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THANKSGIVING DINNER AT THE LODGE

COMMUNITY SHARING, COMMUNITY SPIRIT



by Diane Winslow



Turkey and pork roast and ham, oh my! And that was just the beginning. If you have never been to the free Thanksgiving Dinner organized by Pelton Wheel's Diane and Ron, with their gracious volunteers, then you have missed a wonderful meal at the very least. Have you ever had cole slaw with blueberries? Scrumptious! There was bean salad and green salad and a mountain of mashed potatoes (with plenty of gravy). The desserts were off the charts with cheese cake, pumpkin pie, apple pie, persimmon pudding and other delectable sweets. But really, the best part of the dinner was sharing all these foods, good conversation, and warm thoughts of thanks and giving with our Camptonville neighbors and friends! We are especially grateful to the members of Mountain Range Lodge #18 for the use of their warm and comfortable lodge hall. Thank you All and Happy Holidays.

Farewell

by The Ruff Family



The three years our family has been attending to the editing duties for the Camptonville Courier have been quite an adventure! We're honored to have been able to volunteer for such a vital responsibility. Life, as it does, has become increasingly busy and so we now confidently hand the reins to the Courier's newest editor. Diane Winslow has stepped up to the challenge of keeping our local newsletter going strong. We'd like to thank all the folks that have been part of our Courier staff over the past three years: Joan Carpenter, Janie Kesselman, Birdsong Sundstrom, Yakshi and of course Diane. We'd especially like to thank Rod and Rochelle for all their help, support, and dedication to the Courier during out tenure as editor and since its inception. You are all assets to the community. The Ruff family will be pitching in as needed, help with the foldings and special events. We'd like to thank each of the Courier's contributors and our fabulous folding crew—the paper wouldn't exist without all of you!

Holiday Craft Faire

by Birdsong Sundstrom

Come out and join your friends and neighbors **Sunday, December 11th** from **Noon to 3 PM** in the Camptonville Gym for the annual Holiday Craft Faire! We have very talented folks here who will be selling their wares and the Parent Club will be hosting a Children's Shopping area for gently used, inexpensive gifts. Club Live will be available to wrap your gifts and the Camptonville Community Partnership will have a Silent Auction of gift items. Chef Patsy will have pizza, bread and soup available for lunch. If you are interested in securing a booth, call CCP at 288.9355 to check availability.

From the North Pole to Camptonville

by Jessi Mullins

HO, HO, HO! Santa is coming to town. He'll be bearing gifts and goodies for all the children. He is coming to the Camptonville Volunteer **FIRE HALL**. The word around town is that he will be making his appearance on **Friday December 16th around 6:30 pm**. As an added convenience Fatty's Food wagon will be serving a warm dinner at a reasonable price starting at 6:00 pm.

This is a very special year as it is the 50th anniversary of Santa coming to town. Through the years, hundreds of folks have donated countless hours to make Santa's visit a grand adventure for our community. This holiday we're making a special note about two of these people. The endless devotion of Sonny and Georgette Fowler can never be mentioned enough. They will be surely missed, but their laughing and helping spirits will be with us forever. So, with all this in mind have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and please come out Friday December 16th to enjoy the holiday cheer.

Name Change

by Judy Morris and Stephanie Korney

Camptonville Emergency Preparedness is now, **Camptonville Prepared!** Residents and CVFD personnel met November 16th to move forward on developing resources and procedures for the community during an emergency.

Issues discussed were:

- Next meeting of **Camptonville Prepared!** will be Wednesday, January 18, 2012
- Expanding the School Phone Tree Notification system to include community members who want to be notified in case of area emergencies. (see enclosed flyer)
- Establishing a "chain of communications" to alert the entire community of an emergency.
- Methods and possible contacts to assist in obtaining misc. needed equipment, such as a portable trailer to store supplies provided by Red Cross was discussed.
- Free training through Red Cross for Shelter Volunteers will be held in Jan. 2012. Obtaining this training will allow us to open an emergency shelter before Red Cross arrives so Camptonville can be self-sufficient in emergencies.
- Saving our family pets during emergencies was also mentioned. AnimalSave provides door and window stickers that would alert First Responders to the situation. Contact will be made to ask about where and how to obtain stickers for our community.

For further information on **Camptonville Prepared!** call Judy Morris 288.1228.



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Gardeners Market ... Profits Distributed

by Rochelle Bell



The Fabulous Camptonville Community Gardeners' Market had a great year. Even with the late and short season, the market produced a "profit" of \$792 to be shared among its beneficiaries.

Checks in the amount of \$264 were given to the Camptonville Courier, Camptonville Community Partnership, and Camptonville Historical Society/Friends of the Cemetery.

In addition to all of our generous donors and volunteer assistants we would like to give special thanks to Jimbo Garrison, whose enthusiasm for fine fresh produce coupled with his ability to turn the common peach into a delectable dessert, made this season so successful.

CCP Asks for Your Help

by Birdsong Sundstrom

In mid-November you probably received lots of holiday shopping catalogs, a few bills, some cherished personal mail, and an appeal from the Camptonville Community Partnership. We hope that you did not discard this letter, and that you will take a moment to re-read it and consider making a donation to help support your local Resource Center. We know that times have been tough for many in our community; some have come and received our support or used our center to help improve things in their lives, while others have benefitted from our past outreach efforts. Lots of folks have attended our fun events over the years, including the Holiday Craft Faire, ice cream socials, and Harvest Dinner, and we hope you will **SAVE THE DATE TO JOIN US FOR A SAINT PATRICK'S DAY DINNER ON MARCH 17, 2012.**

We offer high speed internet and faxing services, and continue to offer a free early childhood program (1, 2, 3 Grow) and dental health education program (First Smiles). This past year, our Outreach Program offered Twilight School with a Twist and Summer Recreation. We will be able to offer Summer Recreation again in June, but many of our other programs are in jeopardy. Funding for 1, 2, 3 Grow, First Smiles and our countywide dental health worker training will all end midway through 2012, and there is no benefactor or large foundation looming on the horizon to fill these gaps. We hope you will agree that Camptonville is a better place to live thanks to these shared programs, and will offer what you can to help us make it through the tough times. You can donate online through the link at: www.camptonville.com or mail to us at: CCP, PO Box 218, Camptonville, CA 95922.

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CVFD Report

by Char Jokerst, Captain/EMT

Hello Camptonville! There are many things I want to update you on, so here goes... If you remember a few months back I explained that CVFD was undergoing some changes in our leadership structure. Well, after several meetings of the minds we finally got what we are calling an "organizational chart" thought out and implemented. Chief Jokerst challenged his captains to come up with ideas on what a restructure looked like and how we could implement it. In as little as four meetings CVFD's captains not only found a structure that we feel will work, but it has been implemented already. The department members are all on board and have shown their support in this new way of doing things. All are excited because this means more hands will be on more pieces of what it takes to run the department. Plus, our high hope is that this way of divvying up responsibilities will cure our traditionally high fire chief turnover and burn out rates.

The structure looks like this: Chief, Assistant Chief of Operations, Assistant Chief of Administration, Captains, Engineers, Firefighters, Cadets. The chief oversees the Assistant Chiefs, the Assistant Chiefs oversee their responsibilities and the teams they build to help them accomplish their responsibilities. This might sound not so profound to you, but I assure you that the tasks the Assistant Chiefs have taken on are huge responsibilities. This is a momentous step for CVFD and will help make this fire department run sustainably into the future. For all of you, this means that you will have a department that will continue to be strongly united and the knowledge base for your firefighters will be exploding in this year to come. We are YOUR fire department and we want YOU to be ever proud of us. We serve you Camptonville, I hope your enthusiasm will ring along with ours in this new time of growth in our department!

So without further adieu, Your New Assistant Chiefs are ... Brandi Dudek, Assistant Chief of Administration and Chris Dozier, Assistant Chief of Operations. Both Brandi and Chris are three year veterans of our department and both hold Basic 32 Wildland certificates. Both served as Captains before their Assistant Chief appointments and both demonstrated superior leadership long before any titles were attached to their names. Brandi

has been an EMT of this department for two and a half years and Chris is one of our valued engineers. I am confident that these two are a worthy addition to CVFD's leadership. I am excited to call them Chief!

On another topic, since last issue's article, the one where Chief Mark mentioned that there were many ways the community could be involved with the department without having to wear turn outs, we have had one more awesome person step up to help CVFD. Denise Stratton volunteered to make us a MUCH needed work bench with all sorts of shelves and cupboards. We want to say a very public THANK YOU to Denise for her time and efforts. We also would like to thank all of you that have donated financial gifts and warm smiles! All of them go farther than you might think.

To bring this issue to a close I would like to take a moment to recognize the Reno fire victims. The houses and physical memories that have been lost is a sad thing to hear. I am thankful that there wasn't as many fatalities or injuries that there could have been. Please allow this sad story to help keep you aware that we too have high winds on occasion and we do have plenty of power lines that can be affected. I hope this spurs you on to look at your fire safe clearances and spend the time needed to help protect your home in the event of a wild-fire tragedy in our little town. How are those clearances by the way? If you need some help determining what you can do to help protect your home, please call us (288-9320) and we will be happy to meet with you and guide you in those attempts. It's like getting a flu shot: you do what you can to NOT get the flu. Do what you can to NOT have your home go up in smoke! Your best insurance is adequate clearance.

Hoping your Thanksgiving was a wonderful one and wishing you all a very Merry Christmas.



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Yuba River Ranger District

by Annie Prout-Garcia

Season's Greetings! 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 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 weekends please call:

Sierra County289.3662
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Yuba County741.6299

Fuel wood season has come to a close on the Yuba River Ranger District until May of next year. Truckee, American River and Sierraville Ranger District's fuel wood season will be closing December 4th.

We hope you have a great holiday season.



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We will continue to send monthly email announcements to link you to new content on the site, unless you let us know otherwise.

Tremendous thanks for your ongoing support with special thanks to Parkle Lee, who designed our website.

Warmly,

Kristin Snell, Program Coordinator

Diana Malley, Outreach Coordinator

Diana Pasquini, Community School Liaison



Carport Raising a Success

by Paula Goodman and Judy Morris

We live in an AWESOME Community. Thanks to neighbors and friends, we successfully re-installed a carport canopy structure (to replace the structure destroyed in last winter's storms) just in time for this years weather challenges. So we thank you all ... Rochelle, Stephanie, Rod, Jimbo, Cliff, Rick and Fred. A few tall people, and a well thought out plan took all of 30 minutes to complete. Thank you, we'll invite you all back for the next "work party".



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News from Camptonville School

by Sandy Ross

What a Long and Wonderful Journey it's Been! Pam Wittler Retires

I would like to share this letter, below, sent to the parents to inform them of our beloved Mrs. Wittler's retirement. Pam has taught multiple grade levels from kindergarten through sixth grade during the thirty years she has been a teacher at Camptonville School. I would also like to ask any of the Courier's readers who have memories and stories to tell about her to please write them up and drop them off at Camptonville School or e-mail them to me at ssross@cville.k12.ca.us.

Dear Parents,

I can only anticipate that this will be the most difficult letter I have to write in my position as superintendent at Camptonville School. Mrs. Wittler has made the decision to retire in December. I have known Pam personally for almost thirty years as a colleague and a friend. Each of my children were her students at some time in their Camptonville education. I can't imagine Camptonville School without her. She is an iconic teacher. Her high expectations for excellence, her broad knowledge and expertise in curriculum at many grade levels, her ability to deliver instruction through diverse teaching strategies and multimodal facets, together with her warmth, compassion, and caring for her students and their families create the perfect conditions for a successful educational experience. Most notable is the fact that although Mrs. Wittler has taught for over 30 years, she continues to have the same motivation and commitment that she started with. That stated, we must honor Pam's request to retire. As she said, "It has to end some time." She has certainly earned a much deserved rest, and is admittedly influenced by her desire to spend more time with her children and grandchildren.

I will work with the school board to find the best possible replacement for Mrs. Wittler. We will also do our best not to interrupt the flow of the school year and ensure that the quality of educational delivery is maintained. Acknowledging the amount of respect and affection that parents and students have for Mrs. Wittler, I would like to

request your support in the transition period. Adopting an optimistic attitude towards the adjustment and maintaining consistency in the classroom will help your child to realize that change occurs in life, and it can be positive and even exciting. Thank you in advance for your understanding and support.

Veteran's Day Ceremony

It was a brisk fall day at Camptonville's Historic Cemetery, but heartfelt, meaningful words of respect and poignant music spoken and played by the students of Camptonville School warmed the hearts of all who attended the Veteran's Day Observance on November 8th. Those who served our country were truly remembered for their sacrifice and valor as the students thoughtfully planted crocus bulbs around the graves of our veterans set to bloom for springtime. The annual event was enhanced this year by returning to the classrooms to create friendship pins. This activity was followed by a lunch consisting of ravioli, potato salad, and cherry pie in the tradition originated in 1919 by President Woodrow Wilson who invited 2,000 troops returning from World War I to dinner at the White House (or so it has been said). A beautiful poster was also created to send to the American Legion Hall in Auburn to thank those honorable men and women.



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Camptonville Shares Our Success

by Cathy LeBlanc

Yuba County has its fair share of challenges. In addition to having the third lowest per capita income in the state, the health of the county's youth is in peril. In 2006, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported that almost 22 percent of children ages 5 to 19 in Yuba County were overweight. That means nearly 1 in 5 children in Yuba County as a whole are overweight. Camptonville, on the other hand, paints a different picture. Here nearly all students have healthy body fat measurements with boys ranging from 6% -10% and girls from 12%-22%.

Camptonville Community Partnership (CCP) has received a HEAL (Healthy Eating Active Living) mini grant. The funding from Network for a Healthy California (Gold Country Region) will allow us to begin work with all Yuba County School Boards to deepen their commitment to health and wellness using their School Wellness Policy* (SWP) as a tool. Camptonville worked to develop a SWP that values the connection between fresh food and health. The Camptonville School also uses the garden to supplement food and allow teachers to incorporate food into the curriculum. Students can bring in a favorite home recipe to share and sometimes it will become part of a school lunch meal. Some students work in the garden and help with planting, composting and harvest.

Between now and June 2012 CCP we will share that experience through presentations to each school board in the county and hold a workshop series. The hands on workshops will be used to guide school boards and partners to update their own SWP to improve health outcomes countywide. The needs of each of these school districts vary but they are common in that they are a direct expression of local care for the well-being of young people. Each school district will realize the importance of assuring that their School Wellness Policy shares the vision of their surrounding community through the development of common goals and committed partnerships.

We have other health agencies interested in helping us expand this project. Stay tuned for more updates and opportunities to be involved! Any questions? Contact Cathy LeBlanc 530.288.9355 or cathy.marie17@gmail.com.

* The federal government issued a mandate through the Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act of 2004, to establish standards for diet and health in our nation's public schools that went into effect the beginning of the school year 2006. This Act requires all school districts to draft a Wellness Policy that addresses the quality of meals served, physical education, and teaching linking students with good health.



Parents Club

by Christina Ledson

The Parents Club helped sponsor the after school portion of the Halloween Carnival for Camptonville Elementary. There were several different booths from balloon darts, football toss, treat fishing, penny toss, ping pong ball toss, and, last but not least, Norm Ross' "Toilet Paper" toss. That was a big hit, thank you Norm! The Parents Club also held a costume and pumpkin carving contest during the carnival. The Costume Contest winners were Cody Gibbs as Scariest, Lily Mitchell as Best Overall, Joey Bigley as Funniest, and Jade Frady as Cutest. Masina Tuimanunoi took home first place in the pumpkin carving contest with Kyle Ledson and Ryder Querenquincia taking second and third place. Club Live topped off the afternoon by hosting a baked potato bar for all the ghosts and goblins heading out to trick-or-treat. The Parents Club felt very good about the carnival attendance and fun was had by all!

To ease the ghosts and goblins transition back into school following trick-or-treating, the school hosted Michael Bayard and his Rhythm Magic assembly on November 1st. This awesome assembly was paid for by the Parents Club using funds from our fundraisers. It was great to see our hard-earned dollars at work. The assembly was interactive and offered hands-on demonstrations of percussion instruments from Africa, Mexico, South America, Asia, the Far East, Europe, and the U.S.A. The students discovered the basics of music notation and performance, and also learned about the relationship of music to math, science, language arts, and social studies. It was a great opportunity and inspiration! The Parents Club truly appreciates the support you show to help provide some of those "extras" for our students!

Gold

by Robert Mumm

In the crisp morning air my path is strewn with gold and there is dampness to accent the scent of Pine and Fir. On such mornings I am tempted by the deep woods, an ancient calling draws me to seek and wonder. I will go in search of Mushrooms; but in some ways that is but a pretext for if I were to depend on my findings for sustenance there would be a woeful shortfall. With luck I will find a few choice edible mushrooms in good enough condition to eat; but there will be many others to bring back and puzzle over with the big book wherein all mysteries of fungi are explained.

There is a hitch of course in this process for, as in all life, that which seems simple in the book is not so simple with the mushroom in hand. These things that I bring home seem to fit here and there but really match with nothing known to man. Of course after much comparing and scrutinizing, and finally going to an expert, that which seemed to be safe for sure is but is frequently deemed by the expert to be hardly worth the effort. The saving grace in this for me has been that quite often the mushroom in



question is really rather good. Short Stemmed Russulas are a much appreciated object of my foraging and I suspect are downgraded by the experts because they

are so common. To me they taste great and are easy to identify so I rate them highly.

Of course there are other things to find and see in the woods: deer beds nested into deep pine needle duff, trails used by bear who step over and over in the same places each time they pass so the result looks as though a bear weighing many tons had passed, and the places where mushrooms had been but squirrels or deer have taken them. All this appears beneath a canopy of green interspersed by gold, with here and there a bit of vermillion thrown in. There is much calm stillness there but not all is quiet for the birds are talking and soft wind sounds give voice to the trees. The autumn woods are full of wonders and I would go there to be among them even if not for the mushrooms, but what a bonus they are.

Insects!

by Helene Riley

Hi, my name is Helene Riley, and I work at Camptonville School as a Paraeducator and a Playground Monitor. Well, in all of my 16 years of supervising the students on the school's playground I have never experienced the strange sightings that have occurred in our insects' behaviors lately.

In September, for some reason unbeknownst to anyone, there were hundreds of small, white, and fuzzy caterpillars all over the playground. For almost two weeks, these little creatures covered the playground going every which way. They moved fast in different directions and were in large population. None of us could comprehend where they came from or where they were going.

For years, Jeanne and I have taught children to respect living creatures. It is a common sight to see children 'rescuing' praying mantises, caterpillars, and even spiders. They let Jeanne and I know first, as I am the one who relocates the spiders. Now imagine the constant attempts to save those white caterpillars. It was an endless battle. Ask any student about it, and they'll tell you it's true.

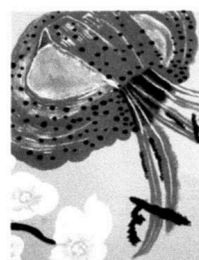
Also, for some odd reason a few weeks ago there were three large black garden spiders on the wall of the Resource Center. They all were on some kind of 'web blob.' Babies? We don't know. They're gone now.

Anyway, there are weird things going on around us. I'm sure others have noticed too. If you or anyone you know have witnessed odd phenomena, please write to *The Courier* and share your story.

Now I know I'm not a psychic, priest, or prophet, but my prediction is that our winter will have many days with a lot of white and fluffy snow coming from everywhere.

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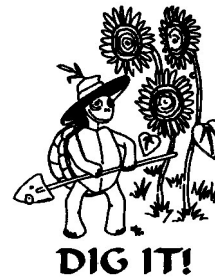
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Loss of Neighbor and Friend by Anonymous

He had an eye for photography and shared that skill and technique with both his sons. We are saddened to say Michael Lewis lost his battle with cancer and passed away on Saturday, November 12, 2011. Our neighbor and friend could make anyone feel right at home, a very gentle and easing spirit. He enjoyed spending time with his sons, Michael Anthony and Andrew, and his wife Paula. Together as a family they worked at various film festivals in Nevada City. Michael was truly proud of his sons' accomplishments volunteering for CVFD and NSJ Fire. He was also very proud of Paula who was working as an LVN at SNMH and also towards an RN degree. We miss you neighbor; we know you are at peace. Services will be in January 2012. Watch for further information in January's *Courier*.



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Farm Chronicles

by Jeff Ledson

Welcome to the next episode of the Farm Chronicles. We last left our friendly farmers right in the middle of an aggressive "attack of the Ladybugs." Nothing better than a little tension and suspense, right? Well, they came out in huge numbers, ready for battle. There was shock. There was awe. You could hear them scrambling about as they performed their unique sort of warrior tap dance ceremony on each other's shells. Frightened and well-outnumbered, we scrambled hastily for cover (you can really tell a lot about a person's true character when lives are on the line). Hunkered down, we made like statues as we observed from a seemingly safe distance the Army, or Air Force rather, of Ladybugs. But after some time from our new vantage point, we couldn't tell if this was in fact a war or was this more like a wild spring break party ... the music, the tiny disco ball, the mini-keg stands. Yes, it looks like everyone is enjoying themselves a bit too much over there. One thing is certain, Ladybugs do know how to throw a party; but please get a room.

Does anybody know of a good local plumber in the area? We called all around and have been striking out. None of them have been qualified enough to deal with our leaks on the farm. So, our brilliant farmer lady of the house decided to make a batch of potato leek soup. That certainly solved our leek problem in a jiffy. It was delicious, with fresh potatoes (you say po-tah-toes) from the farm. Just remember to grab extra napkins; the bowl is not cracked but there are always a few leaks in it.

Speaking of soup, did you know that many people are like potatoes? Some folks spend their time sitting quiet and calm; we call these folks "Medi Tators." "Aggi Tators" are always looking to start trouble and can easily get under your skin. People that say they will, but never get around to it, are the "Hezza Tators." And the ones watching, but who lack the motivation to jump in and help out, are called the "Speck Tators."

Did you all get your winter crops in the ground? We were able to plant a wide variety of garlic, onions and potatoes. They will weather under a thick layer of mulch and should pop out early come springtime. Winter gardening is much less labor than summer gardening. Watering is automatic until late spring. Weeds and most pests

are not an issue this time of the year either. And you earn extra bragging rights every time you get to add those delicious flavors to any dish throughout the year. "Those were homegrown!" Finally, and most obviously, more garlic equals less vampires.

We hope you are enjoying the Farm Chronicles. If you'd like to give us suggestions, ideas or make a general comment, please send us an email at: farmchronicles@soilstock.com. We'd love to hear from you. And be sure to check back next month to see if your friendly farmers were able to hold off old man winter. We won't call it wintertime until the ice is in the compost bin.

We hope you all enjoyed your Turkey Day and please have a farm fresh month!

Jessi's Garden

by Jessi Mullins

Well, I'm sure everyone is scurrying around with a huge list of 'to-dos' at about this time. The good news is that the garden is not very high on that list. Let's call December your dormant month, and enjoy the indoors and stay warm and cozy. That's what I am doing. I took the winter off to do just that. Hey, enjoy all that food you preserved earlier this summer and take it easy.

Oh, but one thing you can do as far as gardening maintenance is to drain the gas tanks of the lawn mower and tiller before putting it away for the winter. If we have a winter like last, try to keep the heavy snow off of your evergreen shrubs.

Just because I have my doors shut, that does not mean you can't bug me. Please if you need something, like dog food, do not hesitate to call me. Pick up a phone number card at Rebel Ridge Organics and we can set up a time to meet.

I want to say "Thank You" to all my customers for another joyful year of business. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all. We will see you in February with bare-root fruit trees.

*Good for the environment, great for your health
– garden organic!*



Potatoes and Chanterelles Baked in Cream

from *The Greens Cook Book*

2 pounds new or russet potatoes
Salt
1 pound chanterelles
2 tablespoons butter
2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
1½ cups heavy cream
Pepper

Peel the potatoes and dice them into rounds ¼ inch thick. Bring a large pot of water to a boil, add 1 tablespoon salt, and the potatoes. Return the water to a boil and cook the potatoes for 2 minutes. Drain them and set them aside.

Clean the chanterelles, if they need it, with a soft mushroom brush or a damp cloth. Slice them into pieces about ¼ inch thick. Heat the butter in a wide pan; then add the mushrooms, the garlic, and a little salt, and cook over medium-high heat for about 5 minutes.

Preheat the oven to 375°F. Lightly butter a gratin dish. Layer half the potatoes and season them with salt and freshly ground pepper. Add the mushrooms; then cover them with the remaining slices of potatoes. Overlap the top layer, if you like, to make them look pretty, and season again with salt and pepper.

Pour the cream over the top and bake for 40 minutes, or until the potatoes have absorbed most of the cream and are covered with a golden crust. For wine, consider serving a California pinot noir, a medium-weight red Burgundy, or a Côtes-du-Rhône.

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December Community Calendar

CCP Board Meeting	Monday, December 5 th , 6pm, Camptonville Resource Center
CCSD Board Meeting	Monday, December 19 th , 7pm, Camptonville School
Courier Deadline	Tuesday, December 20 th
Food Bank	Third Thursday, Lake Francis Grange, Dobbins
Overeaters Anonymous	Fridays, every week, 9:30am, Camptonville Firehall
School Board Meeting	Monday, December 12 th , 6pm, Camptonville School Library
Yoga	Tuesdays, 5:30pm, Camptonville School

December Camptonville School Calendar

December 2nd (6:30 – 8:30 p.m.) Club Live Winter Ball	December 11th (12 – 3:00 p.m.) Crafts Faire
December 7th (8:45 a.m.) Awards Assembly (Minimum Day with 12:45 p.m. Dismissal)	December 16th (6:00 p.m.) Santa at the Firehall
December 8th (6:30 p.m.) Winter Program: <i>There S'no(w) Place Like Camptonville</i>	December 19th through January 3rd - Winter Break (No School)

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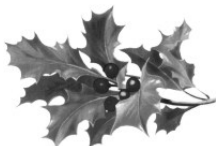
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