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## We need a bigger box

By Rod Bondurant

Where is the Camptonville Museum? The Camptonville Museum currently exists in the cardboard box that Stephanie and Rod are holding and in the little white building in town borrowed from the USFS. Much more exists in people's closets, attics, and memories.

The Camptonville Historical Society has been formed to find a bigger and better permanent place to put memorabilia and to collect and preserve people's stories. Founding members include: Stephanie Korney, Carolyn & John Mumm, Robert Mumm, Lois Butz, Leland Pauly, Elma Davis, Bill Irving, Ken Doris, Jan Jero, Rod Bondurant, and Rochelle Bell.

The first fun and laughter filled meeting was held on October 17th. We plan quarterly meetings (at most!) and will keep them fun-filled.

We would like to gratefully acknowledge the hospitality of the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints for hosting our first gathering in their Family History Center.

The first steps are to do all the paperwork to formally organize the society and to begin a search for a permanent facility. The next meeting will be Jan 3, Tuesday, at 2 pm at the Family History Center -



Board members examine "the museum"

## Start Your Holiday Shopping Early at the Candle Lite Party

By Rita Ortega

On **Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 8:30**, (at the Camptonville School) Kathy French, a consultant for *Candle Lite*, has offered to host a "fun raiser", with the proceeds going to the Camptonville Community Partnership. This is another way to give where you live, have some fun and check out the great candle products *Candle Lite* has to offer. This is a great opportunity to start holiday shopping - everyone likes candles!

The Camptonville Community Partnership received a grant from the California Endowment in April of this year; as part of that grant we will be working on sustaining the Resource Center and the important programs that operate out of the office ("1,2,3 Grow"; CanWORK; community outreach; events and mental health trainings). The money that is raised from these events will go to assist with program costs and overhead to keep the Resource Center open to all.

Be sure to bring a friend, neighbor, or relative. We also want to entice you with snacks and refreshments. For more information call the Resource Center at 288-9355.

## Welcome to Mimi Mills

By Shirley DicKard

Mimi is the newest member of the Board of Directors of Camptonville Community Partnership! She brings a wealth of experience to the community, with a background as Executive Director of the "Light in the Dark" Foundation non-profit, film production, conflict resolution training, and a graduate of the Women's Health Leadership program. She and her family moved to Camptonville to live a sustainable "farming life."

Renewing board members are Rod Bondurant, President; and Diane Pendola, Co-Director of Skyline Harvest Eco-Contemplative Center in Camptonville. They join Joel Shawn, owner of Montagna Rossa vineyard in Camptonville, and Hally Vadeboncoeur with the young adult perspective. Board meetings are open to all, usually the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month.

## From the Fire Chief:

### Have a home fire escape plan

It's simple but we all need to do it with the entire family.

- ✓ Make a plan, write it down, and practice it.
- ✓ Know two exits from each room.
- ✓ Have a common meeting place outside.
- ✓ Know and post your address.

USFS Engine 31 will be in Camptonville this winter with a 5 person staff Thursdays through Mondays.

**Dooryard burn permits are still suspended until further notice.**

## 1, 2, 3 Grow News

By Molly Spackman

It is amazing how influential a group of peers can be to a person. 1,2,3 Grow has provided my son with a group of people that he learns from and loves to be around. He now hops with two feet around our house, picks letters from the magnets on the refrigerator and names them, is interested in colors, and loves to sing songs and point to different parts of his body. These are all things 1,2,3 Grow has been teaching in fun ways. Among other things, this month they have worked on the colors orange and black, letters P and B, and faces.

As a parent, I enjoy time to myself or a casual conversation with other parents. Many times I have found comfort and relief in finding out I am not the only parent who gets frustrated with their kids! I love 1,2,3 Grow.

1,2,3 Grow is also going on a field trip to Bishop's Pumpkin Farm on Tuesday the 25<sup>th</sup>. At the time of this writing, it had not happened yet, so you can look forward to reading about that next time!

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## Special Election Report

Do not be discouraged - VOTE!

By Cathy LeBlanc

Have you received your ballot yet? If so, open to the first page message from the Secretary of State. ..." There is no greater civic responsibility than to exercise your right to vote. Elections are the highest expression of civic participation that we have in a free society...." I couldn't have said it better myself. Remember, your voice counts.

I spoke with a friend of mine, who is a member of the Strawberry Band of the Maidu Indigenous persons, about Measure G. He enlightened me. From his point of view *Measure G* is about a tribe outside of Yuba County attempting to have jurisdiction and build a casino inside Yuba County. The Strawberry Band of Maidu has not even been invited to talk at the table.

An Unofficial Poll of the children's advocates concerning the November Special Election. It's the vote NO on everything election. It's important that we all take the time to vote in this election, but this election is a tool of the Governor for Proposition 76. This is an election that is costing us extra dollars that could have been spent for the good of the state and all children in California.

Here's a Shout Out: Yeah! To Jean Tepperman editor of the Children's Advocate magazine. (Bilingual Spanish/English). In the center of the September-October issue (pg14) you can find ballot proposition information in both languages with an "is it good for Kids" perspective. Check it out. The magazine is available at all Child Care Resource and Referrals and many Family Resource Centers (including ours) or on line at [www.4children.org](http://www.4children.org).

## New Location for the Food Bank

The food bank in Dobbins is open to qualified Camptonville residents on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at the Lake Francis Grange at 10775 Texas Hill Road in Dobbins from 8am to 10:30am.

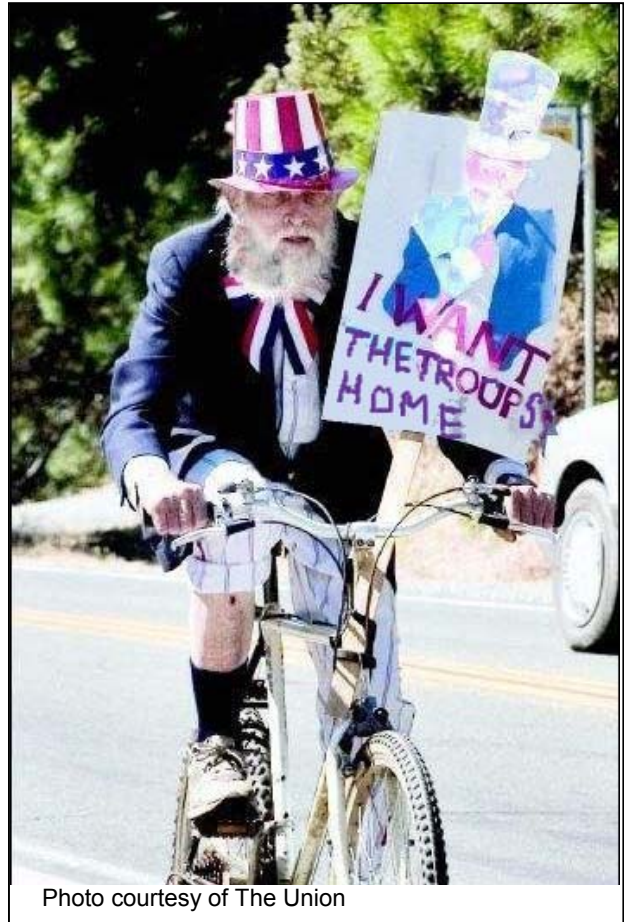


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## Peace Rally

By Robert Mumm

It made me feel pretty good to look down Broad Street on September 26th and see people marching on both sidewalks from top to bottom of the hill. I don't know just how many of us from this area took part, but every now and then I would see a familiar face. I had only attended this local peace rally by chance after plans for a ride to San Francisco fell through. By this involvement I came to realize that if you want the most bang for your buck, local participation wins hands down. When a friend e-mailed information about our local rally, I found that CRITICAL MASS was taking part with a bicycle ride from the Brunswick basin to the Rood center. I joined in, wearing my Uncle Sam suit, and as a result my picture was published. This little change in plans made a huge difference in the effectiveness of my participation. "There" an insignificant number, here a real person visibly doing something that he believes in. "Think globally and act locally" Hope to see you at the next rally.



## Fun In The Fall

By Rita Ortega

The weather was perfect, the decorations beautiful, the food everyone brought lit up our taste buds, and whoops and hollers were heard all around from the different games. We all enjoyed watching or playing bunco, horseshoes, bocce ball, children's crafts and games or just sitting around and visiting. The "Fun In the Fall" fun raiser on Saturday October 10<sup>th</sup>, for the Camptonville Community Partnership was not only fun but raised approximately \$725 for our children, family and community activities at the Resource Center (money is still coming in!). We would like to extend a big thank you to Mike and Connie Gross for opening up their home and property to the community for this event. They are already making plans to do this again. I would also like to thank everyone that attended our get-together and especially to those of you who helped put this together.



## Burgee Dave's @ the Mayo is open!

By Dee Samuels

Four of us had dinner Wednesday night at Camptonville's famous old restaurant building "The Mayo," which is now open with new ownership.

Affable host Brian Price, whose welcoming smile made us feel right at home, greeted us. And that is what Burgee Dave's @ The Mayo is all about – a comfortable place to have hearty home cooked food, prepared by the accomplished cook, Sandi Kubich.

We had our choice of two entrées, tortellini or meatloaf, and the bar menu, which offered two "noshes," burgers and more. Two of us chose tortellini and two opted for burgers. We shared a "nosh" of Wild Bill's Italian Chips 'N Salsa. The salsa was excellent – fresh tomatoes, basil and garlic, the chips divine. You absolutely cannot eat just one!

The generous servings of tortellini arrived piping hot as good pasta should, with a flavorful marinara sauce and toasted garlic bread on the side. The ample burgers were nicely cooked and came with fresh tomato, lettuce and onion, as well as tasty fries. We were too full for dessert, so passed trying blackberry cobbler or a brownie sundae.

I heard from other satisfied patrons that the beef stew and the chicken served with fresh spinach and rice were very good.

Brian and Sandi tell us we can look for hearty soups, pot roast, casseroles and chicken and dumplings in the cooler months. They will keep the menu limited to a few entrees and the bar menu while they get used to running the restaurant and learn what the community likes, but will be expanding to more items soon as well as opening for lunch.

I highly recommend dinner or a snack at Burgee Dave's @ The Mayo. The bar is open at 4:00 P.M. Dinner is served from 5:00 to 9:00 Wednesday through Monday nights (closed on Tuesdays). It's great to have two eating establishments in Camptonville again. Come out and support Sandi and Brian. They are great folks who will serve you a delicious meal! Their phone number is 288-3301.

## Children's Roundtable

By Cathy LeBlanc

The October Children's Roundtable held a flavor of fall harvest. We listened to news of pending legislative bills. Did they get signed? Which ones got vetoed?

We still held hope out for a few. We spoke about the latest pass of the scythe, oh I mean pen.

Passed: SB12 (Escutia) Nutrition Bill. High schools will now have to follow same *healthy snack* guidelines as Elementary schools.

Vetoed AB772 (Chan), which would have expanded health coverage for uninsured California children.

We asked, "What happens if he doesn't sign a bill? Does it automatically pass and become law?" Well, at the end of the Legislative season (this year September 9<sup>th</sup>) all the bills that made it through all the committees go to the Gov's desk. Then he has three choices: Sign it into law, allow it to become a law without his signature, or veto it. WHICH MEANS BY October 9<sup>th</sup> (8<sup>th</sup> really, 9<sup>th</sup> was a Sunday) bills that he did not sign or veto became a law. I heard he had hundreds of bills to look at in the last 30 days.

## Neighborhood Health Advocates and Certified Application Assistants (CAA's) for healthy families and medi-cal enrollment.

By Cathy LeBlanc

This is a good way to help families obtain health insurance for their children.

With the passage of the State Budget this year was the inclusion of paid CAA's (Certified Application Assistants). (To help you understand a bit more about the State reenactment of CAA's go to [www.healthyfamilies.ca.gov](http://www.healthyfamilies.ca.gov))

Yuba Community Collaborative for Healthy Children (YCCHC) will begin training Neighborhood Health Advocates (NHA's) to become CAA's. The good part is The CAA's can make \$50.00 for every successful Healthy Family or Medi-CAL health insurance application they assist in helping families complete.

Currently the YCCHC is looking to fill 2 bi-lingual positions as NHA's in Marysville. Interested applicants who are bi-lingual and able to read and write in the languages of Hmong or Spanish may contact Cathy or Caryl at 741-1499 for more information.



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## Critter Corner

Chuck

By Rochelle Bell

Gobble, gobble, gobble - loud enough to wake us up some 5 years ago. That was how we first met Chuck. He was outside our bedroom window at 7am. When I rose to see what was going on, there was a huge wild turkey. His neck stretched toward our window, his blue, white and red bumpy head was straining with the appearance that he was calling us to get up. That was the beginning of our relationship. Since then Chuck can be found on our property most of the time except evenings when he rejoins the rest of his clan downhill to roost in the pines near the creek. Chuck lounges in the shade of the Mimosa tree in the heat of the summer. In the Fall he loves a good project and stays close to Rod especially around vehicles. The loud noise of power tools seems to be music to his ears and he will occasionally take a nap near the truck or van. The lure of ripe grapes prompts him to bring his friends for an early morning visit.

In the winter, mellow changes to macho – his behavior as he defends his harem becomes extremely aggressive. He pecks at our car and screams at us as his head and neck turn bright with color. Luckily it's all over later in spring when he shows off the moms with their new chicks. Most of the year we enjoy having Chuck around and hope he has a long life.



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## Creativity in the hills

By Katie Jacobson

Moonshine road resident Michelle Krampetz has made her art also be her source of income for 14 years. Her Dad said she'd never make it as an artist and she was motivated to prove him wrong. She found the Foothills while she was hitchhiking many years ago and could not find a ride out of Nevada City. Someone offered her studio facilities and she has been here ever since.

Michelle makes planters and bowls that are useful and easy to sell and then stretches out into masks, refrigerator magnets, dog bowls and whatever happens. She has learned how to not let it get boring. "Working on the wheel is like a meditation... Having fun and going back to kindergarten" is a must...and "just go for it...It's all about letting go and breathing and first of all it's about non- attachment. There's no control when it comes to the sculpture part. Things break!"

There are days Michelle works on the wheel 12 hours but the average is 3 to 5. Somedays, however, she simply can't throw a pot. Then she shifts to making molds for other items or sculpture. She also teaches K-8 art classes on invitation. She loves to teach and would like to teach an adult class in Camptonville if someone will donate the space. The cost would be the cost of the clay and a donation for time. The class would be 2-3 sessions and she will fire and glaze the projects. To get in touch with her about the class or call to buy something from her inventory email her at [krampe52@aol.com](mailto:krampe52@aol.com). You can see one of her cookie jars on E Bay right now...MK23pottery.





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## Fall Moonshine Potluck

By Carolyn Mumm

A gathering of about 40 Moonshine Road residents and their friends took place on a warm Sunday afternoon in October at Moonshine Campground. The home prepared food was colorful and delicious. Meeting, greeting, and catching up with family and neighbors made the potluck special. Thanks to Duane and Chris Dobbins for hosting this event again at their campground on the Middle Yuba River. Thanks also to Judy Morris for publicity, and Robert Mumm for the sign.



## Harvest Stew

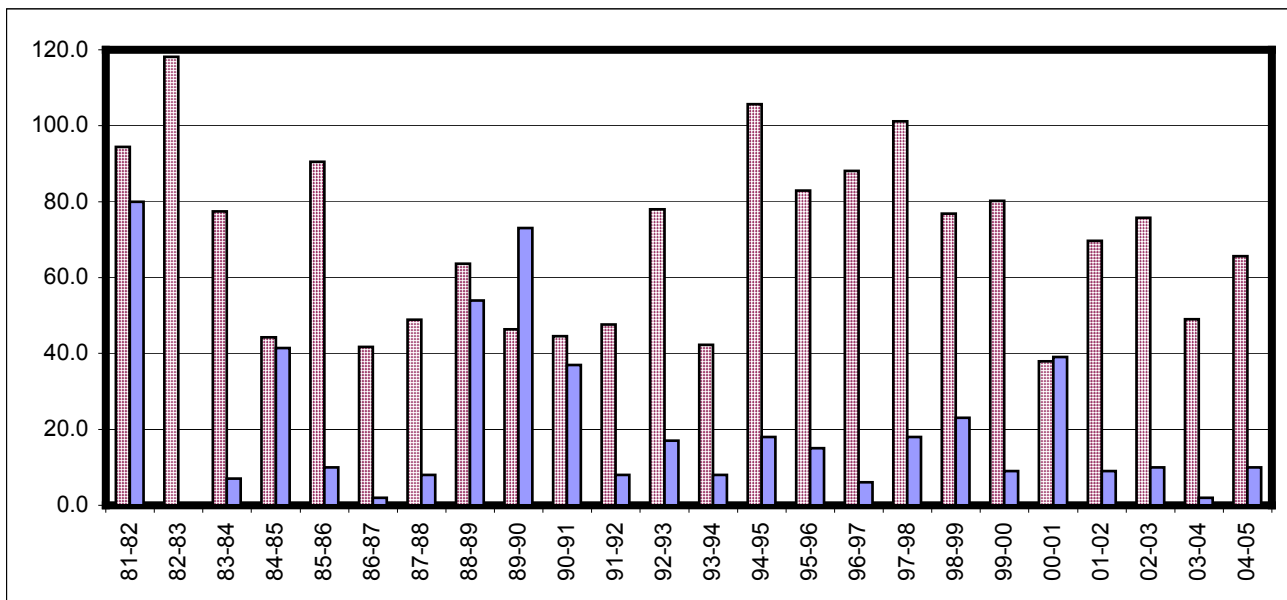
By Rochelle Bell

The North Gold Senior Mountaineers gave the Senior Center a boost of \$1200 from the annual Harvest Stew. Thirty-two volunteers helped prepare the dinner, which served over 80 people. The seniors gave away more than 40 raffle prizes with the selling of over 600 raffle tickets. Lois Azevedo sold 128 tickets alone.

The students at Oak Tree School created art to adorn the walls, and Debbie Edmonelson and Lola Cleary decorated both inside and out for a festive feel. Roberta Foster handled the microphone and did a great job keeping it all together.



## Rebel Ridge Raindrop Report



The anonymous raindrop reporter shared with us this 23-year record of rain and snow at Rebel Ridge. The solid bars indicate snowfall, and the patterned bars are the total rainfall. The reporter says, "The readings, while not scientific, are usually good enough to settle arguments".



# Return to Moonshine

By Sky Barnhart Schual

I was closer to the ground back then. Closer to the stones of the long, gravel driveway; to the tiny, moss-scented ferns growing along the edges; to the clumps of wiry grass sprouting down the middle where wheels couldn't crush them.

Now I am closer to the trees. Closer to their whispering, green canopy; to the red Madrone bark sloughing down their olive trunks; to the crinkle of their leaves falling onto the driveway beneath my feet. How have I grown so tall?

It's been twenty-two years since I last walked down this winding driveway, looking for fairies in the scotch-broom bushes. My sister and I would leave offerings of "fairy bananas," piling the bright yellow blossoms on a low mossy rock just where the driveway turned. Once we found a tiny figurine wearing a pink cap and blue shoes, and our hopes were fueled for years.

Is the fairy rock still there? Bending down, I brush aside the dry leaves and weeds of summer and see its scruffy, lichen surface. No blossoms and no fairies, but at least the rock is there. I leave it clear for the next fairy-seeker.

Moonshine Road has taken me home again, and as my feet walk toward our old house, my new husband walks beside me and squeezes my hand.

I see the corner posts of the garden. There's the woodpile on the left, there's the rise in the road leading up to the dirt front yard that my dad would wet down with the hose and rake out for guests. There's the sprawling garden where my mom would plant a ring of basil beneath each tomato plant, and the steep horse corral where our pony would eternally chew the fence.

I turn toward the house and my heart feels like doors opening, and just then the front door opens and a little girl runs out. She has dark hair and a purple dress and her feet are bare. Is it me? I want to say something, but my voice is full of tears, so I just say hello.

Fortunately, we have come here with friends, and they talk on my behalf, explaining how we moved away when I was eight from this homestead my parents built. Now I am back, traveling here on my honeymoon to share with my husband this piece of my heart that has been kept as memory for so long.

But it's more than a memory—it's more real than I had dreamed. The wood of the house is richer, deeper. The stone walls are stronger, the windows brighter. It's a real place, a real home, and the family that lives here now is wonderfully real and right for this place.

We walk through the house, and the little girl stays by my side, her green eyes wide with eagerness to share with me her room, her toys, her cherished home. I am so glad she is here. I want to tell her how lucky she is, but I think she knows.

Around behind the house, I open the heavy door to the root cellar where Ojas, our German Shepherd, used to keep her puppies. My sister and I would sit on the dirt floor, inhaling the warm, puppy smell and watching the furry bodies tumble around, until my mom said it was time to leave them alone.

Back outside, I explore the stonework with my fingers, searching the cement for small handprints that were made when the foundation was poured. I call my dad from my cell phone. "Guess where I am, Dad?" I can tell he's crying on the other end, but he's happy too. Soon we will all come back to see this place.

Shadows are deepening as we climb down the narrow path to the creek. My husband walks ahead as I linger by the bank where my sister and I used to swim. The clear water spills unhurriedly over rocks into the sandy-bottomed pool, and familiar mosquitoes nip fiercely at my ankles.

Slipping out of my sandals, I dip my toes into the cold water. I feel like I should be crouching on the bank, sculpting sand palaces for unlucky salamanders and racing leaf boats with my sister. When did I get so grown up?

When we get back to the house, the little girl has long been put to bed, no doubt protesting the lightness of the evening and the unfairness of bedtime in summer. We say our goodbyes and walk over the hill and down the other side to Moonshine Road.

The blacktop still holds the heat of the day, and the brush is crisp as dry cereal along the roadside. My friend tells us that an osprey has built a nest in a pine tree nearby. Staring up into the treetops, I'm just tall enough to see the shadowy outline.

*Sierra Sky Lila Barnhart Schual is the daughter of Jim and Nancy Barnhart, who built their home on Moonshine Road in 1976. The Barnharts were active members of the Camptonville community. Jim sold land and served for the North San Juan Volunteer Fire Department. Sky and her older sister Taj attended Camptonville School until the family moved to Nevada City in 1982. The Barnharts now live in Eugene, Oregon, where they run a successful real estate company. Sky and Taj live in Maui, Hawai'i, where Taj is an agent with the family's Lahaina real estate office. Sky is a freelance writer and lives with her husband Steve, a mechanical engineer, in Kihei. She returned to Moonshine Road for the first time on their honeymoon in August 2005.*

*Thanks to Jonathan, Marcy & Rachel Feingold for their warm hospitality, and to Dick & Shirley DicKard for always being the wonderful DicKard Family!*

## Wood consumption in California

By Heather Morrison

California's forests grow much more wood every year than is harvested. However, the state imports 70% of its lumber needs; not because we don't have the ability to produce it, but because we do not want to harvest it - here that is.

Because California has such productive forests, we can produce quite a bit of wood on one acre of land. To retrieve that same amount of timber from a third world country, it would take at least twice the amount of land (due to lower site class productivity and other variables). It is no secret that we Californians love wood; it is a major staple of our life. Every year each American consumes enough wood to be found in a tree that is 30" in diameter and 100 feet tall (approximately 1,000 boardfeet). Yes, that is a lot of wood, but currently California's forests produce enough wood to cover that amount plus more on a sustainable basis, for every citizen that lives here. So, why do we still import? There are many reasons - all of which are interconnected. The population of California is increasing by leaps and bounds - over 2% each year. And much of it is moving into the forest, turning productive forestland into subdivisions and other non-forest type uses. And many of these people do not want to see any trees cut, as that is why they moved there. It is the equivalent of moving next to a dairy farm and complaining about the smell. In addition to this issue, is the fact that California has the most stringent forest practice rules of any state; and it is not the environmental protection that is the problem, it is the excessive paperwork burden that the forest landowner must face. Consider a parcel of timberland located on the Oregon/California border - half in Oregon and half in California. The silviculture (ie cutting) prescriptions are identical and the forest stands identical. The cost to get the paperwork alone to harvest the timber in Oregon might cost several thousand dollars; in California the price would be well over \$20,000. This excessive cost is not an incentive to grow and harvest timber, but rather an incentive for landowners to sell their land to developers.

So, what is the answer? Well, first we must ask if we think it is OK to get wood elsewhere, from places with little to no environmental protection, and where more acres of land must be harvested than would be here. In addition we must also look at the costs of importing this wood in terms of fuel and even importation of unwanted pests. If we think this is not OK, then consider supporting the "California Grown" concept, buying wood that is grown in California. And, support your local tree farmer!!

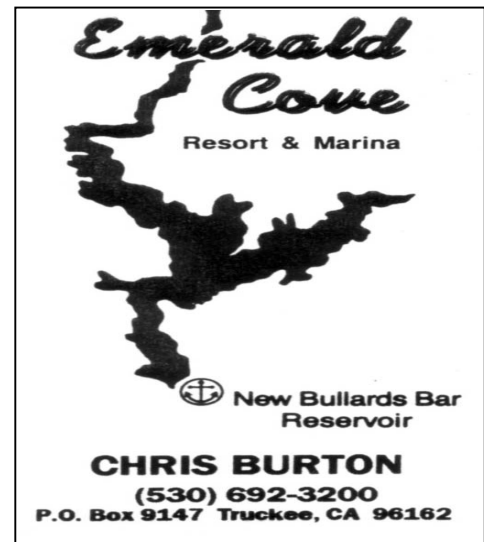
For more information about forestry in California, contact the Forest Stewardship Helpline 800-738-TREE.

### A Forest Sustainability Conference

November 5 (Saturday) from 9-4:30 at Nevada Union High School, in Grass Valley. For more information on this, please contact the Helpline!

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## Downieville Ranger District

By Betty Leffew

Our weather is finally starting to cool off. With the cooler weather it is a great time to visit the district trails. The Sierra Buttes are beautiful this time of year. The fall colors are changing fast.

Time is running short for getting your firewood in. You must still call in to see if it is a cut day before you go out. Remember you only have till November 27 to get your firewood cut. If we should receive significant rain before then, it may close early. **Dooryard burn permits are still suspended until further notice.**

All campgrounds above Camptonville are in winter status. They will still be open to use but with no services and no fees. The campgrounds at Bullards Bar are closed. Sites 1 through 14 in Schoolhouse are open with no amenities and no fee.

So far not much rain to speak of. Only .68 inches, to date. Last year at this time we had 4.48 inches.

## Greetings from the Real Estate Corner!

Well, all the buzz about Real Estate now seems to be about appreciation (an increased value of property) and mortgage interest rates (money charged for the use of money).

Did you know that interest rates are still hovering in the 6% range for a fixed rate, 30 year home loan. And there are available interest only loans as well as nothing down loans. When I bought back about 1985 I had an 11% adjustable loan. Six per cent is great!

We have been very fortunate to have been enjoying double digit appreciation in California for the past several years. Presently it's looking like 4 to 8 per cent yearly appreciation in our area. Three to five per cent is normal for most areas, and there are many areas having no appreciation.

Sales have slowed, we are just enjoying a more "normal appreciation".

See you next month,  
Karen



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### Attention secret admirer

On October 12 a very lovely birthday gift was left on my windshield at Camptonville School. To my surprise, there was no name left on the gift. I would like to thank my secret admirer for remembering me on my birthday. I don't know who you are and can't thank you in person, so I am thanking you here.  
Bobbie



## NOVEMBER CALENDAR:

Candle Lite Party	Tuesday, November 8 from 6:30 to 8:30, at the Camptonville School
Co-op meeting	November 6, 4pm at 16767 Mountain House Rd
CCP Board meeting	November 21, 4-6 pm at the Resource Center
CCSD	November 21, 6 pm at the school
"Resume Writing"	and Microsoft word Classes with CanWORK, Tuesdays in Nov. 9:30 am at the Resource Center.
Food Bank	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at the Lake Francis Grange at 10775 Texas Hill Road in Dobbins from 8am to 10:30am
1,2,3 Grow	Tues, Wed, Thurs, 8:30-11:30 behind the school.
Yoga	Thursday night from 5:30 to 7:00 pm in the gym at school.
Meditation group	Continuing Tuesday afternoon. Call Yana at 478-6943 for info
Ongoing AA meeting	Sundays at 4pm til 5. For information call Mike 288-2849 or the Resource Center 288-9355.