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2009 Camptonville Graduates



*Bottom Left-Summer Wallace, James Dondono,
Courtney Black and Cheyenne Stuart.
Top Left- Brandon McDermid, Kyle Carey, Isaiah Olson
and Summer Newman.
Photo credit: Katie O'Hara Kelly*

Please come honor our future leaders June 9th 7:00 pm at the Camptonville School Amphitheatre for a graduation ceremony. There will be a dance following the commencement. The Courier Editors would like to congratulate the graduates and wish them well on their future paths!

Plant Sale Memories

By Stephanie and Liam Ruff

What a gorgeously hot day we were blessed with for the plant sale and flea market. Many vendors showed up to sell their wares. Everything from your favorite heirloom tomatoes to Harley Davidsons, as well as other must have treasures looking for new homes were available. Liam found a glass insulator, old bottles and a cool old Westinghouse fan. The kind that can chop your fingers off if you are not careful and it still works!

A big thank you to Carolyn Mumm and Rebel Ridge Market proprietors Tari and Rovillia for making this great event happen once again! Did you know that booth prices help pay for the porta-potty? We look forward to the Camptonville Farmer's Market to buy, sell, and eat all these wonderful veggies and fruit.



*Carolyn Mumm and Camptonville's yoga instructor Lucille enjoying the day.
For more pictures see page 10.*

Come Join Us to Give Thanks

By Rita Ortega

The Camptonville Volunteer Fire Department will be hosting a potluck appreciation dinner for Mark Jokerst on Tuesday, June 16th, at 6:00 PM at the Camptonville Fire Hall.

For those of you who do not know Mark Jokerst, he is the Fire Chief for Pike Volunteer Fire Department, and in 2007 graciously came to our rescue to fill in as Camptonville's Fire Chief. Mark brought with him experience and a wealth of knowledge that helped get our fire department on track. Mark spent countless hours running two and often three fire departments: Pike, Alleghany and Camptonville. He managed to make it to most, if not all of the calls, held weekly trainings and never stopped recruiting, all while working full time as a structural engineer. Mark made sure all of our paperwork was up to date and provided helpful direction on how the department could save money. I am sure our new Fire Chief Lee Brown would agree: Mark handed over the department in tip-top shape. Mark still continues to help out and is a mentor to the department.

When I spoke to fellow firefighters and community members about Mark, the words I continually heard to describe him were "Community" and "Dedication." It is pretty awesome to live in an area where people are so willing to help their neighbors. So whip up your favorite dish to share and come celebrate with your community to show your support and appreciation to Mark Jokerst and your Volunteer Fire Department!

Save the Date!

By Rita Ortega

The Camptonville Fire Department Community Picnic will be held on September 19th, 2009. It will be at the same great location: the field near the Rebel Ridge Store. If you would like to volunteer or give us some great party ideas, please call Rita Ortega at (530) 288-3421. Stay tuned to future Courier articles for more details!



CAMPTONVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
"WE STILL MAKE HOUSE CALLS!"

May Ballot Update: Okay, what now?

By Cathy LeBlanc

Okay folks, hold onto your hats. All propositions other than 1F (Elected Officials' Salaries: prevents pay increases during budget deficit years) failed. This action by California voters should send a clear message to our governor and legislators.

These were not the choices we wanted; let's look at other options. This is not a message that says NO to Taxes. Instead let's be thoughtful about who is being taxed and for what benefit. We now have an opportunity to look at such issues as the Oil Severance Tax or restructuring the fabled Proposition 13 which made huge cuts in property taxes for businesses as well as homeowners and changed the law so no taxes of any kind could be raised without a 2/3's majority of legislators. (For more on this go to www.camptonville.com and click on Cathy's Blog.)

It would be great for us to inform our elected officials of our ideas to help California balance the budget. Please feel free to do so. REMEMBER: YOUR VOICE COUNTS!

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News from the School Board

By Ruth Schwartz

The school board wants to announce its newest member and welcome Scott Spackman as an interim board member to replace Dave Brown.

There have been two board meetings since my last article. The most important development is that the board is working closely with the school superintendent to create a school and superintendent evaluation process and thereby set tangible goals for the school. Our plan is to do this over the summer so that everything is in place for the next school year. But we don't want to do this alone. We want public input.

We want to know what you think are the top 3 priorities for the school.

- You can call 288-0816 or email your response to me: ruth@vandermeer4.com.
- You can mail it to the Camptonville School Board: PO Box 278 Camptonville 95922.
- Or you can come to the June board meeting - which has been moved to June 24 in the school library.

In other news: You may not know that Matt and Tina are no longer driving the school bus but Cindy Bigley is and she is doing a great job.

Next year's school calendar, our mandated school "report card" and other goodies are getting posted to the school website at: www.cville.k12.ca.us.

Reminder: We are still looking for new board members. If you have kids in the school and think you'd like to be a part of creating policy and how the school spends money, it has never been a more important time to be involved.

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Yuba River Ranger District

By Betty Leffew

Rafting season is open, so be on the alert for rafters and kayaker's. Rivers are high and fast. Use caution at all times. Redbuds and Dogwoods are about done but there are other wildflowers to enjoy. Enjoy a beautiful spring!

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

Rainfall for May 2009 is 7.53 inches bringing our season total to 48.41 inches. Last years total were 42.13 inches. Please use caution as things begin to dry out. It looks like we are in for another dry year.

Plant Sale Benefits 123 Grow

By Birdsong Sundstrom

It took a lot of people planning well in advance to make this year's community plant sale a great fundraising success for 123 Grow, our community's parent/child enrichment and school readiness program. Our team of gardeners, led by Candace DeMaranville as Garden Committee Chair, raised \$275 from sales of herbs, peppers and heirloom tomatoes. This is the most we have ever raised at the plant sale before! The plants we didn't sell went directly into the school garden and will provide food for Camptonville School lunches and 123 Grow program snacks next fall.

We also got a chance to get out in the community and let people know about us. A large portion of our funding comes from First 5 Yuba, but the remainder is contributed by services from Camptonville School and funds and donations of time and goods from our parents and community. On June 4th we will be graduating out six preschoolers, who will go on to kindergarten excited and ready. That gives us more room for new enrollees, and our start date for the coming school year will be August 25, 2009. If you are interested in signing up for next year, call Birdsong at 288-9355.

Don't forget 123 Grow Graduation June 4th at 10:00am with a potluck lunch to follow.

Experiences of a Poll Worker

Contrary to typical news media hype, Camptonvillians showed what they were made of by turning out to vote. The voting poll location change didn't stop residents -- the 'faithful' found us at our 'old' location, Camptonville School, the host of yesterday's Special Elections. Camptonville wants its 'voices' heard -- and from the voter turnout we had, it was 'Loud & Clear'.

Those of us who staffed the election polls were impressed by the cheerful attitudes of the voters. We were blessed to be able to eat our lunch in the Camptonville School Cafeteria, where Patsy had prepared a very tasty home-style meal of bean burritos, salad, string beans & watermelon. Yummy. Thanks, Patsy! We need to spread the word: that our school has the most natural, organic, fresh lunches of any school we have ever known.

One of the bonuses of having our polling place at the school was that the children got to see first-hand how our system works. First through eighth grade classes came in and toured the polls one class at a time. What an educational opportunity!

Submitted by your friendly poll workers. From left to right: Kenny Dorris, Stephanie Korney, Judy Morris and Alice Querequincia.



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Why invest locally? For the health of it!

By Cathy LeBlanc

As we all know, for a community to be truly healthy it must thrive in many areas beyond physical health. A Camptonville community survey completed in 2007 showed our strengths as: the quality of environment, social cohesion, and trust, as well as collective community effectiveness. Areas we may want to work on include: economic capital, cultural and artistic opportunities, and of course transportation.

Many community members and local businesses connected recently (see May Courier: Twilight School) and agreed it was a good idea to support each other. Local investment is the key to sustainability. When you support local businesses, you're supporting each other monetarily as well as developing relationships and networks.

One idea folks came up with was to "package deals" to attract local customers. This idea developed in two directions: connecting to local consumers (neighbors), and local businesses connecting their goods/services to each other.

We used Willow Creek Campground as an example: *Why would you want to and how could you connect local business (good/services) with what they have to offer (overnight lodging, group campground).* Below are the connections that came up:

Develop Local Music Scene: for both local musicians to play and to entice other musicians to come here.

Offer Extra Amenities: sell food (local caterers, pasties, bread makers, cookies etc), massage, gold panning tours, etc.

Party Packages: weddings/anniversaries, leadership workshops, youth retreats, women's groups, etc.

Possible Annual Events: film festival, green energy festival, etc.

These are beginning ideas that will require further development. Economic stimulus funds are coming into our county and region. Camptonville Community Partnership is currently communicating with Yuba County to see how, when, and if these funds can make their way into Camptonville and the surrounding foothills.

Speaking of things making their way into Camptonville, I presented the Community Center at the Camptonville Community Service District meeting in May, and they have agreed to talk to our District Ranger at the USFS regarding possible donation/purchase of property for a community center. We are also looking at how we can tie in stimulus money to our proposed community center.


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If you are interested in learning more, we are developing an Economic Community Action Team. If you'd like to be involved and are not currently active, please call Cathy or Wendy at the Resource Center: 288-9355.

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by Jeannie
288-0220

The Event is Over.....


By Judy Morris

Yes, 2009's Relay For Life event is now in the history books. Camptonville Buddies once again rallied together and showed Nevada County what Camptonville is about -- Community. Camptonville Buddies and 40 + other teams walked, talked, laughed, and cried together for 24 hours to celebrate cancer survivors, to remember those loved ones we have lost, and to fight back against cancer.

I can't reveal the amount that the team raised quite yet because there are lots of donations still being added up. In fact, if you missed the event YOU can still FIGHT BACK by making a donation to our team to help us get one step closer to finding the cure. Every penny counts so empty the pockets, find the spare change under the sofa cushions, and contact Paula or Judy at 288-1228 or email owlsneagles@inreach.com and we will gladly assist you in your Fight Back effort.

If you want to make a donation online then go to the website: www.reallyforlife.org/nevadacountyca Go to the far right side of the screen and find a list of teams. Click on View Teams, click on Camptonville Buddies, and simply make a donation: it's quick, painless and important.

Several of our neighbors & families here in Camptonville have used services that the American Cancer Society provides for FREE to cancer patients and their families. All your donations go towards supporting those patient services as well as research to find the cure. We appreciate all you have done for Camptonville Buddies so far -- there is still time to do more. More information call 288-1228. There is no finish line until we find a cure.....



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Jessi's Garden

By Jessi Mullins

What a year this is going to be for gardening. The fruit trees are loaded with baby fruit, which is so nice; as last year was truly sad because we had a late freeze memorial weekend, destroying a lot of the fruits. It is hot and the vegetable gardens love it, growing some everyday.

In heat like this everything loves water, but remember always try to water in the early morning to conserve water and minimize plant disease. Plants that go into the evening moist and cold tend to get diseases such as powdery mildew more often than plants that are always watered in the morning. By watering in the morning the sun has all day to dry all that moisture out. Powdery mildew thrives in moist conditions. Deep water your lawns, trees and shrubs between 3am and 9am. All this watering is a lot of work to do by hand, put in drip irrigation it saves so much time, stress and conserves water. If you haven't done drip irrigation before just start with a timer on a regular garden hose or on a strip of 1/2" poly tube with a few emitters. See how you like it. Mulch throughout your flower beds to hold in the ground moisture and keep the weeds down.

Early June is a good time to feed all your summer bloomers with a slow release fertilizer. Organic slow release fertilizers are available in pelleted form, such as bone meal, blood meal, mixed, etc. In the past if you have had rotten bottoms on your beautiful tomatoes, early June is a good time to feed your tomato plants with liquid calcium. Those rotten bottoms are usually from a lack of calcium in the soil.

Once your bulbs have died down you can dig and divide the crowded ones. In late June feed all your acid loving plants, such as camellias, azaleas, rhododendrons, etc. with an acid fertilizer.

Enjoy your gardens, be patient for the harvest will come quicker than you think. I have a feeling this is going to be a wonderful, plentiful year. Stop by Rebel Ridge Organics and we can assist you with all the things mentioned in this article.

Thank you for all the support at the plant sale. It was a huge success this year. If you are late putting in a garden I still have a good selection of veggie starts left.

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Here's Jessi hard at work at the plant sale selling many varieties of heirloom veggie starts!

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WATER REPORT

By Mike Hines, Water Plant Manager CCSD

As we all know, in years past Camptonville has had to pay close attention to the town's water usage in the summer months. Drought-like conditions are a real possibility for Camptonville. Even with the current rain we've had, Camptonville needs to guard its most needed commodity and be proactive in this effort.

Camptonville has Campbell's Gulch as our main water source with two wells as backup when the creek is low. The wells are extremely costly to operate and the prolonged use of them results in clogged filters. If this happens, I can assure you no one wants to be completely out of water while the filters are being addressed. (The wells are for dire use only.)

With all of this said, the Camptonville Community Services District has unanimously voted to lower the monthly water usage rate from 30 thousand gallons to 20 thousand gallons. This will be effective July 1, 2009. This is a direct effort to help conserve water throughout the entire summer. In the event your water usage goes beyond the allotted monthly amount, the overage rate will remain the same.

After calculations, 30 thousand gallons per month breaks down to 1000 gallons per day. 20 thousand gallons breaks down to 666 gallons per day. With some effort we can make do with this amount (or less), even with all those beautiful gardens!

Please, for the sake of our town, think water conservation. More drastic measures have been put in place in other communities in California. I am confident Camptonville can manage so as to not need further actions of conservation.

WATER CONSERVATION TIPS

Indoors:

Fix leaky faucets!

Take short showers instead of baths.

Run your dishwasher and washing machine only when they are full.

When washing dishes by hand, fill one basin with soapy water. Quickly rinse under a slow-moving stream from faucet.

Don't leave water running when brushing your teeth or shaving. Get in the habit of turning the water off when not in use.

Avoid flushing toilet unnecessarily.

Never put water down the drain when there may be another use for it such as watering a plant or garden, or cleaning.



Store drinking water in the refrigerator rather than letting the tap run every time you want a cool glass of water.

Use a bowl of water to clean fruits & vegetables rather than running water over them. You can reuse this for your plants.

Talk to your family and friends about saving water. If everyone does a little, we all benefit a lot!

Outdoors:

Fix leaky faucets!

Put your outdoor watering on a timer.

Water your lawn and garden early in the morning, or at dusk. Watering during the heat of the day can account for up to 60% evaporation loss.

Mulch the garden to retain moisture in the soil.

Water your lawn only when it needs it. If you step on the grass and it springs back up when you move, it doesn't need water.

If you water your grass and trees more heavily, but less often, this saves water and builds strong roots.

When you wash your car, use soap and water from a bucket. Use a hose with a shut-off nozzle for rinsing. Or, go to the car wash!

Don't hose down your driveway, sidewalk, porch or deck. Use a broom!

MULCH! Save hundreds of gallons a year by using organic mulch.

Smile Secret #6

Baby Teeth are very important.

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The Whole family must help take care of teeth.

Brush Floss and Pick daily!

Don't smoke-Do see a Dentist

FIRE CHIEFS REPORT

By Alan Kinne, Assistant Chief CVFD

That time of year is now upon us where we have to be concerned about wildfire. There has already been one fire recently, near Bullard's Bar. Through fast action by the Forestry Service and local agencies it was limited to 25 acres. As of May 1st, burn permits are required for all burn piles. In Camptonville, these can be obtained at the North Yuba Ranger Station on Marysville Road and Highway 49. Even if you have a permit, please use caution. Don't burn on windy days. Make sure someone is attending the fire at ALL times. Have a water source close by to extinguish the fire if need be. And when putting the fire out, make SURE it is out completely. Don't just put water on it. Pull it apart and make sure all embers are out. It has happened many times that a fire that has not been correctly put out has re-ignited and spread. Don't put your life and property and that of your neighbors at risk. Do it right.

Insurance companies have been canceling policies for those who do not have the proper clearance. Don't let this happen to you. Clear that brush away and improve the chance of your house being safe. If notified by your insurance company that they are going to cancel because of this issue, ask them where they got the information that you were not in compliance. It has been reported that some companies are using such online services as Google Earth to get aerial photos of property. Problem is, these photos can be outdated. The one of my property shows a truck in the driveway that I have not had for 3 years. So, if you believe you are in compliance with the 100 foot clearance rule, make your insurance company come out and take a look. Here in a nutshell is what is required:

"Provide around and adjacent to the building or structure additional fire protection or firebreak made by removing all the brush, flammable vegetation, or combustible growth that is located within 100 feet from the building or structure, or to the property line, or at a greater distance if required by state law, or local ordinance, rule, or regulation. This section does not prevent an insurance company that insures a building or structure from requiring the owner of the building or structure to maintain a firebreak of more than 100 feet around the building or structure. Grass and other vegetation located more than 30 feet from the building or structure and less than 18 inches in height above the ground may be maintained where necessary to stabilize the soil and prevent erosion. This subdivision does not apply to single specimens of trees or other vegetation that is well pruned and maintained so as to effectively manage fuels and not form a means of rapidly transmitting fire from other nearby vegetation to a dwelling or structure. Where a natural firebreak is declared to exist by a State or Federal Forestry Officer, no further clearing of flammable vegetation or combustible growth shall be required."

Regulations and insurance companies aside, it makes sense to keep brush away from your house. It is going to take some work, but the end result will be worth it. Help the Fire Department do its job by keeping the 100 foot clearance.

For the month of April, the Camptonville Fire Department responded to 4 incidents: 2 motor vehicle accidents, 1 vegetation fire, and 1 medical call.



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BELLY UP

By Robert Mumm

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 Silver bellies turned to the sun
 gas filled and floating high
 No stirring fin among them
 open gills heed not the push of wave
 Here awash in stagnant soup
 in plenitude they lie

None here to feed the Kingfisher's baby
 so he must seek another pond
 This pond has died
 as have the small hearts within these fishes
 Here the only pulse
 is wave stirred murky water
 Silver bellies bob and roll
 in decaying counterfeit of life
 Where now
 will the kingfisher feed his baby

Are there yet ponds
 where small silver fish dart and dive
 Is there a place
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 A small basin
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The End of the World

A Short Story by Carey Ruff

The end of the world came at four eighteen in the afternoon. It came quite suddenly. In fact, nobody even expected it. That's the way worlds always end, I guess.

The end of the world wasn't exceptionally loud, or dramatic. It just... ended. Just like that. No fireworks, explosions, loud noises, screaming in the streets or even a small poof to announce to the uncaring universe that earth no longer existed. Only a small sigh, as if of satisfaction. As if, after all it had gone through, the world was finally fed up, as if it was glad to let itself softly implode. Billions of years, the world had been orbiting the sun, and then it ended.

One minute, a world spun peacefully in space, a small blue-green orb.

The next minute, no world spun there.

The beginning of the world came at nine thirty-eight in the morning. It came quite suddenly. In fact, nobody expected it. That's the way worlds always begin, I guess.

Plant Sale Photos:



Birdsong Sundstrom and Susan DeLisle of 123 Grow.



Annie Stone with her table of heirloom tomatoes.



Left: Board of Supervisor Hal Stocker with Rod Bondurant shootin' the breeze.

Chicken Chronicles

By Stephanie Ruff

On May 8, at approximately 9:37am, Liam and I raced down to the Camptonville Post Office after receiving a phone call from Postmaster Bo Salisbury. I had just become mother hen to a boxful of baby chicks. Bo presented us with a box full of cute little peeping fluff balls.

When we got home we opened the box and counted 22 chicks. Huh? We only ordered 18. I read the invoice and discovered they throw in some baby roosters as packing peanuts. Actually they are used for warmth. As you know, I don't want any roosters!!!! What was I to do with four White Leghorn roosters? Ugh! The thought of finding them homes seemed ominous.

One of our bathrooms has once again been converted into a chick brooder. Actually it's just a huge cardboard box in the bathtub with a heat lamp clamped to it. We put pine (never use cedar as it is toxic to chickens) shavings in the box covered with paper towel to keep the chicks from eating the litter. They need to learn what they are suppose to eat. As we took the chicks out of the box we dipped their beaks in the water dish to teach them to drink. We added a tiny bit of sugar to the water to help deal with the stress of the trip. In addition to baby chick starter feed we offered some hard-boiled egg yolks for nutrition. They were tiny, delicate and loud.

It had been awhile since we have had the wee things around. I had forgotten how fragile they were. The chicks need to be kept warm-around 95 degrees for the first week-lowering the temperature weekly. The hardest problem for me is dealing with "pasting up." This is actually a common occurrence in baby chicks but can lead to death if not dealt with. Pasting up occurs when poop sticks to their little bottoms and dries like cement! Ugh! Talk about a bad case of constipation....big bummer! Eventually the chick can't relieve itself and dies. So, I've been spending my days wiping little chicken butts with warm paper towels to loosen the dried poop. Pleasant, huh?

When ordering chicks via a hatchery it is not unusual to lose about 20% of them. Sadly we lost the 2 Golden Penciled Hamburgs. They were even smaller than the bantams (miniature chickens) we ordered. The hatchery told me they were not as hearty as the other breeds. We added electrolytes to the drinking water but that didn't help. Liam had specifically wanted this breed, as they looked prehistoric. I wanted them, as they were known as "Dutch Everyday Layers." At least the other chicks seem to be thriving, so I better get that dang coop finished soon!!!!

Raising hens isn't all work. They are so fun to watch and you get to name them! Here's what we have so far.


- 2 Rhode Island Reds: Maple and Violet-named for R.I.'s state tree and flower.
- 2 Cuckoo Marans: Felicity (named after Private Detective Poirot's secretary) & Aster
- 2 Buff Catalanas: originally from Spain but very popular in Mexico & South America as they deal with the heat well-which is why we got them. Frida Kalho & Isabelle(in honor of writer Isabelle Allende)
- 3 Buff Wyandotte Bantams: Georgette- named after our favorite Camptonville celebrity. Tulip-my Mom's favorite flower. Keller-we thought this chick was blind but turned out she was just too young to open her eyes. Liam named her after Helen Keller.


I'm sure we'll have them all named by next month's article. I leave you with a note of good news!!! At the awesome Camptonville Plant Sale I was able to find the four roosters a home!!! Thanks Patricia!!!

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June Calendar:

123 Grow Graduation
C'ville School Graduation
VFD Potluck Dinner
CCSD
School Board
Yoga
Food Bank

Thurs. June 4th 10:00 am Camptonville School
Tues. June 9th 7:00 pm Camptonville School
Tues. June 16th 6:00 pm Camptonville Fire Hall
Mon., (3rd Mon. of month), 7:00 pm Camptonville School
Wed. June 24th 6:30pm in the Camptonville School Library
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