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Dakota Sid comes to C'ville

By Stephanie Ruff

Mark your calendars as singer/songwriter Dakota Sid is coming to Camptonville Sunday, June 27th from 2pm-6pm. Join your friends and neighbors at Rebel Ridge Organics Amphitheatre for an afternoon of music, fun, food and drinks. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door children under 10 are free. True music fans will enjoy Sid's original thought provoking music. He will be accompanied on the mandolin and other instruments by his son Travers.

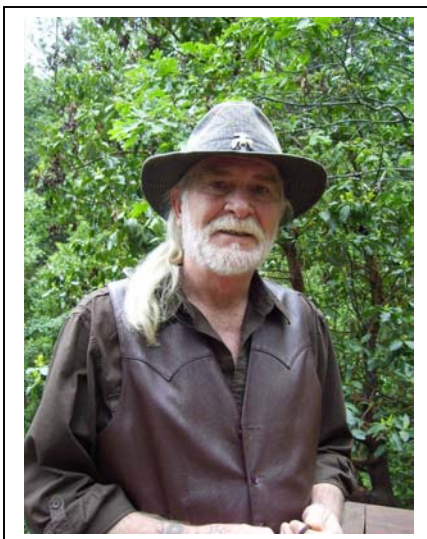
I had the pleasure of interviewing Sid last month for this upcoming show and discovered what an amazing journey his life has been. Sid was born in Southern California but his family moved to North Dakota when he was four years old. He grew up on a cattle ranch living the cowboy lifestyle. Later his family farmed in Washington State and then they returned to California when he was a sophomore in high school. His parents were very religious so his early exposure to music was gospel. He learned to play piano and later

moved on to the guitar. He spoke fondly of his first guitar-a National steel dobro style guitar that his aunt had won as a raffle prize at the Texas State Fair. It was the only instrument that was ever stolen from him.

Sid left home at 18 and headed to San Francisco amercing himself in the 60's Haight-Ashbury music scene. He played rock -n- roll but started leaning towards playing more of his "own" folk style music. Moving on to Berkeley, he acquired the name "Dakota" Sid because of his experiences in North Dakota. Life was intense and for survival reasons Sid eventually left the Berkeley music scene of the 60's.

Later, Sid agreed to do the casino circuit as bills needed to be paid. It was a horrible time for Sid. For four years, under contract he worked grueling hours playing other peoples music. The casino scene nearly did him in and he came back home to California to recover. He eventually pulled himself out of a depression and started writing and playing his own music again. He moved around living in places like Nashville and Austin, Texas but always returned home to his beloved California.

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Pelton Wheel Café Opens!

The new Pelton Wheel Café located downtown Camptonville opened on Memorial Day weekend with great success. Proprietors Diane Crowe and Ron Fisher are happy to announce the opening of their new restaurant residing in the old pizza parlor. Traditional café fare along with vegan and raw foods are being served. Smoothies and juices available as well. The restaurant will be open for breakfast, lunch and dinner from 6am-8pm seven days a week! Stop by and grab a bite to eat!!!

Summer Tennis Lessons

By Regine Miller

The Camptonville Community Partnership is offering weekly tennis lessons for youth each Friday from June 18 through July 30 at the Camptonville School tennis court.

Classes for children age 5-7 will be held from 8:30am-9:30am. Classes for children 8 and up will be held from 9:30am-10:30am. There is a maximum of 10 participants per class.

Two experienced instructors, supervised by Mary Johnsen, teaching pro (USPTA Pro 1) and Downieville High School tennis coach (2003-USOC Coach of the Year), will teach the lessons. Rackets will be available.

The cost is \$36 payable to CCP. There are a limited number of full and partial scholarships available. Contact Rita or Cathy at 288-9355 for more information. Registration is open through June 11th. Please note a minimum of 15 participants are required in order to cover the program costs. We hope to see you there!



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Food, Inc.

The Film-NSJ Showing

The NSJ Chapter of the Weston A. Price Foundation is showing a film called "Food, Inc." by Robert Kenner on Monday, June 21st. If you care about what you eat this is a must see film. Homemade bread, cheese and angel food cake will be served from 6:30pm-7:20pm. The film starts **promptly** at 7:30pm. So please arrive early. The location of this free event is Soleil farm, 16303 Cornflower Court off of Birchville Rd. Call Gaetane Courchesne at 530-292-3359 for more details.

Vote! June 8th

Don't forget to vote Tuesday, June 8th. If you didn't mail your absentee ballot you can still vote at the Camptonville School Library. If you were mailed an absentee ballot you **must bring it with you** in order to vote. You may also drop it off at the school on June 8th. 7am-8pm.

C'ville 8th Grade Graduation

Tuesday, June 8th at the Camptonville School, 7:00pm.

BINGO in NSJ

By Annalinde Wainwright

Bingo comes to the Ridge the first and second Fridays of the month at the North San Juan Senior Center, HWY 49, North San Juan, from 6 till 9 p.m. Starting the first Friday in June, June 4, the proceeds will benefit the Senior Center. So come on down, have some good old fashioned Bingo fun! Can't do it without you!

Picnic in the Park

A picnic is being held at the future site of the Oak Tree Community Park Saturday, June 19th from noon-4pm.

NSJ Cherry Festival

111 Annual Cherry Festival in North San Juan is being held Saturday, June 26th from 10am-5pm. Parade begins at 10am.

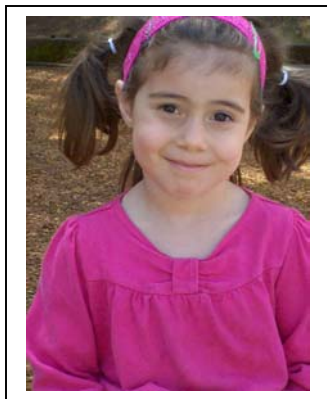
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By Birdsong Sundstrom

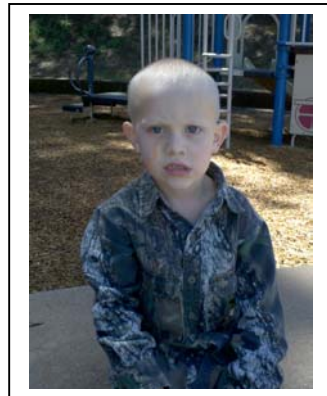
Camptonville's 123 Grow Early Childhood and School Readiness Program is proud to announce that a small graduation ceremony will be held at the Elementary's Outdoor Arena on Thursday, June 3rd at 1:30 PM. We have four children moving on to kindergarten! We will be closed for the summer, and will resume our program when Camptonville School starts back up on August 18th. Thanks to all for your continued support of 123 Grow.



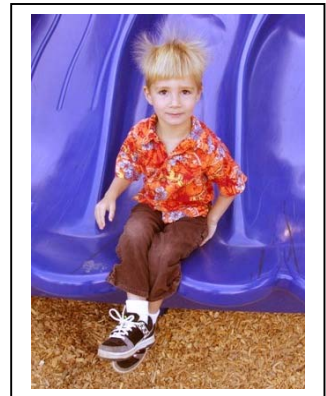
Ava Spackman



Jonathan Boyd



Wyatt Tinnel



Malaky Whittington

New Fruit Trees at School

By Rod Bondurant

Camptonville School student, Robert Thomas, loves plants, especially trees. He reasoned the school grounds could use some fruit trees. They would provide shade, beauty and even food for the school. He spoke to his teacher, Cheryl Durrett, who agreed and recommended he contact Supervisor Hal Stocker. Hal is a Yuba County Master Gardener and a regular contributor to Camptonville Gardener's Market. After several phone calls and consultations between the three of them and approval from Principal Kelly, it was decided to plant two bare-root apple trees—a Fuji and a Gala.

Robert, Cheryl and Hal met one day about 4 months ago and planted the two trees in the lawn. Hal donated the trees, which he bought from the Bald Mountain Nursery in Brown's Valley.

You can see the little trees now sprouting vigorously in the school house lawn. The next big decision will be: Which new sprouts should be saved as major scaffold branches of the trees? Robert will be giving this problem due consideration.

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Understanding the Ballot Propositions

By Cathy LeBlanc

I just spent a good part of my weekend educating myself on the five Propositions appearing on the June 2010 Ballot. I attended the May Children's Roundtable and heard: Trudy Schafer, League of Women Voters joined Rosalind Gold (Nat'l Assoc. of Latino Elected Officials), Eric McGhee (Public Policy Institute of California) and Kathy Bowler (K.Bowler Group) discuss the open Primary and Electoral reform. I watched *youtube* videos and heard bi-partisan talking points explain each proposition. I also read the official voter information guide. Here is my report of what I've learned.

We have three measures brought to us by our Legislature (13,14,15) and two (15,17) from petition. They range from Auto Insurance rates to Fair Election practices. Two of these Propositions are Constitutional Amendments (13,16) therefore as such, any changes require they be brought back the voters.

Prop 13 Limits on property tax assessment/Seismic retrofits: This Constitutional Amendment simplifies existing law and asks us to decide if buildings (specifically masonry/brick) requiring earthquakes retrofits should result in higher property taxes because of the increased safety value. Current law states if these buildings are earthquake retrofitted, they are exempt from property tax re-assessment for 15 years. Prop 13 lifts that time limit. Our legislature put this on the ballot to simplify and consolidate existing language and to encourage safety. There are no arguments against it. I imagine the "property owners" in this case include commercial properties as well as private residences. So if this passes everyone gets a break for the good of public safety....

Prop 14 Primary Elections: It sounds simple enough: *Allow all voters, regardless of party affiliation, to see and vote for all candidates who qualify on the Primary Ballot. As a result only the top two candidates will move to the General Election.* Well, we tried this before. The earlier version was known as the *Blanket Primary* California 1996 Prop 198. In a Blanket Primary, voters have the ability to cross party lines to choose a candidate. (Blanket Primary was struck down by U.S. Supreme Court ruling as a violation of political party First Amendment Right of Association in 2000.) This new law, if passed, would only pertain to state legislative and congressional offices, not Presidential elections.

Currently California operates under a modified *closed primary* system. You may choose a Party affiliation or decline to state. Decline to state voters receive a nonpartisan ballot that contains only the candidates for nonpartisan offices and measures to be voted upon at the primary election. Candidates could choose **not** to declare their *Party* affiliation on the Primary Ballot.

As all voters know by now, sometime these measures have a deeper meaning. Proponents say this will focus voters on the issues, not the politics. After many years of dealing with broken political promises, I am leery of this as a potential outcome. Only the top two *vote-getters* in the Primary Election would go on to the General Election this fall. Let's dig a little deeper shall we? According to Kathy Bowler this Proposition is troubling for California and was "...put on the ballot late at night, during budget negotiations driven by the Governor, with no public hearing and no gathering of signatures...it favors incumbents and wealthy candidates". Currently the Primary Election Ballot allows voters to pick candidates based on their political party beliefs. Also voters have the freedom to *write-in* a candidate of choice in the General Election. This would change under Prop 14. In some elections, it may put more power in the hands of California's 20% *Decline-to-State* voters, as well. This measure would also raise the minimum number of registered party members required for a minor party to be recognized on the Primary Ballot. (Currently only the Green and American Independent parties would meet that obligation.) Eric McGhee who reminded advocates that the Public Policy Institute provides information and takes no positions on ballot measures. He explained their "data geek" research shows outcomes of primary elections do change because of party crossover. **Cont. on page 8**

Hal Stocker
 Running for Supervisor
 5th District
 675-2282

Elma Davis Passes

Elma Davis of the Davis Tree Farm passed away Tuesday, May 18 at her home in Castro Valley. Elma was a long time resident of Camptonville, where she and Bill Irving were two of the creators of the Camptonville Community Service District. She worked many years on the history of Camptonville and was a member of the Camptonville Historical Society and the Grass Valley Celtic Society. Cards can be sent to Bill Irving, 18534 Pepper Street, Castro Valley, Ca. 94546.

To our Mother- Elma Davis Submitted by Candy & Earl Davis

“Miss Me- But Let Me Go”

When I come to the end of the road
And the sun has set for me,
I want no rites in a gloom filled room,
Why cry for a soul set free.

Miss me a little- But not too long
And not with head bowed low,
Remember the love that we once shared,
Miss me- but let me go.

For this is a journey we must all take
And each must go alone.
It is all part of the Master’s Plan,
A step on the road home.

When you are lonely, and sick at heart
Go to friends we know.
And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds,
Miss me- But let me go.

Yuba Relicensing Project By Wendy Tinnel

Representatives from Camptonville Community Partnership and Camptonville Community Service District have been attending the Yuba County Water Agency meetings concerning the Yuba Relicensing Project. The monthly meetings discuss the study proposals put forward by the Yuba County Water Agency (YCWA). All current study proposals are posted on the www.ycwa-relicensing.com website under temporary, “Straw Man” study proposals. If you are interested in attending a meeting, the most significant meeting to attend is July 14th and 15th. This Study Proposal Development meeting will include: Recreation, Aesthetics, Land Use and Socioeconomics. If you would like to print these studies out, please stop by the Camptonville Resource Center and use one of the computers. The meeting location changes each time depending on how many people will be attending. You can call YCWA @ 741-6278 or look on their website.



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Thank You By Carolyn Mumm

The generosity of Jim Gates Grass Fed Beef, Briar Patch, California Organics, Grocery Outlet, Safeway, and SPD Markets made it possible for the Camptonville Historical Society to offer organic tacos at the Plant Sale and Flea Market. The Camptonville Historical Society is grateful to them and the customers who bought the tacos. The net amount that was made was \$233.00.

Fire Chief's Report

By Alan Kinne

Camptonville Fire Department has a new Assistant Chief. His name is Mark Jokerst. Some of you probably know him as the chief of the Pike City Fire Department for the last few years. Well, now he belongs to us!! He brings a great deal of experience and knowledge to our department. Mark has been coming to Camptonville for quite some time helping out with our training. At one point, he was the acting Chief of Camptonville during our transition period. I give Mark a lot of credit for turning this department around and making it what it is today.

Our Fire Department Academy has drawn to a close. May 16 was the final written exam, which consisted of 100 mostly multiple-guess questions. Our final standings should be computed soon. I really want to thank Captain Tony Scarafiotti for teaching us a lot about fire fighting. As you might recall, Tony is a career firefighter with the Grass Valley Fire Department. Our graduation ceremony is scheduled for Sunday, June 6, 2:30 PM, at the Camptonville School. A spaghetti dinner will be served after the ceremony. We would like to invite everyone to attend. Those graduating will obtain their Volunteer Firefighter I Certificate. This is not necessary to be a volunteer firefighter, so it shows the dedication that our department has. Anyone wishing to bring a side dish or dessert feel free to do so. It would be greatly appreciated. Hope to see you there.

We recently signed Mutual and Automatic Aid Agreements with North San Juan, Pike City and the Forest Service. Agreements such as these are essential to any fire department. It is good to know that help is on the way.

On June 26, Camptonville Fire will be joining North San Juan, Pike City, Downieville, Sierra City and the Forest Service for a training day at Convict Flat. Each department will be putting on a demonstration of one element of fire, rescue and EMS operations. Our department will be doing an Emergency Medical Service demo.

Once again I would like to ask all the homeowners to please put up some sort of house number sign. Every day as I listen to the radio, I can hear the frustration in the voices of the firefighters and ambulance crews as they try to find an address. That extra few minutes it takes us to find your house could mean a big difference in the outcome, especially on a medical call.

There were 5 calls for the month of April: 3 medical, 1 smoke check and 1 motor vehicle accident. For May we have had 7 calls so far, 5 of them in the last 6

days, as of this writing. We have had 3 medicals, 1 public assist, 2 motor vehicle accidents, and 1 vegetation fire. The number of volunteers responding on any particular day is averaging about 7. At one call in May, we had 11. Good response from a good group.



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Yuba River Ranger District

By Betty Leffew

Rafting season is open, so be on the alert for rafters and kayakers. Use caution at all times. Enjoy a beautiful spring.

Bullards Bar and all campgrounds on Highway 49, up to and including Wild Plum are open. Sardine and Salmon Creek open by Memorial Day. Gold Lake road is only open about 3 miles. Packer Lake road is open to Packer Lake only. Sardine Road is open to Sardine Resort. There is still ice on Sardine Lake. Brandy City Pond area is open. Sand Pond is open (with some snow). The 25 Road (Cal-Ida) is open for about 8 miles. The 35 Road is open about 6 miles.

Trails in the lower elevation are open: Bullards trails, Fiddle Creek Ridge, Halls Ranch. The North Yuba Trail is especially nice this time of year. Sierra Buttes Trail, the PCT and other high country trails are closed with snow. There should be something for everyone.

Rainfall for May 2010 is 1.69 inches, bringing our season total to 50.83 inches. Last years total was 48.41 inches. Please use caution as things begin to dry out.

Several Reasons Why I Relay.....

By Paula Goodman & Judy Morris

I'm helping find a cure; I want to help others; It's a great way to meet new people; It's a chance to get together with friends; I'm working for something larger than myself; To raise awareness; I'm part of the solution; Every step takes us closer to a cure; To honor cancer survivors; It's the least I can do. My list could go on & on.

As you read this, June 1st---Nevada County's 11th Annual Relay For Life will be over and your community team of Camptonville Buddies will have taken many steps closer to a cure. Don't worry: just because the 24 hr. event is over. You still can do your part to help find a cure by making a small donation. Visit the website www.relayforlife.org/nevadacountyca and scroll to find Camptonville Buddies and make a Team Gift of any amount. Or even easier, write a check to American Cancer Society, (ACS) and call Paula/Judy at 288-1228 to arrange a pick-up of your donation—cash works just as well.

It will take a month or so after the event to get all the totals for our team including all the CRV Recycling money—but once the figures are in, we'll let you know. As usual the community of Camptonville is one of a kind---they keep on giving and we appreciate all the support over the past several years. Call us at 288-1228 or email at owlsneagles@inreach.com if you have questions or want to make a donation. Thank You and Relay On.....

Condolences

By Stephanie Korney

The Camptonville Historical Society sends condolences to the family of Elma Davis. Elma was a staunch Society member and always ready to support its activities with enthusiasm and useful suggestions. Most recently, Elma and Bill Irving donated to CHS several boxes full of historical documents and research materials about the Greater Camptonville area. The Society will always be grateful for the time she spent with us.

Gentle Aerobics

By Annalinde Wainwright

Gentle aerobics, weights, and yoga, combine to make a no excuse exercise routine for all ages, at 9:30 a.m., at the North San Juan Senior Center, HWY. 49, North San Juan. The class meets every Monday, and the first and last Thursday of the month, and the second and third Friday. No stress class, no worries, just camaraderie and a feel good workout. Donation. For more info call 277-0169.



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Ballot Propositions cont. from page 4

But did the *Blanket Primary* increase bi-partisanship? McGhee stated "Not really. There was not an increase of bi-partisanship in the behavior of the people elected."

It is also important to note how Prop 14 will relate to the *redistricting* of California and The Voters First Act, which passed November 2008. Every ten years, following the federal Census, political district lines are redrawn to ensure that politicians serving on the same governing body (such as Congress, state legislature, board of supervisors, etc) represent approximately the same number of people. This is done to provide voters equal representation. If Prop 14 passed, in heavily partisan districts, it is possible the top two *vote-getters* could be from the same party. This could result in less, not greater choice. The Center for Governmental Studies in Los Angeles has issued this report finding that more than one-third of all state and congressional races could produce general elections between members of the same party. Read more:

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2010/05/21/MNCU1DGJBI.DTL#ixzz0ogXff9hx>

Re-drawing the lines for district boundaries for State, Senate & Board of Equalization:

www.ca.lwv.org/lwvc/issues/redistricting.html

Prop 15 Fair Elections: This is a pilot program concerning only the office of the Secretary of State in the 2014 and 2018 elections. This office was chosen because it is the office that regulates elections.

Prop 15 would change California law to allow public funding of campaign financing for the election of the Secretary of State. It would also set up a public finance program and is expected to raise about \$6 million every four years. To qualify candidates must adhere to strict spending limits and forgo private financing, including their own. Eligibility would require thousands of \$5.00 contributions and 75,000 signatures as well. The measure would also raise money for public funding of the political campaigns of candidates by increasing lobbyist fees from \$12.50 a year to \$350.00. Additionally it gives the Legislature the power to expand or extend this program to other public offices. It should be noted though; if both Propositions 14 and 15 pass we would have conflicting funding formulas. The formulas for candidates to receive funds are based on the present *closed primary* system. If Prop 14 passed candidates who are not affiliated with any major party, could not receive public funding for the primary election. They would only be able to receive funding in the general election. You can see the conflict; with passage of Prop 14 it would be unlikely they would make it to the general election.

Prop 16 Local Public Electricity: This Constitutional

Amendment would require 2/3's of California's voters to agree before local governments could use public funds (including tax revenues, rate payer funds, revenue from bonds etc.) to start up or implement a Community Choice Aggregation (CCA). Okay stay with me this gets a little confusing: Currently local jurisdictions receive electricity in one of four ways:

- Investor Owned Utility (IOU) such as PG&E
- Public Owned Utility (POU) such as SMUD
- Electric Service Providers (ESP) offer electricity to customers who have chosen not to receive electricity from the IOU or POU that normally serves their area. ESP uses the local utility transmission lines and distribution system.
- CCA a city or county (or combination), who also provides electricity to a local community through a contract with an ESP. In addition customers in the service area would automatically receive electricity from the CCA unless they elected to do otherwise. Only one CCA currently exist in our state.

As more California communities explore the use of "greener" power, the number of CCA's is expected to expand. Proposition 16 law would require a 2/3's voter approval for CCA development. Currently these specific local government actions are normally accomplished without such votes.

PG&E has contributed \$28.5 million to Yes on 16 campaign so far....

\$18,000 has been spent in opposition

Prop17 Auto Insurance: Current law (Prop 103 1988) requires individuals who operate a car to have specific liability insurance. The rates for this insurance are based on driving record, number of miles driven and driver experience in that order. Current law under Prop 103 does not allow insurance companies to use *continued coverage* to determine eligibility or premium price. Prop 17 would change current law to allow *continued coverage* to become a factor. This may harm individuals who had a gap in coverage of 90 days or more because of inability to pay.

Mercury Insurance has contributed \$5.5 million to yes on 17- \$170,000 has been spent in opposition

Please remember to Vote! Your Voice Counts!

Plant sale & Flea Market

By Carolyn Mumm

On May 15th the Plant Sale & Flea Market made the whole field at Rebel Ridge Market alive and active with tents, booths and people. A big thank you to Rovillia Kemp, Gary and Jan Wall who generously allowed the Camptonville Community to use their field for this event.

Hundreds of plants and vegetable starts were available from the back of a big trailer, on tables and throughout the field. Besides plants there were flea market, craft and community service booths. One happy shopper found a snow sled in good condition.

Outside the Market, Rovillia offered fresh homemade pasties and the Camptonville Historical Society sold organic tacos. The meat tacos were made with Jim Gates Grass Fed Beef. Another food booth featured giant strawberries hand dipped in chocolate.

Several new plant venders came for the first time including Heaven & Earth and Ruby T's Garden Plants. There were a wide range of perennials, annuals, tomatoes, peppers, herbs, strawberries, raspberries and boysenberries.

Remember that the Gardener's Market will begin in August. If you have extra veggies and fruit you are welcome to bring them to the Saturday morning Market at rebel Ridge.

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Sustainable Living Skills

Birdsong Sundstrom, one of the three-person Executive Director Collective of Camptonville Community Partnership, completed a Permaculture Design Certification Course on May 5th. She will begin her Permaculture Design career by assembling a Sustainable Living Skills series, sponsored by the CCP, this summer. The series will include Adobe Oven Baking with Richard Dickard, Canning and Jelly-Making with Patsy Prout, Solar Cooking and Herb Tinctures and Salves, both taught by Birdsong and several other topics presented by experts in our region. Each course will be offered as a free-standing event, throughout the Camptonville area, with all or part of the class fees going to the CCP's Family Resource Center General Fund. Watch for dates and details in the July issue of the Courier. If you can't wait to learn about sustainable living, check out Birdsong's blog at <http://burrobird.typepad.com>, where she features a weekly Permaculture article, published every Sunday.



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Dakota Sid cont. from front page:

Sid's musical influences include Hank Williams Sr. and Bob Dylan. When I asked him to describe his music he replied, "100% original thinking music." He writes music that makes you think about your life, he uses humor; he enters the heartbreak zone but is also encouraging. The environment is important to him. He sings what he feels. His lyrics are said to be profound.

Sid's fist album came out in 1976. He has produced around a dozen albums and 5 Cds since then. When he is not writing new songs or playing music you can find Sid with his wife Jennifer in their garden or tinkering on his 1931 Model A ford named Sally. Sid loves traveling and sharing his music with others so don't miss this first of many events at the Rebel Ridge Amphitheater. Call Jessi for more details 530-288-3222.



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Jessi's Garden

By Jessi Mullins

Well, what a wet spring and a slow start to the summer gardening season. Who ever would have thought that nothing would be in the ground until after June 1st this year? Mother Nature has her reasons and ways she likes to get things done and hey-we need the water!

Now it is time to get busy and catch up. First get those veggie gardens in and maybe plant more starts than seeds this year so you get quicker results. Next, create your hot color spots in your yard with colorful annuals. Pick and choose those special perennials that you have always wanted to add to your garden. With this wet spring, perennials will transition into your yard very nicely. Give your lawns a light feeding to help them through the summer months, if they ever arrive. I have noticed that in my gardens and at the nursery the slugs are horrible. They love the moist wet conditions, so they seem to be out in full force this year. Sluggo is a great way to control those nasty little guys. It is a bait that is simply broadcasted and is very safe for pets, kids, and the environment. Sluggo is an all organic pest control method.

We are busy at Rebel Ridge Organics-fresh **Compost Tea** available every Saturday until word gets around and we need to start making more. Your gardens will thrive with the addition of live compost tea.

We are also planning some fun events at the back of the nursery property. We have a secluded amphitheater that we built for our wedding and we would like to share its beauty with the community. Our first concert is scheduled for June 27th with Dakota Sid and Travers. Look for Flyers!

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Chicken Chronicles

By Stephanie Ruff

Warning: contents of this article might really gross you out. Do not eat while reading.

I thought things had settled a bit at the ranch since I last wrote. Boy was I wrong. Seems like one thing after another. We lost dear old Minstrel. She was one of the original flock. I'm not sure what was wrong but she was very sick. She went quickly-as soon as we realized she was ill we separated her from the flock-she died later that day. Luckily none of the other hens got sick.

The baby bantam chicks are now pullets and fully feathered. They sure grow fast. The last chick to hatch (from the egg that dropped on the floor and started peeping) did survive and is doing well. The two mamas started having issues so we took Ruby, the less dominant one and returned her to the flock. We snuck her into the coop at night. She seems to be adjusting well and the two roosters have welcomed her back. Hilda isn't so sure-I think she rather enjoyed being queen bee for awhile.

The baby chicks have discovered how to get out of their little fenced off area and joined in with the others- things are going smooth in that department but they haven't ventured into the coop yet. Cletus (head honcho) keeps it well guarded.

Over at the big girl coop, we noticed something was up with Felicity. Not good. It appears she has a prolapsed oviduct. In laymen's terms her insides are coming out of her vent. Not a pretty site. The Mash Unit was set up in the laundry room once again. Because of all the torrential rain we have been getting-all our straw was soaked. Luckily Birdsong had some!!! Reading up on this particular ailment-I found out that "Preparation H" sometimes helps. After racing over to get the straw from Birdsong (you see I was in the middle

of trying to get the Courier done-the countdown had begun-I didn't have time for this!) I went to both markets with no luck. Either no one in Camptonville has hemorrhoids so there is no need to carry such a product or everyone in Camptonville has hemorrhoids and the stores were sold out. Hmmm?

Well, we got Felicity all set up cozy and dry in the laundry room-at least the other hens can't peck at her hanging oviduct. I was surprised she was still alive this morning. I guess you'll have to wait to find out whether Felicity pulls thru this or not. I simply must get this to the printer!

Oh- and to top it off we have 5 broody big girls. Another situation I don't want. There is no rooster with them so there will be no baby chicks and they are hogging all the nesting boxes so the hens that want to lay can't get in there. When they go broody the hens stop laying- they just lay there growling and puffing up like blow fish- try moving them off the nests, you better have your armor on!

Stay tuned for the next exciting issue of the ChickenChronicles.

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VOTE	Tues. June 8 th , Camptonville School Gym, 7am-8pm
8 th Grade Graduation	Tues. June 8 th , Camptonville School, 7:00pm
School Board	Mon. June 14 th , (2 nd Mon. of month) 6:30pm, C'ville School Library
Picnic in the park	Sat. June 19 th , noon- 4pm, Old Oak Tree School, NSJ
Courier Deadline	Sunday June 20th
CCSD	Mon. June 21 th , (3rd Mon. of month) 7:00 pm, C'ville School
Nourishing Traditions: film	Mon. June 21 th , 6:30-? Soleil Farms- 292-3359
Cherry festival	Sat. June 26 th , 10am-5pm, NSJ
Dakota Sid Concert	Sun. June 27 th , 2pm-6pm, Rebel Ridge Organics
Yoga	Tuesdays at 5:30 PM, C'ville School
Food Bank	Third Thursday at the Lake Francis Grange, Dobbins

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