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Sad Passing

We sadly announce the unexpected death of Roger Rapp. Some of us may remember him as the founding editor of the Courier, but he was so much more. He was also a friend, husband, father, counselor, philosopher, musician and holder of a positive vision of what the community of man, both global and local could be.

Yakshi, Hally, E. J. and Jocelyn invite the community to a celebration of his life at Camptonville School on Saturday March 6th, at 1pm. Bring pictures, stories, music, and food if you wish. Weather permitting, we will meet in the amphitheatre, if not, in the gym.



Roger Rapp Dedication

The Courier wishes to dedicate the April issue to Roger Rapp. We invite you to send us stories and photos reflecting your memories of Roger. We would like extra time to prepare the issue, so please have them to us by March 15th.

You may send material via e-mail to camptonvillecourier@hughes.net or contact the editor at 288-3512. If you would like some help putting your thoughts together, call Rod or Rochelle at 288-3550.

Come One Come All to the C'ville Town Hall

Free Dinner and Childcare!

By Cathy LeBlanc

Hi folks! This will be a quick paced and interactive meeting. At Camptonville Community Partnership (CCP) we know how difficult it can be to attend even important meetings, like the community Town hall being held **Thursday March 18, 2010, at the Camptonville School Gym from 6:00- 8:00 pm.** We value everyone's participation so to make it simpler, we will host a delicious free meal made by Pasty Prout from 5:30-6:00 and childcare will be available from 6:00- 8:00 thanks to the CCP Outreach team and 123Grow.

It is absolutely vital that we continue to come together as a community to discuss and plan our next steps regarding important issues such as:

- Yuba County Health Committee (YCHC), many of the goals reflect the Camptonville Community Health Action Plan (http://www.camptonville.com/community_plans).
- The re-licensing of Bullards Bar Reservoir and how that relates to our local economy and recreation?
- Community Center
- Local Food / Growers Market
- Transportation
- Communication: the Courier and our community web site
- Opportunities for our youth
- Health care including helping our elderly and disabled
- Other ?

We cannot do this work without you! Please plan to come. Any questions or concerns please contact Cathy or Wendy at the Resource Center 288-9355.

Walking past the Riley's pond
Frogs croak boastfully
Who will be Blue Heron's breakfast tomorrow?

BY Shirley DicKard

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C'ville History Society Forms "Friends of the Cemetery"

By Stephanie Korney

The Camptonville Historical Society has formed a group dedicated to the maintenance and preservation of the Camptonville Cemetery. This historic cemetery is an important feature of the town. It links the present with the past and honors the people and families who made this part of the world their home. Visitors have commented on its beautiful natural setting - it has the best view of any cemetery they know, they say - and it is famous for the spectacular yearly display of tiger lilies in bloom. The headstones provide a lot of interesting information. Did you know there are eight Civil War veterans buried in Camptonville and there are graves dating from the early 1850s? Some headstones have elaborate carvings and traditional symbols with meanings all their own.

Small local cemeteries like the one in Camptonville function as outdoor history museums, gardens, and even refuges for wildlife. They are places to think about life and to remember those who have gone before. The growing interest in genealogy has also spurred an interest in local cemeteries, and many people from outside the area have come to Camptonville's cemetery to find and learn about their ancestors. Cemeteries are where we pay final honor to members of the military and where we go to remember mothers, fathers, husbands, wives, sisters, brothers, children and friends. There are no strangers in the cemetery; everyone there belongs to someone.

The Camptonville Historical Society invites the community to join us on Saturday, March 20 at 10:00 AM for Cemetery Clean-up Day. Bring rakes, weed eaters, etc. and help us give the Camptonville Cemetery the care and respect it deserves.

123 Grow Readies for Spring

By Birdsong Sundstrom

Once again, the 123 Grow Parent Council will be offering heirloom tomato and specialty herb plants at the annual community-wide plant sale, so watch for the date! Our group includes many avid gardeners, and they have been busy starting seeds on windowsills and inside home greenhouses this past month in order to offer a wide selection.

This is one of several fundraisers that we use throughout the year to augment funding from the Yuba County First Five Commission, which granted \$48,678 to us for the 2009-10 school year. That amount will drop by one third for the 2010-11 school year, so we are planning several more upcoming fundraisers as well as searching for matching grant funding to keep this great early childhood education and school readiness program fully serving Camptonville families. We have been lucky to continue to offer the three-morning a week program free to all since 2003, but parents will be discussing fundraising and parent-participation models that include paying a fee at the next Parent Council meeting, set for March 4th at 10 AM in the Resource Center on Camptonville Elementary School's grounds.

Parents and staff have also started work on the outdoor school garden, shared with the elementary school, including bed preparation for the many raised beds we have. Patsy Prout, School Cook, has given them an ongoing wish list of items that she regularly incorporates into school lunches, while 123 Grow uses some of the produce for their snacks part of the year. Thanks to those parents and staff who volunteer a large amount of the time needed to have such a successful Seed to Table program on our site.

New students are welcome to join us at any time during the year. However, we continue to require that a parent or guardian remain at the school with their child. You will find parents either in the classroom, or on school grounds, where they may be actively volunteering or simply enjoying some time walking on our grounds, reading in a quiet corner, or even surfing the net on one of the Resource Center computers. It is especially nice to hear how new friendships have been formed between families, and how they help each other out when *not* at 123 Grow. If you would like more information about our program, please call the Resource Center at 288-9355.



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Saturday, March 28 from 2:00 – 4:00pm
Cost: \$3.00 per child; free for accompanying parent(s)
Farm located at 16303 Cornflower Court (off Birchville Road.)

Each child will bring home a dozen decorated eggs.
Baby chicks will also be on display.
Space is limited. Register early: 292-3359

CAN IT RISE AGAIN?

Pelton Festival

By Robert Mumm

A few years ago the Pelton Green Energy Festival struggled into being and then faded away after a couple of years. There was energy and hope in that beginning but there were too few to do the work of putting on a festival which addressed the potential of this idea. Now at a recent meeting of the Camptonville Historic Society the possibility of reviving this festival came up and the hope was raised that now there might be enough community interest to make a go of it. I hope that is true and offer my support to those who are willing to go ahead to bring this great opportunity to our community.

We have in Camptonville a unique starting point around which to build a festival through which to promote the interest in and understanding of alternative energy solutions. Lester Pelton lived in Camptonville when he invented the Pelton Wheel and that gives our town world wide significance. There are Pelton enthusiasts all over the world. What Lester Pelton accomplished with his invention enhanced the utilization of water power to do various work. Most notable is in the application of the Pelton Wheel to the generation of electricity. Mr. Pelton is often referred to as the father of the hydroelectric industry and around the world most Pelton Wheels were and still are used to generate electricity. Often, however, they were directly coupled to machines such as pumps and sawmills and in this way replaced other sources of power.

At the time when Lester Pelton developed his design for a more efficient water wheel, steam engines did much of the work of pumping water from the mines. They also powered sawmills and supplied other motive power. To run the steam engines wood was burned and much timber that wasn't cut to make lumber was used to make the steam to run them. Feeding the steam boilers was decimating the forests at a rapid rate so when water power could be harnessed in this efficient way Pelton wheels were rapidly put to use and thus halted a major destruction of our local forests.

Now may well be a good time for a revival of the Pelton green Energy Festival. In our initial effort we were probably too much ahead of general awareness about the importance of alternative energy solutions and sustainability. Now, however, there has been a real change and many more

people are concerned with issues such as renewable energy and reduction of our dependence on fossil fuels.

If you are interested and would like to explore the idea of helping this festival rise Phoenix like from its ashes in a new and vibrant form I suggest that you come to the next Camptonville Historic Society meeting which will be coming up later this year, check the Courier to see when, or interested parties could set up a meeting earlier. Some society members are interested and perhaps a group can be formed to take on this worthy project. If there is interest I will bring artifacts and pictures from the previous festivals. I hope to see you there. After all, if Lester Pelton put Camptonville on the world map then, perhaps we can at least contribute to some much needed solutions now. There are many green orientated events happening but none have that special something as the Pelton Wheel had, perhaps it is here in Camptonville.

If interested contact The Courier-contact info on backside of newsletter.



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Bullards Bar Relicensing Update

By Wendy Tinnel

The Yuba River Development Project (YRDP) relicensing is under way. All YRDP meetings are held at the government building in Marysville on 8th Street. The current scheduled meeting and purposes are as follows;

3/10/2010 9:30 AM Discuss wildlife resources-related study proposals and foothill yellow-legged frog, California red-legged frog and western pond turtle-related study proposals focusing on Licensee's "straw man" study proposals to facilitate the discussion.

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4/14/2010 9:30 AM Discuss Endangered Species Act (ESA)- and California Endangered Species Act (CESA)-related study proposals focusing on Licensee's "straw man" study proposals to facilitate the discussion.

4/15/2010 9:30 AM Discuss ESA- and CESA-related study proposals focusing on Licensee's "straw man" study proposals to facilitate the discussion.

5/12/2010 9:30 AM Discuss aquatic resources-related study proposals focusing on Licensee's "straw man" study proposals to facilitate the discussion.

5/13/2010 9:30 AM Discuss aquatic resources-related study proposals focusing on Licensee's "straw man" study proposals to facilitate the discussion.

6/9/2010 9:30 AM Discuss geology and soils, water resources, and botanical resources-related study proposals focusing on Licensee's "straw man" study proposals to facilitate the discussion.

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7/14/2010 9:30 AM Discuss Recreation, Land Use, Socioeconomics and Aesthetics-related study proposals focusing on Licensee's "straw man" study proposals to facilitate the discussion.

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To find the direct links to all the information above go to the relicensing website at www.ycwa-relicensing.com. If you have any information for an upcoming meeting that you would like us to relay for you or have any further questions regarding the Yuba River Relicensing Project please call Cathy or Wendy @ the Camptonville Resource Center 288-9355 or E-mail cathy@cville.k12.ca.us or wtinnel@cville.k12.ca.us .

I do not know the word 'quit.' Either I never did, or I have abolished it.

Susan Butcher, Iditarod winner, 1988

Don't compromise yourself. You are all you've got.

--Janis Joplin, American singer

News from the School Board

By Ruth Schwartz

Candice DeMaranville has thrown her hat in the ring to become a member of the School Board of Trustees. It is wonderful to see young parents like Candice getting involved. It is expected that she will be replacing our current president, Donna Tate, whose work duties often take her far from Camptonville. Arnold Olson will step back into the president role and I have volunteered to assist in the Board's clerk role.

At the risk of repeating myself, I want to welcome any parents of Camptonville school children to attend board meetings and get involved with both providing feedback and also as future board members. There are still a couple board members who have been sitting on this board for many years who are thinking of transitioning out. This leaves space for new people, ideas and perspectives. While it is always sad to see people move on, it is also exciting to have new energy.

Declining enrollment and proposed state budget cuts continue to be a concern for our school as all rural schools. We now have 47 students and while fiscally sound, we are always looking for new opportunities to improve cash flow and thus programs for kids. This month we talked about the State's possible twenty percent-across the board - budget cuts and the ARRA (American Relief Recovery Act). Efforts to get a piece of this stimulus money could be used for such things as summer school, employee stipends and various programs.

Mr. Kelly has been hard at work on a comprehensive safety plan at the school that works in conjunction with the Camptonville Emergency Response Plan. He is preparing an emergency box with everything necessary (keys, maps, instructions, phone numbers, etc.) for first responders and school personnel to sufficiently handle any emergency that could happen at the school. The Forest Service, Fire Department, and the Sheriff's office are all actively involved.

Feel free to call me with any questions and come to our next meeting on March 10 at 6:30 PM in the school library.
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Do You Have Defensible Space?

By Jessica Prince

Fire Prevention Technician,
Yuba River Ranger District

Spring will soon be approaching and now is a great time to work on your Defensible Space. Take advantage of the break between storms, to cut, pile and burn on your property while we have burn days and the ground is still wet. This is a much safer time to burn and before you know it, summer will be here and burning could become suspended. Burn permits are not required until May 1, 2010; however, I would like to remind everyone not to burn when it is windy and to still have proper clearance around your piles. You must also place a call to Air Quality @ (530) 289-3662 to see if it is a permissive burn day. Last year alone, there were nine fires in the area; seven of those nine were human caused and four of those seven were caused from escaped debris burning. As always, feel free to visit us at the Yuba River Ranger District for more information on Clearance Requirements and Safe Debris Burning, or call us at (530) 288-3231. Defensible Space is the best way to protect your property and that of your neighbors from wildfire. The following are some excellent websites for more information:

www.fire.ca.gov
www.firesafecouncil.org

I could not, at any age, be content to take my place by the fireside and simply look on. Life was meant to be lived. Curiosity must be kept alive. One must never, for whatever reason, turn his back on life.

-- Eleanor Roosevelt

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CHIEF'S REPORT

By Alan Kinne C'ville VFD

Our Fire Academy under the guidance of Captain Tony Scarafiotti is progressing well. Some of you might have seen us at the station or at the school pulling hose and squirting water. The hands on training we are getting will make this a much better department. When the Academy wraps up in May, we plan on having a graduation ceremony that I am sure will be open to everyone in town.

We finally have license plates on Engine 6365! I could not put DMV off any longer, so I went down and gave them the money. We are not done fighting the sales tax battle yet. The individual we need to talk to is not available right now. As soon as he is, we plan on appealing the amount we had to pay.

We have started a fire department patch display at the Mill Street station. I have contacted the fire department in each of the state capitols and asked for a patch. Many have agreed to send us one. I have also received patches from other departments in this country and in Europe. Most of the patches I have gotten were free, some were traded for one of ours and others will have to be purchased if we really want it. Did you know that North Pole, Alaska has a fire department?? Well, it does, and I am going to get one of those patches even though I have to pay for it. A small fee for Santa's Fire Elves!! If any of you have patches or know someone who does or who can get them, please let me know. The department does not even have to be in operation anymore; we want as many as we can get.

After about a 6 week drought between calls, we had 2 in January, both medical. As of this writing, we have had 2 in February. The first one was a vehicle over the embankment the other side of Bullards Bar. Turns out it had happened earlier that day and no one at Dobbins Fire knew about it. Long trip for nothing for us. The other call was a medical. Winter time is usually pretty slow for us. As the year progresses, things will begin to pick up I am sure. As always, thanks to those who put money in the boots. May be loose change to you, but it adds up and helps us out a great deal.

Faith is the strength by which a shattered world shall emerge into the light.

--Helen Keller

How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.

-- Anne Frank, writer

Need a Ride?

By Wendy Tinnel

There is a new opportunity for the locals here in Camptonville. Yuba County offers no public transportation for our area but Sierra County is willing to help us out. Sierra County has no public fixed-route transit service. However, two non-profits offer demand response and scheduled service to older adults and persons with disabilities, while also providing service to the general public. The Golden Rays Senior van offers service in the Western Sierra County. They are willing to let us hop on at The Lost Nugget store whenever they are already going to Grass Valley. A roundtrip to Grass Valley and will cost \$8.00 and \$4.00 for one way. The van currently goes to Grass Valley the first Tuesday of every month or as needed by Sierra County residents. They cannot make special trips for residents in Yuba County but if you know someone in Sierra County and want to schedule a ride together, that is possible. Seats are limited so give them a call to make sure there is room available. The phone number is (530) 798-8555 leave a message and someone will get back to you. You can also visit their website www.sierracounty.ws and click on Public Transit. Their website offers a little background information and their 2010 monthly schedule including prices.



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Money for Local Non-Profits

By Paula Goodman & Judy Morris

Camptonville Buddies and American Cancer Society/Relay For Life have benefited greatly over the past 3 ½ years with the **CRV** Recycling program at Rebel Ridge Market. The Camptonville Buddies will continue to run the program through June 2010.

As of July 1, 2010 any of Camptonville's non-profit organizations who want to earn extra money will have the opportunity to take over. The recycling bins will be available to start your own program. Please call Paula/Judy 288-1228 or email owlsneagles@inreach.com to let us know you are interested.

We thank all our faithful recyclers for your assistance in sorting and "bagging" your **CRV** containers. It has been a big help. The monies Relay For Life has raised over the years have benefited many cancer patients and their families. The programs American Cancer Society provides such as: Man to Man, (Prostrate Cancer); Look Good Feel Good; Road To Recovery; Research for treatments & drugs; Education/Awareness and other Patient Services are all **FREE** to those in need. Visit www.ACS.org for more information on the various programs.

For those residents who handle your own recycling, you can still help Camptonville Buddies/Relay For Life by donating your "earnings." It's simple and easy: log onto www.relayforlife.org/nevadacountyca, scroll to the right to Top Teams Box, click on VIEW ALL; Scroll down to Camptonville Buddies and click on it. You are now on the home page of Camptonville Buddies, click on Donate or Join our Team. Plan to spend some time with us on May 22nd & 23rd at the Nevada County Fairgrounds; the entire event is FREE. It's an awesome way to spend a few or even 24 hours to help Celebrate Life by honoring Cancer Survivors, Remembering Loved Ones lost to this disease and help Fight Back against Cancer. Please call Paula/Judy 288-1228 or email at owlsneagles@inreach.com for more information. See ya on the track May 22nd & 23rd.

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-- Eleanor Roosevelt

If women could go into your Congress, I think justice would soon be done to the Indians.

--Sara Winnemucca, Piute tribe activist, 1883

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Nourishing Traditions

By Gaetane Courchesne

The Weston A. Price Foundation is a nonprofit, tax-exempt charity founded in 1999 to disseminate the research of nutrition pioneer Dr. Weston Price. The Foundation is dedicated to restoring nutrient-dense foods to the American Diet through education, research and activism. It supports a number of movements that contribute to this objective including, amongst others, organic and biodynamic farming and community-supported farms.

A new chapter of the Weston A. Price Foundation is forming to serve residents of the San Juan Ridge and surrounding communities. Soleil Farm hosts the first meeting on March 15, 2010 with a potluck supper beginning at 5:30pm. A presentation on the goals and philosophy of the Weston A. Price Foundation will follow. Local chapters of the Weston A. Price Foundation help consumers find healthy foods available in their communities.

The first meeting of the San Juan Ridge Chapter of is Monday, March 15th from 5:30pm– 8:00pm. Please bring a nourishing dish to share & your own place setting. The meeting will be held at 16303 Cornflower Court (off Birchville Road.) Meetings will be held the 3rd Monday of the month. For more information call 292-3359.

Women’s History Month

By Stephanie Ruff

Mary Hays (“Mary Pitcher”), Rosa Parks, Frida Kahlo, Amelia Earhart, Eleanor Roosevelt, Hannah Szenes, Elizabeth Stanton, Zora Neale Hurston, Wilma Mankiller, Sally Ride, Maya Angelou, Wilma Rudolph, Dorothea Lange. Are you familiar with any of these names? Hopefully you are! March is Women’s History Month and it is a time to honor and become aware of the contributions of women. Men dominate the history books but women have been doing important and amazing things throughout history. The list of names above is just a sprinkling of the many women that have achieved great things thru determination, faith, strength and courage. I urge you to take time this month and read a book or watch a movie about a courageous woman in history. You just might learn something new or become inspired to follow your dreams.

The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.

-- Eleanor Roosevelt

Never give up, for that is just the place and time that the tide will turn.

-- Harriet Beecher Stowe

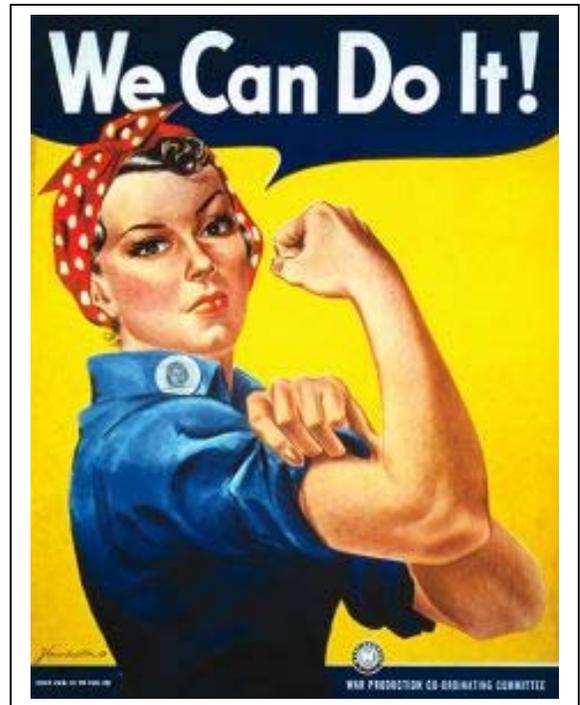


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Jessi's Garden

By Jessi Mullins

Rebel Ridge Organics is opening Wednesday, March 3rd. We will be open Wednesday through Sunday – 10-6. We will be closed on Mondays and Tuesdays. I want to thank everyone for being patient on the re-opening of the business. Our lives suddenly got pretty busy and we had to make some changes at Rebel Ridge Organics – made it a bit more baby friendly. The store is coming along very nicely, but there is still much to do. I can't wait until everyone sees the changes.

March is a very busy time outside in the garden as well as inside, in home or greenhouses. It is time to start your seedlings, especially those that take a little longer to germinate and grow. Peppers, tomatoes, eggplant and herbs all need to be started ASAP. Remember that bottom heat speeds up germination and helps produce a stronger root system. Also, start your cool weather veggies, such as snow peas, kale, lettuces, spinach, chard, etc. so they are ready to go in the ground in early spring.

Enjoy the sunny beautiful days we've been lucky to have by getting outside and cutting your shrubs back, pruning those fruit trees that you've been meaning to prune all winter, plant some summer flowering bulbs or sow directly in the ground some perennial flower seeds.

I've noticed some of my fruit trees already budding out, OH NO! – it is way too early, I know we are going to get some more snow and for sure some more cold nights. I have a plum and a pluot already beginning to flower, this is a bummer because if the flowers get hit with frost then we will not get any fruit on the tree. There is something you can do if you have some trees budding out too. If they are small enough or contained enough to throw some sort of frost blanket over the top, such as agribon cloth it will help the flowers survive on those cold nights and days. Simply

drape the cloth over the canopy of the tree, don't worry about hurting the few flowers that the cloth is going to smash or damage. This is simply done if the tree is not large, of course.

We still have a good variety of bare root fruit trees, blueberries, and grapes left. Although it is not the best time to plant these bare root items they can still be planted and will do just fine – get them in the ground ASAP. Bulk compost is coming soon and we're trying to get a source of bulk pre-mixed ready to plant in soil. We are also fully stocked with all the favorites as far as bagged soil goes (happy frog, fox farm, etc).

Hope to see all you eager gardeners soon!!!

Good for the environment, great for your health – garden organically!

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March Calendar:

Parent Council Meeting	Thurs. March 4 th , 10am, C'ville Resource Center
Roger Rapp Memorial	Sat. March 6 th , 1pm, C'ville School Gym
School Board	Wed. March 10 th , (2 nd Wed. of month) 6:30pm, C'ville School Library
CCSD	Mon. March 15 th , (3 rd Mon. of month) 7:00 pm, C'ville School
Nourishing Traditions Meeting	Mon. March 15 th , 5:30-8:00pm, Soleil Farms
Town Hall Meeting	Thur. March 18 th 5:30-8:00pm, C'ville School Gym
Cemetery Clean Up	Sat. March 20 th , 10am-?, C'ville Cemetery
Courier Deadline	Sat. March 20 th
Bake Sale	Sat. March 27 th , Rebel Ridge Market (benefit for Egg Hunt)
Egg Decorating Workshop	Sun. March 28 th , Soleil Farms
Yoga	Tuesdays at 5:30 PM, C'ville School
Food Bank	Third Thursday at the Lake Francis Grange, Dobbins

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