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Holiday Crafts Faire December 2nd By Shirley DickKard

Calling all craft persons, growers, chefs, shoppers, musicians, vendors and volunteers! The Camptonville Holiday Crafts Faire is **Saturday, December 2nd from 2-6 pm at Camptonville School**. This is a great time to shop locally for your holiday gifts.

Here's how you can participate:

Volunteer to help before or at the event.

Sell your gift and food items. Vendor tables can be reserved for \$5.

Donate gift items for children to buy for their family and friends at the "Kids-Only Holiday Shopping Room."

Donate items for the Silent and Live Auctions. Think close to home. What can you donate that you can make or do for someone? Foot massage; create a personal poem or song; home grown eggs, canned foods, or bread; gift certificate at a local business/restaurant, firewood; a half/day of yard clean-up or babysitting; a family photograph; cook a dinner; create a theme gift basket – you get the idea?

There will be food to eat, music to sing, gifts to buy, friends to meet, and a lot of holiday fun. Funds raised go towards Camptonville Community Partnership's child/family/community activities, including "1,2,3 Grow." To volunteer, donate, or reserve your table, give Rita at The Resource Center a call at 288-9355.

Vote!

By Cathy LeBlanc

I admit this is one full ballot we will be voting on November 7th. There are 13 propositions, key candidate races, and local measures. There is too much for me to write a concise unbiased one page report on. But fortunately there are some excellent web sites to help you understand the ballot propositions and dig deeper if you would like. First, you can visit

www.ss.ca.gov/elections/elections_viguide06.htm or www.cbp.org or the league of women voters sponsors www.easyvoter.org or www.smartvoter.org/2006/11/07/ca/state/prop/.

Our polling place is the LDS church on Marysville Road and Hwy 49 - open 7am to 8pm.

If you have received an absentee ballot and have not mailed it in already, be sure to bring it with you. You can either fill your ballot out and just drop it off, or you can turn in your blank ballot and vote right there electronically. If you have misplaced your absentee ballot you can still vote with a provisional ballot at the polling place.

VOTE !

1,2,3 Grow day at the apple farm and pumpkin patch

By Barbara Hogan

From riding on the straw horses to climbing the pile of hay, the children, parents, and teachers of *1,2,3 Grow* had a fun filled day at Bierwagen's farm on October 11th. We ate fresh picked apples that were polished and sorted as we watched. We fed rejected apples and pumpkins to the pigs and cows, and we each got to pick our own pumpkin to take home. Debbie bought some dried peaches, and we all got a taste along with some freshly made apple juice. We finished up our day with a picnic and lots of pictures. Much thanks to Molly for making the plans and flyer, and to all the wonderful parents and children who attended, along with my daughter Thea, who was visiting from Alaska.

Keep *1,2,3 Grow* alive by coming to the December 2nd Crafts faire. Patsy and Annie are going to make pasties and salad to raise money for this program. Parents and children will spend the month of November making crafts and holiday ornaments for sale. We really see what a gift this program has been when we watch our graduates take their place in Kindergarten. Please help us thrive!



Teen Pizza Party

By Barbara Hogan

On October 27 we had a high school pizza planning party at the *1,2,3 Grow* room. What did we plan? Well, to start with, we would really like to have a "13 year and older" Movie Night. If we can, our *tentative* plans are to show "X-men" on November 17. So watch for flyers for the *final plans* or call Barbara at 288-9355. If we sell popcorn, pizza, and soda, we can earn money to do more fun things for the rest of the year with our local teens. The party was funded by a grant obtained by the Camptonville Community Partnership to provide activities for our community's children. We also talked about and planned for our annual Teen Retreat which is an event for our 7th and 8th grade students in preparation for transitioning to high school.

The teens also offered to help younger children buy and wrap presents at the December crafts faire. We have a wonderful group of children in our community, and I would like to keep them involved so they know they have a safe place in this world.

Much thanks to Annette from Luigi's for the wonderful pizza. Krystal won the portable CD player door prize and Ty won the CD case. A big personal heartfelt thank you to Norm for filling in at the last minute. This community truly cares for its children.

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Earth Charter

By Richard DickKard

The Earth Charter study group met again. The 5th and 6th Principles were discussed:

5. Protect and Restore the integrity of the Earth's ecological systems with special concern for biological diversity.

6. Prevent harm as the best method of environmental protection and when knowledge is limited take a precautionary approach.

The following questions and comments came up:

- Can the forest surrounding our area be managed so that it is sustained and healthy?

A good example of sustainable timber harvest was recently done by the USFS near Jay Bird Creek in the Pendola area.

- What are we as individuals and as a community willing to do to make our area fire safe, defensible, accessible and beautiful? Where do we get the information and support?

The Yuba County Hazard Mitigation Plan, if completed, may have answers to this.

- What are we putting on our land that is inappropriate for the ecosystem in which we live such as invasive species of fish in ponds and plants in gardens and yards?

Scotch broom was imported years ago and star thistle is moving in from below.

- How can we get rid of star thistle and scotch broom without using herbicides that can harm other good plants and be toxic to humans? Is this a community concern?

There has been success at Skyline Ranch with mechanical release / mowing. One person still has some nerve damage from the use of Round Up last year following instructions.

- Were we at risk this summer swimming in the Middle Yuba River from heavy metals released upstream from the dredging at Our House Dam? Who even checked this out?

Did the company doing the work need to complete an EIS? Why wasn't CCSD informed?

- Should we in Camptonville do like the people in Dobbins/Oregon House and come up with a published statement on how we want the Yuba County government and its agencies and the US Forest Service to interact with us and our area?

The Dobbins/Oregon House Action Committee has on many occasions over the last 4 years acted to protect their rural status quo which stopped a large housing tract being developed and has given input to the USFS Forest Plans.

Join us in discussing these issues and more at the next meeting. The group gets together on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays (call 288-3479 for place and time).

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At Leaves of Learning (10087 La Porte Rd, Challenge)

Call Cathy LeBlanc 288-9355 Camptonville Community Partnership

Cathy's Commentary

By Cathy LeBlanc

The views contained herein are my own as Cathy LeBlanc, citizen, and should have no reflection on my employers or this newspaper.

Okay, with all that out of the way I am free to speak. Wow we need to vote and vote wisely. We need to ask ourselves some key questions:

Do we like the current administration's policies or is it time for a change?

Are we being told the truth by this administration?

As a citizen are we losing valuable rights (military commissions act of 2006 i.e. habeas corpus A writ of habeas corpus is a judicial mandate to a prison official ordering that an inmate be brought to the court so it can be determined whether or not that person is imprisoned lawfully and whether or not he should be released from custody.)

Are we fear based or freedom based?

VOTE your voice counts!!!

Cathy's Election picks

No [Proposition 1A](#). **Transportation Funding Protection -- State of California** (*Legislative Constitutional Amendment - Majority Approval Required*)

Should the California Constitution be amended to further protect the state sales tax revenues for transportation purposes from general-purpose use and require any funds borrowed to be repaid to the transportation fund?

Yes [Proposition 1B](#). **Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security -- State of California** (*Legislative Bond Act - Majority Approval Required*)

Should the state sell \$19.9 billion in general obligation bonds to fund state and local transportation improvement projects to relieve congestion, improve movement of goods, improve air quality, and enhance safety and security of the transportation system?

Yes [Proposition 1C](#). **Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Act of 2006 -- State of California** (*Legislative Bond Act - Majority Approval Required*)

Should the state sell \$2.9 billion in general obligation bonds to fund housing for lower-income residents and development in urban areas near public transportation?

Yes [Proposition 1D](#). **Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities -- State of California** (*Legislative Bond Act - Majority Approval Required*)

Should the state sell \$10.4 billion in general obligation bonds to fund repair and upgrade of public schools, including kindergarten through grade 12, community colleges, and state universities?

No [Proposition 1E](#). **Disaster Preparedness and Flood Prevention -- State of California** (*Legislative Bond Act - Majority Approval Required*)

Should the state sell \$4.1 billion in general obligation bonds to finance disaster preparedness and flood prevention projects at the state and local levels?

No [Proposition 83](#). **Sex Offenders. Sexually Violent Predators. Punishment, Residence Restrictions and Monitoring -- State of California** (*Initiative Statute - Majority Approval Required*)

Should California amend existing laws relating to violent and habitual sex offenders and child molesters to increase penalties and monitoring?

Yes [Proposition 84](#). **Water Quality, Safety and Supply. Flood Control. Natural Resource Protection. Park Improvements -- State of California** (*Bond Initiative Statute - Majority Approval Required*)

Should the state issue \$5.4 billion in bonds for a wide variety of projects related to water safety, rivers, beaches, levees, watersheds, and parks and forests?

No [Proposition 85](#). **Waiting Period and Parental Notification Before Termination of Minor's Pregnancy -- State of California** (*Initiative Constitutional Amendment - Majority Approval Required*)

Should the California Constitution be amended to require notification of the parent or legal guardian of an unemancipated pregnant minor at least 48 hours before performing an abortion?

Cathy's Commentary continued

Yes **Proposition 86. Tax on Cigarettes -- State of California** (*Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute - Majority Approval Required*)

Should the state impose an additional tax of \$2.60 per cigarette pack to fund new and expanded health services, health insurance for children, and expand tobacco use prevention programs?

Yes **Proposition 87. Alternative Energy. Research, Production, Incentives. Tax on California Oil Producers -- State of California** (*Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute - Majority Approval Required*)

Should California establish a \$4 billion Clean Alternative Energy Program to reduce California's oil and gasoline consumption by 25 percent through incentives for alternative energy, education, and training?

No **Proposition 88. Education Funding. Real Property Parcel Tax -- State of California** (*Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute - Majority Approval Required*)

Should the California Constitution be amended to levy an annual \$50 real property tax on most parcels with the funds allocated to five K-12 education programs?

Yes yes!! **Proposition 89. Political Campaigns. Public Financing. Corporate Tax Increase. Campaign Contribution and Expenditure Limits -- State of California** (*Initiative Statute - Majority Approval Required*)

Should eligible candidates for state elective offices receive public campaign funding that is supported by new taxes on corporations and financial institutions, and should contribution limits be imposed on those candidates that do not receive public campaign funding?

No (Devious) **Proposition 90. Government Acquisition, Regulation of Private Property -- State of California** (*Initiative Constitutional Amendment - Majority Approval Required*)

Should the California Constitution be amended to require government to pay property owners for substantial economic losses resulting from some new laws and rules, and limit government authority to take ownership of private property?

Correction

Well, the Courier messed up on an article last month about "Back to School Night" – it should have read:

Back to School night was the annual school-sponsored event that the teachers put on to introduce their student's parents to the year ahead. CCP Outreach project was a partner in that we arranged for babysitting, and put on a rock painting activity for students while their parents were in class.

Tooth talk

By Rochelle Bell



Dr. Robert Dickter, the new dentist at the Sierra Family Medical/Dental Clinic recently joined the crowd at the NSJ Senior Center for lunch. He presented the services offered by the clinic, answered questions, and discussed topics of special interest to seniors. Dr Robert ,as he is called, related to me that he enjoyed the visit and will return again soon.



The Kitchen Crew: Mary Healy, Rochelle Bell, Liz Esry, Bonnie Jaynes, and Elaine Petray (who we didn't catch with the camera).

Senior Stew

By Rochelle Bell

The North Gold Senior Mountaineers gave the Senior Center a boost of \$1100 from the annual Harvest Stew. Over twenty enthusiastic volunteers helped prepare the dinner. We served over 80 full dinners, while some people were satisfied with only the abundant salad bar.

The students at Grizzly Hill School created art to adorn the walls. Debbie Edmondson decorated the entrance. Lola Cleary along with her three daughters, Jane, Joan, and Joy were in charge of inside décor and the bake sale. Roberta Foster again handled the microphone and did a great job awarding the many prizes donated by individuals and businesses.

If you missed the Harvest Stew, you can still taste some delicious home made soups and desserts at the **Annual Holiday Crafts Fair Saturday December 2nd from 9am to 3pm at the old firehall in North San Juan.** The NSJ United Methodist church and the seniors sponsor this event every year and offer an array of great gift items.



The bake sale tables were overflowing with calories.

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Moonshine Potluck

By Rochelle Bell

The 35 or so Moonshine residents who gathered on a warm Sunday afternoon enjoyed home prepared food that was colorful and delicious. We all thanked Duane and Chris Dobbins for again hosting the event at their pleasant campground on the Middle Yuba. Recipes were shared and several people requested the following.

Chicken Enchiladas with Tomatillos

2lb Tomatillos halved
 1 ¼ cup chicken broth
 5 to 10 garlic cloves
 2 cups sliced green onions
 2 cups chopped cilantro
 1 Serrano chili diced
 12 small corn tortillas
 One roasted chicken cut into strips. Store bought rotisserie chicken works well.
 1 pound Mozzarella cheese shredded
 1 cup whipping cream

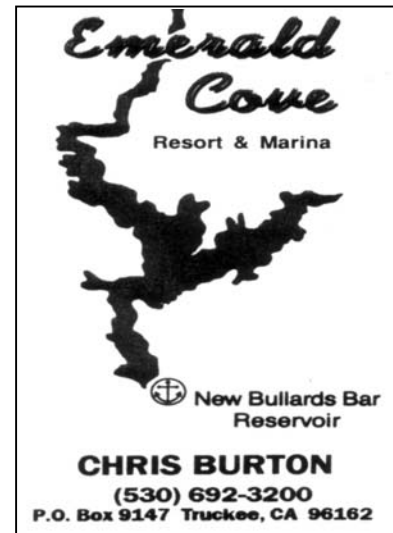
Mix Tomatillos, garlic and chicken broth in a saucepan boil then simmer 10 minutes. Process in blender or food processor the hot mixture adding onions, chili & cilantro till coarsely mixed. Season with salt and pepper. Layer ½ C. sauce then 5 tortillas in 13x9x2 pan. Top with chicken pieces then mozzarella cheese. Repeat layer, then pour remaining sauce over top. Add whipping cream. Sprinkle with salt, pepper and a bit of paprika. Bake till bubbly, about 25 – 30 min at 400 degrees.

Camptonville Historical Society

By Stephanie Korney

The CHS will be selling some unique gifts at the Camptonville Holiday Crafts Faire December 2nd.

We'll be offering: maps, photo books, postcards, Meek books, and the bookends and paperweights made from the narrow-gauge rails used for concrete reinforcing that were salvaged from the Meek Mercantile store. The store, which was located where Luigi's Pizza is now, burned in 1977.



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Rain?

By Rod Bondurant

When will we get some rain? We might have some showers by the time you are reading this. Every year I watch the weather and wait for fire season to end. I also watch the dwindling flow in Campbell Gulch (our supply for town). So far we have not needed to use the wells. I put the question of when it will rain to our local expert at Rebel Ridge. She said there is roughly a 75% chance that the first significant rain will be between September 15th and October 15th. Some years we have had no measurable rain either month. Looking at the past 23 years of data, we could see that there have been some cycles of dry Falls lasting a few seasons. The last 5 years the average rainfall for September and October has been 1.3 inches which is well below the 23 year average of 4.13 inches.

See the details plotted out on the last page.




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Chicken Chronicles

By Stephanie Ruff

I'm sure all of you have been losing sleep at night wondering, "my god! have any of Steph's hens started laying yet?" Well, you can all sleep peacefully now. YES! The monumental moment we've all been waiting for has occurred. At approximately 10:06 a .m. on Oct. 12th I found an egg in the garden under the Tomatillos. I have been putting my three girls in the garden during the day to help clean up and fertilize for next spring. What a ball they are having! I had been suspecting the egg laying to be soon as Ruth kept checking out the wooden egg in her nesting box- she liked to sit on it. As you can imagine I was ecstatic when I found the precious little tan egg. Chickens first eggs are small and oh so cute.

Now, I'm sure many of you are asking yourself did I eat Ruth's first egg? Heck No! How could I eat the monumental moment? Get this- for those of you who think I'm being a bit ridiculous about my three hens- you're gonna love this. I saved it! I blew out the inside and now it stands on display in our home for friends to enjoy as well. I have wanted to raise my own eggs for so long I can hardly believe it is happening. I know how my girls are being treated and what they are eating. These eggs are awesome! I feel good about offering my family healthy food. We are now eating the eggs. We are getting about 2 a day, layed by Ruth and Hazel. Lucie is our "special" girl and we don't know if she'll ever lay regularly. This past week I found 2 eggs under the roost. I'm assuming they are Lucie's as the other two use the nesting boxes. I put the wooden egg back in to help Lucie figure out where to drop her treasured gems. Here's a bit of egg trivia for you:

*A chicken can lay 600 eggs in her first two years.

*A fresh egg will sink in water a stale egg will not.

*I feed my hens fresh greens and veggie scraps which give their eggs extra beta-carotene that you can see by the bright orange yolks.

*Don't wash your eggs! Mother Nature has provided a natural coating to keep bacteria out of the egg. Washing it will remove this coating. You can wipe it with a cloth if it is dirty. If the egg is so soiled you feel you must wash it-dry it then coat the egg with vegetable oil.

*Eggs will stay fresh in fridge for 2-3 weeks.

*The color of a hen's ear lobe will give you an idea of the color of her eggs.

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Yuba River Ranger District

By Betty Leffew

Log hauling off the 34 Road to Hwy 49, 3.5 miles north east of Camptonville, (Moonbird Timber Sales).

It looks like our weather has finally cooled off. With the cooler weather it is a great time to visit the district trails. The fall colors are really pretty.

There is still some time to get your firewood cut. You must call in to see if it is a cut day before you go out to get your wood. Remember you only have till November 26 to get your firewood cut. Please use caution as it is very dry out there. **Dooryard burn permits are still suspended** until further notice. It is never to late or to early to do your fire reduction.

All campgrounds above Camptonville are in winter status, as of October 15. 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 will be open after the 15th with no amenities and no fee.

Deer season closed in D3, 4 & 5 on October 29.

So far for the month of October, we have received .79 inches of rain.

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For My Father

By Shirley DickKard

Reaching up for a jar of walnuts,
 Slow motion, wet hands,
 Slipping out of my grasp,
 Now shards on the yellow kitchen tile.

Tears fall among the pieces,
 My father's jar, once filled with
 Nails, nuts and bolts,
 Before that, my mother's mayonnaise.

Tears now that could not come,
 When days before, I gave my father's eulogy.
 Slowly slipping out of my grasp,
 Eight-six pieces.

Business News

Burgee Dave's

Hello Camptonville We're BACK

We've missed talking with you the last few months...

Lets first start with Welcoming Luigi's Pizza, no longer Lost Luigi's. Luigi has been found. Rumor has it there's a Burgee Dave Pizza on the menu. Well we would also like to thank all of you for welcoming us to Camptonville. We have been open ONE YEAR.

This coming month we'll have Veterans Day Specials November 11th. All veterans come out and enjoy the day. Thanksgiving Buffet for all those without families.

FYI for all you early bird planners for Christmas..... Plan your company or family holiday party on a Tuesday night when you can take advantage of our one day closed for a special work/family HOLIDAY PARTY.

Karaoke has been a hit on Thursday nights.... Come out and get into a festive mood and lets bring in the New Year with a bang.

Brian & Sandi

Greetings from the Real Estate Corner

By Karen Pettyjohn

Isn't the color beautiful! Of course, if you have started raking you might not be thinking so.

Perspective can have a lot to do with your opinion. If you have ever wondered how we come up with our "price opinions" let me give you a little insight. As Realtors we try to keep personal likes out of our price opinions. Realtors give you a Market Analyses /price opinion not an "appraisal" which is a term given to a report by an Appraiser. We do use information from sources used by Appraisers and usually come up with similar numbers.

It is a puzzle that involves a lot of pieces. We need to have knowledge of the market in general, is it going up, or down? Specific features such as square footage, acreage (is it usable land or for privacy only), bedrooms, baths, have kitchens and baths been recently remodeled, how new is the roof, exterior landscaping condition, freshly painted or in need and the overall condition all are figured in. Another very important factor is the location. Some areas have more buyers looking and hoping to buy there which raises the price buyers are willing to pay. By pricing your home near what homes have been selling at will usually bring a faster and higher selling price. Yours and our goal.

Our neighborhood has four homes for sale presently averaging \$517,475 asking price. Zero pending sales, and one closed sale averaging \$362,500. Land is a little busier with 6 available pieces averaging \$174,790 asking, one pending with an asking of \$299,000. and zero sold.

Have a great fall.

Karen

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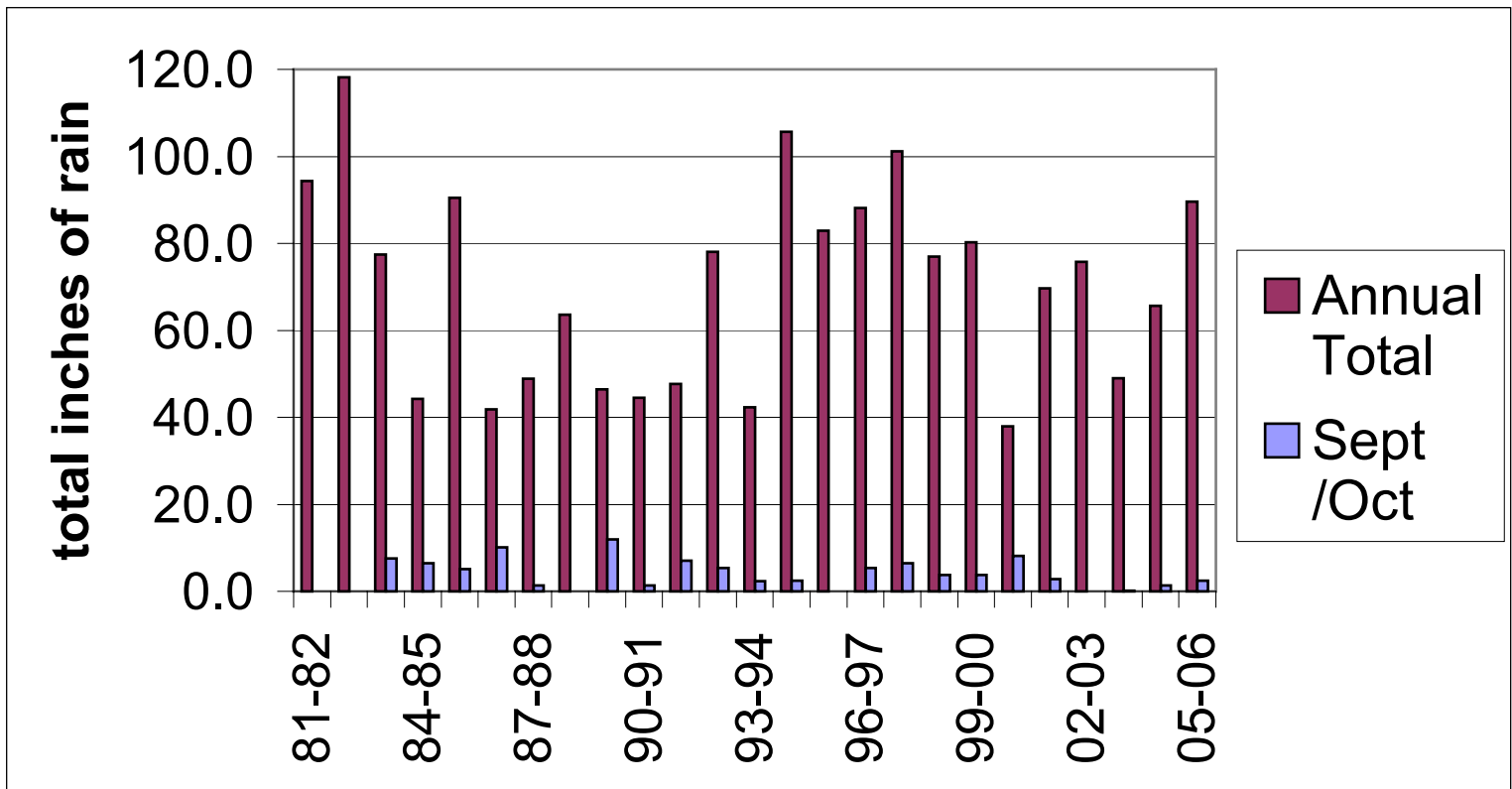


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Rebel Ridge Raindrop Report

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 Holiday Crafts Faire
 Yoga
 Earth Charter Study Group
 "1,2,3 Grow" Program
 CanWORK Job Skills Workshops:
 Sunday Breakfast
 CCSD
 Food Bank

Monday, December 4th, 4 pm at the Resource Center
 Saturday, December 2nd
 Saturdays at 9am at the Rebel Ridge clubhouse
 1st & 3rd Wednesdays (call 288-3479 for place and time)
 for Infants to 5 years: Tues, Wed, Thurs 9-11:30. Call 288-9355
 Tuesdays 9-11 at the Resource Center
 Second Sunday of each month at the Senior Center in NSJ
 Third Monday of each month, 7pm at the school
 Third Thursday of each month at the Lake Francis Grange at 10775
 Texas Hill Road in Dobbins from 8am to 10am