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Gardeners' Market

Every Saturday in August and September

By Rochelle Bell

August is finally here! For all those of you who have asked "When does the Gardeners Market start?" This is it! I look forward to August every year. A time to begin the harvest of all our hard work in the garden, to enjoy the beauty of the first tomatoes and squash but most of all to share our bounty with friends, neighbors and community members.

Little did Rod know, when he started the market 9 years ago, what a huge success it would become. This year with gas and food prices as high as they are, we offer more savings by staying in our own community. We are also expanding the market as you will read below. Please join us starting August 2nd for fun, socializing and saving money at our Camptonville Community Gardeners' Market from 10 am til Noon at the Rebel Ridge Market.

Part of the proceeds of this market benefit Camptonville School and Journey Home Hospice. Any gardeners with surplus produce are welcome. Call Rochelle at 288-3550 or Carolyn at 288-3557 for info.

Saturday Community Market

By Carolyn Mumm

When: Every Saturday In Aug & Sept. 10am – 3pm

What: A community market where people gather to sell art, crafts, flea market items. Or food. Non profits are invited to sell or offer educational information.

Where: Rebel Ridge Store yard 14670 Marysville Road (1/4 mile from Hwy 49)

Cost: Booth fee is \$10 No charge for non profit groups.

CVFD Auxiliary wants you to save the date

Come join us for a day of great fun at the Annual Camptonville Volunteer Fire Department Community Picnic. This is a good time to embrace this great community we live in, and an opportunity for all of us to honor the men and women who volunteer their time and risk their lives to protect our homes, our lives and the beautiful landscape that surrounds us.

The grand festivities will be held at the field at Rebel Ridge Market, Saturday, September 6th, 2 pm till ??????. There will be food, drinks, games, music and awesome raffle prizes, including a patio boat rental from Emerald Cove Marina, cash prizes, gift certificates from local businesses, and much much more!

This is one of the worst fire seasons Northern California has experienced in years, and it isn't over yet. Come show your support to our Community and our Volunteers. Keeping our Volunteer Fire Department strong is key to keeping our community safe!

Things to do this summer while thinking globally and acting locally

Camptonville Environmental Film Festival

The "Inaugural (i.e. get-the-kinks-out) Film Festival August 14

The Camptonville Community Partnership Outreach Project sponsors this **free family night out event**. The idea is: Everyone has an enjoyable time locally watching environmental films that appeal to varying taste. Most parents need not attend the film of their child's choice (we will need some room volunteers to work with staff please). Just let us know which venue you'll attend. Since this is a local event, if needed, parents can be reached quickly.

Thursday August 14, 7-9 pm at 5 venues in Camptonville

Everyone welcome at any venue but suggested audience or age group is listed below:

School Gym	elementary school
123 Grow Room	young children
School Library	Seniors (or parent of young ones watching movies in 123 grow)
Luigi's Pizza	Teens- early 20's
Outside under the oak tree by Burgee Dave's	Adults of all ages (maybe interested youth)

Some of the films scheduled to be shown include: The Power of Community - How Cuba survived peak oil; Kids Who Rip - Showcasing fearless, fun and focused kids; Really Wild Animals - Deep Sea Dive and Swinging Safari; Birthplace of the winds - Sea kayaking in Alaska; Oasis of the Pacific Time is running out in Hawaii's battle with overpopulation and increased demand on natural resources; from Will Adventure (local filmmaker Guillaume); Ridge Boys and Water Loving Doggies; C'ville History Gathering footage; Plus to be determined selections from the SYRCL Library and more.

Popcorn and lemonade will be available. This is a free family event brought to you by Outreach and Enrichment staff at CCP; Barbara Hogan, Jeanne Black, Susan De Lisle and Cathy LeBlanc. (FYI Donations to CCP are always gratefully accepted)

For more information call the Resource Center 288-9355. Volunteers welcome and needed!

General Plan Update

By Cathy LeBlanc

Be heard at the upcoming meetings regarding the Yuba County General Plan. Camptonville Community Partnership will host a meeting August 7, 6:30 pm to help the community understand and gather suggestions regarding the Land-Use portion of the General Plan. This meeting will help prepare us for the Yuba County Planning Department meeting which will be held in Dobbins at Lake Francis on August 12, 6-8pm. If you would like to know more, please contact Cathy or Wendy at the Camptonville Resource Center at 288-9355 or view the information on the web at www.camptonville.com or <http://www.yubavision2030.org/>

123 Grow will resume

First off, let me introduce myself to everyone. My name is Birdsong Sundstrom, and I have lived in Camptonville since 1999, and in this area for 22 years. I am the new Program Manager for 1, 2, 3 Grow, and bring years of educational experience to the program, along with a background in grantwriting. I taught at both Pliocene Ridge and Downieville Schools for eight years, until Pliocene's high school program was closed by the school board because of declining enrollment. I also ran the Westside portion of Sierra County's Wilderness Challenge Program during the summers while I taught for the Sierra County schools. Most recently, I have been the Site Supervisor for the North San Juan Early Headstart center for the past year and a half. That program closed at the beginning of July, when federal budget cuts forced Placer Community Action Council to trim back many of their costs. I feel fortunate to be able to step in upon Marcy's departure to Oregon, and will be able to walk to work for the first time since I moved to the mountains in 1986!

Parents will be happy to hear that 1, 2, 3 Grow will be re-starting along with elementary school classes at Camptonville School on August 20th. The morning sessions will start at 8:30 AM this year, so that parents only need to make one trip to the school in the morning, and will end at 11:30 AM. We will continue to meet on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Our program has grown tremendously since its beginning in 2002, and we are working on ways to make sure that we can be less crowded when everyone is in attendance. Parents will still need to remain on the school campus while their children are here, and be available to step into the classroom as called upon. The Parent Council will start the year by reviewing the information Marcy gathered about parent participation preschools and see if that is a direction the current group wishes to pursue.

My two goals for the coming year are to make sure that the program continues to provide a fun, safe, and developmentally stimulating program for children from birth to age five, and that we find the funding necessary for the future. I will be sending enrollment information to parents whose children participated last year, and scheduling times for them to meet just prior to the start of school, so that we don't need to take up class time with the children to take care of those important details. Please let other parents know about this program, so that they can join the fun. They can call the Resource Center at 288-9355 to sign up.

Internet follow-up

By Cathy LeBlanc

Want a chance to have your voice heard ? (again)

Well the opportunity for us to convene regarding Broadband is here.

Please gather with us Thursday August 7, at 5:30 in the Camptonville School Library for a follow up on Broadband/High speed Internet: At this meeting we will gather to find out what our real issues are regarding high speed internet including Broadband and move toward the next steps in achieving high speed internet locally. We will view what the Broadband task force said its final findings for our area are.

At the recent Broadband meeting held June 18 we discovered we had more questions for example:

What are the available options regarding high speed internet in our area?

How will the current law regarding Broadband affect us?

So for this meeting we would like **Your** input regarding questions or issues you felt were unanswered. I'd like to brainstorm with you some possible solutions you'd like to see implemented. Then we want to take that information to the group in Chico who is gathering all the data.

The sound of silence

By Rod Bondurant

I usually crave silence, but when Glenn and I walked down to the Camptonville diversion dam it was too quiet. I became uneasy. I didn't hear the usual chuckling sound of water flowing around & over the rocks. I soon saw why. The water system is using almost the entire flow of the creek, only a trickle remains.

Now that we are in the second year of drought, almost everyone in town is accustomed to being careful with their water use. The town's water consumption has actually been below average.

We are now using the wells to supplement the diminishing creek flow, but we must ask you to continue being conservative with your water usage until we finally get some good rain.

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Build your own fire water supply

By Mark Jokerst

When a fire engine pulls up to your house to put out a working fire, it's only carrying 300 to 750 gallons of water. As more fire engines arrive, our water supply grows in small increments. Hopefully, one of the two volunteer class A/B drivers is available in Pike or North San Juan, and within 20 to 30 minutes there is another 3000 gallons arriving in a water tender. Do the math: if your fire is building quickly, 20 to 30 minutes is a very long time. All the best intentions of the volunteers moving as fast as they safely can may be too little too late.

Your best insurance is a decent water supply on your property. We'd like to see at least a 2500 gallon supply with all the necessary plumbing adapters right there so we can hook it up to a fire engine in a few moments time. There's many ways to do this, here's one:

Get a 2,500 gallon PVC potable water tank, it only takes 4-8 hours to fill it with a garden hose. These can be had at Milhouse Hardware, or thru the various plumbing supply houses in Grass Valley. Make a level spot big enough for the tank, and clear the ground of roots and rocks. You can set the tank straight on the dirt, no need for a concrete base or anything. It's best if you level out the pad with loose sand or dirt, so the base of tank has soft support at all points. These tanks are large (7ft wide by 8ft tall), but very easy for a couple of young bucks to move around when they're empty.

The best location is at least 50 to 75 feet from your house, and closer to the front of the house rather than the rear. We may not be able to get around a burning structure to access the tank, so plan wisely: Accessible from the driveway, within 50-75 feet; Uphill from the driveway, not downhill if possible;

There should be a threaded outlet hole near the bottom but on the side of the tank. From this outlet, install a gated valve or a ball valve, so the water can be shut-off or turned on. Finally, attach a "fire hose adapter" to the very end. This adapter should be a 2-1/2" diameter fitting, with special fire hose threads. The threads should be marked "NH" or "NST" otherwise they may not fit standard fire engine equipment. These adapters are usually in stock at A-Z Hardware in Grass Valley, or Milhouse Hardware in North San Juan. Ask for help, tell them you want to hook up standard fire engine hose to your tank, they should know what to do from there.

If you need some help getting started, call me at 288-9320. This is a fantastic asset for your home, even homes with access to fire hydrants. Stuff happens. You can also build a home-grown fire-fighting system from this basic tank, by adding a cheap trash pump and some fire hose. As we'll discuss down the road, surviving a wild fire sometimes is a simple as having a reliable water source and a small pump and hose to put out all the little spot fires that crop up here and there like fast growing weeds.

The Outreach Project

By Cathy LeBlanc

Yuba County Health and Human Services (HHS) has renewed its current contract with Camptonville Community Partnership. This contract helps us be a vehicle for *care* in the community by funding the Camptonville Outreach Project. According to John McKnight (Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) founder), *Care is the consenting commitment of citizens to one another*. Anyone who's lived here for a while knows Camptonville is a caring community, no doubt about it. We wouldn't have it any other way. We know if for some reason we could use a helping hand, we're here for each other as friends, neighbors and colleagues. We avidly practice *care*. We realize the truth of "There but for the grace of God go I".

The Outreach Project offers programs, activities and resources to help support and enrich the community. Thankfully, Yuba County HHS also values enrichment and support activities because they help prevent child abuse. Most child abuse occurs as a result of stress. These activities help relieve stress by offering us all something to do that is educational, enriching or just plain fun. (Free or low cost too). This includes recreation.

There are three wonderful and multi-talented caring individuals (four actually, I'll include myself in that description lol*) that make up the Outreach Team they are Barbara Mueller Hogan, Jeanne Black, Susan Delisle and Cathy LeBlanc. I just finished the year-end report to the County and State and I thought that you might like to know how our community has benefited from the innovative programs, made possible through this Child Abuse Prevention funding.

The Camptonville Family Resource Center is located on the school campus, in a section of the historic old high school building. We appreciate and enjoy this collaboration because we know that being on school grounds is a vital way to connect our programs and projects with the community and with the school staff for activities mutually beneficial to children and families. The Outreach Team designs enrichment activities based on input from the students, school staff and the community. They help facilitate Club Live events such as school dances and many of the extra curricular activities, as support or leading staff and are generally available to families in Camptonville for support, when necessary.

Camptonville Outreach Project offers: Youth recreational activities, Emergency information, resources, referral & vouchers**, parent education

and support: Literacy through Music, parent & youth get-togethers, Twilight School, Summer Recreation activities, the Holiday Giving Program, parent involvement/ and leadership: Asset-Based Community Development training, community visioning; Club Live, Fitness-A-Thon, summer movies, self sufficiency/life management skills: Teen Risk and Responsibility (TRnR) Retreat, education/job preparation, resumes, advocacy education/participation including 8th grade gov't, head lice control, transportation and paraprofessional community/staff education.

Although Satisfaction Surveys did not go out with every activity last year **262** participants completed Consumer Satisfaction Surveys after key activities regarding their satisfaction with the activity. An average of **93.5%** gave the highest rating, which is up from last years 88.3%.

Our goal is that youth will have an increased ability to meet their needs through use of community-based resources and support networks. We see this as an indicator of *care* (see above) The Outreach Staff conducted our second "Safe and Supportive Survey" (6-08) in which each student at school indicated how many adults they trust and feel safe with in our community. The survey showed an **overall average of 14 trusted adults per child**, with a range from 10-23. Students feel connected to more adults as compared to last year. We feel that supportive relationships within a community create a higher level of social value, where adults look out for all children's well-being and children feel safe. The prevention activities provided give children and adults opportunities to form relationships to *care*.

*For those not familiar with the term: lol is text for *laugh out loud*: new term for ha-ha

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Fire Chief's Report

By Mark Jokerst

We had four close-call vegetation fires in the past month: All were accidental fire starts, all were snuffed out before they got big, and all of these were on calm (read as very little wind) days. Just add a little wind to the mix and these small accidental fires can get big fast. So please think twice before doing things that can make sparks, and have a fire plan before you start.

A good fire plan means 1) Having some hand tools like a shovel and rake, 2) Having some water nearby in a hose, buckets or backpack pump, and 3) Don't leave the work area until you are sure everything is cooled off, and 4) Having a plan for getting the 911 call made in a hurry.

In the event of fire, call 911 first, then try putting out the fire. Too many homeowners have waited too long before making the call, thinking they can get it. We are more than happy to mobilize all our resources, just to be on the safe side of prudence.

I don't know about you, but I'm starting on the chore of making firewood for the coming winter. Working with a hot chain saw requires extra pre-cautions: Have a fire plan, watch where you set it down when it's hot, and don't leave the chain saw until it has cooled off enough to be sure no fires are lurking. Our biggest local fire last year was caused by a hot chain saw lying on a bed of sawdust.

Finally, know that almost all of our usual hand and machine tools can make sparks and on these hot dry days, those sparks live longer, fly farther, and grow faster. If the wind is blowing, think three times.



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Chicken Chronicles

By Stephanie Ruff

Happy summer everyone! Well, the girls here at rebel hen ranch have been pretty fed up with the heat and smoke. They packed their bags and were heading to Pescadero for some relief-I had to convince them to stay-I begged and pleaded. The girls, after a loud rowdy ruckus of screeches and squawks, decided to stay. They are back to their daily egg laying routine and the fridge is full again-yea!

The fresh growing sprouts of spring are long gone and the girls are eyeing the fenced garden savagely. I don't let them in till fall, as they will eat everything-not just the bugs. I have to supplement them with additional fresh veggies. Being that my girls are free-range happy hens they are likely to get worms-as they are digging around in the dirt where wild birds and turkeys are. I put diatomaceous earth (food grade) on their food to help with this but have been noticing some poop butt syndrome and pale wattles- I don't want to use chemical wormers, as it doesn't fit in with my philosophy of natural living-it affects the hens and their eggs. So I'm grinding up pumpkin seeds and adding it to their food. Pumpkin seeds are known for expelling worms. England sells an awesome natural dewormer called Verm-x. I'm having trouble finding a U. S. distributor. But I'm determined to find me some!!! I've also heard apple cider vinegar added to their drinking water is a good deterrent-but does not expel them.

This week is a big chore week for me-complete scrub down of the coop and mite/lice dip for the hens-I'm going to use a pyrethrum dip-derived from chrysanthemum flowers. Get ready girls the rubber gloves are coming out and it's bath time!!!

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“Last Call....”


By Judy Morris

Yep 2008's American Cancer Society's Relay For Life yearly fundraiser season is coming to a close. Camptonville Buddies would like to thank all of our team sponsors, Lost Nugget Market, Burgee Dave's at the Mayo, La Sierra Beauty Boutique, Rebel Ridge Store and Camptonville Community Partnership as well as all our friends, families & neighbors for your support.

You know there still is time to get that donation in---you know the one you have been meaning to do all year. You can go online to <http://www.events.cancer.org/rflnevadacountyc> up until Aug. 25th; or if you prefer contact Paula or Judy at 288-1228 or email us at owlsneagles@inreach.com and we'll tell you how simple & painless it is to donate and make a difference in a cancer patient's life.

Thanks Camptonville.

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Nature, nurture, and the wild card

By Robert Mumm

Lessons of life come from unexpected sources and of late my teacher has been a pint sized guru. Family and friends have probably grown a bit tired of my stories about what this kitten has done most recently but I just keep being amazed for here displayed in this tiny creature is so much deep wisdom. What has impressed me the most is how far she outshines her mother in finding her place in the world and to what extent she can control how the other cats relate to and accept her. Her mother isn't a dummy either but some things just came naturally to this baby cat and often her mother learns from her.

Eye contact with me was something Mother cat just couldn't handle before, although she wasn't afraid if me otherwise and would jump up on my lap to get petted. The kitten sought me out to look me in the eye by climbing up on my shoulder while I sat on the couch. She gave me a full and frank character search and apparently found me to be OK. Mother cat observed this and from that time on shows no fear about meeting my gaze and in general is much more at ease about being a house cat. Now her biggest problem is jealousy, she is always eager to take a share of any attention that I give to the kitten.

The mother is a kitten of one of the feral cats that mooch from me and sort of live in my woodshed. She learned that I was trustable over a period of time after Tutt the chief cat here brought her and a brother in for me to take care of, Tutt is remarkable in this way, he brings in kittens from outside when they are being weaned or about to be. Tutt was a feral kitten too but came to me very young because his mother abandoned him or met some accident. He was just a tiny thing so at first I fed him formula with one of those tiny nursing bottles, needless to say the bond between

us is very strong and apparently he thinks the best thing he can do for these other kittens is to link them up with me so that I will care for them.

When Tutt brought in the mother cat her brother came too and they both became somewhat used to me before the brother decided to live outside again but this has created an odd behavior on his part. One of my windows has a deck railing just outside where he can come and look in and sort of partake of the comforts of home without really giving up his freedom. He rubs on the outside of the window glass while I stroke the inside and he goes through the motions of a cat being petted but he just can't bring himself to come in again when I open the door for him. There seems to be some longing in him that stems from genes that have been so tailored to be part of this strange cat and man pairing that comes to us from a long past together.

How far back we go in this co evolution no one knows but these cats are so clearly molded to conform to those things that fulfill and match patterns in me that I marvel and wonder how I too am a product of this long exchange of love and equal sharing of house and home. So many answers are in the tiny brain of this new kitten and by some miracle she knows it is perfectly safe to fling herself out from hiding and attack the foot of this being so many times larger than she. Even the foot is larger but she has looked into my eyes and seen the love there and so does not fear to play the wild card.



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Children's Roundtable Report

By Cathy LeBlanc

Hi Folks,

When I walked through the doors of the July 10th meeting of the Children's Advocates Roundtable the room was pretty empty, Ed Howard, (Chair) informed me that because of the unhealthy air quality in Sacramento (caused by the fires), quite a few advocates would not be attending and he felt it was unlikely we were going to have a meeting. Having driven a long way, I wanted to know what else was happening for advocates at the Capitol? Mark Carlson of the Lutheran Office of Public Policy suggested that we go to the *Together for California Families* (T4CF) meeting a few blocks away. So we did. Here's what we found out:

Anthony Wright of Health Access updated us with a "Capitol Report" regarding the State Budget Conference Committee.

K-14 education was given back \$2billion out of the \$4.3 billion cut proposed earlier by Governor Schwarzenegger, still a leaving \$2.3 billion hole in funding. But this compromise allowed all categorical cuts for the most needy to be restored.

CalWORKs and SSP Cost Of Living Adjustment (COLA) denied for the 15th time in the last 19 years.

Currently Medi-CAL patients must renew their health coverage annually with a status report. The Governor was asking in his proposed budget, for quarterly status reports. In their budget negotiations legislators so far have compromised, they are now proposing a 6-month report. But statistics show that a change from yearly to 6-month status reports for Medi-CAL patients would result in 250,000 kids in California losing medical coverage and higher cost in emergency room visits. Senator Laird of the Budget committee invites people who still oppose this to "voice up".

California Tax Reform Association Executive Director Lenny Goldberg said the State Budget Conference Committee proposed bringing back a top bracket tax proposal for families making over \$150,000 a year and relying more on corporate tax and not on sales tax. This definitely helps the ordinary taxpayer. He let us know that the Oil Production Tax was "left on the table". This is a tough one, knowing that if this went through, the oil companies would probably pass the price increase on to the public.

The advocates around the table reminded each other, **these are proposals, only a start.** It is possible all the original cuts could come back to haunt us. While they (cuts) have been voted on and approved by the Conference Committee, **it's still not real. It's like the end of regular season and we're headed into the playoffs.**"

So what can YOU do? Contact your State Legislators.

The Children's Advocates Roundtable's website www.childrendutyfuture.org can help you to empower yourself and others. Just click on **what you can do** or **about us** for links to **talking points** and a great **how to write your legislator** tips. There are also links to budget related stories and videos. This website is a two-way resource, for us to speak out and for legislators to look in.

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Homeless Ospreys

By Shirley DickKard

It took several seconds for my brain to register what my eyes were seeing. I was taking a quick look through my birdscope at the Osprey nest before heading to bed. Ah yes, there were the two adult-sized chicks perched on a large limb . . . But wait . . .Where’s the nest? It was absolutely gone! Not a twig left – just two large chicks huddled together high atop the pine snag, calling out to their parents.

I was as perplexed as they sounded. Over the next days, Dick, myself and several neighbors searched a 100-foot circle under the tree looking for clues. Nothing – No feathers, nest material, poop sticks, or egg shells. Just a discarded trout. How could a bathtub-sized nest disappear in just a few days?

The next morning, the Osprey parents returned to their chicks. I watched them execute a balancing act on the remaining limbs with wings akimbo, chirping loudly to each other as they shared a fish. They somehow found a way to accommodate to the change. Talk about being in the present moment.

I’ve watched these birds for four seasons now. Those who have followed my articles know that each year the Osprey couple appears in March, raises one or two chicks before leaving by mid August. Marilyn Tierney, District Biologist at the Forest Service had heard of an Osprey in the District that dismantles its nest each year. Maybe the chicks needed an extra incentive to leave the nest this time? They had started to fly, so instead of kicking the birds out of the nest, the parents kicked the nest out from under the birds? My other theory is that a supporting branch snapped and the nest tumbled down. But why were there no signs of nest material on the ground? This may forever remain one of nature’s mysteries.

If you have any thoughts or information, give me a call at 288-3479 or email: sdickard@gotsky.com. I hope they’ll return and rebuild next year. They’ve become a part of the neighborhood!



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What's that 'vette doing in the Downieville Fourth of July parade???

Found!

By Rod & Rochelle

Rumors have circulated for years that after escaping from the Camptonville VFD, Tina and Matt Cooney purchased a small town somewhere in the mountains. Well, the Courier tracked them down. Not only do they own and operate an empire, they got the Corvette too!



Matt & Tina ready for cruising

Yes we did enjoy the parade. Small town parades are so special to us, and if you missed something, you can see it on the return trip. Also it ends with a bang - the powderless grand finale



It's a classic parade with a nice old fire truck



Stop in, say hi & spend some money



That's bubble wrap and YOU get to stomp on it!



AUGUST CALENDAR:

Gardeners' Market & Community Market	Starts Saturday Aug 2 nd 10 am - Noon at Rebel Ridge Market
Community Picnic	Saturday, September 6 th , 2 pm till ????
High speed Internet	Thursday, August 7, at 5:30 in the school library
Yuba County General Plan	Thursday, August 7, at 6:30 in the school library
Environmental Film Festival	Thursday, August 14
School Board	Wednesday, Aug 13 at 6:30 pm in the school library.
CCSD	Monday, Aug 18, 7pm at the Camptonville School.
Yoga	Saturdays, 10 am, Tuesdays 5:15 pm at Camptonville School
Food Bank	Third Thursday at the Lake Francis Grange, Dobbins

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