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Will The Ospreys Return?

By Shirley Dickard

Last year we were left with a mystery unsolved. I'm asking for help to see if 2009 will offer a new chapter in the Moonshine Osprey story. But let me backtrack a bit to the beginnings.

In the wee hours of the mornings of 2004, I was awakened by an usual sound of birds – large adults making their way overhead on their route from Bullard's Bar to somewhere in my southeastern horizon, followed in weeks by the unrelenting sound of fledglings somewhere loudly demanding more ... more... more.

I tracked them down to an Osprey's nest perched on a high pine snag, mid-way between the middle Yuba River and Bullard's Bar Reservoir. Not a common place for Ospreys to nest, but delightful to me as I could watch them from my backyard with a scope. Lots of neighbors got involved as we checked each year to see how many chicks would make it to the fly-away-stage (usually 1 or 2).

Then the mystery: After four years of watching the nest, it unexpectedly disappeared. Almost overnight in August 2008, the nest was gone - not a trace of sticks, bird poop or feathers within a 100 foot circle of the tree, with the exception of one dried out trout carcass punctuated with two claw holes. Even the Forest Service biologists were perplexed.

According to my notes the Ospreys have always returned to their nest the 3rd week of March. So I'm asking for helpful observations from you all. Will they return? Will they re-build at their "home place" or will they move on?

Please help me watch, and give a call at 288-3479 or email at sdickard@gotsky.com if you see any signs of Ospreys in the Moonshine Valley area.

Jakob's Home! It Takes a Village

By Rhonda Murphy

Thanks to community members who care, Jakob is home and living happily in our community once again! Hi I'm Rhonda, Jakob's Grandma, for those readers not familiar with our "adventure" here's a brief recap: Almost 5 years ago my daughter Kera Rose was killed in a car accident. Her son Jakob was one year old at the time. His father was incarcerated a week after the accident, but Jakob was court ordered to remain in Washington State. As his grandmother, I went to visit and soon realized the home he was at was unfit for him. It was a drug hangout. I legally took Jakob with me when I left so that he may visit but I did not return him. Two years later I was charged with kidnapping and was placed under "house arrest" with Jakob, in Washington State. In order to prove my reasoning for removing Jakob I needed to hire a Private Investigator. I reached out to my community members for help. My thanks go out to: Burgee Dave's "Brian and Sandy", the Lost Nugget, Ron and Randy, Addiego's "Matt and Jordanna, Ayla, Aria who put up the fundraiser "hearts" for Jakob and all of you.

Currently I am in the final stage of adoption. Yes, it does take a village to raise a child and the village I live in is right here. We could not have done this without all your help. Thank you - Rhonda, Jakob and Doug, too.

DTV = No TV? Continued

By Rod Bondurant

Well, we got a TV reprieve. Now the change to DTV is delayed until June. Also, the government ran out of money for the DTV converter box coupons & will extend that program.

123 Grow Brings Thelma Back!

By Birdsong Sundstrom

Thelma Amaya-Anderson has been one of the most popular guest speakers at 123 Grow over the past few years. She is a Behavior Specialist for the Yuba County Health Department, and brings a grounded sense of humor to her presentations about child behavior. She will be putting on another program at the Family Resource Center, "Learning to Listen, Listening to Learn," on Wednesday, March 25th from 9:30 - 11:30 AM. This program is open to the public, but you must reserve a space by March 19th if you want childcare. Call 288-9355 to reserve your spot.

Yuba River Ranger District

By Betty Leffew

Grooming continues in the high country. For up-to-date information on the status of the snow trail system, feel free to call the ranger station. We have plenty of the free Winter Recreation maps. Come in and pick one up and enjoy some winter fun. There is still plenty of snow.

Campgrounds continue to be in winter status, no services, no fee. Bullard's Bar will officially open on April 15, 2009. Access to the boat ramp remains open.

As of February 18th we had 26.04 inches of precipitation. At the end of January our total was 20.00. Last year at this time we had 29.01 inches.

New Clinic Available to Region's Residents

By Birdsong Sundstrom

Many of you traveling to and from Grass Valley have watched with interest as a large building has taken shape at the intersection of Sierra College Blvd. and East Main Street over the past year. It is the new Chapa De Health Program's Grass Valley office, now open and serving anyone in need in our community. I visited recently as a new patient since I was able to take advantage of a cancer detection program that the state of California funds to provide mammograms to women without health insurance. Chapa De works together with the Sierra Nevada Breast Imaging Center to provide this service.

My first impression walking into the new facility was how beautiful it was. The building has been constructed of many natural materials, such as stone, and also takes advantage of natural light, especially in the public areas. The design incorporates many Native American beliefs about health and healing, such as having the main entrance face towards the rising sun, and utilizing round structures to create a vortex of healing energy. There was a feeling of peacefulness, and I was greeted warmly and respectfully every step of the process. While those who are verified Native Americans may receive services free of charge (and the staff will help you become "verified" if you have native ancestry), the clinic also accepts self-paying patients and all forms of insurance including Medicare and Medi-Cal. This is a fact that most people aren't aware of; you DO NOT need to be a Native American to utilize the program's services, and they certainly are able to care for patients much more efficiently and compassionately than the hospital emergency room.

Chapa De is offering optometric and dental services, behavioral health services, chiropractic care and massage, as well as women's health services including ob/gyn doctors at their new site. I met with a gynecologist and his assistant in order to review my health history and be referred for testing. They were both very informative and warm, wonderful people who are commuting from Auburn regularly to make sure our region has the services we have been missing in recent years. If you are interested in contacting Chapa De, call 477-8545.



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Spring is Coming

By Rochelle Bell

Hard to think of spring now, but those of us who start our gardens from seed need to get rolling. As we write this, the snow has melted off of the overeager apricot tree's blooms. Looks like the same fate as last year when we got almost no fruit after a cold spell hit when all the trees were in bloom. Nevertheless, mid-March is a good time to get those yogurt and cottage cheese containers washed, a drain hole put in the bottom and ready to fill with sweet smelling potting soil.

We will keep our seeds indoors in a warm place to germinate, and then move them under light when they sprout. Water can be tricky – too much and the seeds rot – too little and they dry up.

Every year we like to experiment with something new in the garden. We are always so eager for the first fresh produce. This year we have started snow peas in our kitchen to move into our unheated greenhouse. The seedlings are 2 inches tall now. We usually plant them as an early crop outdoors, bravely before the last frost and have seen the tiny plants poke through the snow alive after a storm. So can we push the envelope even further? Stay tuned.

Our **plant sale will be held on Saturday May 16th** this year. In the past we have had the sale on the first Saturday in May, but this year one of our well-known contributors, Jessi Wilcox, will be getting married that weekend so we moved the plant sale so that she can still be a part of our big event. So, Rebel Ridge Organics will be there along with more of your favorite veggie growers. Start thinking of what you want for your garden – you'll find it there. More info in next month's Courier.

Good for the Environment, Great for Your Health - Garden Organic!

By Jessi Wilcox

Dying to plant something on that lonely little trellis out in the garden? Plant snow peas - they thrive in this cool weather. With spring approaching, it's time to begin to get ready for your spring and summer gardens. The more preparation that is done now, the more enjoyable gardening becomes because you don't feel rushed or like you're too late to get a vegetable garden in. Here are a few things to do in March so you're ready.

The month of March is the perfect time to start some seeds, either inside on a windowsill or for those who are lucky enough to have a greenhouse, in there. Start those seeds that take the longest, like peppers. They are slow at germinating and slow at growing. Herbs always take a while to establish themselves, and tomatoes are also a good thing to get going this month. Start all your greens, such as lettuces, spinach, kale, swiss chard, rhubarb, etc. These seeds are fast, but you can plant them in early spring; they prefer the cooler weather. For faster and better results use some sort of bottom heat under your seeds -- heat up that root zone. For those who are not into seed starting or do not have the proper area or equipment, Rebel Ridge Organics does all this seed starting for you -- plants will be available during the proper planting time.

Soil is the most important aspect of a garden, so March is the most perfect time to start preparing your soil. There are a few things you can do: one is to plant a quick growing annual cover crop that will sprout in cool weather and grow fast, so you can till it under in late April - early May. Cover cropping improves the organic matter in your soil as well as adding nitrogen to the soil. Perform a soil test -- see what your soil is lacking. Simple, quick soil testers or advance soil test kits are available at Rebel Ridge Organics. Gradually begin adding the missing supplements -- this will balance your soil, make it rich in nutrients, and create a healthy base for you garden.

Build those raised beds you've been trying to build all year - always line them with gopher wire. Plant some spring bulbs. Stick in any last minute bare root fruit trees or berries you've always wanted. On those sunny, beautiful days that we are blessed with during this month enjoy your garden and prepare for that rush in early May that comes so quickly.

Stop by the nursery -- we try to have what you need, and if we don't, please ask and we will get it for you. Starting March 3rd we will be open Tuesday - Saturday, 9 to 5, closed on Sundays and Mondays.

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Medical Care Screening Clinic – March 7, 2009

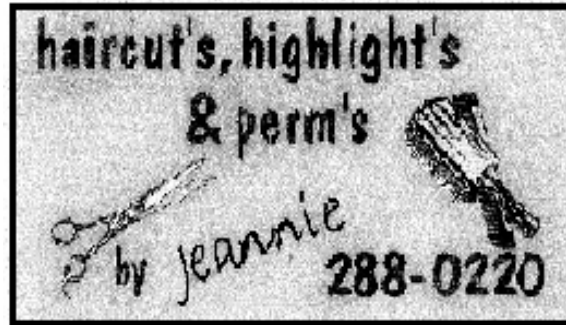
By Gary Schlusser

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

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

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

The clinic is free and the consultations are entirely confidential. The clinic date is Saturday March 7, 2009 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at Auburn Faith Hospital, in Auburn. For additional information contact George Harper at (530) 265 5310.



Babysitters Class

By Barbara Mueller-Hogan

Kids ages 11 years and up – would you like to become a certified trained babysitter? The Red Cross is offering a certified babysitters training class at the North San Juan Family Resource Center - located off Oak Tree Road in the Oak Tree campus Lodge, Saturday April 4th from 9:00 until 4:00.

All costs for this training will be covered by a grant to the San Juan Ridge Family Resource Center– so if you register you MUST ATTEND. Please contact Diana or Kristen at 292-3174 for more information. Please register before March 23rd, as space is limited.

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Twilight School is Coming in March - Economic Development Forum

By Stephanie Williams

Local businesses and community members are invited to attend Twilight School on Wednesday, March 31st from 6 - 8pm, with a free light dinner offered at 5:30.

Camptonville Community Partnership will host a local Economic Development Forum. We plan to gather folks to develop an updated asset map (last done in 2002). We will use this to discover ways to share our resources to stimulate our local economy.

Let's explore the Reinvestment and Recovery Act. How can it help us? How can we help ourselves? It promises to be fun and informational with plenty of Action and door prizes!

We will also have the usual Twilight School fare of sports and crafts. More information and details will be coming soon. Watch for flyers or feel free to call the Resource Center at 288-9355.

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Obama Economic Recovery Forum

By Cathy LeBlanc

The forum was held February 8, 2009 at Burgee Dave's @ The Mayo, local Camptonville Restaurant. The weather was pre- snowstorm, attendance light. Four folks did gather and discuss ideas the Obama Administration could implement to help with America's economic recovery. Two folks came from Chico, CA. After the meeting, one other community member (not able to attend Sunday) came to the Camptonville Resource Center to add her input. As we all know, it is up to us to make change happen. We will get the best results if we all stay active! If you'd like to add your two cents let me know: Cathy@cville.k12.ca.us or 530-288-9355. All the input is discussed below:

Let the Obama Administration Know:

Setting things up:

- Healthcare for all
- Use alternative forms of energy: solar panels on county/government buildings
- Energy efficient housing (including learning to build with adobe/mud brick)
- Retrofit homes for more energy efficiency (start-up \$ from stimulus)
- Use alternative energy methods when constructing new homes to save future energy cost
- Invest in efficient transportation systems
- Reduce \$ to programs not DIRECTLY affecting public
- Create volunteer cooperative groups and efforts for many services, so that communities have resources available to use: saws, shovels, etc.
- Put cap on profitability of health services / More limitation on healthcare costs

Structure of the mechanics of getting resources/money to people who need it most (downtrodden):

- Get \$ flowing into economy! We are the richest nation in the world!
- Concern for the poor / What skills need developing?
- Create something new with stimulus
- Try to shift power structure to give to grassroots
- Cultivate youth voice for economic recovery
- Concentrate on recovery as soon as

economic stimulus is passed (make economy stronger)

- Make available resources to connect common man / woman to opportunities and make that common knowledge: billboards, local media, cable

Teach responsibility as part of new culture

- Motivate folks to volunteer
- Better family budgeting a key responsibility
- Encourage and educate people to invest
- Decisions for short and long range planning/utilization of \$
- Reform gov't to increase personal responsibility and motivation

Current Tax system is for the educated

- Make tax system as simple as possible
- Everyone 10%
- No loopholes
- According to the news: average family of four will absorb \$1,000 annual increase in tax. What is the impact on wealthy families? Is it fair?
- US could do an October Stimulus \$1,000.00 to everyone to better economy for xmas
- Use voucher instead of tax cut. Why? Voucher must be spent, cannot be saved

Predatory lending/ Housing/ credit cards

- No 0% down
- Don't automatically raise credit limit
- No monthly house payment over 25% of gross income
- Reasonable (not excessive) compensation to management executives
- Bail out \$ with incentives to help people get loans

Trim excess

- Lets re-focus on quality vs. profit (our country is so excessive)
- *Quality of life* instead of *quantity in life*

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Corn Syrup Is Your Enemy

By Joel Shawn

There is no shortcut to a healthy diet; however, we can all do it with a little effort. First, let's not call it a "diet." It is a way of life or a way of normally taking care of our nutritional needs; it is not something we do for a limited period like a traditional "diet."

What we need to confront is the silent acceptance that the food we eat is healthful and good for us because the government is looking out for us. NOT! So we need to take control of what we eat and not assume we are getting healthful food. We need to look for the healthful food we are being offered. This starts with reading the labels on the products we consume. The foremost unhealthful ingredient is high fructose corn syrup (HFCS). We should also check for fat and sodium content.

Despite the natural sounding ring of fructose, HFCS does not come from fruit. Instead, it is a highly purified blend of sugars (typically 55% fructose and 45% glucose) derived from corn. Because the fructose in HFCS is part of a manmade blend (as opposed to a natural compound of sugar found in fruit), the body metabolizes it very differently from other sugars.

Since the early 1980's the average person's consumption of HFCS has more than tripled from 19 pounds to 60 pounds per person annually. Interestingly, the rate of onset of type 2 diabetes has increased at a similar rate. This is having and will continue to have a profound impact on the health of our population.

In the June issue of the Journal of Nutrition researchers reported that increased consumption of fructose doubled the subjects ability to make fat when compared with glucose. In addition, the fructose led to higher levels of triglycerides, a blood fat that is an independent risk factor for heart disease. This confirms findings from similar research.

Fructose might also alter appetite, increasing hunger and cravings for sweet food. According to some research, fructose decreases levels of leptin, a hormone that normally suppresses hunger. At the same time, it raises levels of ghrelin, a hormone that stimulates hunger. The result? Feeling hungrier, eating more and packing on pounds.

Just as we have learned that living on credit can get you in the end, we need to learn to read labels and avoid foods that contain HFCS. Of course, the ideal is to use fresh foods – fruits, vegetables, fish, poultry, whole grains whenever possible, and to avoid processed food, fast food, and keep the portions we eat reasonable. No super sizing!

Proposition 8 Update: Don't give up the fight!

By Cathy LeBlanc

I know many of us were disappointed in November when the people of California, fueled by misinformation, voted to deny marriage rights to same sex couples. Led by the folks at *Equality Now*, over 600 Californians gathered in Sacramento to pass HR5 (a resolution to overturn Proposition 8).

"This was one of the largest lobby days I have ever seen by any advocacy organization of any kind. The determination Lobby Day participants demonstrated in their commitment to fight Prop. 8 was quite impactful."- Senator Mark Leno, LGBT Caucus chair. The Assembly Judiciary Committee voted 7 to 3 to allow the Resolution to move to the Assembly floor. The Senate Judiciary Committee is expected to take up a Senate version soon.

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Hiring Locally

By Rod Bondurant

The Census Bureau is recruiting now for the 2010 Census. Preliminary work will be conducted as early as this spring. The Census Bureau web site says, "Besides good pay, you'll have flexible hours, paid training, and the chance to work within your own community. You'll earn a place in history, as well as work experience you can add to your resume. You will be expected to visit all the residences in your assigned area to verify address lists. You will record information on a small, hand held computing device, which will transmit the data via wireless communications. If you work in a Local Census Office, you will perform standard office processing work, usually during normal weekday business hours, although some evening or weekend work may be assigned if needed. In most cases, you will need a vehicle and valid drivers license to work as a "census taker."

These are temporary jobs: part time & full time lasting 5 to 10 weeks, local wages starting at \$15/hr. Call **1-866-861-2010** for more information.

Applicants are required to take a test.

More information is also available at the website 2010.census.gov. You can find an application and a practice exam (simple math & reading skills) at 2010.census.gov/2010censusjobs (look in the documents section).

What's the census? It is an attempt to count everyone living in the US. Mandated by the U.S. Constitution, and done every 10 years, the census is used to apportion seats in the U.S. House of Representatives and to redistrict state legislatures. If they can find you, your household will be getting in the mail in March a simple questionnaire.

Camptonville Buddies

By Judy Morris

No I'm not referring to the state budget but something a lot more FUN---Nevada County's 10th Annual "Relay For Life" happens May 30th & 31st. You are all invited to enjoy FREE entertainment, raffle opportunities, food & fun while we celebrate cancer survivors, remember loved ones lost to cancer and fight back against this disease that has taken way too much from many of us.

You ask what is Relay For Life? It is American Cancer Society's annual **FUN**draising event that is a Community team event. In 1985 Dr. Gordon Klatt walked/jogged around a track for 24 hrs. raising \$27,000 to help support the American Cancer Society fight this nation's biggest health concern. A year later, 340 supporters joined the overnight event, since then, Relay For Life has become the American Cancer Society's single largest activity, connecting more than 4,400 communities across the nation in support and remembrance of those who have been touched by cancer.

Camptonville Buddies is one of the "Local Town" Teams that is gearing up to walk another 24 hrs. at the beautiful surroundings of the Nevada County Fairgrounds. We invite you all to come out & visit with us, walk a lap or two and enjoy the friendship(s) that will form from this awesome event. For more information log on to: www.realyforlife.org/nevadacountyca and checkout the Camptonville Buddies website. As always you can call Paula & Judy at 288-1228 or email at owlsneagles@inreach.com. Look forward to seeing you all May 30th & 31st.

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News from the School Board

By Ruth Schwartz

We were snowed out on Feb. 11th and the meeting was rescheduled later in Feb. Remember meetings are usually the 2nd wed. of each month in the school library. Visit the school's website (www.cville.k12.ca.us) for more info. See you March 11th. Everyone is welcome.

This Budget Mess!

By Cathy LeBlanc

Oh my goodness: with four months left to the fiscal year, we have a state budget. As of early morning February 19, 2009, the Senate voted 27 to 12 in favor of passage. With the changes made Thursday, the deal totals \$15 billion in state spending reductions, \$12.8 billion in temporary tax increases, \$11.4 billion in borrowing, and a \$1 billion reserve.

It is not a budget that anyone is proud of. It will slash services and jobs from California's economy: from the mouths of the folks on SSI, including the blind and disabled, from children at school and kids whose families are on CalWORKs. Yet the Democrats and ultimately three Republicans knew: it is better to have this budget than to continue the agony of no budget. The vote avoided a cash crisis and stopped the planned shutdown today of hundreds of state construction projects. (For a full report on the budget you may go to cbp.org)

The "final deal" was ultimately negotiated with one Republican Senator Abel Maldonado (R-Santa Maria). At a lunchtime meeting with the Governor, Senator Maldonado struck a deal for his vote that included three state constitutional amendments -- one amendment (in my opinion) used the state budget crisis as an opportunity to benefit himself for future statewide office positions. But since these are constitutional amendments, they will go to the people on a ballot probably in May. If we don't agree, the ballot will be our opportunity to say so.

Now let me remind you: this was the 2008-2009 budget that was passed. Normally at this time of year we are looking into negotiating the 2009-2010 state budget. So, as we attempt to close the budget door behind us, we find instead that we walk into the same room!

Is there a way out? The problem at its core stems from how legislators come to an agreement on the state budget. Its roots reach back to Proposition 13, which besides lowering property taxes, requires a 2/3 legislative majority to pass a state budget. But let's face it: today a small handful of legislators hold the power of the purse. Is that fair?

My hope is that there will be a petition circulating pertaining to constitutional amendment to allow a change from a 2/3 majority to a super majority (55%) for state budget passage. I really do hope that come the May ballot, we as voters will have an opportunity to stop the madness.

Family Resource Center Offers Limited Emergency Assistance

We still have some limited help to offer for emergency assistance. If you or someone you know is having trouble getting food, paying the utility bill, etcetera, please call the Camptonville Community Partnership at 288-9355. We are here to help our neighbors on a confidential basis.



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Local Bus Survey!!!

By Carey and Stephanie Ruff

Like many others in the community, I have often wished for a bus route between Camptonville and the Grass Valley-Nevada City Area. The Rebel Ridge Store now has a preliminary survey to find out what kind of interest there is in our community for a Camptonville stop. Please, if you are interested, go to the Rebel Ridge Store and fill out a survey or use the enclosed questionnaire on page 11. Cathy LeBlanc is gathering the information as this program is in the beginning planning stages. Come to Twilight School on March 11 or go to www.camptonville.com for more information. Thanks!

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Backyard Bird Count

By Stephanie Ruff

Every February our family gets excited about the annual backyard bird count which is a joint project of the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and the Audubon Society. All across the nation people are counting birds they see right in their own back yards and sending it to their website for documentation. Unfortunately this year our counting was during all the snow storms and the birds were hiding. But here's what we did record.

- 17 Stellar Jays
- 1 Junco-only one can you believe that? They are usually everywhere!!!!
- 1 Varied Thrush
- 1 Robin
- 10 Mourning Doves
- 1 Raven
- 2 Acorn Woodpeckers
- 17 Wild or not so wild Turkeys
- 1 Costa's Hummingbird

Please check out their website:
<http://www.birdsource.org/gbbc/>

Next year I will try to remind you all before the event! The website is great to check out even if you didn't do the count!

Thank You Letter from Everett Butts

Thank you, I keep my balance by reading about your community. Auburn is 25 miles east (too far), and Lincoln is 12 miles west, but I don't find inspiration reading/knowing about how developers are ruining a community. I travel to Downieville and on 4 miles to a parcel of timberland as often as I can. Between the Mountain Messenger and your Courier that is all I can manage.

Thank you, E. Butts.

Chicken Chronicles

By Stephanie Ruff

I had grandiose plans during our February break from schooling to begin all the new construction projects that need to be completed before our new flock arrives at the end of April. Don't get me wrong- I love all the moisture we have been getting, as we sure need it. But digging fence pole holes in the snow isn't my cup of tea. The girls weren't very happy with the white stuff either.

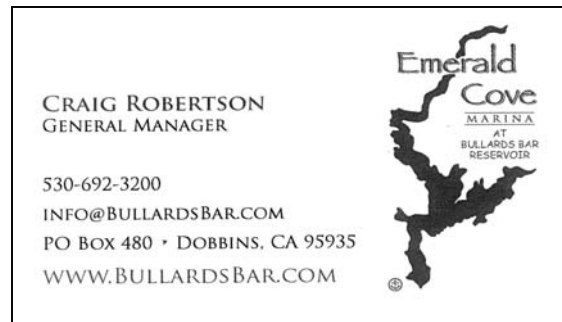
Most of the hens are doing well-they came through their molting process and look great. Many of them were looking like something the cat dragged in for awhile. I say most of them, as Susan and Kama aren't looking so hot. Susan is suffering from poopy butt (possible parasites from the wild birds) and Kama is missing feathers on her back and it looks like there might be mites or some pecking issues happening. I think the girls would benefit from a visit to the hen spa. This means I have to clean out the laundry room and make room for the cage. It's times like this when I really wished I had a barn. I will only be able to have one client at a time, as the cage is perfect for one but crowded for two. I'm still trying to get the natural wormer Verm-X from England. I'm not so sure the diatomaceous earth is working anymore. I hate the idea of poison for my girls. Any product that says you can't eat their eggs for a month sounds scary to me.

Other than that things here at Rebel Hen Ranch have been low key...ugh except maybe life with an excitable and highly reactive 8 1/2 old month old red heeler pup. Vacuuming is a joy at my house! But that's another story!

Chico Bottle Show

By Liam Ruff

Come to the 43rd Annual Bidwell Bottle Club Show & Sale on March 13&14. There will not only be bottles but insulators and antiques as well. If you can manage the long but beautiful drive to Chico through the olive groves it will be worth it. This is a great way to make your country property rustic and classic with these items. This show is at the Silver Dollar Fairgrounds in Chico. Friday: 10am-7pm admission-\$5. Saturday: 10am-4pm and it's FREE! For more info email Randy Taylor at rtjarguy@aol.com.



2009 Oscars Recap

By Carey Ruff

The Oscars have come and gone, and, for those of you who did not get to watch them, here is a brief recap.

Hugh Jackman was the host of the Oscars this year, and although he is not a comedian, did a funny and fantastic job in that roll. His opening number, a tribute to the Best Picture Nominees, was a hilarious and light-hearted dance routine that not only incorporated several clever props, but also the lovely and talented Anne Hathaway. Throughout the show, Jackman did an exceptional and brilliant job as the host, and I know that many people, including myself, hope to see him perform again in coming years.

All of the movies which won awards were deserving of it, whether the award was for Acting, Visual Effects, or Cinematography. The epic *Slumdog Millionaire* left with a grand total of eight Oscars; Best Picture, Best Director (Danny Boyle), Best Adapted Screenplay, Best Cinematography, Best Sound Mixing, Best Film Editing, Best Original Score, Best Song ("Jai Ho").

Other films, such as *The Dark Knight*, *the Curious Case of Benjamin Button*, *Milk* and *Wall-E* also took home some Oscars, and all were terrific in their own categories. Here are some of the winners in their own categories, with the winners underlined and my predictions in bold.

BEST PICTURE: *The Curious Case of Benjamin Button*, *Milk*, *Slumdog Millionaire*, *Frost/Nixon*, *The Reader*.

BEST DIRECTOR: Ron Howard (*Frost/Nixon*), **David Fincher (*Benjamin Button*)**, Stephen Daly (*The Reader*), **Danny Boyle (*Slumdog Millionaire*)**, Gus Van Sant (*Milk*).

BEST ACTOR: Richard Jenkins, **Brad Pitt**, **Sean Penn**, Frank Langella, Mickey Rourke.

BEST ACTRESS: Anne Hathaway, Angelina Jolie, **Meryl Streep**, Melissa Leo, **Kate Winslet**.

Happy Movie Watching, everyone.

Corrections

By Editor

Last month we failed to caption our front page photo. For those of you who don't know her –Cathy LeBlanc organized and played music at the Obama Election Celebration at Burgee Dave's.

We also made a mistake on the date of the CCSD meeting. The CCSD meetings are normally held the 3rd Monday of each month, 7:00 at the Camptonville School.

Feel free to let us know of any mistakes that we do not catch so we can make corrections. Thanks!



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March Calendar:

- Medical Screening Saturday, March 7th at Auburn Faith Hospital, 9AM-1pm
- School Board March 11th (2nd Wed. of month), 6:30pm in the school library
- Chico Bottle Show March 13&14 Silver Dollar Fairgrounds
- CCSD March 16th (3rd Mon. of month), 7:00pm at the Camptonville School
- 123 Grow Guest Speaker Wed., March 25th at the Family Resource Center, 9:30am-11:30am
- Yoga Tuesdays at 5:30 PM at the Camptonville School
- Food Bank Third Thursday at the Lake Francis Grange, Dobbins
- Twilight School Tuesday, March 31st 6pm-8pm, Camptonville School

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