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Rebel Ridge Day

By Jeanie Costa

It's that time of year again when the Rebel Ridge Day Celebration gives us all a reason to come out and see our neighbors and help out our local service groups.

On Saturday September 8th from 9am until ?, there will be lots of fun, food, music, and friendly faces. We will be raffling off great prizes and the profits will be shared by the Volunteer Fire Department, Journey Home Hospice and the North Gold Senior Mountaineers.

Booth spaces are available for \$10 (free to nonprofits). We'll have our usual horseshoe tournament, and activities for the kids.

Please come and lend a hand. We are looking for community support and volunteers to help get the show on the road. We are also looking for donations from the community to make this event a success.

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Also. Don't forget to keep cleaning off your roofs and gutters.

Back to school in 1,2,3 Grow!

By Marcy Kime

We've only had 2 sessions this week, and already we're back in the swing of things. Barbara put the classroom back together after having to completely disassemble it, and it looks great, more functional for our program's needs this year. We already have thirteen students enrolled and I spoke to two more with an interest today to join our program...so once again we are growing! I am so glad to see our program flourish!

First I'd like to welcome two new people in our program; Joey Bigley and his grandmother Rosette. Welcome, it's nice to have a couple of new faces to join our already familiar ones.

It was so refreshing to hear from Jeanne Black (who works with Mrs. Furlong in K-1) that this was the first year that all of the students know how to write their names and know their alphabet; four of those kindergarteners are from the 1,2,3 Grow Program.

We are still looking for someone to work nine hours a week in the classroom. This person must love even the wildest of children, enjoy playing with pirates and princesses, have the patience of a saint, and have a clean background check! If you feel you have all of these qualities, and would like to join our energetic team please stop by the Resource Center (in the old high school building behind the school) and fill out an application. This position is open and needs to be filled a.s.a.p.

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Got sports?

By Scott Spackman

Although it has been 15 years since my teenage years, I vividly remember playing pick-up games of mud football as the first rains of fall greeted us. Only a year ago, I was playing on a co-ed softball team; however, the commitment of going into town for games became too much of a burden. Basketball is fun, too, but you need at least a handful of people to have an exciting game.

I have been asking around to see if there would be any interest in developing some sort of sports group for youth and adults alike here in the Camptonville area, and it sounds like there may be enough interest to put some basketball and football games together. If there were enough people, softball might even be an option. I was talking to Cathy L. at the Farmers' Market today, and she said there used to be a softball league of sorts which used a field up in Pike for games. Give me a call if you have any interest in playing semi-organized sports on weekends or evenings. Scott Spackman 288-3612.

Fire Department News

By Ned Cusato

I would like to introduce myself I am Ned Cusato the new Chief of the Camptonville Volunteer Fire Department. I have been in the fire department for 8 years. I would like to take this opportunity to invite community involvement with some new volunteers, firefighters, operators with class B or class A license, and medical aides. We will train you. Those interested in joining the department can call me at 288-1015 for more details.

Other news in the department, we had 4 medical calls and one mutual aid to Downieville for a motorcycle accident in the month of July.

Thank you,
Edward Cusato

Back to school in 1,2,3 Grow!

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Watch for our upcoming events; we hope to have a car seat safety check this fall as well as many other informative and interesting health topics each month.

The parents will be working on at least one quilt for the annual Holiday Craft Faire in December, as well as many other unique items. We are starting early this year to make a bundle of quality items to sell towards our goal of \$2000 parent funds to raise this year. Another fundraiser we will be taking part in is the Rebel Ridge Days on September 8th...look for our booth full of quality used items and yummy baked goods, we'll be there with some good deals! All of the money we raise goes towards keeping our program open in an area with very few other options for young children to partake in.

At this time, as many people know, the 1,2,3 Grow Program operates under CCP with most of our funding coming from grants. Currently we are covered through June 2008, and after that we are looking for alternative ways of operating; a way to sustain our program without having to go hunting for grants. As the program manager this is a task highest on my list, so if you have any ideas that might help our program, or have heard of other programs that are operating without charging families astronomical fees to have their children attend, please share; contact Marcy at 288-9355.

If you want to stop by and check out our program, please do so Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, 9-11:30am, or you can always call 288-9355 to find out more information as well.

Water News

By Rod Bondurant

We're hangin' in there. Still not using the wells. It is so nice to go down and visit the diversion dam and hear water running and feel the coolness. The creek flow is, as of Aug 26, 75 GPM. That's down about 25% from the beginning of the month but enough to keep us full for now.

Crepe Day successful and tasty

By The Crepe Crew

The wonderful Gardener's Market, held every Saturday in August and September at the Rebel Ridge Store, was the site of Camptonville's first-ever Crepe Day celebration. Mimi Mills and Stephanie Korney cooked sweet and savory crepes for a very appreciative crowd of market-goers. Fresh, homemade, organic ingredients – eggs, cheese, and veggies from Avalon Gardens, a local farm - made the crepes as healthful as they were delicious. Breakfasters chose from three types of crepes: a stir-fry vegetable medley, Gold Rush peach, and a tropical blend organic chocolate, coconut, and banana.

Proceeds from the crepe sale went to benefit the Camptonville Community Partnership (CCP) and the Camptonville Historical Society (CHS). The cooks want to thank Shirley and Rita for lugging the tables from the Resource Center and helping to set up and clean up. Thanks too to Dick DickKard for getting the plates and silverware and to the Rebel Ridge Store for providing some necessary supplies on the spur of the moment. And very special thanks to Carolyn Mumm for donating those excellent peaches fresh from her garden.

If you missed the feast at the Market, you'll have another chance to sample the crepes at Rebel Ridge Day on Saturday, September 8, where a portion of the proceeds will again benefit the CCP and history society. See you there! Also, crepes will be available at the market for the remainder of September.



Stephanie, Jory, and Mimi cooking up crepes.

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A Hospice love letter from Colorado

From Georgeann Savage

It is said a society's, or community's, health is measured by how it cares for its young, old and infirm. the least among us.

From my new home in Colorado, I'm writing this Hospice love letter to my former home of 30 years. Camptonville expresses its values in so many meaningful and effective ways. What a generous little town! I know this because of my 7 year experience with Journey Home Volunteer Hospice.

In 2000, when the organizing began, in the state of California there was no such animal as a 'Hospice House'. Not in ANY community, with the exception of Zen Hospice in San Francisco, unless it was affiliated with a hospital or nursing home. It existed as a dream.

Journey Home Volunteer Hospice is a 501c3 non-profit organization, a registered California Charity and it has no steady, reliable stream of financial support. Hospice services are provided to your community at no cost to patients or their families. It exists to assist people who choose to remain in their home at the end of life, successfully. If they are able, generous patient families make donations in the memory of their loved one in gratitude for the care received. The term 'on a shoestring' comes to mind. Director Joan Journey, RN., is a volunteer. In the truest sense of the word!

Joan is also my hero. I had the privilege of learning what I know about Hospice work at her side. She is that exceptionally rare person who is consistent in her dedication to advocating for the dying. She does the really hard work, as a nurse and administrator. Her day job is clinical manager for Sutter North Hospice in Marysville, and Camptonville is fortunate to be served by her professionalism.

I remain amazed by that fact.

I have finished my training at Hospice del Valle in Alamosa, CO, 50 miles to the south. I'm the only volunteer in my town of 450 souls, who's demographic favors the '50+' category. When I tell new friends and colleagues about the Hospice services available in C'ville, they are surprised, impressed. And a 'Hospice Lodging'? What a rare and special opportunity! The dream came true. It stands and serves your community as a hard fought for expression of the deep commitment at the core of JHVH - to help people at the end of life make that transition in a safe, comfortable, compassionate environment. And not alone.

Most of us occasionally reassess our role here on this planet. Volunteerism seems to be an answer for some. For others, it's about sharing the bounty by contributing to an organization that has made a positive impact on their lives and hearts. I stopped being shy about being a do-gooder-bleeding-heart-liberal-pinko long ago! Yes, it's o.k. to care about others. And yes, acting on that deeply felt impulse is o.k. too. If the need for Hospice services has not entered your life, ask around. You're sure to bump into a friend or neighbor who has had the experience.

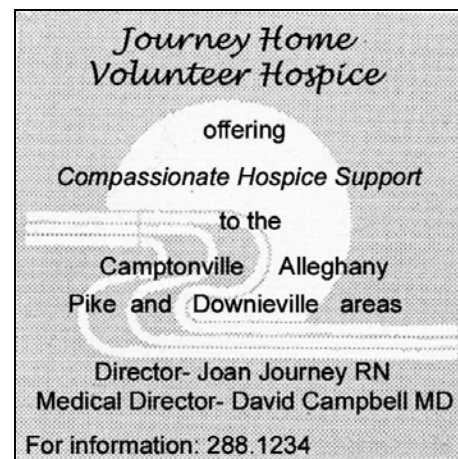
When medical rescue is no longer an option, what to do next can be extraordinarily hard to cope with on your own. Ask me. My 20 year life partner and friend, Bill, died last summer at the Hospice House, with Joan at his side. Though he lived alone, he did not have to die alone. I will be eternally grateful to Journey Home for that gift.

The story of JHVH, as I reflect on it with the advantage of time and experience, is a miracle. Closely followed by a lot of sweat and financial sacrifice. Hospice truly represents, dear Camptonville, one of the finest expressions of your community's humanity. ANY community's humanity. It is worthy of being treasured. And supported, however you choose to do that. We get to be born once, and die once. How we do both really, really matters.

My deepest loving appreciation to Joan, Jon, Cara & Joe, Ruby & Robert, Sharon and Cathy, for their kindness and invaluable support for Bill and me.

Ask me by writing my e.mail -
gsavage@centurytel.net

For info about Hospice, call 288.1234



Gardeners Market grows books

By Yakshi

If you've spent the last half decade at Saturday morning soccer events a hundred miles from Camptonville, you may have almost entirely missed (as I have) the Camptonville Gardeners Market at the Rebel Ridge Store. And as much as I enjoy watching those amazing young women on the soccer field, soccer is no substitute for garden ripe tomatoes, green beans, and fresh peaches. In short you and I would be missing something pretty amazing! So I am all the more humbled and grateful when, as the start of school rolls around each fall, I find a little plain white envelope among the schedules and reminder memos in my office mailbox.

Each fall as faithful as the deer eating the apples in my yard, the amazing folks who run the Gardeners Market distribute their profits to support the School Library and other community projects. An adequate thank you is hard to come up with. The ins and outs of school monies can be difficult to follow, let alone understand, but money for the actual books that fill the shelves of a library is generally harder to come by than the money for the shelves or the paint on the walls. So every year we have Reading Marathons and book fairs to raise funds for those precious bound pages and every year that little envelope appears in my box. In the past it has supported the leadership conference when they came up short of funds, 1, 2, 3 Grow activities, but the vast majority year after year has simply put new books on the shelves and in the hands of students. The new Caldecott and Newberry medal winning books are bought with Garden Market proceeds. Any time a local writer has a new book (from this year's \$233 we've already bought Izzi Tooinsky's Turkey Prince) or an author comes to visit our school, we use Gardeners Market money to make those purchases.

So here's to the gardeners, and to folks that stop by Rebel Ridge Store on Saturday mornings to purchase the fruits of their labors.

And for those of you who don't have sports events pulling you far from home on Saturday mornings, go check out what your neighbors are growing. As for me, even though this weekend's games are in Los Angeles, I see the green growing light at the end of the tunnel. She's a senior; she's

learning to drive; there is a stay-at-home Saturday somewhere in my future, maybe even a little veggie garden patch of my own, but certainly a lunch of fresh tomatoes on toast and certainly library shelves filled with new books that are the fruit of an incredibly generous community harvest.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!



Jimbo says,

The Gardeners Market is bigger and better than ever! We have more goodies and more customers, a record of 11 gardeners participated last Saturday. Come and check it out from 10am til Noon at the Rebel Ridge Market. Also, we are now selling fresh produce to Camptonville School for the cafeteria so the kids will be eating home grown organic food, which is great! Come on down we'll see you there!

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Community Planning Update

By Cathy LeBlanc

Members of the Camptonville Community Health Action Team (CHAT) met twice in August. Our main work was to examine what people have said so far in community surveys, interviews and focus groups. From this, we began to draw out a picture of Camptonville's Vision and Values based on the commonalities that existed. These Vision Statements will be the foundation of our Community Action Plan that we'll present to the Board of Supervisors in December, in preparation for the Yuba County General Plan update.

Here is a beginning list of some *themes* we are discovering about what our community values.

The over arching reason we all seem to be here is because of the natural beauty of Camptonville and all agree we want to keep it that way. We love our small town feel and we are freedom-based, valuing our independence *and* our interdependence. We also value:

Living in balance/harmony with our environment, and being stewards of our natural community (clean air, water, natural setting, health of the forest, etc).

Having a local place we can come together as a community (Community Center).

Local (some say limited, some say no) growth that reflects and supports our values, such as low density housing, being untouched by urban sprawl, having economic opportunities based on entrepreneurship, while keeping our small, rural feel.

Having a variety of energy efficient and economical means of travel that are safe for all ages, and include community trails that are interconnected to our resources.

Being connected to: local fresh foods, farmers markets, co-ops, high speed Internet and to each other.

We have invited folks from the Yuba County Planning Department to attend our September 19 CHAT meeting to discuss our General Plan process (5-7 pm). In a conversation with Dan Cucchi, Project Planner, Yuba County Planning Department, our common themes will help them understand our desire for Camptonville's future. It's like having a doorway for the future we may

never need to open, but it exists to help the County know where we stand. If you'd like to join the CHAT team or attend just this meeting, please call 288-9355 and ask for Cathy or Wendy. Childcare is available. Thanks.



The Chat team at work.

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Opportunities for *your* input to the Community Plan

Cathy LeBlanc and Shirley Dickard

The CHAT team has developed preliminary themes (see article above) for the Community Health Action Plan and Yuba County General Plan. Do you agree with our findings so far? Is there anything missing? You will have several opportunities to speak-up and have your voice heard. Come to:

September 8 - Rebel Ridge Days, at the Rebel Ridge Field. Look for our table with the *Doors to Our Future*. Those who provide input are entered into a \$25 cash raffle.

September 19 CHAT meeting, where the Yuba County Planning Department will give feedback on our process so far. (5-7 pm at the school. Call to confirm-288-9355).

TBA – 1st Community-wide dinner meeting will be held end of Sept or early October, so everyone can review plan to date.

November 7 – 2nd Community Dinner Meeting – to review final draft of Community Health Action Plan.


We will soon have our ongoing CHAT results posted on www.camptonville.com. For further information, call the Resource Center at 288-9355.

Camptonville School Board of trustees seeking applicants for open seat

By Tonie Hilligoss

The Camptonville Union Elementary School District is accepting letters of interest for a soon-to-be open seat on the Board of Trustees. Interested parties are asked to send a letter stating your reason(s) for wanting to serve on the Board, any experience you would bring to the position, and other factors you would like the Board to consider, i.e. being a parent of Camptonville School or 1,2,3 Grow students, representing an area of the community that is not currently represented, etc. Continuing board members live in the following areas: near the Marysville Road and Hwy. 49 intersection, Moonshine Road, Vista Point, and near the Moonshine and Marysville Road intersection.

Camptonville School has been recognized at the county, state, and national levels for its community-based approach to education, and that is largely due to the contributions of parents and others who live in the community served by the school. We are seeking candidates for the Board who are interested in continuing the school's tradition of inclusiveness and innovation. Please forward letters of interest by October 2nd to Arnold Olson, President of the Board, c/o Camptonville School, P.O. Box 278, Camptonville 95922.



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Chicken Chronicles

By Stephanie Ruff

Things are quickly changing here at the Rebel Hen Ranch. Lucie has gotten over being so incredibly nasty. Although she still gets first dibs on ALL food. Ruth on the other hand has taken on the nastiness and won't let the teens in the hen house at night she hides on the roost and when they try to enter she attacks them from above. I have to go out there and pretend to be a rooster-shrieking, crowing and bang on the house-carrying on like a complete lunatic. I'm sure the neighbors get a kick out of hearing me.

The teens are about 4 months old and have grown huge. They love to play "chase the cherry tomato" game. Very fun to watch indeed! Who needs TV? One of them looks like a rooster but we are not sure as he should be attempting to crow by now. He/she is not very intelligent-we've been calling him/her Gilligan.

The biggest news of all is Hazel has weaned the babies and has started laying eggs again-yea!!! She looks great too. I was beginning to worry about her. Her comb and wattles were dull, she lost weight and feathers. We dusted her with diatomaceous earth in case she had mites or lice. She did not like that one bit!! I sprayed the hen house with a pyrethium spray to kill any buggers in there and also applied the diatomaceous earth everywhere. She still looked terrible. I noticed all the bugs and food she was finding she gave to her kids. Now that she has weaned and is eating again she's grown back her feathers and they are really shiny. Her comb and wattles are bright red again too. Being that my flock free ranges during the day I was worried about internal parasites. I found a wonderful natural product called "wormguard plus"-you mix it in their food and it controls intestinal parasites. It contains food grade diatomaceous earth, flax, silica and pro-biotics. Maybe that helped too. If anyone is interested in purchasing some I, mail ordered from www.theholistichorse.com.

The babies are doing great however, one is definitely a rooster. I awoke one morning to a strange cackling sound that sounded kind of like a crowing and saying my name "Stephanie!!!!" at the same time. Very strange. It was my favorite little chick with the white chest. But now he is multi colored and leads his little flock around-too cute. We named him Banjo. I want him to be a bit bigger before finding him a new home so he can defend himself against a new flock. I will miss him.




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Children's Roundtable Report

By Cathy LeBlanc

I was on vacation in August, therefore, and did not attend the Children's Roundtable, but I will update you on the State Budget:

As of Tuesday August 21, 2007, the California State Senate approved the State budget and trailer Bills for year 2007-2008, passing it with a vote of 27-13 after 52 days of struggle. The budget is now with the Governor awaiting his signature. It is believed that Governor Schwarzenegger will use his Line item veto power and cut the budget by \$700 million more before he signs and it is officially *passed*.

In only 13 of the last 30 years, has the budget been on-time. The Governor and lawmakers agree there are huge problems in the budget process. The state's recurring imbalance between revenue and spending, top the list.

In a letter to the Governor Senate President pro Tem Don Perata D-Oakland, stated, "This year's budget difficulties reflect the now permanent crisis we find ourselves in. There is no debate. The state budget is fatally broken. We can no longer limp along from year to year. It's time to fix the problem. In a phrase: We must decide the core responsibilities of state government; to wit, what services we must provide, what we can afford and where we get the money... Therefore, I propose that we convene a budget revision panel that consists of the four legislative leaders, the governor's director of finance and the legislative analyst. The panel's objective shall be to propose changes necessary to align the state budget with contemporary fiscal and political realities, and the expectations of those we serve."

The budget also contained the Republicans compromise to The California Environmental Quality Act SEQUA. It changed the Proposition 1B law (which passed last year) regarding global warming. Frank Russo <http://www.californiaprogressreport.com> reported: "These changes enact a moratorium of two years (or so) on lawsuits, until rules can be developed and is limited to roadways. It will not extend to housing developments and other areas being enforced currently by California Attorney General Jerry Brown."

Coincidentally, Attorney General Jerry Brown was in San Bernardino County the same day as the budget was signed to announce the landmark settlement of a global warming lawsuit filed by his office against San Bernardino. Brown describes the agreement, approved

by the County, as establishing "a unique greenhouse gas reduction plan that will identify sources of emissions and set reduction targets."

Jerry for Governor anyone?

Sources: and <http://www.sfgate.com> and <http://www.californiaprogressreport.com>

Handing over the reins again?

By Rod & Rochelle

Four years ago, Roger Rapp, the founding editor of the Courier, asked me to take the editor's task on for a few months while he went to Spain. Well, guess what, Rochelle and I are still doing it. Not that it hasn't been fun, but I'm thinking that it may be time to hand the reins over again to someone new. As the Courier, we have attempted to spread the word about the positive community related ideas, inspirations, and activities around town. Things are changing here, some of the "Old Guard" are retiring, and it may well be time for someone new to add their fresh energy to the Courier.

It takes us a weekend to collect articles, proofread as best we can, and lay out the paper. Anyone interested in helping with all or part of the process please give us a call at 288-3550.

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By Mimi Mills

COB with Community

What the heck is COB? It's an English term for building with mud, using hands to form patties. Yes, kinda like playing in the mud! There are no bricks, no forms, or wooden structure. Mud building is popular worldwide for its easy access to materials and free forming building. Many similar abodes take form throughout Northern Europe, China, the sub-Saharan Africa, and the American Southwest. I've been curious about building with cob for several years now and this summer I was determined to build our chickens and ducks a new home. They need it! So I asked a friend who built a cob house to help me out. We started by digging our trench and putting down gravel and boulders on top for a foundation. Then we started the mixing of the cob, we do this with our feet. That is fun. Adding water and straw to our clay sand mix produces a fun-filled plop of mud for any age! And all the ages came to build up the new coop! Thank you to all the community members that participated in our cob work party.



Laying the foundation



Mixing clay and sand



Adding water



Community Cobbin'!

We built the walls up around the foundation approximately 20 inches and then it was time to let things dry out and Celebrate our hardwork. With fresh organic food from everyone's garden we chowed down to a good ole' farm meal. More to come on cob...



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Yuba River District

By Betty Leffew

The Tahoe N.F. has a web site with current recreation information. The address is www.r5.fs.fed.us/tahoe. After Labor Day the campgrounds on Hwy 49 and in the Sierra Buttes area will be first come first serve, until the season closure.

Remember the importance of clearing a defensible space around your home. We encourage property owners to help protect their homes from wildfires.

Our season total for 2007 was 44.12 inches. Last years we ended with 91.19 inches.

August 18 was opening day for Archery Season for deer hunting on the district. Be aware of the additional activity in the woods and be extra cautious as far as your safety. Please remember, due to the fire danger this year we all need to help educate the public on our fire restrictions and fire prevention. Tree Squirrel Season opens on September 8.

Deer Season

Zone	Archery Season	General Season
D3, D4,	Aug18 to Sept 9	Sept 22 to Oct 29
X7A	Aug18 to Sept 9	Oct 06 to 21

November 15 Sierra County rivers and streams close for fishing.

Moonshine Rd. Potluck

By Judy Morris



Sunday, October 14,
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hi, relax & enjoy the beauty of The Yuba
River & campgrounds. More information
call Judy & Paula at 288-1228, or Carolyn
Mumm at 288-3557. See ya there.

A Must see show.

By Robert Mumm

If you have an interest in math, science, history, weaponry, or art, The Da Vinci Experience is something you should not miss. The show is presented at the Aerospace Museum in North Sacramento and contains 60 precise and interactive replicas which have been carefully constructed as presented in his drawings and are made of materials which would have been available in the time of Leonardo Da Vinci.

This is truly a wonderful and well presented show which I think should inspire us all. In it you can see the wonderful curiosity and intellect of this man, qualities I believe we all share but so often neglect. After you have wondered at Leonardo's insight into the wonderful workings of Nature and feasted your eyes on beautiful reproductions of some of his paintings, including that world famous Mona Lisa, you can go wander among jet and rocket engines and inspect various airplanes including some WW 2 warbirds.

For additional information, go to www.discovergold.org/davinci. This show closes on September 30,

I give the Da Vinci Experience two thumbs up and I hope you go, especially if you have children as there are a number of models which illustrate some fundamental principles of mechanics and physics and are meant to be hands on and manipulated.

Car pool if you can or even get a group together to get a better rate on tickets.

Enjoy
Robert

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Camptonville History Society	Tuesday, September 4 at 2 pm, in the Family History Room at the LDS Church on Marysville Rd.
Rebel Ridge Day	Saturday, Sept. 8
School Board	Wednesday Sept 12, 6:30 pm at the school
CCP Board	Monday, Sept. 17 1-2 pm at the Resource Center
CCSD	Monday, Sept. 17, 7 pm in the Camptonville School library.
CHAT	Wednesday, Sept. 19. 5-7 pm at the school.
Yoga	Saturdays, 10 am at the Rebel Ridge clubhouse
123 Grow	For infants to 5 years, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 9-11:30am. For info call 288-9355.
Food Bank	Third Thursday of each month at the Lake Francis Grange at 10775 Texas Hill Road in Dobbins from 8 to 10 am.

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