at the most recent Board of Supervisor meeting, the Board agreed to accept Alternatives A and B as contrasting benchmarks for further development. During this meeting Hal Stocker asked if we could do away with the Yuba River Highlands Project as part of the General Plan, attorneys for the county responded that we could, with a special document. Hal also reminded everyone that each county in California must assess greenhouse gas submissions. The state will look closely at the foothills because of vehicle miles traveled.

There are a lot of important conversations going on concerning our county for the next 20 years. If you would like to be involved or have any comments, please contact Cathy or Wendy at the Resource Center at 288-9355 or E-mail cathy@cville.k12.ca.us or wtinnel@cville.k12.ca.us.



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Highway 49 Holiday Craft Fair Tour

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Chicken Chronicles

By Stephanie Ruff

The girls had a close call with a hawk this morning. Liam was outside and heard the girls making a fuss. Even though we have stings criss crossing over the hen yard a large grey hawk was diving down trying to get at the hens. They all ran quickly into the hen house and stayed inside huddled close for several hours. I missed the incident. I was happy they were in the yard as they could quickly get into their house. If they'd been let out this morning to free range we would probably be short one family member right now. According to Liam this hawk meant business. We looked the hawk up in our bird book and what Liam could tell it was a Northern Goshawk which is an uncommon accipiter. We will have to keep our eye out to identify further.

Needless to say the girls were not happy after this attack. Not one egg was laid today so they have decided to do some holiday travel and vacationing to a warmer and safer area while they finish growing their feathers back. They did want me to tell all of you faithful readers; especially those with chickens to keep your birds safe in the winter when food is scarcer for the wild animals. They may act bolder, by coming closer to your home looking for a tasty meal. My girls free range now only when I can be out with them-too many stray dogs cruising thru the neighborhood these days. I plan on extending the chicken yard this winter so they have even more safe space and more shade in the summer.

Happy and Safe Holidays to all- from Hazel, Lucy, Susan, Kamikaze, Minstrel, Lily, Cacao, Daisy Mae and Onion Ring.

- **Downieville Holiday on Main: 10AM-6PM**
- **Camptonville Holiday Craft Faire: 2-6 PM**
- **North Columbia Cultural Center Holiday Crafts Faire: 10-5PM**
- **North San Juan Fire Hall: 10AM-3PM-**
- **Oregon House Farm Store: 10AM-3PM**

For more information, call the
Camptonville Family Resource Center
at 288-9355.

Camptonville Community Services District Meeting

By Roy Ruff

At last month's Nov. 17th meeting of the Camptonville Community Services District meeting, the Camptonville Historical Society was named as a subcommittee to consider maintenance and other issues concerning, administration of the Camptonville Cemetery. For details or information on how you can help.

Please contact:

Stephanie Korney President CHS – 288-3646
Or Skip Ness CCSD Chairperson - 288-3561
Remember CCSD meetings are open to the public, and we encourage community members to attend, dates and times are published in the Courier each month.

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December Calendar:

Craft Fair Tour -----Dec. 6th, see page 11 for schedule
SANTA IS COMING! -----Dec. 20th, 5:30pm at the Camptonville school gym
School Board ----- Second Wednesday each month, 6:30 p.m. in the school library
Yoga -----Tuesdays 5:15 p.m. at the Camptonville School
Food Bank ----- Third Thursday at the Lake Francis Grange, Dobbins
CCSD ----- Dec.15th at Camptonville school.

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