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## Critical Mass Found!

By Char Jokerst

On April 9th, approximately fifty community members gathered to show their support, enthusiasm and dedication towards the proposed Camptonville Community Center. There was great representation from all corners of our town, and the *critical mass* that CCSD was looking for was found and sealed with a unanimous *YES* vote to proceed with the transfer of the Masonic Lodge to the community. What transpired that night was a wonderful sight to see.



50 folks enjoy a potluck dinner before the work begins



Going over the facts

Twelve people also committed themselves to becoming founding members of *Friends of the Building*. This “steering committee” will be the decision-making body for how the center will be run and what activities will be held in the building.

On April 17, *Friends of the Building* met for the first time to brainstorm and discuss immediate and long-term funding issues and future plans. This team used the *Right Question Project* work sheets made during the community meeting as their guide to identify how they will operate and bring our Community Center to life. What a pleasure to see this group of people from such a wide range of ages and backgrounds tackle head-on the tasks of running our center. Two representatives from *Friends of the Building* then attended the CCSD board meeting on April 21 to give a report on what was accomplished at the meeting and what their next steps will be. **The next Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 7, at 7 pm at the Masonic Lodge/Community Center building.**



Community members start identifying questions

Another wonderful thing to share with you: Dick Dickard, CCSD Board Member, announced at the April 9 community meeting that in order to close escrow, there was an immediate need for approximately \$5,000. At the *Friends of the Building* meeting it was reported that donations have come in that will generously cover that amount. A huge thank you to those who gave their financial support on such short notice. The goal is to complete this real estate transaction by June 30.

I would like to thank Dick Dickard for his steadfast effort to pursue this whole process with the Masons. Dick has worked tirelessly for months, communicating with members of the Masonic Lodge, and researching what is needed to get this project off the ground. A huge thank you to the Masons, as well, especially to Ted Gardener from the Masonic Lodge in Nevada City. Without their generosity, I wouldn't be writing to you now. Thank you to those who have stepped up to lead and to those who have graced this project with their financial support.



Ted Gardener

*A toast to Camptonville's very first designated Community Center!*

## From the Editor

By Shirley DickKard

Under a changing array of refrigerator magnets, I've kept one article posted at eye level for 30 years. Every time I open the refrigerator door I'm reminded that *the moment one definitely commits oneself, then Providence moves too*. I'm awed by our small community's commitment to making the Community Center happen - driven more by common goals than egos.

### ***Until one is committed,***

*there is hesitancy, the chance to draw back,  
always ineffectiveness.*

*Concerning all acts of initiative (and creation) there is one elementary truth, the ignorance of which kills countless ideas and splendid plans:*

***The moment one definitely commits oneself,  
Then Providence moves too.***

*All sorts of things occur to help one that would never otherwise have occurred. A whole stream of events issues from the decision, raising in ones favor all manner of unforeseen incidents and meetings and material assistance which no man could have dreamt would have come his way.*

*I have learned deep respect for one of Goethe's couplets:*

***"Whatever you can do, or dream you can, begin it.  
Boldness has genius, power, and magic in it."***

*(From the Scottish Himalayan Expedition, by W.H. Murray, 1951)*

May is also our Election issue. So between the candidates' statements and coverage of the Community Center, this is a large edition! I hope you find the candidates' statements helpful. Remember, we may be small, but our vote up here counts. So do it!



Robert Mumm reminds us that "We" are the "They."

## Camptonville's Residents Take the Initiative!

By the Community Center Steering Committee

As you probably know from The Courier and talk about town, the Masons have offered their lodge to Camptonville to be transformed into our community center. But there are costs involved in the transfer process even though the building itself will be a gift. As word got out about the offer, residents began calling to offer their help.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank those people for their generosity and their proactive approach to achieving a goal that has been top of the list since the first Town Hall meeting in 1995.

The Gene Hanson family has donated \$4,700, which is the amount estimated to cover the costs of acquisition. The Hanson family has been in Camptonville since the 1800's and is clearly committed to helping the community best serve its residents. In addition, there have been contributions from the Bob McDonald family and from three anonymous donors, which will be critical for the moving-in process. We deeply appreciate these donations and are in the process of creating fundraising strategies to cover the ongoing costs of maintenance. There's something special about living in a community where the efforts of those working to acquire the building are so quickly reinforced by the support of local residents. We sincerely thank you all.



Cathy LeBlanc describes how to use the Right Question Project

## To Make Donations. . .

If you would like to make donation towards our new Community Center, Camptonville Community Partnership (CCP) will be accepting donations on its behalf. Checks can be made to CCP, PO Box 218, Camptonville, CA 95922 ( Memo: Community Center).



**JOB OPENING**  
**Camptonville Community Partnership**

By Rita Ortega



Camptonville Community Partnership (CCP) is a non-profit umbrella organization serving Camptonville. Its mission statement is "rural people working together for a safe, sustainable, and healthy community." CCP is undergoing an administrative restructuring and is seeking to hire a Program and Administrative Assistant for a 12-15 hour/week entry level support position. Due to the nature of the non-profit world, there are funding uncertainties that come with this position.

Under the direction of the Executive Director, this Program and Administrative Assistant will help manage existing programs and work with community members to create new ones. CCP is seeking someone with the ability to grow with the organization and the enthusiasm to work with others to envision and create a sustainable future for CCP.

The job description and application form can be picked up Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 8:30 am -12:30 pm at the Resource Center located at Camptonville School. Please stop by the school office first to obtain a visitor's pass. All application materials must be submitted **by 12:30 pm on May 21st**. Camptonville Community Partnership is an equal opportunity employer.

**C'ville Plant Sale & Flea Market, May 10**

By Carolyn Mumm



The Plant Sale is **Saturday, May 10, 9:30 am to 2:30 pm**

at the field next to Rebel Ridge Market on Marysville Road. This year we have Rebel Ridge Organics, our local garden supply and nursery, and Ledson Family Farm, our local Community Supported Agriculture (CSA)/food subscription, offering lots and lots of vegetable starts.

In addition, Sunrise Farm and Honey Circle Farm will sell a variety of specialty tomato, pepper, and other starts. All are locally raised and especially suited to our gardens. Plus, we have local gardeners such as Keith Montgomery who will have berry and parsley plants.

What about the flea market sellers? This year promises to be an especially good opportunity to find treasures. We have many local people who will be selling kitchen and household items, toys, tools and other things.

Any craft booths? Look for Tasha's Primitive (jewelry), Pam's beadwork, body care items by Nature Girl Herbs, Genevieve's Garden, and Purses by Patsy.

How about food? Our Parents Club will serve Bison Burgers, and our Club Live will sell baked goods.

We would like to thank Donna Jaynes again for the use of her field for the annual plant sale.

Come and enjoy finding some usual and unusual plants and treasures, crafts, good company and good food. Call Carolyn at 288-3424 for questions or to sign up for a booth.

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## Election Coverage: Yuba County 5th District Supervisor

Five candidates are running for 5th District Supervisor: Hal Stocker (incumbent), Jenny Cavaliere, Randy Fletcher, Don Schrader, and Kathie Thelen. The Courier invited each to place a paid political ad and write a personal response to Camptonville's Community Health Action Plan ([www.camptonville.com/chap\\_executive\\_summary.pdf](http://www.camptonville.com/chap_executive_summary.pdf)). We present to you in the next few pages those who have responded. Remember to vote June 3rd or mail your ballot in early. We may be a small community, but history has shown our vote can make a difference! - Editor

### Hal Stocker

Dear Camptonville Residents,

I feel a special kinship with the people of Camptonville. They enjoy their remoteness and close relationship with nature. They prefer tree-tops to roof-tops, as I do. I try hard to attend every public meeting at Camptonville, including school graduations, where I give out awards to deserving students. For years I have donated my excess fruits and vegetables to the Camptonville Farmer's Market.



Keeping the Country, Country. It's been my battle cry for the past 20 years and it will continue to be my fight for the next four. The threat of housing developments in the Yuba foothills is ongoing.

In Brownsville, there is a large subdivision proposed by Soper-Wheeler Company, a timber firm. So far, Soper-Wheeler has designated some 5,200 acres of their land south of Brownsville for residential development, requesting that County Officials re-zone the lands from "timber production" to "agriculture/rural residential." The result could be 5-acre parcels or even smaller.

Soper-Wheeler is trying to get this land annexed into the North Yuba Water District. Coping with a severe drought, the North Yuba Water District has difficulty supplying water to customers in existing foothill homes. The last thing the water district needs is greater demand.

In Dobbins-Oregon House there are four to five would-be developers who present a similar threat to the stability and tranquility of the foothill community. Owners of at least 5,000 acres, which are currently zoned for 20-40 acre parcels, are attempting to re-zone to 5-acre parcels or less. If this were to happen the population of Dobbins-Oregon House will double and possibly triple!

It is my experience that this is not what the people want. The results of my recent survey of foothill residents, 81% of respondents are concerned about "over population" in terms of adequacy of water, roadway congestion, sewer, police and fire protection. (Continued on Page 5)

### Randy Fletcher

My wife Kathy and I made the decision that I would run against Hal Stocker in the upcoming election for Yuba County Supervisor, District 5.



I respect Hal and his 20 years of service to our district, but he is now 87 years old, and it is time to pass the torch. I will protect our property rights, work to bring additional water storage to our district through a new dam in Brownsville, fight for vital fire and emergency services, and keep our community country. Please visit my website for more detail on each issue, [www.VoteFletcher.com](http://www.VoteFletcher.com).

From the rice fields of District 10 to the pine trees in Challenge, we have all worked hard to live in District 5. We all appreciate the wonderful people, the peacefulness, and the country charm. I've lived in Browns Valley for over 30 years and raised 2 children here. My wife Kathy and I will spend the rest of our lives here.

My experience as a local police officer, farmer (Brownsville Chestnut Grove), and small business owner (Fletcher's Insurance) has prepared me to lead our district. I am a current Yuba County Board of Education Board Member, Past President of the Loma Rica PTA, and member of the MJUSD Parent Advisory Committee and Financial Committee.

I have served as Chairman for the Yuba-Sutter Economic Development Corp., Yuba County Economic Development Advisory Board, Sierra Central Credit Union, and Yuba City Police Officers Association. I am currently a Board Member of Bounce Back Marysville, and a member of North Yuba Grown and the Yuba-Sutter Farm Bureau.

I ask for your vote in June. I would be honored to represent you as our next Yuba County 5th District Supervisor. Please stop by our home at 7200 McMillan Drive, Browns Valley, call me at 743-7979, or visit [www.VoteFletcher.com](http://www.VoteFletcher.com).



## Jenny Cavaliere



To Yuba Foothills residents,

We, of Oregon House/Dobbins are happy and eager to endorse the candidacy for Jenny Cavaliere for 5th District Supervisor.

She has the training, the heart and the down-to-earth, hands-on rural experience that can vitalize the vision of a prospering foothills economy and lifestyle. She is absolutely committed to jobs, agriculture, water, improved lifestyle and community - and while those words could become slogans for would-be supervisors, her record shows consistent advocacy of those values over two decades, and brought home by real application.

We have known her as a reliable and in the trenches advocate for right use of water resources. She has been to the meetings, raised her voice and had it heard over a period of 25 years. We do not see that anyone else in the running has this real record.

We have been the tremendously satisfied customers of her farm store that offers Yuba County grown and made products of the highest caliber: organic meat, produce, honey, eggs and more. There is no one we know of in the running with that set of values and the actual implementation of those values in real goods at a real place.

More than that, we have eagerly looked forward to the uplifting sense of community with an old-fashioned value of connection that her environment offers where locals and visitors come to mingle in a rare atmosphere of relaxed refinement and country ease. As a result of her efforts, others are now inspired to do the same, increasing both commercial transaction and personal connection. No one else in the running has anything remotely like this.

We have seen her advocate consistently over years the promotion of organic foods and sustainable agriculture - good for the body, the soul, the land, and the economy. Again, no one else shares and implements these values in real-time. So for these reasons and more, we endorse Jenny Cavaliere-5th District Supervisor.

Citizens for Jenny Cavaliere - Partial List

Rulik Perla	Julia Poulain
Marieke Furnee	Jennifer Anderman
Colette Chevalier	Gideon Beinstock
William Sebrans	Saron Rice

## (Hal Stocker: from Page 4)

You won't see my campaign signs on developer properties because I actively oppose their activities. As your representative on the Board of Supervisors, I pledge to continue to work to stem the tide of this ill-advised land development on behalf of you, my constituents.

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## Comments on: Camptonville Community Health Action Plan By Hal Stocker

I have read the Executive Summary of the Community Health Action Plan a few times over the years, and I have always been impressed by the values and insights expressed therein. I guess they are my kind of values...and insights.

The phrase, "Camptonville residents prefer treetops over rooftops" has stuck in my mind and I have repeated it to people a number of times. I also prefer "raw earth" over "cement," and natural, undeveloped spaces. I have a large garden and 50 fruit trees at my home in Challenge, so I am pretty much a farmer at heart, regardless of what else I am. At Challenge, I am in much the same type of setting as you are – primarily in an evergreen forest with oaks, madrones, and various types of brush. As described in your Plan, I consider it "a wonderful natural setting" – on par with any setting anywhere.

It's interesting your Plan mentions conservation of Timber Production Zones (TPZ) and that the process should not allow exploitative zoning. I'm presently fighting conversion of 5,200 acres of TPZ land south of Brownsville which could turn into a residential subdivision – in the face of water shortage, lack of infrastructure, etc.

I share your appreciation of the local Saturday morning Growers market. You can't get produce any fresher and tastier. Since I grow a lot more than my wife and I can eat, I have often supplied this market. Sincerely, Hal Stocker (675-2282)

## *The Tao of Leadership*

*Leaders are best when people scarcely know they exist.  
Not so good when people obey and acclaim them.  
Worst when people despise them.  
Fail to honor people, they fail to honor you.  
But of good leaders who talk little,  
When their work is done, task fulfilled,  
People will say: We have done this ourselves!*

*Verse 17, Tao Te Ching*

## Comments on Camptonville Community Health Action Plan By Jenny Cavaliere

This plan as written is well thought out and as I think of the many folks that I have had the opportunity to meet that live in Camptonville, I am supportive of the values, and deep concerns of the residents of Camptonville.

As a resident, organic farmer and business owner in the community of Oregon House, I share very similar sentiments about preserving the rural environment of my community. Anyone that has been to my farm will wish they lived here because of the serenity and harmony that exists today and with a feeling of the past elders that have lived here.

A brand for my candidacy is the triangle. This equatorial triangle represents the Brand of the jennyforsupervisor campaign and forward vision for the Yuba Foothills.

With each side of the triangle being equal, I strongly believe that our rural communities must be sustainable. To achieve this sustainability, I believe all three aspects of our communities must be in balance:

Social / Economic / Environmental

Whether we are addressing jobs, controlled growth, infrastructure, or any of our Natural Resource concerns, we must view all three vital aspects of the triangle equally. If one aspect of the triangle is given preference, the result is an imbalance of the other two aspects. The concepts of this brand can be used to address many of the issues of concern to the residents of Camptonville.

Please visit my website [www.jennyforsupervisor.com](http://www.jennyforsupervisor.com) as well as my YouTube channel called "Jenny Cavaliere" [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIPKbtrB1MA4GUiKV\\_51F0w](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIPKbtrB1MA4GUiKV_51F0w).

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## The Life & Times of Black Bart -May 17

By Stephanie Korney

On July 25, 1878, a masked bandit robbed the Wells Fargo stage on its Quincy-Oroville route. "Driver, throw out the box," commanded the bandit, and the stage driver did as he was told. Down went the strong box and mail bags, and then the stage resumed its journey. The next day, a note was found with the smashed strong box. It read:

*Here I lay me down to sleep,  
To wait the coming morrow.  
Perhaps success, perhaps defeat,  
And everlasting sorrow.  
Let come what will, I'll try it on,  
My condition can't be worse;  
And if there's munny in that box,  
Tis munny in my purse.*

Black Bart, the Po8  
(Read: Po-Eight/Poet)

To learn more about Black Bart, the Gentleman Bandit, join the Camptonville Historical Society for a presentation by Old West historian and re-enactor Lee Dummel as he portrays the outlaw. The show is at Camptonville School, 16585 School Street, **Saturday, May 17th, at 2:00 pm.** Adults - \$4.00, Youth 12-18 yrs - \$2.00, Children under 12 - free.



## Collaboration/ Facilitation Workshop Series Comes to the Foothills

*Space and Stipends Available!*

By Cathy LeBlanc

Camptonville Community Partnership is working with University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE) to bring a timely workshop to the foothills. UCCE staff will offer a *Facilitation Tools for Collaboration Workshop Series* on **May 30 and June 25** at the Alcouffe Center, Oregon House, from 10 am-4 pm. The workshop is ideal for local non-profit and community-based organizations to improve the success of their efforts to work collaboratively with others.

This opportunity is made possible through a contribution from Sierra Nevada Conservancy as part of the Community Capacity Land Stewardship (National Forest Foundation) grant for the proposed Forest Biomass Business Center (FBBC) at Celestial Valley. The workshop series will assist members of the FBBC Steering Committee to develop an Economic Development Plan. There will be extra spaces available at a very low cost (\$35 for 2 days) to the first 10 people to register. Each workshop includes lunch and a book. If anyone is unable to participate because of cost, a few stipends are available through CCP. For information please contact Cathy LeBlanc at 288-9355 or email: [cathy.marie17@gmail.com](mailto:cathy.marie17@gmail.com).



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## The Mumm Sawmill - Dirt and Dust Part 2

By Robert Mumm



If you would like to look in on the Mumm Sawmill as it was in the mid-1940s, time-travel with me up old Moonshine Road, past Moonshine Creek. We drive through the creek and up the Red Hill. Some cars need low gear on the hill, but the new road will go around the hill so it will soon be better. We'll turn in when we come to the road just past the old Beresford mill, which turns off to the left and also goes to Bert and Bertha Treloar's. This road isn't much different from Moonshine, except there is less gravel and more dust. The Mumm mill is about a mile from the turn-in, and it may be pretty dusty, so close your windows.

There has been quite a bit of traffic here lately, partly because of the mill and partly because Al Moellen has been logging on the property around the mill. Smaller logs are dropped off at the Mumm Mill, while bigger ones go to the Griffin Mill in Camptonville. You can hear trees being felled every so often, along with a sound new to logging here: the sound of chain saws. Dad bought one of them the other day. It is a Mall saw, and it is a big machine. It has the motor and handle bar on one end and the oiler and a handle on the other. To start it, you wind a rope on the end of the flywheel and give it a pull.

There is a clutch to engage the chain, which has teeth similar to those of a crosscut saw on a chain. The motor only runs in a vertical position so the blade is mounted on an assembly that allows it to be positioned vertically or horizontally. This allows for felling or bucking of the timber. If a log should bind the blade when making a cut, there is really no option but to cut the saw out with an axe or another saw. Under-bucking is virtually impossible because of the handle on the "stinger" end. Oh yes, we loved that old Mall!

## Appreciation Potluck for Mark Jokerst

By Rita Ortega



Set aside the evening of **Saturday, May 17** to attend a potluck dinner at the Fire Hall in Camptonville. This event will honor Camptonville's now retired Fire Chief, Mark Jokerst, for his five years of dedication to and leadership of our Camptonville Fire Department.

For those of you who do not know Mark Jokerst, he was the Fire Chief for Pike Volunteer Fire Department, and in 2007 graciously came to our rescue to fill in as Camptonville's Fire Chief. Mark brought with him experience and a wealth of knowledge that helped get our fire department on track.

Back then, Mark spent countless hours running the Pike, Alleghany and Camptonville fire departments. He managed to make it to most, if not all of the calls, held weekly trainings, and never stopped recruiting, all while working full time as a structural engineer. Mark made sure all of the paperwork was up to date and provided helpful direction on how the department could save money. When talking to his former firefighters and to community members about Mark, the words that are continually heard to describe him are *community* and *dedication*. It is pretty awesome to live in an area where people like Mark are so willing to help their neighbors and their community.

So whip up your favorite dish to share and come celebrate with your community to show your appreciation to Mark Jokerst and your Volunteer Fire Department!

Watch for fliers giving the details of this event and/or call Rita at 288-3421.



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Questions? Call Chief Brandi Dudek at 288-3303



## Camptonville Country Faire - June 28

By Barbara Ramirez

THINK OLD-FASHIONED COUNTRY FAIRS!!!

Camptonville Community Partnership is planning a community event on June 28 that will include a parade through town. Children can decorate bikes, wagons or themselves. If you would like to drive your vehicle in the parade, that would be wonderful.

There will be games, prizes, food, and drinks for kids and adults. Bring your picnic lunches and blanket. Many local crafters will be setting up booths to sell their wares. Some members of our community will be sharing how to make juices and healthy smoothies.

Mark your calendar for **June 28**. This is not a fundraising event, just the town getting together to celebrate. Watch for further details. Offers to volunteer or donate prizes are greatly appreciated. Please contact Barbara at 288-3392.

## John Muir Coming to the Methodist Churches on the Ridge

By Jenny Warden



On **Sunday, May 18**, this famous California naturalist will be 'coming to life' in the morning worship services of United Methodist churches in North San Juan, Downieville, and Sierra City. The Rev. Don Baldwin, retired United Methodist minister now living in Nevada City, will dramatically portray John Muir's appearance. Don is a former Resident Minister in Yosemite National Park and now travels extensively bringing the message of love and care for the earth.

'Muir' will deliver the morning message, "The Mountains Are Calling," a personal and heart-felt sharing of the spiritual roots of Muir's passion for nature. The services will not be in any one denominational pattern, but rather, through hymns, scriptures, and prayers, God's beautiful creation will be celebrated. All ages are invited. Services are 8:30 am in North San Juan; 10:00 am in Downieville; and 11:30 am in Sierra City. For information, contact Jenny Warden, Council Chair, North San Juan United Methodist Church. 264-6174.

## Mother's Day Scotch Broom Breakfast

By Marilyn Mociun



On **Sunday, May 11, 8 am - 12 pm**, bring your mothers and the entire family to the 53rd Annual Mother's Day Scotch Broom Breakfast held at the North San Juan Community Hall in downtown NSJ. Enjoy the traditional all-you-can-eat pancakes, ham & eggs, coffee & juice breakfast. Cost is \$7 for adults and \$3 for children under 12.

Lots of great prizes will be raffled off in themed baskets: Death by Chocolate, Cook's Day Off, Fun for a Rainy Day, Trip to the Movies, A Day at the Spa, exotic teas, wine, and more!

Then, of course, there's the grand prize - another uniquely creative queen-size quilt hand sewn by our own local master quilter, Mary Moore.

Get a start on your garden with herbs, veggies, flowers and more from our giant plant sale.

Look for presale of raffle tickets at Mother Truckers, Ridge Cafe, the Country Store and other Ridge locations. Raffle tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. You do not need to be present to win! All proceeds directly benefit your local firefighters. Call 292-3550 for information.



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**Mexican Fiesta at NSJ Center, May 31**

By Annalinde Wainwright

Come enjoy an organic gourmet Mexican Banquet, **Saturday, May 31**, beginning at 5 pm, at the North San Juan Center on Hwy 49. Chef "Helli" Duarte is creating a menu of organic home-made tortillas, chicken en mole sauce, chile rellenos, enchiladas, and a fabulous salad bar.

Prizes galore! There's a FREE raffle for NSG Mountaineer members. Break open the pinata and scramble for all kinds of prizes. There will be a prize for the best fiesta style costume. The popular pot-o-gold raffle could send you home with big bucks in your pocket. Enjoy the live music, and more.

Mexican and domestic beers, wines, soft drinks, and free lemonade will be available. Save room for the finishing touch, Grandma's famous bake sale! The Mexican Fiesta fund raiser is by ticket only. NSG Mountaineer members are \$15, non-members \$20, children under 12, \$10.00. Tickets are sold at Mother Truckers, BriarPatch, and at the North San Juan Center. Seating is limited, so get your tickets today!




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### **Heads up - The Lilies are Coming!**

Drop by the historic Camptonville Cemetery for a fabulous show of lilies. When? Only the lilies know, but often starting early summer.

### **Survival Tip #2**

By Camptonville Prepared!

### **Quick and Simple Emergency Lighting**

In an emergency, a crayon can be used as a quick lighting solution. Once lit, a crayon will burn between 8 and 30 minutes. You will need something to light it with, of course, so keep matches handy. Put the lit crayon in a glass jar for safety. A crayon can be used as an emergency fire starter too.



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## **Parents' Corner**

### *Haikus - On Children*

By Marcy Risque

*Wake up to the clock  
Bleary-eyed, drive you to school  
Again...say good-bye*

*Pushing and pulling,  
We grapple with a mirror  
Reflection of us*

*Loving, letting go  
How much shall I sacrifice?  
Give and give and give some more*

*Flashes of temper  
A momentary bursting  
Of white lightning*

*You are with your friend  
I think of calling, again  
But you must move on*

*You're playing soccer  
I am watching you proudly  
These moments won't last*

*You, in soccer now  
If only life was like this  
Simple as a game*

Parents' Corner is a monthly place to share poems, books, articles, music, recipes and viewpoints. We welcome contributions! Please email Marcy: marcy@sierrayoga.net.



## The Value of Volunteers

By Sandy Ross

*"Remember that the happiest people are not those getting more, but those giving more." — H. Jackson Brown Jr.*

Simply put, community volunteers and mentors are a blessing that enable small towns to thrive. During the 2013-14 school year, Camptonville students have been given priceless opportunities through the generosity of volunteers.

*Trout in the Classroom* – One parent volunteer literally brought the watershed to our classrooms. Regine Miller worked tirelessly with several agencies including CCP, The Yuba County Water Agency, E.C. Powell Fly Fisher's Club, Trout Unlimited, and Kathy & Greg Payne to coordinate teacher training and the attainment of two aquariums and chillers for studying the life cycle of trout. Due to her belief in the program, students have been gifted with a priceless hands-on learning environment.

*Excellent Electives* – Our school's new elective program was a hit with 3rd - 8th graders. Each Thursday, classes were taught by community volunteers and staff with expertise in various areas. Each trimester students picked from 4 to 6 different offerings that sparked their interests. These amazing volunteers made it possible: Mrs. Matson - Art; Stan Lathrop - Garage Band & Stop Motion Videos; Greg Parker - Leather Work; Patsy Prout - Crafts; Jesse Wilcox - Garden; and Lucille Rovnak - Yoga.

*Cougar Sports: Flag Football and Basketball* – The Cougar Coaches who took time away from their busy lives to teach, mentor, and coach student athletes get my most heartfelt thanks! Starting with Flag Football in the Fall, Coach Nehemiah Elliott and assistant Bill Miller, rocked the football field. Eric Querequincia and Jeff Ledson coached our 5th-8th grade basketball team. Thank you gentleman for your patience, perseverance, and for the countless hours of practices and games you gave to our kids!

Please attend our May 14 Awards Assembly at 8:45 am to honor these and many more Camptonville School Volunteers.

## A Special Thanks from Connie's Critters

By Connie Gross

As I begin this letter, I am filled with mixed feelings at closing my daycare center, Connie's Critters. I love our little community and the people in it. I have always had a special place in my heart for our littlest community members, which is why, in 2010, I started Connie's Critters. My day care was openly accepted, supported and encouraged in our community, and I have been blessed to be a part of many families and wonderfully supportive community groups. As Connie's Critters closes its doors I am filled with a feeling of sadness for all that I will miss, but my heart is happy to know that I will finally be able to spend more time with my husband, Mike.

Before I relocate to Quincy with my husband in June, I want you all to know how much my family and I appreciate all your support and love. We are all grateful to have been a part of Camptonville for so many years, starting from the beginning with the *1, 2, 3 Grow* Program all the way up to today. Thank you for trusting the care of your children to me and giving me a chance to get to know and love them all. They are what I will miss the most.

I also want to give a special thanks to Camptonville School and Camptonville Community Partnership for their continuous support and just being there to help me with all of my concerns and needs.

During this bittersweet moment I am mostly thankful for the wonderful memories and friends I have made. I have been honored to be a part of such a generous, strong and loving community. I will always look back on these years and smile and know that I have made lasting relationships and special bonds.

With Love, Connie Gross.



*Connie with children, families and staff in the early days of the 123 Grow Program*



## Meet Your Local . . .

From time to time we would like to tell our readers about people and places we discover around our area. We are often pleasantly surprised to find an interesting story.

## Lake Francis Resort

By Rochelle Bell

We no longer meander through the small town of Dobbins on our way to occasional shopping forays in the valley. The store, school, post office and Grange are still there, but it is easy to forget that and whiz down the improved highway that now bypasses the town site. We recently rediscovered Lake Francis and have enjoyed some quiet midweek swims and kayak adventures on the calm lake (no motors allowed).

Not having any kids to send to camp for a special week in the woods, we didn't pay much attention to the resort itself. We knew a good meal could be had at the Palace Restaurant tucked in the corner of the patio there. We had admired the western styled campus. Curiosity finally got us to find out what else was going on.

We ended up spending some delightful time with Darby Johnson, Camp Director. She explained there is a public campground and also a summer camp for kids ages 7-16. The program sounds like lots of quality fun. Camp Rockin' U is owned and operated by Environmental Alternatives, a non-profit foster family agency based in Quincy. They do family placement and operate several group homes. Their non faith based philosophy is innovative and focuses on the foster parents as the powerful influence on children. They provide extensive guidance for their foster families.

All the profits from the businesses at the resort help support the foster agency. So, stop by and know that what you spend there goes to a good cause. Camp details are at [www.camprockingu.com](http://www.camprockingu.com). The restaurant dinner hours are Thursday through Sunday 4 – 8 pm. Breakfast and lunch are also served Saturday and Sunday.



## Have You Checked out Camptonville's On-Line Calendar Yet?

-Editor

Our on-line Community Calendar (<http://www.camptonville.com/calendar/month.php>) not only lists classes, events and meetings in Camptonville each month, but also gives details about time, place and further information - very helpful if you're looking for something to do, or planning a future event and want to be sure the date is clear. Email Traci Martin to get your item on the calendar at [stevetraci2011@gmail.com](mailto:stevetraci2011@gmail.com).

## Yuba River Ranger District

By Betty Leffew



Campgrounds along Hwy 49 to Wild Plum are to open April 25, except Ramshorn. You can make reservations at [Recreation.gov](http://Recreation.gov) or call 1-877-444-6777. Bullards Bar campgrounds, boat ramps, and trails are open. No estimate yet when the dock will be put in. Dogwood, redbud and some wildflowers are blooming.

The fuelwood season for the Yuba River Ranger District is April 17 to December 31, 2014. Cutting of standing dead hardwood is permitted from May 1 to November 1 only.

The price per cord is still \$15 with a 2-cord minimum and 10-cord maximum per household. We will also send you mail-in applications. Carefully study maps accompanying the permits to see which areas are closed. Woodcutters are responsible for knowing the daily fire restrictions. The following day's information is on a recorded message after 5 pm at 288-3231. Try to get your wood in early in case fire restrictions limit woodcutting, due to potential fire danger this summer.

**Dooryard burn permits are required May 1st.** You must check with the Department of Air Quality or the ranger station for burn day status.

Rainfall for April, 2014 is 1.54 inches, bringing our season total to 33.20 inches. Last year's total was 39.11 inches. Not looking good so please use extreme caution as things dry out.



## Trout in the Classroom

By Regine Miller



What an exciting time at Camptonville School! The Trout in the Classroom (TIC) program is off and running. As part of the Reading Marathon kick-off, students learned to tie a "Woolly Bugger" and fly cast. Thank you to the volunteers who made this possible. It was great fun and the perfect way to prepare for the arrival of the school's trout eggs.

Soon after the kick-off, Greg and Kathy Payne of Yuba City delivered the school's aquariums and equipment, and provided assistance to the program coordinator and teachers. The teachers and students then welcomed the arrival of the eggs on March 26. Yes, the students and their teachers are now proud trout "parents"! Bill Copren, of Feather River Chapter of Trout Unlimited (FRTU), in coordination with many other FRTU volunteers delivered to the school the eggs that originated from the Shasta hatchery.

Students and teachers are now tending to tanks and eggs as they observe egg development and eagerly wait for them to hatch as alevin. When ready, they will release the fry into Bullards Bar Reservoir as permitted by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. These trout are triploids, meaning they are sterile and intended to be released without a genetic impact to native fish populations.

As part of TIC, the 6-8 grade students will conduct science projects that pertain to the program and aquatic resources. Additionally, the K-2 and 6-8 grade students will meet with the South Yuba River Citizens League and the Sierra Streams Institute in the field to learn about aquatic macroinvertebrates and water quality.

On behalf of Camptonville School and FRTU, thank you to the Camptonville School Parents Club, Camptonville School, Camptonville Community Partnership, E.C. Powell Fly Fishers Club, and Yuba County Water Agency who have generously provided funding. In addition, thank you to Bill Copren and Greg and Kathy Payne who donated their time and expertise. Taken together, these contributions have provided for the equipment, teacher support, and coordination to implement TIC in a first-class fashion. The students will continue to grow to care about their watershed and have fun while doing so.



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## Trial of Juanita

By John Deaderick



In the town of Downieville, there is a small historical marker "In Memory of Juanita," placed there by E. Clampus Vitus. It tells the story of the hanging in 1851 of Juanita, a young Mexican woman. The events surrounding the trial and hanging are the subject of a play, written by Camptonville playwright John Deaderick, performed at the Colfax High School on May 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10 at 7 pm, with 2 pm matinees on the 3rd and 10th. Tickets may be reserved at [www.colfaxpac.org](http://www.colfaxpac.org).



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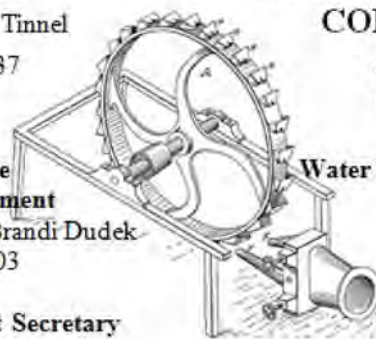
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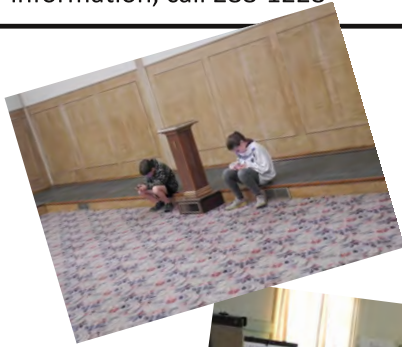


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Thanks to Rod Bondurant for the photos of the Community Center Meeting.



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-DVSAC Crisis (Nevada Co)	272-3467
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Mental Health 24hr Crisis line (Yuba)	673-8255
NAMI –Support for mental illness	272-7863


*(Contact Editor for additions or corrections)*

Be yourself -  
everyone else is already taken

- Oscar Wilde

**Correction to article about the NSJ Center Thursday**

**lunch:** The price of \$3 is given to those 60 and older, not 62 as stated. All others can enjoy the meal for \$7.



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### May School Calendar

- May 1 Club Live Talent/Trash Fashion Show, 6 pm, CV Sch.
- May 5 Educators Who Make A Difference Awards,  
 - 4 pm at the Yuba County Gov't Center, Marysville
- May 9 Family Game Night & Dance, 6-8 pm at CV School
- May 10 Club Live Bake Sale at the Plant Sale, 10 am – 12 noon
- May 12 Yuba County Track Meet, 1 pm, (6th-8th grades)
- May 14 Awards Assembly, 8:45 am  
 - Minimum Day Dismissal/ Staff Develop., 12:45 pm
- May 20 Site Council Meeting, 3 pm
- May 21 School Board Meeting, 6 pm
- May 23 Snow Day – No School
- May 26 Memorial Day – No School
- May 28 Science Fair (K-2/6-8), Times TBA
- May 27 K Round-up & Parent Meeting, 11:15-11:45 am

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### May, 2014 Community Calendar

- 1 Camptonville's Got Talent, 6 pm, C'V School  
 Trial of Juanita, May 1,2,3,8,9,10, Colfax H.S.
- 6 WSMC Health Van, 10 am - 3 pm, Masonic Lodge
- 7 Community Cntr Steer. Com., Mason Lodge, 7 pm
- 10 Plant Sale, 9:30 am - 2:30 pm, Rebel Ridge field
- 11 Scotch Broom Breakfast, 8 am - 12, North San Juan
- 17 Life & Times of Black Bart, 2 pm, C'V School  
 Appreciation Potluck for Mark Jokerst
- 18 John Muir, 8:30 am, NSJ Methodist Church
- 19 CCP Board Meeting, 5 pm, Resource Center  
 CCSD Board Meeting, 7 pm, C'V School
- 21 CCP Job Application deadline, 12:30 pm
- 30 Facilitation Tools Workshop, 10am-4pm, O.H.
- 31 Mexican Fiesta, 5 pm -?, NSJ Center

#### Save the Date

June 28 Camptonville Country Faire

#### On-Going Weekly Events

- Mondays: Yoga/Pilates, 9 am, NSJ Center
- Tuesdays: Organic Lunch, 12 pm, NSJ Center  
 Yoga, 5:30 pm, C'V School Gym
- Thursdays: Community Lunch, 12 pm, NSJ Center  
 Food Bank (Fed), 3rd Thurs, 8 am, Dobbins, L.F.Grange  
 Food Bank (Local), All other Thurs, 1 pm, Dobbins Grange  
 Food Bank (NSJ) 2nd Thurs, 8 am, NSJ Center  
 Grower's Market 2:30-5:30 pm, at Burgee Dave's  
 AA Meeting, 6:30 - 7:30 pm, C'V Resource Center
- Fridays: Bingo, 1st & 3rd Friday, 7 pm, NSJ Center

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