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Eggs exceptional

By Rochelle Bell

It has been estimated that over 100 people enjoyed the Easter Egg Hunt this year. The Granny's Club pulled off another big winner along with lots of volunteers from the community. The day was certainly full of good times for all ages at the Lost Nugget location. Ambrosia drove the Easter Bunny in on a fire truck. Tasha and Erica were busy bunny helpers along with Flo, Barbara Hogan, and Terry from Willies Pizza.

Thanks to the local business' for their generous donations. The Granny's managed to make some money for next year by raffling off two Easter Baskets, selling food and of course from the bake sale. Thank you Granny's Club and friends. Camptonville appreciates you!

Don't miss it
Plant Sale & Flea Market

This Saturday, May 1st at Rebel Ridge
Market

Burn permits required May 1st.
See page 9



Photo courtesy of Heather Donesky

E Script comes to town

By Ruth Schwartz, E Script Coordinator

The Camptonville School Site Council is concerned about having enough money in the coming years to sponsor such activities such as field trips to Lassen, Headlands, Monterey, Yosemite, and other science camps, Club Live conferences, end of year picnic, graduation programs and more. ... E Script is a fundraising program to help pay for these activities without costing you any money.

When you and your family members each register with E Script, every time you shop with your debit/credit cards at participating merchants, you make money for the school. This is a donation from the merchant. It costs you nothing. And E Script is a secure program.

Some of the nearby merchants participating in the program are: Big 5 Sporting Goods, Safeway, Big O Tires, Payless Shoe Source, Round Table Pizza, and many other national and online merchants. A full list is available at the school and through me. Anyone can go to the E Script website and sign up. (www.eScrip.com and then go to the "sign up" button and enter Camptonville under the organization to get to our sign up.) If you don't have access to the internet, you can mail the form available at the school. Or I will gladly do it for you. Call me at 288-0816. Tell your family, friends and neighbors to support Camptonville School in this easy way. The Site Council and the kids thank you.

Everyone can do it

By Judy Morris

You can do it, whether you are physically able or not, there's no excuse any longer; we can all join in the fight against cancer. You all can support "The Home Team" Camptonville Buddies, Relay For Life by logging onto this web site www.cancer.org/relayonline This is the Nevada County web site that people can log onto to join a team or to donate to team members. Once you log on, you will need to enter a zip code, use 95945 which is for Grass Valley; then click on Nevada County. Look for Camptonville Buddies Team and either join our team or simply donate to one of the listed team members.

Relay For Life is a 24 hr. event starting 10 am Sat. June 5th until 10am Sun. June 6th raising money for American Cancer Society and awareness for all to learn more about preventing & surviving cancer. If you enjoy walking and shopping outdoors around the Nevada County Fairgrounds then this is an event you want to be at. Hope you will join us and help find the cure for cancer.

Camptonville Buddies Team #5 will have a booth at the May 1st Flea Market at Rebel Ridge 9am to 3pm. Come shop locally, your neighbor's 'throw-aways' could be the 'treasure' you have been looking for. All proceeds will go to American Cancer Society. For further information on the flea market or Relay For Life please call Judy or Paula at 288-1228.

Reward

Reward will be given for the return of tools stolen from my home above town April 25th. No questions asked. Call Carol at 288-3558

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Cat Step Waltz

By Robert Mumm

Cross footed by my over loving cat
in lost equilibrium
My dancing steps
yet save the day no crash occurs
Fool I say
you will kill us both
I like a tree will fall and break my head
your small body crushed beneath
He thinks a good ankle rub
will fix it all with some purring

Faster than light
he comes
In mid stride
we tangle
Fast footwork is my only hope
to avert disaster
Yet I fear his folly
will be our undoing
Why can't he see the danger
in this reckless game

This reckless game he plays
in such high spirits
It is my only hope that as my footsteps
slow in future years
His mad dash will be less fast
so together we can waltz without breakage
Life's music slows in time
if only we my cat and I can hear the same
drummer

You may not like how it looks.....

By Judy Morris

But come fire season I know I will feel a little safer. I'm talking about the recent control burns performed on Marysville Rd. & Moonshine Rd. I would like to thank and congratulate the staff of the U.S. Forest Service, North Yuba Ranger District for completing this task safely and in a professional manner. Personnel responsible for traffic control on Moonshine during heavy smoke were very polite and communicated what we needed to do in a professional manner.

Control burns are a very controversial subject and like most 'things' in ones life that we don't like, are usually a necessary thing that needs to be done. Kudos to a job done well.

Gathering of authors/poets

Dear friend,

You're invited to the 2nd annual "Gathering of authors/poets in Alleghany at the Red Star Café, Casey's Place, the Underground Mining Museum (general store), and at Bud & Joe-Ann's home 123 Main Street.

Time: 11am to 3pm

Place: Alleghany

Date: Saturday, May 8th and Sunday May 9th.

Authors/poets/writers at the Red Star will read their poetry and passages from their writings.

Author Clint Walker (movie actor) will join us with his new book Yaqui Gold. Tune in to KNCO Monday, May 3rd at 12 noon to hear an interview with Clint.

If you have any questions please contact:

Joe-Ann Buczkowske at 530-287-3287

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Yuba River Conservancy

By Michael Mahler, Project Manager

The Yuba River Conservancy is a group of interested private businesses, private and public organizations, governmental entities and individuals. The Conservancy exists to ensure and enhance the quality of life and sustainable economic and environmental viability of the Lower Yuba River Watershed by protecting and enhancing wildlife habitat, recreational opportunity, and agriculture along the river corridor. By encouraging responsible business activities and orderly growth and through cooperation and collaboration, we support preservation of natural habitat, farmland, historical and cultural resources via advocacy, research, education, and public awareness of local natural resource issues.

See www.yubariverconservancy.org.


CERT news

By Audrey Bowman

Sacramento Gets Communications Response Vehicle (CRV) The American Red Cross was given 8 Excursions by the Ford Motor Company for use in Disaster Services. These vehicles have been designated for Disaster Communications and have all the leading edge technologies in communications on board. They are placed strategically around the United States for fast response in times of need. As the Red Cross is the congressionally mandated agency to act in times of disaster, these vehicles will be a great resource when normal communications fail.

Each vehicle is designed to support both Red Cross communications, and the specialized communications of public safety agencies including fire departments, police departments, FEMA, Civil Air Patrol, search and rescue, FBI, and many others. The vehicle can operate as a "cross band" repeater between any two radio systems. This means that, for example, two independent fire districts could be dynamically linked together during an emergency situation.

There are three of these vehicles on the West coast - Phoenix, AZ, Sacramento, CA and Spokane, WA. We are very fortunate to have one of these vehicles so close to Camptonville. For more information on the CRV please visit http://www.emcomm.org/red_cross/



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A last gasp

By Robert Mumm

About the Pelton Green Energy Festival. As you may know, it has withered for lack of community interest and those of us most involved couldn't support the effort alone. This doesn't mean however that it isn't one of the most potentially important ideas to come along for many years.

If one or several of you folks wish to step in and work with it I will be able to devote a small amount of time and effort to it and would love to do so. There is a stack of information and contacts which I have gathered and are available to build upon. There are also two floats which might be put to use and which will be dismantled this fall if no one shows an interest in them.

I hope very much that there are people willing to take this project on and work for the betterment of the community. You can count on help from me if you do.

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by JEANNIE 288-0220

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CanWORK helps educate and advocate

By Cathy LeBlanc

Five CanWORK parents will join with youth and the Yuba Community Collaborative for Healthy Children and others to participate in a march and rally at the State Capitol on May 12th. We will also plan to visit our legislators Senator Sam Aanestad and Rick Keene to discuss health care cuts to the state budget. We will be part of a huge group 1,000 planned participants that include AARP, Health Access, Women's Health Leadership, Food advocates and more.

I have a question. I would like to know how the average Camptonvillian feels about a sales tax increase. Would the average tax paying purchaser mind a sales tax increase of one cent, if they knew that this penny on the dollar would go to support health programs from being cut from our state budget? These would include cuts to dental coverage for low-income adults or enrollment caps that would keep 159,000 children from being allowed Healthy Families Insurance. Healthy Families insurance is a co-pay health insurance program that is aimed at the average working family, like mine.

So do your advocate a favor, if you have the time, please call the resource center and leave me a message as to your opinion 288-9355.

If you would like to be better informed on this issue please go to www.health-access.org or www.100percentcampaign.org.

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Roots & Shoots answers:

By Audrey Bowman

Just What Are "Poetry Stones?"

There has been a buzz around Camptonville; people asking "What ARE Poetry Stones?" The idea for Poetry Stones came from magnetic poetry: those little magnets with one word on each of them that you can stick to your fridge or file cabinet and make up sayings, sentences, and such. Then someone came up with the idea of making words in cement "bricks" for the garden. People could write out favorite sentiments, sayings and label things on the Poetry Stones and use them around their garden. For example, your favorite herbs might be marked with "lavender" or "basil". You can also add labels to your garden such as "Welcome to my hummingbird garden" or "bat crossing". Single words like "peace" and "bliss" have also been popular. Your imagination is the limit to what can be created!

We take special orders and make you lovely custom stones. Our Poetry Stones are made from a special extra durable cement that we carefully dye in colors such as terra cotta, red and black (contrasts nicely with the red soil). The stones are made by Roots & Shoots members and all the money goes to the kids' program. We hope to earn enough to build bird and bat houses, take field trips, and buy some craft supplies. Roots & Shoots is not funded by any organization and we rely completely on donations and fundraising such as the Poetry Stone sale.

The Poetry Stones are now being sold through the Resource Center 288-9355 and will also be available at the May 1st Plant, Book and Clothing Sale at Rebel Ridge Market. Please consider buying one of these beautiful handmade treasures for your garden.



Bird watching

Unfortunately we did not get many calls for our bird count-but it is amazing to see what we came up with. The most exciting was while driving to the Camptonville post office we saw two bald eagles flying above our car. Cow Birds, Western Flycatchers, Bush Tits, Stellar jays, Juncos, Robins, Ruby-Throated Hummingbirds, Downy and Pileated Woodpeckers, Mourning Doves, Bullock's Orioles, Northern Flickers (red shafted), Turkey Vultures, and Warblers (hard to identify which kind) hang out in Camptonville.

If you'd like to attract Orioles to your yard-they love orange slices and grape jelly! Did you know you can make your own hummingbird nectar for your feeders? Boil one cup water with 1/4 cup white sugar for a few minutes, let cool, and fill your feeder! No need to add coloring. Be sure to change nectar every 3-4 days and rinse your feeder well.

Next month-wildflowers! Call us with the wildflowers that grow in your yard-288-3512.

Happy Birding-Foothillbillie and the Boys(Barn Owl Barn Owl Century Mix and Ranger Will)

Speaking of flowers, check out our cemetery this month



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Recovery news

By Nancy Niccoli

“Making the Journey of Recovery Brochure”

This brochure provides helpful tips on starting and continuing on your journey to recovery. It also offers words of hope from other people who have made or are making the journey.

YOUR RECOVERY

All of us are unique. What works for one person may not work for another. But one thing is true for everyone: The more you know about your illness and treatment choices, the more ready you'll be to make the decisions that are right for you. You can control your illness and your life. With the help of friends, family, health professionals, and support groups, you can recover.

Recovery opens the door to the rest of your life! It is up to you to get started on your journey of recovery. Your future is waiting.

For more information on “MAKING THE JOURNEY OF RECOVERY”, contact the National Mental Health

Association 1-800-969-6642, or Website www.nmha.org.

Also, copies of the brochure are available at the Camptonville Resource Center, or call 530-288-9355, and we will send a copy to you.


Mental health news

By Nancy Niccoli, Mental Health Program Assistant

May is Mental Health Month; next month marks the 53rd anniversary of the creation of Mental Health Month by the National Mental Health Association (NMHA). This year's theme is “Mental Health Matters Every Day”. Mental health is fundamental to a person's overall health. It is essential to personal well-being and the ability to lead a healthy, balanced, and productive life. Mental health problems can impair a person's thinking, feeling, and behavior, and can be serious and disabling. Yet, with effective treatment, people can live with serious mental health problems and still maintain a high quality of life.

For more information regarding Mental Health Month, call 1-800-969-6642 or visit NMHA's Web site at www.nmha.org. For referrals to local mental health organizations and treatment facilities or to obtain free publications on mental health topics, contact SAMHSA's National Mental Health Information Center at (800) 789-2647.

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Twilight School

By Paula Sweeney

Twilight School was Tuesday, April 20th.

We had an open forum on spring gardening and folks shared their gardening successes & failures. The Camptonville Roots & Shoots group sold their garden stones and other goodies. Thanks to all who created those great garden stones!!

The Camptonville Buddies baked their hearts out and made some really yummy treats to sell and raise money for the Relay for Life. If you'd like to donate or participate in the Relay for Life to help fight cancer, please call Judy Morris @ 288-1228.

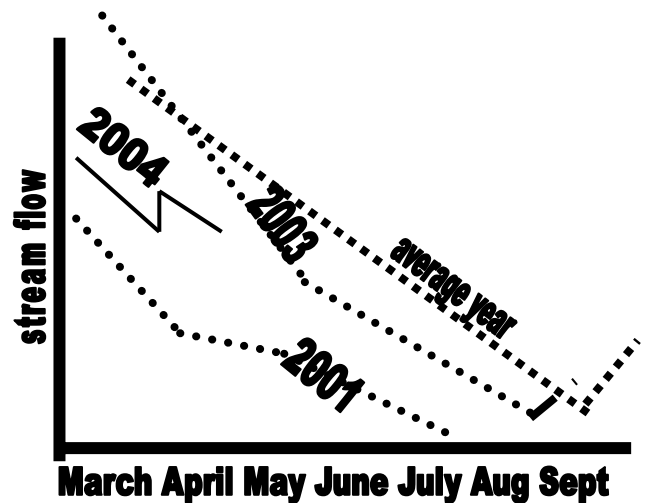
Thanks to all who came to share!

Next Twilight School is in the planning...If you'd like to help organize or have a class you'd like to teach, please call the Resource Center @ 288-9355. Watch for flyers!

Water; water everywhere, and not a drop to drink?

By Rod Bondurant, aka the water guy

I get tired of listening to my own whining about water shortages in town, and I'm sure you are too. But, here I go again. Campbell Gulch, the source of the town's water, is below average this spring. Right now, and through June and probably July we will, as usual, have more than we can use. Late summer and fall might be a problem.



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Kathy Dobbins resigns as Recovery Program Coordinator

I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for everyone who I have had contact with while being the Recovery Coordinator. I am resigning due to health issues that take priority at this time. Kathy

Keep an eye on the Courier for future recovery information. Looking for a sponsor? Call Mike at 288-2849.

On-going weekly AA meeting is held on Tuesday nights 7-8:30pm at the Resource Center. 288-9355.

North Gold Senior Mountaineers news

By Carol Wenger

NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME
The North Gold Senior Mountaineer (NGSM) lodge is located on Highway 49 in North San Juan. We are always seeking new members to join our senior center. If you are 55 years of age or older, or 50 years of age, if disabled, you are always welcome to join us to meet new friends and neighbors and enjoy our weekly Tuesday luncheon. Please call John Skoverski at 292-3315, or stop by at the NGSM lodge any Tuesday at 12 pm to enroll.

SENIOR LUNCH EVERY TUESDAY.

Lunch will be served every Tuesday at 12:00 noon. Please make reservations in advance by signing the reservation list at the front desk at the lodge, or by calling John Skoverski at 292-3315 no later 5:00 p.m. the Sunday evening prior to Tuesday lunch.

On the second Sunday of almost every month we will be having our **Monthly Breakfast**. Due to Mothers Day in May, our next scheduled breakfast will be on **June 13th**. We welcome anyone who would like to join us, and look forward to seeing you.

Breakfast Menu
2 Eggs (made to order) 2 Pancakes or Waffles Sausage or Ham or Biscuits and Gravy Sausage Orange Juice and Coffee Donation Adults \$4.00 Children \$2.50

SENIOR MEMBER FUN NIGHT is hosted on the last Friday of the month. Our next Senior Fun Night is Friday, May 28th and in June, it will be on the 25th. Please bring a dish for our potluck and after dinner we play cards, games or just visit. Come join us.

EXERCISE WITH SUE on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. at the NGSM lodge.

Courier Classified

Free classified ads. Call 288-3550 to place yours.

Wanted: someone to split rounds for firewood. Call Mac at 288-0707

Tool sale lots of hand and air/electric tools and Free utility bed for ¾ ton pickup. Some rust but usable. Call Mac at 288-0707 for info.

Estate/yard sale: May 1 & 2 at the home of Elsie LeBlanc from 9AM till 2- ish, 13071 Moonshine Road, Camptonville. There are many treasures from a lifetime. Tools, furniture, jewelry, kitchenware, clothes (including vintage stuff), etc.

Downieville Ranger District

By Betty Leffew

With the weather getting hotter, more people will be enjoying the lakes and rivers. The rivers are high and moving fast. Great for kayaking. Please use caution, especially with small children near the waters edge.

The campgrounds are open along Hwy 49, from Indian Valley to Wild Plum. Dark Day campground, at Bullards Bar, is expected to be open sometime this summer. The Dark Day overflow parking area is open. Reconstruction work will be occurring at Indian Valley campground but it is expected to be open most of the summer.

Fuelwood season opens May 4, 2004 on the Tahoe National Forest. Permits can be purchased at any ranger station. Permits will be sold through mid November. The price per cord is still \$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 will 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. A portion of the Pendola Fire area will be open to woodcutting. Try to get your wood in early in case fire restrictions limit woodcutting.

Dooryard burn permits are now due. 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. We have had little rain in March and April so expect things to dry out fast. Rainfall for April 2004 is 1.41 inches bringing our season total to 45.12 inches. Last year's total was 56.48 inches. Please use extreme caution as things dry out.

MAY CALENDAR:

Saturday, May 1	Plant sale 9 to noon, flea market 9 to 3 at the Rebel Ridge market.
Saturday May 8 & 9	Gathering of authors/poets in Alleghany
Wednesday May 12	March and rally at the State Capitol
Tuesday nights	Ongoing AA meeting

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