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## Viva Italiano

The Parents Club invites you to join us on Saturday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 5pm for a fabulous three-course meal. Reservations are required and can be found around town at local businesses or from the school office. Round up some friends and come as a party. We are able to seat the first 60 who reserve. Eat dinner, have fun and support the school's student body by leaving a donation based on your dining experience. This is a school fundraising event.

## Valentine's Day Special

Rent a cabin the weekend of Valentine's Day and enjoy a bottle of wine, box of chocolates, and a rose free for your special someone. Dates for this special include February 11<sup>th</sup> through the 14<sup>th</sup>. Call for reservations 520-288-0646. Willow Creek Campground-17548 State Hwy. 49.

## Basketball Tournament

By Stephanie Williams

Come play ball! The Parents Club is organizing the 2nd Annual Basketball Tournament to be held in March. Some may know about the March Madness associated with this sport, I did not until recently, but if you are a fan get a team together and experience it first hand by signing up to play. Look for flyers around town giving more details. We appreciate your support.

## Secret Santa

By Barbara Mueller-Hogan

It started out like this ... I hadn't been working for the Resource Center because the CCP had not been able to get a new grant providing for the things the CAPIT Grant provided for, such as lice checks at school, the Baby-Think-It-Over parenting class, vouchers for gas and food, or the Secret Santa Food and Gift Project.

One day while I was volunteering at the school, I overheard a child talking about how stressed mom was that there just wasn't enough money for food, let alone gifts, this year. Then a few people asked me what was going to happen regarding food baskets for Christmas; I had to say I just didn't know!

Well, I figured I had to make it happen. The result of this thinking was a small article in the Courier about food baskets, and the next thing I knew the phone started ringing. I figured I could probably make food baskets come together with my regular contacts, but gifts, no; that was going to be impossible. Ha! Then the phone started ringing at home. "How can I help?" Next, a friend at the Toy Run in Grass Valley ran into me and asked if I could get him some "Santa Letters" so that he could buy toys. One of my former Pre-Schoolers asked if she could help and she passed it along at her work. More and more people wanted to be "Secret Santa Elves." I got a call from our local Officers Kenny and Laura who wanted to get Camptonville kids and families food, bikes and toys! Another call from Mr. Dick Dahms at the Dobbins Food Bank was also for food and bikes. Mindi from the NSJ Churches said she could provide food for five families!

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## Twilight School with a Twist

By Barbara Mueller-Hogan

Twisting and shouting is what's been going on at CCP's *Twilight School with a Twist* held at Camptonville School every Thursday night, 6-7:30. In February we will continue to offer fun and fitness, plus a potluck dinner/ dance with a "Winter Fiesta" theme. We'll also feature healthy baby classes, some heart pumping aerobics and more great recipes. Oh and don't forget our Weight loss teams!

So far we have learned the Cupid Shuffle and have been working on Latin dance basics with Zumba! In February, High School Senior, Christina Dondono, will teach us modern and jazz dance as her Senior Project. Christina has been studying dance for several years and we are lucky to have her here to share her talents. Please come help make her senior project a success and get some great exercise.

Jean Black (Outreach staff and PE instructor) is running us until we drop – MEDIC is the game and fun, laughter and sweat is the result. Jean also offers "tame" games such as Dodge Ball Bowling, Hula Hoop Bingo, and Shark Bait Parachute. Did you think it would be easy? Really, we've had nothing but great reviews on this form of "exercise".

Staci Howell, (Easy Care and Education Consultant), program has been great and will continue into February, offering information on making your own baby food, child size portions and food variety. She teaches games and songs as well. Staci also gives out fun incentives to the families who attend the class and a valuable door prize each week.

Weight loss teams will get together for weigh-ins and nutrition tips, good recipes and other excellent suggestions to help you become successful and reach your weigh loss goal. It's not too late to join!

We'd like to thank Nutrition Educator, Angela O'Rourke from UC Davis Cooperative for sharing the Farm to School curriculum. This month on the February 17<sup>th</sup> we will learn about the Health Education Councils' "Re-think Your Drink" Campaign. You will find out just how much sugar and sweeteners are really in our drinks, even the so-called "healthy ones".

Saving the best news for last: **Saturday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 "Winter Fiesta", Twilight School in February will bring the first of 4 pot-luck dances.** Great, healthy recipes will be

available at all the Twilight School nights. So grab your favorite or bring one of your own, remembering all our yellow, green and orange veggies. Put on your dancing shoes and join us. We will eat good food, listen to good music, and dance! At the dance door prizes will be pulled from the red raffle tickets you fill out at each Twilight School. All ages are welcome; however children under High School must attend the dance and any of the classes with an adult. Come join us – Twist –Shout and have some fun!!

## It's Never Too Late to Say Thank You!

By Barbara Mueller-Hogan

Do you realize that Santa coming to C'ville this year was the 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Event? Everyone's "Aunt Georgette" went out of her way to make this year special for the school children she loves. Being sick didn't stop her from shopping, packing bags, and gathering goodies for the "Big man's" special night. But, if it hadn't been for all the other elves that showed up and pulled it all together, it just wouldn't have happened. Thank you to the Fire Department, to Susan and her helpers Nick and Ravynn; thanks to Lily and Jaime for passing out raffle tickets to everyone in the crowd, to Sandy B. and Helene for keeping things going smoothly, to Larry and his truck, and Pam W. for making flyers, to Candace for taking pictures, to Birdsong for helping to get addresses so we could send the pictures, to the Parent's club for all the free giveaway goodies, and the Penn Valley Knitters' Guild for beautiful warm hats, and to Georgette's brother and sister-in-law for moral support. Thanks to the cookie makers and to all of you who donated money and presents, to SPD Market for the apples and oranges, and of course a big thank you to the "Big Man" himself who arrived in his own personal fire truck! It truly does take a village to raise it's children, and to value and care for them. Let's make next year, the 50<sup>th</sup>, something even more special. May it continue for another 50! We love you Georgette!!!

## Volume fifteen!

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## Cemetery Update

By Stephanie Korney

Maybe you have noticed the change in our beautiful historic cemetery. Thanks to the hard work of some unseen volunteers and your generous donations the rejuvenation has begun. Part of the proceeds from last year's Gardeners' Market was used in support of Friends of the Cemetery to hire a hard working local individual to mow before the lilies stir from their winter slumber.

The Camptonville Community Service District (CCSD) has budgeted funds for annual maintenance. Together with Friends of the Cemetery, they have also made plans to update burial records and plot maps and to hire a part-time worker to do some of the maintenance. This will provide for mowing, and some of the trimming and cleanup.

There is always more work to do, and the cemetery still needs your volunteer efforts. Friends of the Cemetery will again sponsor a Community Cemetery Cleanup Day. Friends of the Cemetery, you may recall, is a branch of our Historical Society formed specifically to assist in caring for the final resting place of Camptonville's former residents. Stay tuned for further details on the Community Cleanup Day.

## 123 Grow Receives Support

By Birdsong Sundstrom, Program Manager

Our parent participation school readiness program has gotten a lot of support from the local Cooperative Extension Youth Nutrition Advisor, Angela O'Rourke this year. Angela first met with Camptonville School staff and myself last May, bringing examples of several nutrition and school gardening curricular materials that Extension Services would share with us at no charge. We began planning and studying over the summer in order to bring the latest information to the students in Camptonville. There are two programs that have been created specifically for preschool-aged children. We started the year incorporating "Go, Glow, Grow" into our pre-K activities. This program simplifies the food pyramid of daily-recommended foods into three main categories, and describes them in ways that are easy for those aged 3-5 to understand. "Go" foods contain the grain group food that provide the body with energy. "Glow"

foods contain the fruit and vegetable group foods that provide vitamins and minerals to keep the body healthy. "Grow" foods contain the protein foods that help the body grow. We later added the "Happy, Healthy Me" curriculum, which reinforces nutritional information while including lots of physical activity. Angela brought us three large tubs of play and lesson props to go with the curriculum. January saw our preschool-aged classroom turned into a shopping center, integrating pre-math and pre-reading concepts into making healthy food choices when shopping. Of course, the 'sometimes snacks' were popular additions to the miniature shopping carts as well, giving us more chances to discuss why some foods should only be eaten occasionally.

The UC-developed lessons specifically relate to food, health and activity, but our preschool teachers have incorporated parts of each lesson into their overall plan for preparation for kindergarten. School has gotten much harder than when I was a little girl; now, children are expected to master in kindergarten the work I didn't study until I was in first grade. They are expected to enter kindergarten already able to perform the tasks you and I learned there! So, we spend a lot of time learning to get along in groups, moving through activities (preschoolers have a shorter attention span, so our teachers adjust accordingly), and the teachers spend time reading to the children each day. The students will tell their own stories back to the teacher, so that they learn their words are important as their teacher writes down what they say during pre-writing activities. Of course, paint and playdough are as popular as ever. We are very grateful to UCCE for their assistance. Our other major sponsors this year continue to be Camptonville School, First Five Yuba and First Five Sierra. If you have a child aged birth-five, you are welcome to attend our free program, offered Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. Call 288-9355 for more information.



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## Chief's Report

By Mark Jokerst

It is mid-January and a north wind has been blowing the last couple days, drying things out around here; not like we needed it or anything! But, alas, while we all enjoy a little drying out now and then let's not forget that dry vegetation has a tendency to BURN when burn piles get carried away in the winds. In other words, spring approaches, as does the season when we try to burn a little excess brush around our parcels. Keep in mind that when you call the number to see if it is a burn day, 289-3662, it is the Air-Quality board that is setting the day's burn status. These folks like to see burns happen on dry windy days; it helps with smoke dispersion and all that. So please, if it is a burn day, check the weather: If it is expected to be dry and windy proceed with caution!!

We are all so not looking forward to February, for our past-Chief Alan Kinne and former director and wife Carol Holland are making plans to pack up and leave our little nirvana. On Jan 1st, Alan handed me his hat and badge and truck and a large pile of paper. I promptly demoted him to Asst Chief 6303, as an honor to his service, and to recognize his continued support of the department. We are holding a going party for Alan and Carol on the 29th of January (I assume since past when you read this), including a spaghetti feed cooked by Mike Dudek, local spaghetti master.

We plan to make Alan blush just a little, and to give him our warmest thanks and appreciation for all his hard work. Back in 2008, as I was serving as acting Chief, Alan showed up to training one night, sitting quietly in the back of the room, seemingly paying attention to goings on. At the end of the session, he came up and introduced himself, said he had a little "fire" experience and wondered if I needed any help with PAPERWORK! Some people! We struck up a deal and I believe made a great team putting the department back on it's feet. The past year under Alan's leadership has been one of tremendous growth, not in numbers but in department skill. Camptonville will always be thankful and a little more secure thanks to Alan's fine hand. Please thank both Alan and Carol for their service, next time you see them.

With the coming of spring we look forward to a

couple of things: We won a grant from the state Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) for new extrication equipment, including a new set of jaws capable of cutting thru the extra-strong steel used in newer cars. This package includes some \$30,000 worth of gear plus a couple days of training for the whole team. Also, in April, we will be participating in a "Mass Casualty Incident" drill on the north fork, with local Sierra County fire departments. The drill will present responders with a school bus rollover scenario with multiple patients and plenty of chaos. We hope to develop some skills at handling a large-scale incident like this, hoping as well that it never happens.

Finally, tragedy hits close to home: On January 11th, a firefighter-captain from the Quincy Fire Dept passed away several hours after successfully quenching an attic fire in Quincy. Captain William Hopman was 53 years old and is survived by his wife and son. He was an active volunteer in the fire service and in the community. While the details of his death are unknown, we can only surmise that the stress of the fire led to his demise, and let us all pray and hope that our own firefighters remain safe, when duty calls.

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## School Board News

Happy New Year!

By Ruth Schwartz

As we started off our discussion about educational philosophy and direction of our school in interesting economic times this month, we were asked by a resident of Sierra County to look into charter school opportunities. These opportunities may be available to us to enable students from other counties access to Camptonville Elementary. Interdistrict transfers are often difficult to obtain and so the board has asked that county experts come to give us more information about some of those opportunities.

Additionally, while it is great fun to spend the gift we received from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, it is no fun to look at ways to cut spending. One thing we are very clear about is that our small school offers a desirable program worth keeping strong. Thinking about how to get and keep a bigger population in our small rural school to help pay for this program is a challenge. This is an ongoing conversation, and we welcome community members and parents to attend our meetings and give input as well as hear what philosophy, funding and chartering may have in common. Our next meeting is Feb. 14 at 6:30 in the school gym.

And don't miss Twilight School! A great way to lose the winter blues.

## Yuba River Ranger District

By Annie Prout-Garcia

All campgrounds are in winter status, which means no services and no fees. For up to date information on the status of the snow trail system feel free to call the ranger station, (530) 478-6253. We have plenty of free Winter Recreation maps to help you enjoy some winter fun.

Fishing in Sierra County rivers and streams closed on November 15, 2010. Fishing in the lakes and reservoirs is open year round. Brochures are available at the ranger station.

Burn permits are no longer needed for dooryard burning. You still need to check with the Department of Air Quality for burn day status.

During business hours, you can call the North Yuba River Ranger Station for burn status information.

After hours or on weekends please call the appropriate count:

Sierra County: 289-3662

Nevada County: 274-7928

Yuba County east of Bullards Bar (Camptonville): 289-3662 or 274-7928


Yuba County west of Bullards Bar: 741-6299

As of January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011, the Yuba River Ranger Station has received 42.25 inches of rain. Last year at this time we were only at 16.66 inches.

Look for updated campground information next month.

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## Jessi's Garden

By Jessi Mullins

February may be the toughest month in the garden. Thank goodness it's short. It seems that we have put the holidays behind us and are waiting for that sun to shine through. The cold doesn't stop the true gardeners from working in the garden. There is a lot of planning and thinking that has to take place, and that joy of walking around and seeing those first signs of spring are always so exciting.

Pruning is an important task to take care of this month. Prune ornamentals and fruit trees. When pruning your fruit trees, think of picking your fruit. Make your pruning cuts at lateral nodes; the new branches that grow from those nodes will grow laterally, making it much easier to harvest your fruit.

Bare root season is here. Now is the time to add to your orchard, your berry beds, your artichoke patch, your asparagus bed, and even your rose gardens. Take complete advantage of the few sunny days we get this month and get your bare root items in the ground, so they come out of dormancy in their new home.

Get ready for your early spring garden by starting your cool season vegetable seeds this month. Start them indoors or in a greenhouse. Rebel Ridge Organics is starting seeds too, so if you don't get around to it we will have some cool season starts available.

Rebel Ridge Organics will be opening mid February. Keep an eye out for flyers. We will have a good selection of bare root stock, seeds, and good **SALES** on the soils that overwintered in the nursery yard.

We really enjoyed our time off, but we're looking forward to coming back and serving our customers and their needs. Thank you to all of our customers who still contacted us for their dog food and chicken food, we appreciate the business and loyalty. We can't wait to see all of you.

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## Literary Luncheon

Camptonville Elementary teacher Pam Whittler hosted her annual Literary Luncheon on Friday, January 21st., as a reward for all the hard-working readers in her class. Students dressed up for the occasion and lunch was served by candlelight, allowing the overhead light on only so this photographer could capture the moment.

# SEVENTY YEARS

By Robert Mumm

The new snow comes to me full of wonder and magic, I love the growing blanket of white that covers and transforms every leaf and twig. Beautiful sorcery in fragile lace and yet in the whisper of this new falling snow my seventy eight year old ears hear more than bliss in this whisper. There is in it a fearful note to my ears now. I hear a challenge in the snowy night, a test of my old body and a question; will I measure up yet again?

Seventy years ago as an eight-year-old, new snow was just blissful magic and I could not see how anyone could find fault with it, and yet my father did. His main complaint was in it's coldness. I of course got overheated sledding and frolicking and it didn't really seem cold when I fell face first into it. Things I couldn't know then about his displeasure, but can now surmise were things like, will the roof hold and do we have enough food on hand and all the other worries which are part of the precarious circumstance in which we lived.

In those seventy years since my childhood frolic I have added an ever-greater burden of external things to my life and much greater expectations as to what is necessary. Back then the electricity couldn't be out because we never had it anyhow. The same is true of the phone but these two services are so central, or seem to be, to my life now that I don't quite know how to function without them. Now if the power is out for a few days I run out of water, actually it wasn't so bad to carry it up in a bucket when I bit the bullet and did it. When I was eight getting the water was just part of the chores. The one constant then and now is getting in the firewood, I did it then and I do it now because I choose to rely on wood heat.

Science Fiction dealt with many of the electronic things, which surround us now for they were not undreamt of but seventy years ago they were dreams and nothing more. When school work and remembering got me down I dreamed of having a device that would allow me to look up just about anything and get the answer right away. One of the functions of this Computer on which I type makes such information retrieval possible and also alerts me to misspellings and then gives me the correct spelling. That in itself is for me one of the wonders of this modern age, this age into which I have stumbled, this age where one is often

confronted by one sided conversations carried on by one person who is obviously alone. An age into which I can never be fully part of because the keyboards are just too small.

My father understood the workings of the Radios of that previous age as well as of the automobiles. Back then one could take things apart piece by piece and repair or replace a part to make it work again. Now all is hidden inside a slick exterior and in so many cases is never intended to be repaired. What I don't remember mentioned in that old Science Fiction is this throw away culture in which nothing is meant to last for more than a few years because it will so soon be obsolete. Oh well new snow will never be obsolete, I can tell you it has kept it's value for more than seventy years.

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## February What a Month!

By Roy Ruff

Most of us know that more Americans die of cardiovascular diseases than any other cause. The reason for this knowledge in part is that since 1963 Congress has required the president to declare February "American Heart Month." The American Heart Association led initial efforts for the proclamation with the goal of raising awareness and funds for research about heart disease and stroke. More information can be found at, [americanheart.org](http://americanheart.org)

February is also Black History Month. The tradition begun in the U.S. in 1926 when historian Carter G. Woodson declared the second week of February, "Negro History Week", because it marked the birthdays of two Americans who greatly influenced the lives of African Americans; former President Abraham Lincoln and abolitionist and former slave Frederick Douglass. Woodson also founded what is now the Association for the Study of African American Life and History. In 1976, that group helped institutionalize the shifts from a week to a month and from Negro History to Black History. Every American president since the mid-1970s has issued proclamations endorsing the association's annual theme. This year's theme is African Americans and the Civil War. For more info go to their website, [asah.org](http://asah.org)

From the serious to the silly February attracts all kinds to claim the month as their own. Here's a list from [brownielocks.com](http://brownielocks.com) who claim they validate all entries with sponsors or organizations and use copyrighted sources to prove they are not made up! Here are just a few, visit their web page for more.

- Adopt a Rabbit Month
- Bake for Family Fun Month
- Exotic Vegetables Month
- Star Fruit Month
- International Self-Esteem Month
- International Hoof-care Month
- Jobs in Golf Month
- Library Lovers Month
- National Bird Feeding Month
- National Indoor Air Month
- National Children's Dental Health Month
- National Laugh-Friendly Month
- National Mend a Broken Heart Month
- National Pet Dental Health Month
- National Time Management Month
- Plant the Seeds of Greatness Month
- Pull Your Sofa Off The Wall Month
- Relationship Wellness Month
- Return Shopping Cart Month
- Spunky Old Broads Month

The editor's favorite declared *day* of the month has to be February 20<sup>th</sup>. In the Northern hemisphere that's *Hoodie Hoo Day* where people go out at noon, wave their hands over their heads and chant "Hoodie-Hoo", to chase away winter and bring in spring. Check out [Wellcat.com](http://Wellcat.com) for further info and don't forget to Hoodie Hoo at noon on 2/20!

### Secret Santa cont. from page 1

Before I knew it, it just happened. Larry, Scott, and others delivered and unloaded boxes of food and bikes. Officers Kenny and Laura brought boxes of food, a bike and two tables full of toys! People dropped off packages at my home, Aunt Georgette gave me piles of toys and my dear friend Sue filled in the holes! I tried to keep it all organized, but it really started to overwhelm me until my sweet friend Marva came in and helped me pull it all together. She and her partner helped with cleanup afterwards as well (I did forget one person, and I am so sorry; I will try to make it up to you next year).

So, for the biggest Secret Santa Project I've ever done I have to say a Great Big Thank You to everyone who had a part in making it happen. Our community is really very blessed to have people like all of you! I couldn't have done it without you.

## Let's Do It!

The 1st Annual Camptonville **Hoodie Hoo Day** gathering. Meet in downtown Camptonville on Sunday, February 20<sup>th</sup> around 11:45am. At high noon we'll raise our hands and shout HOODIE HOO! to, "chase away winter and welcome in the spring". We'll be shooting a video for our own Hoodie Hoo entry on YouTube so wear a fun hat or something else to make Camptonville stand out!

## Chicken Chronicles

By Stephanie Ruff

So, you want to raise chickens? The first step in this fun adventure is having shelter ready and prepared *before* you get them. It's easy to rush out and buy those cute little balls of fluff at the feed store and think- they can live in a box while the coop is built. Been there done that and the end result was very sad. Many of you faithful readers will remember the dog attack-large box was on the porch. Only one of the eight survived. We still have her: Lucy the Lucky.

First you need to decide how many chickens you want; be sure to think of the future in case you want to expand your flock. Find a nice shady spot to build your coop. Chickens do not do well in the heat. Shade is a must! The coop includes the chicken yard and the hen house. Lets start with the chicken yard or run. It's important to fence your chicken yard in due to predators-wild and domestic. The idea of free-range chickens is wonderful and great for your birds but the reality of where we live is another story. Stray dogs and wild animals are a constant threat. We free-ranged in the beginning but couldn't keep a constant eye on them and neighboring dogs were always showing up and coyotes would appear at all times of the day. We had one come up to our front porch at noon while the girls were out-luckily we scared him off before damage was done.

Chickens love to run around, stretch their wings and dig in the dirt. A good rule of thumb is giving your girls at **least** 4 sq. ft. each in the yard area. I know fencing is a pain but done right will help keep those predators out. Bury the bottom of fence line 8 or more inches to keep diggers out. A six-foot high fence should be tall enough. Lucy is the only one that can fly over-we let her have a little freedom when she does this. Bantams need a taller fence as they are lighter and can fly better. Covering the top of the yard is up to you. It will keep your chickens safer and healthier. Wild birds carry parasites and disease. My yard is not covered. It's too big and I guess I'm just too lazy to do it. Wild turkeys and neighboring peacocks find their way in occasionally, wanting that delicious organic chicken feed.

The hen house is for shelter, safe sleeping and egg laying. There are many ways to build a hen house. Get creative. There are plans on the web and many books that can be checked out of the public library to assist you. Hen houses that you can stand up in are easier to clean. Here's the basics: Plan on **no less** than 2 sq. ft. per chicken-more is

better! Not enough space stresses the flock out. Bad habits can form: pecking, biting, feather pulling, egg eating and cannibalism. Bantams need half the measurements.

Chickens like to roost at night. It keeps them warm and makes them feel safe. Roosts should be at **least** 2 feet off the ground. I use 1X2 wood - seems a little easier for them to grip than the rounded wooden rods. Be sure to paint or linseed oil the roosts as this helps with mites/lice that like to live on the roosts during the day then climb on board the chickens at night for a tasty dinner. The egg boxes should also be at **least** 2 feet off the ground. I make mine about a foot square. One nesting box per 3 birds is sufficient. They all seem to want to lay eggs in the same box. I have 2 nesting boxes that never get used. I do not have tall hen houses that you can walk into; our nesting boxes protrude outside the house and you lift the lid for easy egg gathering and cleaning.

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Here's a picture of the nesting boxes protruding outside of the house for easy cleaning and egg collecting.

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When designing your hen house keep these things in mind as well. Make sure your design is set up for ease of cleaning or you will not want to clean your hen house. I have plywood floors covered with linoleum for easy cleaning. You will need a little pop hole for the hens to come and go as they please during the day but will lock at night. The structure should be weather tight and draft free. Damp conditions are dangerous for your chickens' health. Ventilation is important as well, especially in the hot summer months. We are fortunate to have mild winters that require no heat source. Chickens actually tolerate the cold better than the heat. Elevated houses keep moisture out. If you have space under your hen house be sure to attach hardware cloth so the space under the house does not become a breeding ground for rodents and skunks- also, you may find that the hens want to their lay under the house and that makes for difficult egg collecting.

We keep the food and water in the yard not the house. This will keep the hen house drier and keeps rodents out. I built a little feeding shelter so the food stays dry when it's raining. If you choose to keep it inside be sure and take the food out every night. Often it is the chicken feed that attracts predators in the first place. Hanging food and waterers should be at least 6 inches off the ground.

I think that about covers shelter for your chickens. If you start planning and building now you will be all set for baby chicks this spring. Good luck and happy building!

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**LOST:** On the night of the Harvest Dinner at the Fire Hall...

I left my scarf on top of the hoses between the coat lockers; it is a long rectangular scarf in copper, beige, yellow/gold and green, and was a special gift brought back from England for me. Please contact Barbara Hogan at 288-9311. Thank you.

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