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Twilight School

Featuring a Virtual Visit to Africa
By Cathy LeBlanc

Come on get out of the house! Twilight School will be held on Wednesday March 19 at the Camptonville School 6pm.

Twilight School (for those of you unfamiliar with the experience) is two hours when community members enter the little red schoolhouse for a school of their own. It's a time where neighbors share their talents and skills. For example: The March Twilight School will highlight Camptonville resident Alice Querequincia's recent trip to Africa. Alice has been making short missionary trips to Africa since 2004. Alice will share her experiences with a slide show of past trips and a movie she made of her most recent trip, an extended journey of three months. This will be followed by a lively discussion. Alice will also serve African tea and porridge and have available artifacts for viewing and purchase. (Which will help fund her next trip!)

Other classes offered in March will be sports in the gym, 123Grow for the little ones and more! Look for Twilight School Flyers. If you have something to offer or even an idea for Twilight School call the Resource Center at 288-9355 and let us know.

Community Mural & Art Lessons

By Ruby Cook

I would like to announce that I am offering art lessons open to the community to create a new mural for the "old fire department shed" at Camptonville School. This is for my high school senior project and is open to people sixth grade and up. Camptonville art instructor Katie O'Hara Kelly (who painted the original mural with students many years ago) is my mentor for my senior project. I invite anyone who has a passion for art or even anyone who would like to learn more about the styles and techniques of art to come and be a part of this project.

The theme for the mural is "what do you think of when you think of Camptonville?" The mural will be created in 4X4 panels depicting the theme. The first meeting/class will be March 8th at 1 pm at the Camptonville School Gym, there you will learn what exactly is going to take place during the lessons and future classes to come. Also during the first class I will have a short presentation about art history, famous artists and their paintings, and the different techniques and styles created by those artists.

I would greatly appreciate any and all who would like to join my classes and support my Senior Project. I look forward to seeing all who want to come.

Thank You, Ruby Cook

Mobile medical clinic?
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Things to do this winter while thinking globally and acting locally

Food for Thought Literally:

Act Locally Think Globally- www.freerice.com what a great way to improve your vocabulary and feed people.

From Stephanie Williams

"What if just knowing what a word meant could help feed hungry people around the world? Well, at FreeRice it does. the totals have grown exponentially."- The Washington Post "Web game provides rice for hungry. FreeRice went online in early October and has now raised 1 billion grains of rice [by November 9]."- BBC News

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"Every grain of rice is essential in the fight against hunger. FreeRice really hits home how the Web can be harnessed to raise awareness and funds for the world's number one emergency."- UN World Food Program

CHAP BLOG comes in March

By Cathy LeBlanc

Would you like to have a conversation about the Camptonville Community Health Action Plan CHAP? The Camptonville Community Partnership CCP has now added a blog on the Camptonville.com website titled Cathy's Blog. I hope everyone has gotten the opportunity to review the Executive Summary of the CHAP. It was sent out in the mail in late January (in the blue and white CCP envelope). The summary reflects Camptonville's vision of our community so that the Board of Supervisors will know where we stand while updating the Yuba County General Plan. As many folks know by now, this was a yearlong process that involved the ideas of many folks in Camptonville. So please tell me what you think. Visit the blog in March see what others have to say and add your own two cents. Remember Your Voice Counts!

PS: A blog is an electronic chat space: A frequent, chronological publication of personal thoughts and Web links.

Ya' Need to Complain!

By Carol Holland

So you can't get through the snow to your home because the "county maintained" road hasn't yet been plowed? What cha' gonna' do? Many years ago, the snow plow and road maintenance equipment was housed here in Camptonville. The equipment was then moved down to the Dobbins area.

And now, all that equipment is based in Marysville. The Yuba County Department of Public Works that is trying to maintain our roads is overworked and stretched thin.

There's the old adage: "the squeaky wheel gets the grease!" If all of us call and complain repeatedly, maybe we'll get some faster response to having the roads plowed. Don't be shy.

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Be patient: while waiting for local election results.

As of Feb 22 the county elections office did not have the detailed election results for the Camptonville precinct available. We will try again next month.

Eat corned beef

Meet your neighbors down the hill. Enjoy a traditional St. Patrick's Day Dinner Monday March 17, 4-7pm at the Lake Francis Grange 10775 Texas Hill Road, Dobbins. The Courier editors and a few friends have been attending for many years. For info call Rod or Rochelle at 288-3550

A Mobile clinic ?

Western Sierra Medical Clinic (WSMC), in Downieville, is a non-profit community health center. Its mission is to provide quality medical and dental healthcare. WSMC takes Medicare, Medi-Cal and most forms of insurance. We also offer sliding fee discounts depending on the patient's income. No one will be denied services because of inability to pay. Last year the Clinic received a grant award of over 1.5 million from the Federal Government. This is a three year grant that is renewable after the three years.

On December 10, the Board of Directors voted to add a mobile clinic facility to serve the communities of Alleghany, Pike and Camptonville. The initial plan is to provide weekly service to each of these areas and expand the number of days. WSMC has the funding to start and continue this project. However, it needs to get formal approval from the Federal government. In order to bring this service into the Alleghany, Pike and Camptonville communities, we need to show that there is a need and that the services will be used. We are currently conducting a study of the area to confirm the need for medical services. In addition, WSMC is conducting a survey to confirm that the mobile clinic will be used. We are asking residents of Alleghany, Pike and Camptonville to fill out the survey and return it. Your participation will help bring medical services to these deserving areas.

In addition, WSMC is looking to add a Board Member from the Camptonville area. This is a chance to give your community a voice in the health care it receives. Board members meet once a month in Downieville. Meetings are held from noon to 1 pm. Board members are responsible for the governance of the clinic and approving the budget. The Board also establishes the service areas of WSMC. Mileage reimbursement is available for Board Members to attend the meetings. If you have any questions, then please contact Mark Lang at 289-3298 or mlang@wsmcmed.org or visit the WSMC website at www.wsmclinic.org.

Mark J. Lang, Esq.
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Editor's note: A good survey response is important. You may pick up a copy of the survey at the Resource Center (288-9355).



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Time for Garden!

By Susan DeLisle

It's time once again to get the school garden ready for planting. This year I will be participating in, and coordinating the garden enhancements. We have a great start with the planter boxes we have, but we will need more to grow the garden we really want. I would also like to see some portable boxes for herbs and such. Volunteers will be needed for assembling, and donations of wood are needed to make this happen.

I would like to have a garden meeting/ workday on March 8th at 9am (weather permitting) with parents and volunteers that would like to help with the garden project. The work will consist of weeding, raking, moving the boxes we have around to make better use of our space and greenhouse preparation for the seedlings that will be started in Mr. Kelly's class under lights. So bring your tools such as rakes, shovels, hoes, hand tools and gloves.

We will start with tomatoes and then other vegetables. We will also be planting extra plants for the plant sale which happens in May. Parents that would like to start some seedlings at home can let me know and I will provide the seeds we have or from donations that we receive.

The garden project will involve the school and 1,2,3 Grow. I have talked to Mr. Kelly and I will talk to the rest of the teachers about their involvement with the students in the garden project. Patsy will be contacted to find out how her kitchen could use some of the vegetables. I will also be contacting local nurseries about donations of soil amendments.

Please take the time and go through your gardening supplies and donate the extra tools that you may have for the students to use. If you have donations of wood for the boxes please contact me, Susan DeLisle, 288-0919 or mud1pike@earthlink.net and we will try to arrange a pick up time, or a drop off time at the school. I am also interested in a donation of a picnic table with an umbrella for the small rest area that will be added.

We have a long way to go so our children are eating the organic foods we want in our program and school, so the more we can help ourselves the better off our children will be with the knowledge of growing their own healthy food.

February in 1,2,3 Grow

By Marcy Kime

It has been another great month in our program. Fun activities that we've done lately include:

- ❖ "open gym" time at Gold Country Gymnastics, which was great fun in all this winter weather.
- ❖ CPR for the parents, presented by our retired Director, Shirley DicKard (thanks Shirley!)
- ❖ A Nutrition & Exercise presentation by Molly Spackman, a parent in our program (thanks Molly!)
- ❖ Our monthly Dental Discussion with our First Smiles Coordinator and parent, Wendy Tinnel, (thanks Wendy!),
- ❖ A fun-filled (but lacking in attendance!) Craft Day thanks to Sue Sauer, (thanks Sue!)
- ❖ Literacy Through Music with Julie Ashmore from Leaves of Learning in Challenge, and Camptonville School's music teacher (thanks Julie!)
- ❖ A fun Valentine Party in class for the kids (thanks Barbara & Susan!)
- ❖ And last but not least, an awesome Healthy Choices Puppet Show presented by Larry Hearn and crew from the Yuba County Health Department, (thanks gang!). It was awesome, the kids, preschool through 3rd grade, really enjoyed it.

Monday, February 25th is a big day for the children of the 1,2,3 Grow Program as this is the day we hope the First 5 Yuba Commission decides to continue our funding for an additional year.

Coming in March we will have our Parent Council, monthly Dental Discussion, Literacy Through Music, Craft Day with Sue, a Parent Stress Relief presentation by Sutter County Health Department, and Spring Break! And one of our biggest events is getting started on the garden project, once again this year. Check out our article this month from our Garden Coordinator to see what's coming! Some fun new changes are heading our way! We look forward to some spring weather as it approaches.

I also want to thank the Camptonville Community Gardeners Market for thinking of us with their donation to our program, "THANKS!" It's really appreciated.

Have a wonderful March and we'll see you back here in April!

Transitions:

Proud grandparents Richard and Shirley DicKard announce the birth of Maren Sevier a little girl born to Jason and Crystal DicKard Sevier on Feb 21,2008 at 10:53 pm.

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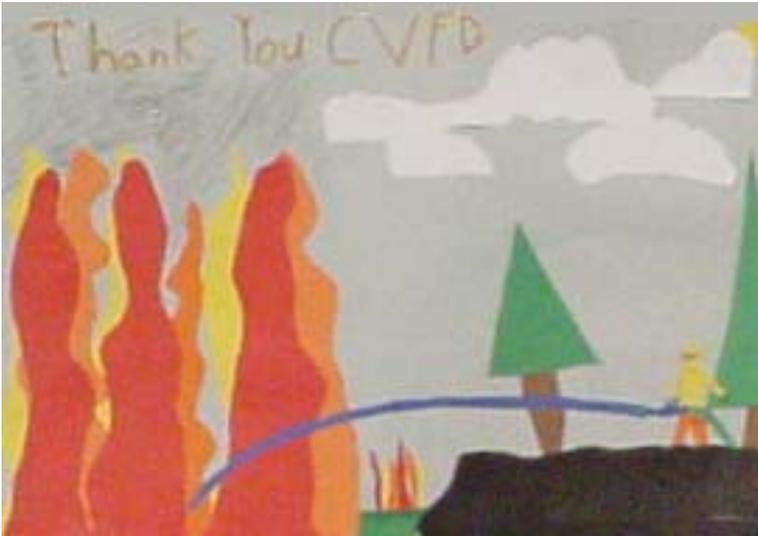
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Thank You CVFD

By Rita Ortega

The Camptonville Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary would like to thank everyone who showed up on Saturday, February 23rd to honor Clint Carson (past Chief) and the volunteers of our fire department. Approximately 60 people came out in the rain for a potluck luncheon to show their appreciation to these dedicated community volunteers. Everyone enjoyed the abundance and variety of great tasting food, but the sentimental favorite was the pictures Mr. Kelly's 2nd and 3rd grade class drew thanking the fire department. We would also like to thank the Pike Fire Department volunteers for coming to our event and all the mutual aid they provide to Camptonville. Last but not least, thank you to Chief Ned Cusato for taking over as chief and keeping our fire department up and running.

Editor's note

What a nice crowd. Also I was blown away by the art from the school kids. Thank you to teachers Steve and Katie for inspiring their students.

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Looks like at least a few people here did enjoy the winter storms. We received some more neat snow pictures that you can see in color in the on line Courier at [www.camptonville .com](http://www.camptonville.com)

Chicken Chronicles

By Stephanie Ruff

Ruth lives!!! Thank you all for your concern for Ruth. I am happy to report she is happy and well. -Back with the flock. For those of you who don't know, Ruth became very ill at the time of my last chronicle writing. We brought her into the laundry room and made her a cozy warm home in an old cage. I never did find out what was wrong with her. She never fully fit the symptoms of any disease. She lived in the laundry room for two whole weeks!!! I did what you might call "experimental medicine." The homeopathic eye drops cured her frothy, foamy eyes. In her water I put chicken vitamins/electrolytes and Echinacea. Ruth was fed a lot of fresh veggies along with her usual food. After a week of still looking bad-pale scabby face, wattles, comb and dull eyes I decided to give her a mite/lice bath. She didn't enjoy this much-especially the sponging around the face. I put a food grade diatomaceous earth formula designed for poultry internal parasites on her food. I also gave her oyster shells for calcium. She slowly began to perk up and the color returned to her face.

When we hit the 2-week point Ruth was looking so much better but the horrible thought- (which I kept pushing to the back of my mind) returned with a vengeance. Ruth had not laid an egg since coming into the house. Oh no! One of my chicken fears staring right at me-EGG BINDING! This occurs when eggs get stuck inside the hens body-which can lead to death unless passed. There is a procedure you can do (if you are experienced) to help ease the egg out-but this can also lead to death thru heart attack or if you break the egg inside-death from infection. I was faced with quite the choice-do nothing and Ruth would most likely die or try and help her, which could also result in her death. Finally, I decided it was better if she died from me helping her than from doing nothing. This took much courage on my part. Never, never, never in my whole life did I ever think I could do what I was about to do- lube up my fingers (gloved-mind you) and stick them up a chicken's butt!!! Well now, that's something impressive on a resume! I gave her an internal massage and felt for a stuck egg-very gently. I couldn't feel anything weird-but then again-I had no idea what I was doing. After the internal massage I rubbed the outside of her abdomen in one direction-toward her vent (aka butt) for about 7 minutes-to help ease an egg down the tract. Ruth was given a treat of canned salmon for enduring all this. I figured some

oily omega 3 food would help grease up her insides-at this point-why not? I put her to bed and hoped for the best.

A wonderful surprise greeted me the next day as Ruth was squawking loudly bragging about the beautiful egg she just laid. Hooray-maybe what I did helped or maybe it was a coincidence. Ruth was a happy girl. I gave her another 24 hours in the laundry just to make sure she was well. She was really anxious to rejoin the flock.

While I was consumed with worry for Ruth all this time-we were in the midst of the terrible storm-we were unable to get up our driveway for 11 days. Friends delivered chicken feed and groceries to the top and we sledged it down to the house. It was quite exciting-thank you everyone for helping us out. Trudging thru the snow daily to the Rebel Ridge Market kept us well exercised, fed and sane as well. The kids had a ball sledging the days away.

The snow did not slow down the rest of the flock. They went out in the elements everyday-very funny to watch them walking thru deep snow. When Ruth's time in the house was up and the day was warm-we let her out. Big mistake!!! The pecking order began once again-poor Ruth was being attacked by everyone. I put her back in our house for another day. The following night after the flock was asleep we snuck her into the hen house and hoped for the best. The following morning all was well and quiet at the Rebel Hen Ranch-uhhh-except for the loud and proud crowing of Mr. Insulator.



Insulator –still looking for a home?

A Handshake

By Robert Mumm

Fidel Castro, in ill health and tired, has let go the reins of power at last and I am moved to reflection and reminiscence. This is or was a remarkable man no matter from what side of the political spectrum you view him. This is a man whose hand I shook at one time, so long ago that the exact time and event are lost in my own personal mist of time. The event is lost to me but not my impression of Fidel Castro, it is no surprise to me that he lasted so long and survived so many attempts to take his life. He was young then of course and radiated the personal power that remained his trademark throughout his life

I wonder how much of that force was staged in later years, how much he ran on momentum, but on that long ago evening when out of curiosity I went with friends someplace where this newly famous revolutionary was speaking, he was genuine. I, not so long from army service in Korea recognized his obvious leadership qualities, that special sort of charisma that men will climb out of their foxholes and follow in a charge up the hill and into a hail of bullets. In Korea we privately rated our officers by that standard and knew that some just didn't make the cut and hoped that we would never be called upon to follow them into battle. Some like Fidel have it and I must wonder just what might have been history's course had he not been so caught up in Communism. Clearly, I think, a more moderate approach would have been better for Cuba in an overall sense. At the same time I understand that his regime did make progress in some areas, universal health care being one of them.

To see world leaders on the television screen and to hear their speeches gives such a phantom impression of these people and I wonder how distorted that image is. The Fidel Castro I went to see and hear so long ago certainly had more warmth and charm than the strident Fidel of television coverage. Ronald Reagan also had a lot of that leadership charisma but here too he was much different on television than in person. Both of these men made a deep impression on the course of history, too bad they had to be so far apart in what they thought our world should become. For myself I would choose a more relaxed and peaceful road, one that didn't need to find an enemy in anyone who offers opposition.

The question is perhaps can people rally behind any but those who present an extreme ideological

point of view. Do we gather behind a leader who shows a tough stance because of our personal fears. Historically we never seem to learn, after Hitler it is hard to see how anyone in the world could blindly follow the trumpeting of a dictator to be but it happens again and again. Don't say "It can never happen here" legislation pushed through in the present administration shows how easy it is to chip away at our rights and freedoms. The charisma needed to have soldiers climb out of their foxholes and charge into the blind fury of war isn't really enough. I could have followed Fidel Castro or Ronald Reagan because of their charm but they just didn't happen to be charging up the right mountains. Check where they are going next time someone yells charge.

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Children's Roundtable Report

By Cathy LeBlanc

At the January 31, 2008 Children's Roundtable meeting, advocates heard a panel discussion regarding the Governors proposed 2008-2009 California State budget. Speakers included a wide range of children's advocates and experts who discussed the consequences the budget would have on children in California.

Scott Graves of the California Budget Project informed us that total CalWORKs spending in the state has dropped one-third in the last decade while total state spending has risen one third. The tax cuts California enacted since 1993 will cost the state \$12 billion in 2007-2008. The share of corporate income taxes paid has fallen nearly half since 1981. While the lowest income households pay the largest share of their income in state and local taxes. Does this make sense to you?

How about the cuts aimed at counties regarding child welfare and foster care? These cuts, according to Frank Mecca of the California Welfare Directors Association, are most surprising in their depth and most alarming in their severity. County welfare programs have been cut 25% since 2001.

Anthony Wright of Health Access reminded us that this is not the first time we are looking at these cuts. All these cuts are re-runs of previous years, when these same cuts were rejected as too severe.

The Latino Coalition for a Healthy California is worried about the Medi-Cal provider rate cuts. Who do we have as Medi-Cal providers, what providers are serving who and where and when? The answer? We don't know! Because provider rates have been cut, some clinics are currently looking at funding on a month-to-month basis.

Funding for education is dropping dramatically in California also. It seems everything for kids in California is being hit hard. What can be done?

Lenny Goldberg said it quite succinctly, "**We have a revenue problem not a spending problem.**" How do we get the governor and republicans to even talk about taxes?

Mike Herald of the Western Center for Law and Poverty says that **it is crucial to bring folks to the Legislators to tell their stories. Which is where we come in...**

At the February 13th Children's Roundtable Advocates held a strategy meeting. **We decided to**

organize a bi-partisan press conference and Education/Lobby day at the Sate Capitol in early April and I promised to bring the folks, especially children and youth.

So now it is your turn. Do you want to do something proactive? Would you like to take part in a press conference and education/lobby day that will let our Governor and elected State Representatives know how we feel about California's Children? Then please save the day. It will be the first week of April. I'll let you know which day ASAP. In the meantime think about being a champion of conscience and we'll ask the Governor *to show some muscle*, for kids in California. If you're interested in helping call me 530 288-9355 or email cathy@cville.k12.ca.us.

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“CRFB” On May 31

By Judy Morris

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If you want to be a part of the fight against cancer, [Sign up](#) today for the Relay For Life of Nevada County and join Camptonville Buddies team. You can do this on-line at the following web site: <http://www.events.cancer.org/rflnevadacountyca> Or donate towards the fight WE All Must fight. For more information please call Paula or Judy at 288-1228 or email us at owlsneagles@inreach.com

Yuba River Ranger District

By Betty Leffew

Grooming has been going on in the high country since the first of the year. For up-to-date information on the status of the snow trail system, feel free to call the ranger station. We have plenty of the free Winter Recreation maps. Come in, pick one up and enjoy some winter fun. We have plenty of snow.

Campgrounds continue to be in winter status, no services, no fee. Bullards will officially open on April 15th. Access to the boat ramp remains open.

As of February 22nd, we have 36.03 inches of precipitation, with more expected this weekend. Last year at this time we had 29.45 inches. Just about the same amount of rainfall but this year we have snow.



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Oregon Creek Bridge closed



By Rod Bondurant

I used to think I had problems defending my property from termites and ants but this is major. Our familiar nationally registered landmark, the covered bridge spanning Oregon Creek has survived storm and flood since 1871. Sadly, time, neglect, and insects have taken their toll.

This bit of our history has been declared unsafe by state bridge inspectors. After studying the extensive rot damage to a main support beam, they ordered it closed. There is no current plan to repair or replace it. Yuba County Public Works told us that a study request has been sent to the state, but there is no action to date.



Decayed truss beam - I noticed the whole bridge span has a sag which does not show in pictures from the '70's.

So, access and parking at the often crowded recreation area on the river will be limited. The USFS says they will unlock the gates as usual this spring. They had just completed much needed brush clearing and thinning at the site last fall.

We talked to one resident of Alleghany Road, who said she would miss the annual cattle drives that came through but she would not miss the summer traffic.

A bit more story of the bridge is on our website www.camptonville.com/storyproject/meggors_oregoncreek.html



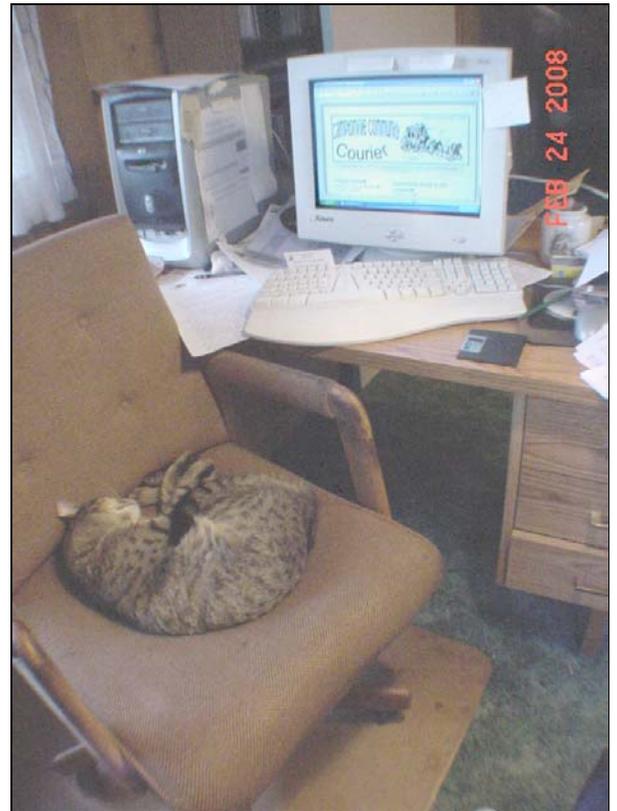
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Saturday, March 8 at 1 pm at the Camptonville School Gym
March 8th 9am at the Camptonville School
Monday, March 10, 4 pm at the Resource Center
Wednesday March 19 at the Camptonville School 6pm.
Wednesday, March 12 at 6:30 pm in the school library.
Monday March 17 4-7pm, Lake Francis Grange in Dobbins
Monday, March 17, 7pm at the Camptonville School.
Saturdays, 10 am at the Rebel Ridge clubhouse
For infants to 5 years, Tue - Thur, 9-11:30am. For info call 288-9355.
Third Thursday of each month at the Lake Francis Grange, Dobbins

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