

Plant Sale and Flea Market

Sunday May 22
By Carolyn Mumm

Gary Wall, the owner of the Rebel Ridge Market, has generously given Camptonville the opportunity to hold our annual Plant Sale and Flea Market at the field next to the market again.

Our plant sale will feature many local gardeners and small farms as well as Jessi Mullins' Rebel Ridge Organics vegetable starts, herbs and flowers. Roger Rollins of You Bet farms will be offering his lovely perennials again as well.

Flea market booth space is available for selling food, crafts or flea market items. Non-profit groups may give out informational materials at no charge. If you wish to sell plants or have a flea market booth call Carolyn Mumm at 288-3424 to reserve a space. Please join us for an enjoyable day at the Rebel Ridge Market on Marysville Road ¼ mile from Hwy. 49. Remember, Sunday May 22 from 9:30 to 2pm.

Cville's Visit to the Capitol

By Cathy LeBlanc

Every year about this time, Camptonville Community Partnership has the fantastic opportunity to introduce Camptonville's 8th graders to the State Capitol. This annual visit has become a highlight of my advocacy career. I humbly recognize the importance of connecting youth to the elected officials who represent us and make our laws. Over the years I have witnessed the impact on our legislative body as we make the time to speak from our hearts on matters most near and dear.

This year on April 12, I accompanied one-eighth grader from Camptonville School (there are only 2 eighth graders this year) and her teacher to visit the Capitol and Assemblyman Dan Logue's office.
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Photo: 8th grader Morgan Blanc & teacher Lisa Carr



Scotch Broom Breakfast

On Sunday, May 8th, at the Community Hall in downtown North San Juan, the North San Juan Volunteer Firefighters and Fire Auxiliary invite the community to their 50th Annual Mother's Day Scotch Broom Breakfast and Spring Plant Sale. From 8:00 AM to noon, enjoy a breakfast of all-you-can-eat pancakes, ham & eggs, juice & coffee. There will be a great raffle of many locally donated prizes with an original Mary Moore king-size quilt as the grand prize. Come celebrate our mothers and support our local volunteer firefighters! Cost: Adults \$7, Children under 12, \$3. Call 292-9159 for more information about the breakfast and the raffle. 100% of net proceeds directly benefit local firefighters.

Pig Roast & Karaoke Is On!

Change the Date to June 11, 2011

By Donna Tate

What a way to start out the summer! The Camptonville Volunteer Fire Department and Auxiliary have firmed up the initial plans for what we hope to be an annual event. The Annual Pig Roast will be hosted by the Lost Nugget Market on June 11, from 4pm to 9:30pm. We are adding a little spice to the event (literally) by having a BBQ Dippin' Sauce Contest. So dig out the old recipe book and whip up your favorite sauce to complement the feast. All attendees will cast their votes, and maybe you will earn the title of "Best Darn Sauce" west of the Mississippi, accompanied by a small monetary award. Some great raffle prizes have been rounded up including several \$Cash\$ prizes. Raffle tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5 and can be purchased now at several of our local businesses.

Our local barbeque extraordinaire, Brian Price and the rest of the fire department gang will be in charge of the pit preparation and pig roasting. Our CVFD auxiliary will whip up a few side dishes (baked beans and salad) served with some steamin' hot bread, all for a \$10 donation. Dinner will be served from 5pm to 7pm and beverages will also be available for purchase. So come on down to the Lost Nugget and welcome summertime season in style. See the June Courier for all the final details.

Willow Creek Campground Rummage Sale/Flea Market

Willow Creek Campground will be holding a Rummage Sale/Flea Market on Saturday May 14th, from 8am - 6pm. Booths are available to rent for \$10.00 and spaces are limited so get yours early. We are also accepting donations for the rummage sale and profits will go towards a new washer /dryer for the laundry room, that will be available for community use. We will also be introducing Eddie the Pony on this day, so come join us and give him a warm welcome. Eddie will be available for birthday parties soon. Any questions please feel free to contact us at 530-288-0646.

Baby Signs Fundraiser Party on May 11th

Nikki Sander, a Baby Signs instructor here in Camptonville, is throwing a Baby Signs party-fundraiser for 123 Grow on May 11th. We will learn about how teaching your infant to sign before they are able to speak helps with language development, reduces parent and child frustration and is just plain fun! Toys, books and supplies will be available to purchase and 15% of the sales will go to the parent-raised 123 Grow fund for next year's budget. Please join us in the Preschool Classroom from 6:30-8:00 PM. Call 288-9355 for more information or directions.

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Town Hall Meeting

There is a Town Hall Meeting to be held in the Camptonville School Gym scheduled for Saturday, May 7th at 10am with Sheriff Durfor. Come meet and talk with your County Sheriff.



A big thanks to all the volunteers who came out last month to help clean up our historic cemetery after all the storms!

Twilight School with a Twist

By Barbara Mueller-Hogan

Thank You Mother Nature! Good weather is coming and Twilight School is looking forward to "taking our act outside". Remember every Thursday evening from 6-7:30 pm everyone is invited to come work out! We had one good-weather night in April, and some of those who came by enjoyed playing Hide and Seek. Weather permitting tennis courts are open and the playground too. We have equipment available if you feel like getting a few friends together to play.

Our biggest announcement for the month of May is our **Country Dance Pot Luck and Pie Auction SAT., MAY 7th at 6:00 until 8:00** (rescheduled from April 30th). Please plan on coming to the C'ville School Gym for a fun country music, potluck. You may bid on a delicious pie to take home for Mother's Day dinner. The money raised will help fund the Youth Summer Recreation Program that Camptonville Community Partnership (CCP aka The Resource Center) offers. We will also be holding a book sale the same night. (Note: **We need Pie donations!** If you would like to bake a pie for us call us at the Resource Center so we can arrange to pick it up or better yet just bring it with you to the dinner!)

For the month of May: CCP has contracted with School Cafeteria Manager Patsy Prout to offer eight youths (ages 11-18) a *Teach Kids to Cook Class*. She will teach food and equipment safety, healthy eating tips, and the class will bake pizza and more! Space is limited to the first 8 to sign-up

call Patsy 288-3277. Lucille, Camptonville's own Yoga Instructor, will provide an introduction to Yoga class (or two) in May. (FYI Lucille teaches Yoga every Tuesday at 5:30 at the Camptonville School Gym) We will continue with Family Games on the playground or in the gym. Watch for flyers!

We would like to thank Rochelle Bell and Wendy Tinnel for being our Health Educators in April and teaching us about how to prevent dental caries (cavities).


Special note, we have a very great opportunity available to our Twilight School community: a fitness trainer is offering to come and work in our community for four Thursdays if 8 to 10 people will commit! SO if you are at all interested in this resource, please call us ASAP so we can set it up for June. Also coming soon will be Frisbee Disc Golf. If you or anyone you know would like to teach a physical activity or health education class or have any suggestions please contact us 288-9355. See you on Thursday nights 6:-7:30 pm.



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Changes to Air Ambulance Insurance Coverage

By Mark Jokerst

For those who have a membership with Enloe Flightcare, please read this important announcement.

As you know, for a small annual sum, you can purchase insurance that covers all or part of the cost of being taken to the hospital in a helicopter. In years past, this policy has been carried by Enloe Flightcare of Chico, and was honored by all local carriers. The policy is very inexpensive, and if you are carried away in a helicopter, will save you thousands of dollars.

However, Camptonville is now serviced primarily by "Reach Air" of Marysville, and for legal reasons beyond their control, Reach Air cannot honor Enloe Flightcare's coverage. In other words, although you may have a membership with Enloe Flightcare, if you are transported by Reach Air, they will not be able to honor Enloe's policy, and REACH will bill you the full amount of the flight, \$33,000 at last count. **Bottom line: If you want to have insurance to help pay for a helicopter transport to the hospital, you need to have memberships with both ENLOE and REACH.** You could still be taken by Enloe, any of it's partners, or Reach Air, and we have no control over who shows up. We make the request for an "Air Ambulance" and the dispatch center will send "the closest available resource", no matter with whom you have insurance. We cannot change that practice; in fact, we have no control over whom they send.

Your Camptonville Vol. Fire Department has contacted Reach Air and explained the issue (that we must purchase two policies) which is unique to this area (it also can effect residents of Pike, Alleghany and Downieville.) Reach Air is in the process of creating a special membership with a 50% discount on the annual premium. I expect to have more details in the next newsletter. You can get information on the current program via the Internet at www.REACHHair.com or call toll free at 866 767-3224.

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Sustainable Living Skills Series Returns this Spring

By Birdsong Sundstrom

Our community is full of talented folks, and last year's Sustainable Living Skills Series got us canning, preserving, making herbal remedies and baking our own bread again! One participant has even started a large herb garden as a result. We know that more re-skilling is wanted and needed to help us become increasingly self-sufficient. Therefore, the Camptonville Community Partnership will be offering a second series this spring and summer, and we are in the process of firming up dates for another bread-making workshop with Dick DicKard, solar cooking with Birdsong Sundstrom, and basic sewing skills with Cheryl Durrett. Watch for posters in the community outlining dates and courses.

We know that YOU have knowledge your neighbors want to learn, so consider offering a skills class. We can help you with a course outline and publicity and will split the fees with you! Call Birdsong at 288-9355 to become one of our instructors.

New Courier Home

By The Courier Staff

The Camptonville Community Partnership (CCP) has offered the Courier a new home under their non-profit umbrella, and the staff has gratefully accepted. The Camptonville Community Service District (CCSD) has been refining their structure, and we all felt that CCP would be a more appropriate fiscal agent. There will be no visible changes to the newsletter itself; only the financial record keeping will change. CCSD has sponsored the Courier for the past 14 years, and we sincerely thank everyone at CCSD for their enthusiastic support over the years.

Chief's Report

By Mark Jokerst

April showers bring May flowers. Yes, but they need sunshine too! Nonetheless, we are thankful always for a slow start to fire season, but I hope your preparations for the coming fire season are underway. It's time to cut the brush back a little more, clean the needles off the roof, and sweep the chimney for next fall's first fire. Make your home and property fire safe; it is the only truly reliable insurance policy that you have, and a little bit of elbow grease now can save your home and precious belongings if and when the next fire comes to town.

My advice: Think Fire-Safe around your house in these two ways: 1) Thin the vegetation around your property so that a brush fire can only reach your structures by crawling slowly through the duff. Don't give the fire a volatile fuse right to your front door! 2) Most houses burn down not by big flames licking the front door (assuming you've taken care of step 1) but by showering your house and property with piles and piles of embers. It's as if someone left a pile of burning coals sitting on your deck. What can you do about this? Clear fuels and litter away from your house and outbuildings, and seal the little cubbyholes where embers can collect. Keep your hoses charged with water; better yet, GET THAT 2,500 GALLON WATER TANK AND KEEP IT FULL. It only takes a couple of gallons to snuff out this pile of embers. For a free wildfire safety check for your home contact me or anyone in the department.

The Yuba County Chipping program is coming to an end. Act now, if you plan to; funding will dry up next October. Call 713-7515 for information. These folks will come to your house and chip as much brush as you can cut and pile. There are rules about stacking and such, but it is a great

service, and it's free. But it will end in October! What a great way to clear your property of FUEL without creating a lot of smoke and dumping carbon into the air.

The Yuba County Fire Safe Council has found funding for some Fuel Reduction along Marysville Road in Camptonville. As soon as weather permits, they will begin hand-cutting brush alongside the roadway, starting at the Dam and working towards Rebel Ridge. You've seen projects like this along Highway 49 north of town, and along Marysville road up on Oregon Hill. It's a great thing for Camptonville: reducing fuels alongside the roadway will keep those stray cigarettes at bay. Thanks Fire Safe Council. (Thanks Cathy LeBlanc for pushing for us!!)

Finally, a hearty welcome to Ambrosia DeRapps, Bill Beirwirth Jr., Randy Rizzo Jr. and Scott Sertic who have recently joined the department, and a welcome too, to Michael Walsh who recently logged enough years on the planet to change status from "Fire Cadet" to "Firefighter". And former Fire Chief Alan Kinne and family send their regards from somewhere in the Pacific Northwest as they begin their lives as "the three gypsies".

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Rising Star Talent Show

By Cheryl Durrett

The Rising Star Talent Show was a smashing success. We were able to raise enough money to help offset the costs of the Club Live trip to the Reach Conference in Chico. The five school board members had the difficult task of judging student and community member talent. Two groups tied for third place: Summer Newman, Courtney Black, and Emily Potts tied with Elliot and Wyatt Tinnel. The girls did an outstanding job of singing "Black Velvet". Wyatt and Elliot danced and jived to Lady GaGa's "Pokerface". Second place was also a tie between brother and sister Kai and Davia Pratschner. Davia played "Misty Dawn" on the violin and Kai played a medley of guitar music. No tie for first place! Kyle and Jeff Ledson, father and son duo, brought the house down with their lively mandolin and guitar music and songs. To top the evening off, we had a drawing for seven wonderful raffle prizes with the Grand Prize Bar-B-Que going to Jessie Wilcox. Thank you to everyone who bought raffle tickets, donated their talents, time and merchandise to make this another wonderful community event.

PG&E

By Judy Morris

What reactions do you have when you see those letters? I'm sure you all are experiencing many different reactions right now -- both negative and positive. Let's focus on the positive energy (no pun intended.) I appreciate and am grateful for all Field Personnel who risked their lives during the winter storms we have experienced this season. But improvements within the system during emergencies can always be made with all of us working together. Thus a Town Hall meeting is being scheduled. Hopefully, all residents will attend, and we can provide workable, realistic suggestions to the management of PG&E that will assist with solutions to the outages we have all experienced.

B.O.L.= Be On the Lookout for date, time and location flyers for the PG&E Town Hall meeting.

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Yuba River Ranger District

By Betty Leffew

Bullards Bar Campgrounds are open. Most campgrounds along Highway 49 will open on April 29th. Fishing brochures are available at the ranger station.

Fuelwood season opens May 11, 2011 in the Tahoe National Forest. Permits can be purchased at any ranger station. Permits will be sold through November 4. The price per cord is \$15.00 with a 2-cord minimum and a 10-cord maximum per household. Applications for mail-in permits can be found online at www.fs.fed.us/tahoe. We can also send you a mail-in application. In general, the permit allows removal of dead and downed wood on TNF system lands, but not on private land. Trees may not be cut if marked with paint, wildlife signs, boundary landmark signs, other official signs or in areas closed to woodcutting. Carefully study the maps accompanying the permits to see which areas are closed. Woodcutters are responsible for knowing what the daily fire restrictions are. Try to get your wood in early in case fire restrictions limit woodcutting, due to potential fire danger this summer.

Dooryard burn permits are due May 1st. You can pick up one at the ranger station. You will need to check with the Department of Air Quality or the ranger station for burn day status. After hours or on weekends please call:

Sierra County 289-3662

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Rainfall for April 2011 is 1.57 inches bringing our season total to 70.41 inches with more on the way for this month. Last year's total at this time was 44.13 inches. Please use caution as things dry out.

Jessi's Garden

By Jessi Mullins

May – the frantic month for gardens. Cold weather seems to turn warm overnight, at least let's hope so. This rain may be good for future stresses, but I know I am sick of it. What about you? You may not need a list of things to do in your gardens because every time you walk through them thousands of things are staring you in the face, but here are some friendly reminders of what you can do. Don't panic, the season is just beginning.

First thing I want to remind everyone to do is turn your cover crops under as soon as you are done reading this article. They need at least 4 weeks to properly decompose. You do not want them decomposing while your other plants are trying to grow, because this process uses most of the nitrogen in the soil.

Take some time to start preparing your beds earlier in the month. Think about adding some good manure to your beds, chicken, steer, turkey, goat, llama, donkey or even a little bit of a mix. Also, maybe add some sort of balanced fertilizer to your beds, something that is a little more slow release, so it continues to feed through to the end of the season.

Maybe you've been hearing about the benefits of mycorrhizae; now is a good time to inoculate your garden, raised beds, containers, really any planting area with mycorrhizae. Introduce, sprinkle or apply these beneficial bacteria to your soil. They will attach to root systems and help break down the nutrients in the soil into a more plant-available form. Your plants roots then uptake the nutrients more quickly as they work in a symbiotic relationship with the mycorrhizae.

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Woodcutting Season Opens in the TNF

By Ann Westling

Woodcutting permits for the Tahoe National Forest (TNF) can be purchased beginning Wednesday, May 11. The price for permits is \$15 per cord with a 2-cord minimum and an annual 10-cord maximum per household. Permits can be obtained at all TNF Ranger Stations, the Forest Headquarters or by mail. Applications for mail-in permits can be found online at www.fs.fed.us/r5/tahoe/ under "Passes and Permits". Firewood season will extend into the fall, until rain and snow traditionally make the roads impassable. On the Yuba River Ranger District, woodcutting will end no later than November 6, to protect hardwood trees that lose their leaves and may appear to be dead. The remainder of the forest will be open for cutting until December 4, weather and road conditions permitting.

In general, the woodcutting permit allows removal of dead and down wood on TNF system lands unless otherwise designated. It does not allow cutting on private land. It authorizes removal of standing dead conifer trees within 200 feet of some roads. Trees may not be cut if marked with paint, wildlife signs, boundary signs, other official signs or in areas closed to woodcutting.

Tom Quinn, TNF Supervisor reminds woodcutters to carefully study the maps accompanying the permits to see which areas are closed to woodcutting. "The amount of snow throughout the forest this year will reduce access to some areas until later in the season. After the snow melts and roads conditions allow, it is still a good idea to get your wood as soon as possible so it has a chance to dry," said Quinn.

As summer progresses and the forest dries out,

preventing fire is critical. Calling the woodcutting hotline is important to make sure that cutting is permitted that day. Wood cutters are also reminded that they are required to keep a serviceable shovel at least 46 inches long and an approved fire extinguisher (2 pound dry chemical or 1 pound foam type – ABC or greater) within 25 feet of where saws are being operated. All gasoline-powered saws and other internal combustion engines such as motorized splitters must have a USFS approved spark arrester installed. Transportation load tickets will be issued along with the permit. Call (530) 288-3231 for more information.

New "Residents"

By Judy Morris

We want to give a warm welcome to our new "residents" on Moonshine Rd. As you drive up Moonshine towards Marysville Rd. keep glancing to the west and you might catch a glimpse of our new colorful "residents" that just make you want to smile. Be sure to wave as you drive by and welcome our new friends.



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Preparedness

By Robert Mumm

Individually and in our governments we tend to prepare for disaster less than we should. The Japanese government and the officials of the power company operating the nuclear power plants that came near meltdown have been heavily criticized for not being as prepared as they should have been. In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina our government came in for heavy criticism for slow response and lack of preparedness. Katrina was a disaster that had been predicted for years, but apparently very few people understood that IT WOULD HAPPEN. Seismologists expected a huge earthquake in Japan, but again everyone there lived with the expectation that it could happen but probably wouldn't, so the worst case scenario was disregarded and preparedness met a much lower standard. People in Japan have been raised to be prepared for earthquakes but lots of refinements in readiness were left out because of cost or effort. Again no one seems to have understood that it WOULD HAPPEN.

Closer to home, the San Andreas Fault waits, and people joke about the "Big One" coming but very few do much about it. New construction must meet more stringent standards and retrofit band-aid measures are applied to old structures. I did some of that work in the bay area and that probably saved a few homes in the Loma Prieta quake but that one wasn't even close to the "Big One". The number of people directly killed, injured, or displaced will depend on how much of the San Andreas fault shifts and how many side faults are triggered when it does. Oh yes it WILL HAPPEN and does anyone really believe that and act on that knowledge?

"O.K., Domsday man," you are probably thinking, "but what does that have to do with me?" Well the lesson I take from this earthquake in Japan is that we should really look at what can hurt us and take steps that can help us better manage that danger. Here we live in a forest and our big danger is wild

fire. Some work has been done in reducing the fuel load in the forest, and while a wonderful step, we, nonetheless, have experienced recent fires in our area that most likely would have burned us all out if it weren't for the fire fighting capability of our various fire fighting agencies. The ability to deliver water and fire retardant from the air is especially essential to their fire-fighting success. We have been very lucky for the most part in these fires and I hope we will continue to be lucky.

My reason for writing this, my friends and neighbors, is to urge you to go beyond luck and do many small things that you might have let go because they are costly or you have limited time. There a number of excellent published guidelines for creating defensible space, so I won't go into details here, but the general concept is to make sure that an approaching fire does not have a direct fuel line to your house. Beyond that, no matter how much property you deal with, it is a matter of thinning the forest and removing the choked undergrowth. On my property I have been working on this for years, but after this heads up I will devote even more time and energy to not only making my home safer, but also to creating a line of defense. Perhaps you will join me. Thanks.

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Other benefits of this symbiotic relationship are a larger root mass, protection against root disease, and increased water and oxygen uptake by the roots. Overall you will have healthier and stronger plants. A well-balanced, organic soil more than likely has this bacterium already in it. It is naturally occurring if not disrupted or killed; a good vision is the white moldy stuff that you find underneath the oak leaves and at the base of cedar trees. But be sure to liven your soil, it never hurts to add more bacteria and different species.

It is almost time for those fresh veggies from your own gardens. I always can't wait for that first juicy, flavorful tomato. I tend not to eat as many vegetables throughout the winter because store bought veggies as you know just are not the same, and not to mention the price of things are crazy. But, like I said last month, don't get too excited, be patient. Keep yourself busy by harvesting your cool season veggies like peas, greens, cabbage, and lettuce. There is still time to plant these cool weather crops. Rebel Ridge Organics still has some 6 packs of cool weather starts left (cabbage, mustard greens, kale, spinach, swiss chard, endive, tatsoi).

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Visit to Capitol cont. from page 1

We are very thankful to Logue's scheduler, Stephanie Steele, who arranged a VIP tour for us. Phyllis, our tour guide, allowed us to actually walk into the original "Governors' Office" and have a close up look at the 19th century aristocracy. We stepped back in time to spittoons and iceboxes and a new fangled invention called "electricity". The electric wires ran through the old gas lamps as if they were only a temporary fad and did not need a more permanent installation.

The tour ended at Logue's office. We met with a staffer and explained how proposed state budget cuts would affect not only our local schools but also families through out Yuba County. We shared how our small school may loose a teacher and what a sacrifice that would mean for our community. I also brought the concern of Yuba County's Children's Council and offered frank views given by leaders of county agencies. We shared that the hardest hit will be families who rely on the safety net of CalWORKs to help them get by. We shared that three quarters of those on CalWORKs in California are children. If the proposed state budget cuts go into affect a family of two (usually a mother and child) in Yuba County will have to live on as little as \$400.00 a month. How can a family survive? We reminded our Assemblyman that most people on CalWORKs are working families. Yet they make so little they still qualify for aid. There will be a ripple effect as families may be forced from their homes because they can no longer make rent. Landlords and business in our area will also feel it. Our Yuba County CalWORKs Director was concerned because the news media were not delivering the full story, and as a consequence people would not be prepared when this little bit of aid might stop. We shared personal stories and saw the look on the staffer's face and knew our words made an impact. She would pass our views on to Assemblyman Logue. We hope they will influence his decisions as well.

Thank You!

The community would like to thank BONC (Bicyclists of Nevada County), the Forest Service and two of our local boys, Morgan Hainline and Liam Ruff for working hard rebuilding trails and fixing washouts on the Bullards Bar Trail last month. The workers biked in via Rebel Ridge Trail, and tools arrived by boat. The crew worked hard and biked back out. Thanks for a job well done.

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Toward the middle of the month start thinking about direct seeding your root crops (carrots, beets, radishes, turnips). And then, finally, towards the end of the month when the warm weather is for sure and the nights remain above 50 degrees, plant your heat loving plants like tomatoes and peppers.

Rebel Ridge Organics will have organic veggie starts available towards the end of the month. With the cold, long winter we got a little bit of a late start. Our greenhouse is full of many heirloom varieties. We look forward to this gardening season and we hope you do to. We will see everyone at the plant sale, if not sooner.

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Chicken Chronicles

By Stephanie Ruff

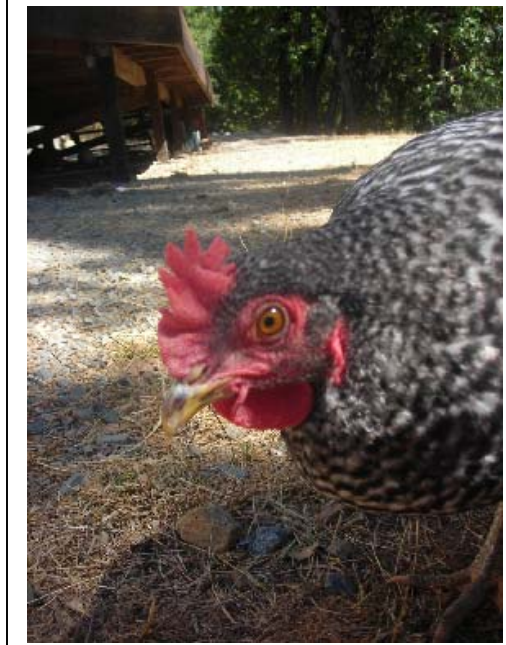
Sadly I must tell you we lost our dear old barred rock hen Kama this past week. She was such a fabulous gal. Kama loved people. In fact when we were able to free range our hens, she would follow Liam around and climb trees with him.

Another interesting behavior she had was her ability to get through the cat door and lie on the bed. She loved hanging out on the bed and she would lay eggs there! We're going to miss her.

If you have baby chicks it's important to handle them frequently. Kama was held a lot when she was a baby chick. Continue to pick them up and hold them even as they grow bigger. This will make for calmer hens that are used to human touch, which will make it easier when you **have** to pick them up for health reasons and general chicken care. Catching escapee chickens will be easier as well.

As soon as the rains subside be sure to do a major spring clean to your coop. Scrape all that old poop off and use a 10% bleach solution to disinfect your coop. You can also linseed oil or paint the wood. This is especially important for nesting boxes and roosts for mite/lice control. Food grade diatomaceous earth can be sprinkled in your coop and nesting boxes for parasite control.

Chickens love all the new green vegetation that is popping up everywhere. If you can safely let them out of the chicken yard a bit to browse-- fresh greens and bugs will put a smile on their beaks! If you are unable to do this, pick some greens and give them to your hens. Clippings from your lawnmower are a tasty treat as well. Remember, take time to sit and watch your chickens--the ultimate stress reliever.



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Searching for a local piano teacher for a Pike City family. We have two children (ages 5 and 7) and possibly one parent (intermediate level). Price is negotiable as is location (your house or ours in Pike City). If you are interested, please call Regine at 288-1663.

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May Calendar:

Country Dance & potluck	Sat. May 7 th , 6pm-8pm, C'ville School Gym
Town Hall Meeting	Sat. May 7 th , 10am, C'ville school
Scotch Broom Breakfast	Sunday May 8 th , 8am-noon, NSJ Community Hall
Baby Signs	Wed. May 11 th , 6:30pm-8pm, 123 Grow Room at the C'ville School
Limberlost Iris Farm Open House	Sat. May 14 th , 10am-3pm, 15488 Carson Trail, C'ville
Willow Creek Flea Market	Sat. May 14 th , 8am-6pm, Willow Creek Campground
Plant Sale & Flea Market	Sun. May 22 nd , 9:30am-2pm, Rebel Ridge Market
School Board	Mon. May 9th (2nd Monday) 6:30pm, C'ville. School Library
CCSD	Mon. May 16th (3rd Monday) 7:00 pm, C'ville School
Twilight School	Thursdays in May 6-7:30pm, C'ville School Gym
Courier Deadline	Friday, May 20 th
Yoga	Tuesdays at 5:30pm, C'ville School
Food Bank	Third Thursday at the Lake Francis Grange, Dobbins

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