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Moonshine Rd. Neighbors Aid Hospitality House

By Chic Lotz

Every year, potters around the world make bowls that are used to raise funds for their hungry and homeless neighbors. In our community, this event took place at St. Patrick's Church in Grass Valley on Saturday, February 19th. For a \$20 ticket patrons got to select a clay bowl made by a local potter and enjoy a bowl of soup and bread made by some of our finest local restaurants. This simple meal helps to remind us that for many people, a bowl of soup and a piece of bread is all they have to eat for a whole day. However, as an added bonus for their \$20 donation, patrons got to take home the beautiful hand-made bowl as a reminder of their contribution to enriching someone else's life.

This year, 10 local Moonshine Road neighbors got together at the home of potter Chic Lotz and created over 60 bowls that will be used for this year's Empty Bowl Dinner: Rod Bondurant, Rochelle Bell, Jimbo Garrison, Shirley and Dick DickKard, Carolyn Mumm, Denise Sargent, Keith Montgomery, Zach Senf, and Linda Rose. Look for photos throughout the Courier.

Winter Fiesta Rescheduled

The Winter Fiesta Healthy Food Potluck and Community Dance have been rescheduled for Saturday, March 5th from 6-8pm in the Camptonville School Gym. Children need to be accompanied by an adult to participate. For more information call the Resource Center 288-9355.

Goodbye Camptonville!

Alan, Lisa and I want to thank every person in this wonderful town for being just who you are! It has been a great time living here!! We sold our home to Jessi and Matt Mullins and bought an RV to travel the nation fulltime! We are so excited to begin our adventure... I want to see it all! And Lisa is an amazing traveler... never the usual kid stuff of "Are we there yet?" She is happy and content to be out and traveling.

If you'd like to keep in contact, we have several ways:

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Follow our blog at www.3Gypsies.blogspot.com

Thanks again. We love you all!!

Carol Holland, Alan Kinne, Lisa Martinez



Jimbo focuses on glazing a bowl. More photos of the "Bowl Makers" are found throughout the Courier.

2nd Annual Basketball Tournament

By Stephanie Williams

March 19th at 9:00am bounces off the 2nd annual Basketball Tournament. Grab your team of three members, contact Eric at 288-3230, pay the entry fee and come on out rain or shine to shoot some hoops. This fundraiser will be held at the Pliocene Ridge indoor basketball courts, it is a family friendly event with food and drinks available for purchase. First 16 teams will be accommodated. If you came last year you know how much fun this is and if you did not well what are you waiting for?

Movie Time

By Carolyn Mumm

It's movie time in Camptonville! The film will be suitable for children as well as adults. This will happen Sunday, March 27, from 5 to 7 pm at the Pelton Wheel Café (on Cleveland Avenue in downtown Camptonville). Donations are welcome.

The Pelton Wheel Café is helping sponsor this event for the Camptonville Historical Society. As this was being planned, the Pelton Wheel Café has decided to hold another free meal for the community that day. So you may come to both the meal held from 1pm to 5pm and movie time starting at 5pm, or join just one of them of course.

Watch for flyers and see another article in this Courier that gives more details about the free community meal. The flyers will give the title of the film.

More info? Carolyn 288-3424 or Pelton Wheel Café 288-3410. (The café is now open every day except Monday.)

Free Community Supper

Join your friends and neighbors for a free community supper on Sunday, March 27th from 1pm-5pm at the Pelton Wheel Café-downtown Camptonville.

Stay for the movie after the meal. Donations and help welcome. Call Diane for more information: 288-3410.

Cemetery Cleanup

By Rod & Rochelle

Spring means cleanup at the cemetery. Last year the Camptonville Historical Society formed "Friends of the Cemetery." This group is dedicated to the maintenance and preservation of the historic and very beautiful feature in our town. We consider this spectacular place to be an outdoor history museum, as well as garden site not to be missed in June, when hundreds of lilies are in bloom.

Please join us Saturday, March 19th at 10:00am for Cemetery Cleanup Day. About twenty people showed up last year making it a light morning of work for all. Bring rakes, weed eaters, pruners, wheelbarrows, etc. and help us give the cemetery the care and respect it deserves. For more info call Rod and Rochelle 288- 3550.

FREE Tax Assistance for All Ages!

On Friday, March 18th, AARP will be offering free tax assistance at the San Juan Ridge Family Resource Center (located on Oak Tree School campus). You MUST call in advance to make an appointment! Call 292-3174 to schedule an appointment; you will be given a list of documents to bring with you. AARP prepares Federal and State tax income tax returns for low to moderate-income individuals. We cannot do Business Returns (Schedule C), Rental Income/Loss (Schedule E) or Farm Income/Loss (Schedule F), but we can do self-employed (Schedule CEZ) with under \$10,000 in employee expenses and no depreciation expense.

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Camptonvillas

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The team has been playing together on and off for ten years! As of this writing the team's record is 5-2. Way to go Camptonvillas!!!



Team members, Donna Tate and Sandy Ross.

Attention: March 2, 2011

Local Economic Development Forum
PSA bought to you by the Camptonville
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USDA invites you to join in an open forum on Jobs, Economic Development and Sustainable Communities. Strategizing Policy Needs and Program Delivery for Rural California.

The Yuba Sutter Economic Development Corporation is hosting this meeting, March 2, 4-6pm. It will be held at the Alcouffe Community Center in Dobbins/ Oregon House (9185 Marysville Rd). They will discuss the findings and opportunities compiled in a recent report based on the input from community leaders, citizens, business owners and organizations from throughout rural California and solicit individuals and /or groups to champion action items in the report. The report may be downloaded at: www.rudev.usda.gov/Report/CA-JobsReport-Feb10pdf. or come to the Resource Center. If you would like more information or to carpool to the event from Camptonville please call Cathy or Birdsong at the Camptonville Resource Center 288-9355.



*Team picture - left to right,
back row: Erin Acton, Rachel Smith, Kaari Carpenter, Jacque Longshore
front row: Jessi Mullins and Jessica Prince
Not Pictured: Erica Goode, Brianna Goode, Katie Pyke. and Jocelyn Rapp*

Hoodie Hoo Day

On February 20th, Camptonville residents gathered downtown to chase away winter by celebrating the first annual C'ville Hoodie Hoo Day. See last month's Courier for details. Join us next year for this exciting event!



Pictured: The Spackman family along with the Ruff family and Birdsong Sundstrom.

123 Grow-Discussions

By Birdsong Sundstrom

We have started meeting on Wednesday mornings, to view video clips produced for the California Department of Education on infant/toddler development and welcome anyone who wants to join us. We meet in the Library Annex at Camptonville School, from 9:30am – 10:00am. You don't have to be a 123 Grow parent to attend. Call the Resource Center if you would like more details – 288-9355. Also, new enrollees to 123 Grow (our parent participation program for children ages birth-five) are always welcome. We have had three new children join since the start of 2011, bringing our enrolled total to 22! Thanks to all the community who continue to support this great program.

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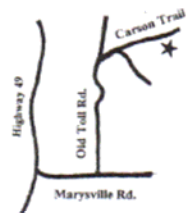
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By Paula Goodman & Judy Morris

That's right, recycling your aluminum cans and plastic bottles means money for Relay For Life and Fighting Back against Cancer. It's finally here and working---"automatic" donations for Relay for Life through your recycling of CRV items.

Continue your great spirit of helping your local Camptonville Buddies Relay for Life team raise money to support the American Cancer Society. We know too many Camptonville residents, neighbors, friends and relatives that have been affected by this disease. For the past 6 years members of Camptonville Buddies Relay for Life team has raised money as individuals and as a team to Fight Back. Now you can continue the fight and continue cleaning up our environment by recycling all your CRV items and donating your "earnings" to Relay For Life. It's simple and painless. Go to any of the following recycling locations: Mini Barn in NC SPD parking lot; Mini Barn at Raley's parking lot and the recycling center on Loma Rica Dr. Tell the employee you want to **Donate your earnings to Relay For Life.** **Ask for a duplicate receipt,** then call or email Judy or Paula to advise us how much the donation was. We can be reached at 288-1228 or by email at owlsneagles@inreach.com. We thank you for your past and continued support of this fight. Remember there is no finish line until we find a cure.

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Spring Miracle

By Rochelle Bell

Time to once again begin the always miraculous process of growing seeds into mouth watering, delicious food. As I write this article, the snow is falling on our blooming apricot tree, so probably no apricots this year (again). We will have other fruit and veggies because we start our seeds indoors this month, where we have more control of the temperature. Our neighborhood has been buzzing with seed buying out of those beautiful catalogues we get in the mail each year. We like to go in together and buy as a group, sure saves on the shipping charge. We start growing our seeds indoors or in a greenhouse in March and before you know it that miracle of growth begins again.

I know that whatever does not make it here, will be available at our annual Camptonville plant sale. We are planning to have it again in May but the final date has not been set yet. I encourage you all to buy your plant starts up here, because they will be better acclimated to our area than the starts that began their life down in the valley. While you are planning your garden make some extra space for a community row or box to share at this year's Gardeners' market to be held behind the Pelton Wheel Café this summer.



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Chief's Report

By Mark Jokerst

Each day that passes that puts us closer to spring seems a bit busier than the last, but 24 inches of snow are predicted for the 24th of February and will maybe bring a nice long power outage leaving us stranded with nothing to do for a while. We have been busy.

The last month started off with a farewell party to Chief Alan Kinne and Carol Holland. The Camptonville Masons were kind enough to let us use the Mason's Hall in downtown C'ville, and we hosted a crowd of near 70 locals to fete the chief. We dined on wonderful spaghetti and salad by Chef Mike Dudek, sipped a little wine and toasted Alan and Carol for all their help. We wish them well and hope they return often.

February 12th brought us a "working structure fire" in North San Juan, and the Camptonville VFD showed up in force to help douse the flames. We count as a blessing that house fires are rare up here (a hallmark of countrified people who live smarter than the average Joe), but their infrequent nature confounds us, for our lack of experience. So, we feel a little paradoxical afterwards: great training experience, sorry about the house. Nonetheless, last years "academy" paid off for the homeowner: we arrived with flames showing on three levels, and in an hour's time had the flames quenched and the homeowner was able to salvage some precious documents and archives from the mess. The three local VFD's, Pike, North San Juan and Camptonville, all worked seamlessly together during the emergency, and we welcomed help from Nevada City's Engine 54.

We've got a couple projects in the works to tell you about: One, we are negotiating with the Yuba County Water Agency (they own the Bullards Dam) for some financial assistance to the fire department. The Bullards reservoir brings "work" to the Camptonville Fire District but pays nothing for the service. We respond to medical incidents at the lake and campgrounds, respond to vehicle accidents involving vacationers from the flat-lands, and respond to vegetation fires in and around the area. The YCWA has been receptive to our plea, and we are starting a project to place something like six-10,000 gallon fire water tanks in and around the lake area. The funds would come from the YCWA, and the Camptonville Community Services District would own and maintain the tanks. Firefighters Char Sanders and Brian Price are working with local contractors to assemble a budget and we will be sending the YCWA a proposal by months end.

A second project in the works involves a rather touchy subject: Should the CVFD charge out-of-towners a fee for responding to traffic accidents and the like. A little background: We have purchased a new fire truck, structural turnouts, breathing apparatus and many tools using federal grant monies in the last 10 years. Without these grants we would be driving and wearing 20 year old hand-me-downs. But of late, the federal grantors have been turning our applications down: the community is so small that the "cost-benefit" does meet federal guidelines. In other words, that funding source is gone. We are faced with a future need to replace aging equipment and little ability to fund it.

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Jessi's Garden

By Jessi Mullins

Spring has officially arrived! My bulbs are popping their heads out of the ground, the crocus are already blooming, the fruit trees are setting their buds, ready to flower, all the flower beds are starting to look greener and more plush, spring has sprung and it sure is a beautiful sight.

March is tricky in the garden. Is the snow over? More rain for sure! Will the sun shine today? What's the temperature looking like? The soil is still cold. All these questions and thoughts tend to travel through your mind at some point in March. What do you do in the garden?

Well, this is your last chance to stop your obnoxious weeds. MULCH, MULCH, and some more MULCH. Here are a few mulching methods to stop your weeds. You can use plastic, like a tarp, black preferably to cook and suffocate your weeds. You can use a thick layer of cardboard, newspaper or straw to stop the sunlight from reaching them. Materials like these will decompose slowly and add organic matter to your soil. Remember once the weed goes to seed you can be fighting the same seeds for up to seven years. Mulching in your garden and flowerbeds is very beneficial. It provides a nice protective layer for your existing plants from cold weather, winds and frosts, but as spring gets closer and your perennials start showing signs of new growth you can slowly start removing some of your winter mulch, to let air flow and light in to the plant. If in question about the weather it is always better to remove mulch a little later than too early.

Towards the end of March keep a good eye on your cover crop; make sure you cut it down and rototill it under before it goes to seed. If you're curious about your soil's fertility, do a little test on it now, so you have time to add what you need and everything can meld together to work in better harmony when planting time arrives. You can purchase a simple soil testing kit that allows you to test your soil yourself or bring me a sample at the nursery to test. Testing your basics like nitrogen, phosphorous, and potassium content and of course your pH will give you a good idea on your soil's fertility.

Have all your seeds started by mid March. Don't forget to plant some potatoes around Saint Patrick's Day. Get a good start with your peas by sowing them directly in the garden towards the middle of the month. Rebel Ridge Organics is open Wednesday-Saturday 10-5, closed on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday for the month of March. We still have a large variety of bare root fruit trees, blueberries, and grapes in stock. We also have some bare root strawberries, artichokes,

asparagus, rhubarb and horseradish left. Come in and check things out, there is still time to get these bare root items in the ground.

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Twilight School: Celebrating Good Health Locally

By Cathy LeBlanc

How many times have you said: "Next week I'll start to exercise." or "I'll eat healthier." or "I'll go out and become better connected to my friends and neighbors." These activities are on our "to-do list" because we know they each make up the factors to increase our longevity. If we do these three simple things we will live longer. (www.fitbrains.com). And guess what? Now you can do all three, easily, routinely and right here in Camptonville.

Please come join us for *Twilight School with a Twist*. Each Thursday evening from 6-7:30 pm at Camptonville School, Camptonville Community Partnership sponsors a weekly opportunity featuring a variety of ways to get or stay fit and have fun too!

The March line-up will feature: Family Games in the Gym with Jeanne Black. Jeanne has over 20 years experience as the Camptonville School Physical Education Instructor and has put together a great line-up of games everyone can enjoy.

Susan DeLisle and April Erlich have worked together to set up fitness and aerobic stations to get adults moving and in shape. If dance is more your style, this month we will get our groove on with the Kung-Foo Dance video done by Dr. John Spencer Ellis (www.fungfoofitness.com).

We also bring new healthy recipes to every session. We encourage you to bring us some of your favorites to share as well. We'll make the copies. In addition you may join your neighbors and get on a weight loss team. Also on the 3rd Thursday each month we work to bring in an expert for a health education topic. March will offer **Re-Think Your Drink** (rescheduled from February due to the snow storm).

Lastly, every other month it's time for the Healthy Food Pot-Luck Dinner and Dance. The first one* will be held Saturday March 5th from 6-8pm at the Camptonville School Gym. It is themed Winter Fiesta! Bring a healthy Latin dish to share. (We have recipe ideas available), dance, and youth may have a swing at the piñata! Lucky winners will be picked from tickets filled out at each Twilight School. Every time you attend you receive a ticket. The more times you attend the better your chances are to win!

(*Rescheduled from February 26 because of the snow storm.)

Thank you to all who helped make our February classes possible: CCP Staff especially Barbara Mueller-Hogan, Jeanne Black, Susan Delisle. And a huge thanks to volunteers: Traci Martin who has steadfastly worked to help us garner donations and raffle prizes, April Erlich for her workout fitness expertise, and Christina Dondono, high school senior dance instructor. If you have questions or would like to become a volunteer to keep this great community program fresh, please contact the Resource Center 288-9355. See you Thursday!

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Viva Italiano a Huge Success! By Stephanie Williams

The dinner benefited the student body, a total of \$875.00. We could not have done it without the support of this community so thanks so much to everyone who came out to dine with us. The students who came out to help seat, serve and clear were widely congratulated for their professionalism and great service making the dining experience for all even nicer, thanks all you C'ville kids! We look forward to planning the next big dinner; if you missed this one remember early reservations guarantee you a great dining experience.



Rod Bondurant Painting his bowl with glaze.

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Chief's Report Cont. from page

If we could charge out-of-district people a fee for responding to their 911 calls, we could bank that money and use it to fund future needs. After all, the residents of Camptonville pay a yearly fee for our service, and deserve a "no-fee" response to their call for help, but we expend a lot of effort on scene caring for people who do not contribute to the expense of running our department. We are in the midst of discussing this notion; the CCSD Board of Directors has it on the agenda and will be discussing a resolution concerning some kind of "fee-for-service" at the next CCSD meeting, every 3rd Monday at 7pm at the Camptonville School. I know this is a touchy subject, and we work for you, so please give us your comments.

Finally, I have been hearing rumors of "trouble" with insurance companies. If you would care to let us know what they are saying, I think it would help us all. Please, if you've been troubled lately by your insurer, give me a call and share the experience. If there are things we can do as a department to ease that burden, we can certainly work towards that end. Please call Mark Jokerst, 288-9320.



Carolyn Mumm and Denise Sargent enjoy the "Bowl Making" project.

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 do 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 February 17 2011, the Yuba River Ranger Station has received 46.59 inches of rain. Last year at this time we were only at 28.89 inches.

Look for campground information next month.



Jimbo, Rod Bondurant and Dick DicKard deep in concentration while glazing bowls.

Chicken Chronicles

By Stephanie Ruff

How are those chicken coops coming along? Keep working on them spring will be here before you know it! The Chicken Chronicles will return next month discussing how to get ready for your new flock and what you will need. I will also cover different chicken breeds.

Why You Should Bike

By Liam Ruff

Whether you're doing extreme mountain biking or cruising along highways, all biking is fun, good exercise and a reliable source of transportation that does not emit pollutants. I feel the world would be a better place if people biked more and drove less. I encourage everyone out there to do more biking.

Bicycling is extremely beneficial for the cardiovascular system, reduces the chance of heart disease, and burns calories. Biking is also kind to the joints unlike jogging or running. It also strengthens leg muscle, reduces stress and depression.

In this day and age, alternative transportation is an important issue. Biking is a great source of transportation that does not produce a carbon footprint. I realize this is more difficult in our area. Bicycling also increases mobility for people who do not qualify to drive a car or cannot afford motor transport. It is one of the most energy efficient forms of transportation and you do not get stuck in traffic. Maintenance and tire expenses are much lower than automobiles and you do not have to pay for gas, insurance, fluids, parking etc.

Biking is great way to see the natural world and get exercise at the same time. Today there are more bike trails than ever, and range from flat paved trails to rocky steep single-track trails. Check your local bike shop for trail maps or recommendations for your area. There are also bicycle clubs that hold group rides and have trail work days. This is a great way to meet new people with similar interests.

As you can see there are numerous benefits to bike riding such as exercise, helping the environment, transportation, and recreation. So get out there and bike!

Fiddle Fun

2011 California State Old Time Fiddle & Picking Championships!

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Dick DickKard applying glaze.

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Free Community Dinner/Movie
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Courier Deadline
Yoga
Food Bank

Wed. March 2nd, 4-6pm, 9185 Marysville Rd. Dobbins
Sat. March 5th, 6pm-8pm, C'ville School Gym
Fri, March 18th NSJ, see page 2
Sat. March 19, 9am, Pliocene Ridge School Gym
Sat. March 19th, 10am-?, C'ville Cemetery
Sun. March 27th, 1pm-5pm/5pm-7pm, Pelton Wheel Cafe
Mon. March 14th (2nd Monday) 6:30pm, C'ville. School Library
Mon. March 21 (3rd Monday) 7:00 pm, C'ville School
Thursdays in March 6-7:30pm, C'ville School Gym
Sunday, March 20th
Tuesdays at 5:30 PM, C'ville School
Third Thursday at the Lake Francis Grange, Dobbins

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