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Election Day November 4 By Cathy LeBlanc

Polls open at 7:00 am and close at 8:00 pm. Camptonville's Polling Place is the LDS Church located at 14670 Marysville Road near the intersection of Marysville Road and Hwy. 49.

8:00 pm deadline for Vote by Mail ballots to be received or turned in personally by the voter to the Yuba County Elections Office or at any polling place in the county. A designated family member may return the voted ballot under specified conditions. (EC §3017 & 3020)



See Page 8 for Reader Ranch Story

News from the School Board

By Ruth Schwartz (Rocky's mom)

We had a lot of fun this month when our number crunchers from the county presented the unaudited actuals (books) to the board. We still need to cut some expenses, although a lot of work has already been done. We expect an audited report by March.

The noteworthy conversation was that the State of California is projecting that there will be a loss of funding for schools on a statewide basis. What does that mean for Camptonville? Expect cuts. Hold cash for a rainy day. Will do.

In the superintendent's report, we heard about how we need to remove 96 gallons of duplicator fluid (your kids will never know what that fluid is...), 55 gallons of turpentine and 13 gallons of floor polish that we have been "storing". Guess what? It will cost us money to remove it. But we are required to do so.

And lastly, we saw our school's required accountability report card. It is pretty cool and you can view it at the school. There will be a new one in February.

Our next board meeting is scheduled for Nov. 12 at 6:30PM. Come to the board meetings to find out how we spend money and how we budget for the future. We had two guests at the last meeting. Thanks guys. The more the merrier. Show the school board members that you care. Or better yet, become a school board member and shape your school's future.

Ruth Schwartz

Low Cost Spay & Neuter Clinic!

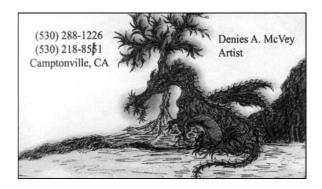
By Stephanie Ruff

Attention all pet owners! Animal Save will be bringing their mobile spay and neuter vehicle to the North San Juan AIC/ Senior Center November 15th. You must have an appointment to take part in this great program. Animals that are being spayed or neutered may also receive vaccines. A shot clinic for this area is in the planning stages and will hopefully happen soon. Please call 477-1706 to make an appointment.

Harvest Festival By Rod Bondurant

Saturday November 8, 4-7pm
Turkey dinner with all the trimmings
\$8 adults, \$4 children
At the grange hall on Texas Hill Road in Dobbins
next to the Country Store Support the Lake Francis
Grange.

The Grange, in addition to other community activities, sponsors the local food bank.



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CVille CoOp by Carol Holland

Have you fallen behind in getting in wood for the winter? Still have to do that splitting? What about the prescription that is waiting for you in Grass Valley? Or do you want to get away, but have no one to feed Fido and Fluffy? All of these chores (and many more) can be taken care of with a simple phone call!!

Here's how it works..... have your chore in mind and a date, then call the secretary with the details and sit back. She or he does all the work...making phone calls to members to fill the job. When she has someone willing to help, she'll call you back with the info. The two parties get together deciding on date and times. Then when the chore is done, the person helping out calls the secretary with details. The secretary keeps tracks of our point system. It's that simple!! No money exchange...just points. And you get caught up on all the "stuff" of life!!

I have had someone paint my house, feed my pets while away, grab that item I forgot to get when I was in Grass Valley or Nevada City, water, and help me in the garden...so many things!! You'll love it!

Give me a call to join or ask questions!

Carol 288-3558

Life is not waiting for the Storm to pass....it's about learning to dance in the Rain!

Fiber Fun By Stephanie Ruff

Please join artisans of the Foothill Fiber Guild for a day of fiber fun at Jenny Brown's Oregon House Farm Store. Mark your calendars- Sunday, November 9th from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Fiber artists will demonstrate spinning, knitting and weaving. Hand spun yarns, rovings and hand knit items will be available for sale. Remember the holidays are quickly approaching! You can also purchase grass-fed beef, lamb, pork, range fed eggs, local food products and other local handcraft items. This event will happen rain or shine. 14582 Indiana School Road, Oregon House. 530-692-2564 or www.highsierrabeef.com

Fire Chief's Report

By Mark Jokerst

Sorry you missed my David Letterman imitation at twilight school? Fear not folks, it's all right here, the now famous "Ten Ways to Accidentally Burn Down the House" list:

- 10: Smoke a cigarette just before nap time (Downieville, 2007)
- 9: Store Combustibles near a heat source (Camptonville, 2007)
- 8: Store gasoline in the same compartment as the Water Heater (Downieville, 2006)
- 7: Don't fix kinked, bent or loose and damaged Flues (Pike City, 2006)
- 6: Don't clean creosote out of the stove pipe (Everywhere, every year)
- 5: Overload the electrical circuits (Camptonville, 2008)
- 4: Don't clean the dryer vents of lint (North San Juan, I forget the year)
- 3: Put grease fires out with water (Alleghany, sometime ago)
- 2: Store hot ashes in metal cans next to combustibles (Pike, 2003)
- 1: Light candles, leave cat in house (Camptonville, 2007)

Folks, that's just the last five years of actual fires in this area. An ounce of prevention is worth a whole lot more than a pound of cure. Please take the time as the cold season sets in to inspect all your appliances, vents, air intakes, power strips, portable heaters, extension cords, generators, etc. Look for signs of wear and tear and fix them now. Unload those power strips, and please don't plug your space heaters into a power strip: Anything that draws 500 watts or more of power should have it's own electrical circuit. Finally, open up the wood stove chimney, clean out the creosote regularly, and make sure the fittings are all snug and tight. Any bent or kinked flue sections should be replaced at once, water heaters too! Smother grease fires with a damp towel, a lid, or baking soda: DON'T USE WATER! Find a good spot for the ash can: Use metal cans only ... fireplace ashes dumped into a can or into a pile can stay hot for several days, and if close enough to a combustible surface, they can start a fire in the middle of the night, when everything is quiet and everyone sound asleep. And put those candles out when you leave the room!

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Department



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A Big Thanks to the CVFD

Jim & Donna Freeman and daughter Denies of Kelly Road would like to give a big thanks to Mike, Dan, and Mark of the Camptonville Volunteer Fire Department. As first responders they were very helpful and knowledgeable in our time of need on October 17th.

They acted as true professionals and should be recognized for their outstanding efforts.

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By Birdsong Sundstrom, Program Manager

We have 25 children enrolled in the program this year! Most are attending two days a week and a few children are coming from Nevada and Sierra counties because they have heard about the high quality program we offer. Barbara is working with the infant-toddler group while Susan teaches the preschoolers Mondays and Thursdays, then both combine to teach the preschoolers on Wednesdays.

We are looking forward to a special event in November. Staci Howell will be bringing back her Literacy Learning Party on November 12th, enjoyed so much by the parents last year. This will take place during the program day, and is open to families not enrolled in the program as well.

Julie Ashmore will be presenting two Literacy Through Music classes to us in December, and will be working with the children on their portion of the upcoming school holiday program. Be sure and watch for the date, and plan to attend this pageant, which promises to be colorful and entertaining.





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What's New for Relay...???? By Judy Morris

During 2008, American Cancer Society expects new cancer cases within Nevada County to = 560, (all types of cancer); the expected cancer deaths of those 560 cases within Nevada County = 215, (all types of cancer). Those are figures I sure want to change and WE CAN, with your participation in this awesome event. The funds we all raise will help provide the monies needed for the vital drug research that is done that helps develop new drug treatments, provides education, patient services and advocacy. We urge you to get involved, this disease---CANCER has touched too many of our lives. Please call Paula or Judy @ 288-1228 for more information or email owlsneagles@inreach.com







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Gardeners Market Passes on the Generosity

By Rod Bondurant

The school library and Journey Home Hospice each received a check for \$317. The market crew would again like to thank customers and donors for their generosity this summer.



Rochelle hands a check to librarian Katie Kelly-O'Hara



A check for John & Joan of Journey Home Hospice

Free Advocacy Event

By Cathy LeBlanc

In the Foothills we know it's vital to have our views heard by decision makers! As promised, Camptonville Community Partnership Advocacy Department invites you to JOIN with leaders in your region! UNITING to build a healthy rural voice!

Recently we have engaged our community to promote dialogues with decision makers. We will highlight our journey in a short video and presentation. We will discuss rural sustainability and outreach to inquire your interest in learning more. The presentation will be about 60 minutes in length and will include opportunity" for discussion. 7-8PM Dobbins/Oregon House Community Center 9185 Marysville Rd. Oregon House, CA (Just across from Texas Hill Rd.)

So that we may better plan please RSVP by October 30th. There may be travel scholarships available. Questions, need more info? Call or email Cathy LeBlanc or Wendy Tinnel 288-9355cathy@cville.k12.ca.us or wtinnel@cville.k12.ca.us. Made possible with funding from the James Irvine Foundation, The California Endowment and the Sierra Health Foundation

Connections from Moonshine Rd to Illinois...

By Judy Morris

Neighbors meeting neighbors at the annual Moonshine Rd. Potluck and discovering their paths crossed way back in Illinois years earlier. It is a small town. Sunday, Oct. 12th brought 35 friends/family & residents to the Moonshine Road Campground. The weather held out, sunny with a little breeze, but once the sun goes down @ the campground it gets a little chilly during the fall months. This was an opportunity for new neighbors to meet some of us "old timers" on "the road" and to share this special place---Moonshine Campground with our hosts, Chris & Dwayne Dobbins. Stories of past activities at the campground and along Moonshine Rd. flowed as neighbors got caught up with each other's lives.

As a thank you gift to Chris & Dwayne for sharing their special place with the community of Camptonville---a small photo book of the various community functions was given to them. Since they are retiring the idea of having this annual event earlier in the year, (say late summer when it's a little warmer and swimming would be more appealing) was discussed and we'll set a specific date so more neighbors can join in on this fun activity.





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Chicken Chronicles

By Stephanie Ruff

Things have been rather low key here at the Rebel Hen Ranch. Knock on wood! Egg production isn't as prolific as I would like. I think I need to feed them more fresh veggies and greens. Everything is so dry out there. I've also been doing a lot of research as some of the girls' eggs have pimples-very hard tiny bumps on them. The only information I have discovered is excess in vitamin D. Weird, huh? I know other folks that use the same organic feed as I do and they don't have pimply eggs! Is it because of all the sun they get? If anyone has experienced this or has any suggestions please let me know!!! I did seem to notice a difference when we had our little cooling spell.

I'm still waiting for the temp to cool so Susan can go into the hen spa (in the laundry room) and grow her feathers back. I really want her to have them before the cold sets in. I'm amazed at how ruthless these birds are. Whenever she grows some feathers back the other girls pluck them out.

Blue, our 4-month-old red heeler puppy is doing better around the girls. Liam and I had a three-day school field trip to Point Reyes National Seashore. Hubby did some great work with him-off leash while I was gone. I guess I'm just too uptight to relax and let him roam amongst them. I'm so afraid of Blue accidentally or even purposely killing my chickens. Once they've killed.... it's really hard to break that habit. So, I guess I don't even want to go there. I know I need to let go and really work with him though. My new mantra- "lighten up!"

The rains are hopefully upon us. Time to get out there and do a super duper hen house cleaning!!!! Disinfect with a 10% bleach solution. Air that baby out!!! You might even want to spray your hen house down with some pyrethrum spay. This will help with lice and mites. Don't forget to inspect your chickens too. They may need a bit too. Check around the vent (aka butt) area-does it look scabby and red-they may have bugs! As always dust your coop with food grade diatomaceous earth (not the swimming pool stuff.) You can dust your chickens with it also- just don't breath it in-bad for the ole lungs!!!!

Just remember-raising your own food can really help in these economic stressful times...it's also better for you! Signing off from the Rebel Hen Ranch!



Taco Fundraiser By Carolyn Mumm

Stephanie Korney, Jan Jero and I served tacos at the Saturday Sept 13th Community Market. Over 50 tacos were cooked on camp stoves on tables adjacent to the market. The customers put their own fresh home made salsa, organic lettuce and organic cheese on the meat or vegetarian taco. The organic sprouted corn tortillas and organic lettuce were donated by Briarpatch. The grass fed Jim Gates beef was donated by Natural Selection and Briarpatch. The organic cheese was donated by Wanda Carey. The fresh salsa was made and donated by Sandy Watson. Jan Jero prepared the savory vegetarian taco filling using local squash and other vegetables. The net profit of \$156 goes to our Camptonville Historical Society. Many thanks to Denise Stratton and the Rebel Ridge Store for letting us do this at the Saturday Community Market.



Reader Ranch History Part 2 The Drive!

By Stephanie and Liam Ruff

Last month Liam and I enjoyed telling you a little bit of Reader Ranch history from an interview we had with John Reader. This month we'd like to share with you what we learned about the Reader Ranch cattle drive that happens every spring and fall.

Growing up on a ranch meant that John Reader grew up with horses. They were a part of daily life for John and his six brothers. John remembers riding the drive on horseback for the first time at around 8 years old. John's father acquired the current "grazing allotment" from the state back in 1962, which is called the Oregon Creek allotment. This means that their cattle can graze during the summer months in the high country. The family's allotment starts west of Sleighville House and continues to Forest City. The amount of cattle one can have on an allotment is measured in units. A unit is equal to one cow and a calf. John and his brother are allowed 122 units on their allotment, which mainly consist of red & black Angus and Hereford beef cattle.

Usually, Labor Day weekend marks the beginning of the fall drive. Camp trailers are moved to "cow camp" over the weekend where all helpers will be living rustically while the cows are gathered. Cow camp is located at Gales Orchard, an old homestead located in the back country somewhere up Henness Pass road. For the next week the gathering of cattle off the range takes place. All the cows wear bells except for the calves who stick right by mom.

After the cattle are gathered they break camp and the three-day drive begins. It begins at "cow camp" and the first day is spent getting to Pike. The second day is the journey from Pike to North San Juan via Hwy. 49 and finally on the third day they continue on Hwy 49 to the beautiful 1000 acre Reader Ranch. This three-day

trek is done on horseback with the help of very skilled Border Collies. The amount of help John and his brother receive on the drive varies from year to year, but it averages from 4-8 riders. Volunteers are welcome but you must have your own horse.

Once the cattle are home safe they are split into the ones to be sold for beef and the ones to remain on the ranch, that largely consist of pregnant cows and future mothers. The cows will deliver their newborn calves on the ranch starting in late October thru early winter. These cows remain on the ranch till spring when the migration back to the high country begins again.

John shared an interesting fact that if no one came to gather the cows in the fall 95-98% of the cattle would come home on their own-amazing! In fact, in the old days before the road was busy the cows did migrate on their own. I remember the first time I experienced the drive-I was driving the kids to town for classes and I was fascinated! The kids loved it too and we didn't care that we were late for class. John told us that about 90% of the people love the drive and 10% hate it. Liam and I were glad to find out that no cows have died on the drive. Being that John was born and raised on the ranch Liam asked what changes he's seen over the years and his response was the increase of population and what comes along with it.

We'd like to thank John Reader for taking the time to meet with us and share his knowledge and stories of growing up on Reader Ranch. Liam and I had a wonderful visit.

A Poem by Jack Kerouac

The moon had
A cat's mustache,
For a second.

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Transitions

John Mumm Jr.

John Henry Mumm Jr. died October 7.

A celebration of life was held on Saturday, Oct. 18, at the Mumm family residence, Private interment will be at Camptonville Cemetery. Mr. Mumm was born May 20, 1925, in Visalia. His father, Johannes Hinich Mumm of Brunsbittle, Germany, came to the United States at the age of 14. His mother, Martha Dora Brinkman, was born in Winchester, Idaho. When he was 5 years old, Mumm's family moved to Camptonville. He remained there the rest of his life. His two brothers were born when the family lived in a tent house. He grew up doing placer mining with his father. He and his father built a saw mill and sold lumber in the '40s. He worked in Camptonville saw mills, and built a saw mill with Bill Treloar on his property. A mill that he built is still operational today.

Mr. Mumm had long been interested in water wheels and built a 16 foot diameter metal water wheel which provided him with electricity until 1983, when PG&E finally arrived. He worked falling trees for Robinson in the 60's. He married Carolyn Wread in 1973. He used the trees on his property to cut lumber to continue building his house that grew from a one room cabin. Mr. Mumm was an independent logger before becoming a heavy equipment operator. He worked building roads, ponds, septic systems and more in the area for about 25 years. He built his home and workshops. He loved woodworking, and made furniture and cabinets using madrone, pine and cedar.

He and Carolyn were members of Unitarian Universalist Community of the Mountains and the Camptonville Historical Society. He was interested in history and was a witness to change in Camptonville. John Mumm is survived by his wife, Carolyn Mumm; son, David and daughter-in-law, Sandy; grandson.

son, David and daughter-in-law, Sandy; grandson, Jonathan, and brother, Robert Mumm, all of Camptonville, step daughter, Lelia Moskowitz of Redway Ca. and her husband, Stewart, brother, Hugo and sister-in-law, Carole Mumm of Grants, N.M.; nephews Peter Mumm of Washington, D.C. and John Mumm of San Francisco; niece, Katie Mumm of Seattle, and numerous cousins and family in California, Idaho and Washington.

Memorial contributions may be made to Journey Home Hospice.

Eddie Rose

Songwriter and poet Eddie Rose of Camptonville left for his next venue on Tuesday, Oct. 21. He was 71.

A life celebration was held under the willow tree in Mr. Rose's nirvana Sunday, Oct. 26. Mr. Rose lived many lives. Born Nov. 8, 1936, in Toledo, Ohio, he graduated from Babson College and traveled through the worlds of business and finance before arriving on his ordained path.

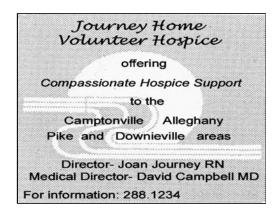
He is survived by his wife and soul mate, Linda; daughters Judy and husband Jason Fuentes of Oregon and Robyn Joy and husband Rob Doornweerd of Michigan; stepsons Tim Murphy and Jeff Murphy of California; brother, Richard Rosenthal of New York; six grandchildren; four step grandchildren; his 12-string guitar and his poetic fine point pen.

In Mr. Rose's memory, donations may be made to the Habitat for Humanity.

As Eddie would say, "Peace, love and brown rice".

the way one squints
or seals the eyes
to the suns hot face
and still feels her warm hand
so shall I always feel you

e. rose



The Importance of Spaying and Neutering

By Karen O'Brien, D.C.

It is a simple and sad reality that there are not enough loving and safe homes for all the animals who need them. Cat and dog over-population brings great suffering to millions of animals daily, and results in the deaths of 5-6 million yearly in shelters across the country. This over abundance of companion animals comes from the deplorable conditions of puppy mills and many backyard breeders, as well as from the "oops" from the average household and the understandable but negative impact of wanting to breed our own wonderful pets. Even if we believe we can find homes for the puppies/kittens of our pets, for every new animal born, another who is here and needs a home will not get one.

In addition to being homeless many may also be abused, neglected, sick or injured because they are unwanted. Many who have had homes end up at a local shelter or abandoned because their guardians failed to train or provide a proper environment for the lifetime of the animal. This forgotten population costs millions of dollars to tax payers to house, feed and kill at animal shelters. The suffering, however, cannot be quantified. One need only walk up and down the kennels of any shelter to see effects of our neglect as a culture.

In addition to our own animals, the stray/abandoned/feral cats and dogs who are residing on or near our property and continue to multiply without limits need us. These homeless animals are at high risk for disease and injury – which may affect us and our animals, in addition to causing them suffering and shortened lives.

What can we, the average family, do to prevent this suffering? We can help reduce over-population through spay/neuter efforts. We can support and utilize AnimalSave's mobile spay/neuter clinic which assists low-income individuals. Please call to be a part of something transformative for our community...and for the animals.

The mobile van will be "on the Ridge" the 3rd Saturday of the month.

November 15th we'll be at the AIC/Senior Center in NSJ. Call for information and/or an appointment: (530) 477-1706



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General Plan Update By Cathy LeBlanc and Wendy Tinnel

The Camptonville Advocacy team was busy in October keeping tabs on the progress of the General Plan and the Yuba County Parks Master Plan (YCPMP), (plus we chimed in on couple other items that came to our attention). We attended several meetings and were actually glad we were there! Here's what we found out:

At the Yuba County Trails Commission meeting of October 7, 2008 we went to find out the status of the YCPMP and what we discovered was the bikeway/trails map project. The Commission is working on a project to interconnect trails. We let them know Camptonville's Community Health Action Plan calls for safe biking and walking trails/routes and we have agreed to see how we can work together. The first step we suggested was to connect with local personnel from USFS who know the area well. There is interest at the county level to add bike trail signs to unmarked trails in the county especially along State Route 20. The commission will contact Caltrans. We also learned they are inviting local author Hank Meals, The River: Hiking Trails and History of the South Fork of the Yuba River, to the next meeting to be held November 5, 2008 at the Yuba County Government building. The commission will be hosting a public input forum regarding trails in the near future. We'll keep you posted. We also attended 3 Yuba County Board of Supervisors (BOS) meeting this month:

On October 7: 2008 at the 6PM meeting we were surprised by a Proclamation presentation to local VFD and Service Districts within the county; declaring the month of October Fire Appreciation Month. Camptonville was amongst the honorees. Luckily Wendy Tinnel is also a Board member of CCSD so with a little prodding she stepped up to receive the award for Camptonville.

At this meeting we also learned of two Fire Break Ordinances that were being passed with little or no public comment. Ordinance amending Title VII of the Yuba County Ordinance Code by adding Chapter 7.45 relating to firebreak maintenance. (08-518) and adopt ordinance repealing and reenacting as amended Title X, Chapter 10.15 of the Yuba County Ordinance Code relating to firebreaks. (08-517). These ordinance together would "put teeth" in the Fire Safe ordinance regarding clearance around homes by getting code enforcement involved if there is a complaint. Cathy stepped up to the microphone to remind Supervisors of the economic hardship these ordinances would place on many low-income seniors and families in the foothills. Noting that when Code Enforcement becomes involved folks could run the risk of loosing their property to lien if unable financially to comply. The ordinances were passed. The advocacy team will follow up on this.

At the October 14 2008 BOS meeting the Planning Department discussed Land Use Alternatives of the General Plan Update with Supervisors hoping to get direction: Should Yuba County plan for *more growth than is anticipated in*

2030 or use projections offered by The Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG is an association of local governments in the six-county Sacramento Region: El Dorado, Placer, Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo and Yuba). Cathy stepped up to remind the Board that the majority of resident property owners throughout Yuba County value Land Use Alternative One which calls for focused growth with a priority on conservation (Alternative One came in the highest with 34% of county residents surveyed in favor.) After a long discussion regarding where growth should occur and why, the Board felt they needed more information regarding what already exist in the county and asked the Planning Department to supply that for the next meeting.

October 21, 2008 BOS meeting: Once again the Board took up the General Plan Update. At this meeting the Board was informed of the definition of the proposed Land Use Alternatives and growth projections. The 1996 General Plan called for a population projection of 160,000. as of 2006 our county population sits at 71,938. We discovered, even if we left everything the same, it is projected that we will have enough room in our General Plan to accommodate future growth into 2030. The Yuba County Ag Commissioner stepped up to remind the Supervisors, farmlands need to be protected. They are Yuba's most valuable asset bringing in \$150,000,000 a year, while lawyers for developers suggested we were loosing opportunity if we did not build more housing. The County must also look into meeting the mandates of Assembly Bill 32 the Global Warming Solutions Act Of 2006, which requires that California reduce greenhouse gases to 1990 levels and Senate Bill 375, which addresses both urban sprawl and the global warming emissions it produces. If the General Plan Update does not address those needs Yuba County could face a lawsuit by the State Attorney General. It was decided that the County should set up a meeting with the Attorney Generals Offices to work through the issue of implementing state criteria. The Board decided they would need more information and two weeks to decipher and decide on what actions to take. So stay tuned. We'll find out more at the November 18th BOS meeting. (For more information go to http://www.co.yuba.ca.us/Departments/Community Development/Planning/ the General Plan update on the County Website.)

On a related issue Cathy had the opportunity to give Supervisor Stocker information regarding the newly formed *Sierra Nevada Partnership* that was endorsed by the Governor in October 2008 as a public/private partnership to protect the Sierra Nevada, which could also affect our General Plan Update. Camptonville is in the partnership region. (http://gov.ca.gov/press-release/10760/).I'll have more on this next month!

November Calendar:

VOTE! Tuesday November 4th at the LDS Church, Camptonville

Harvest Festival Saturday November 8th, 4-7pm, at the Grange hall on Texas Hill Road Sunday, November 9th from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm on Indiana School Road

Spay and Neuter Clinic November 15th at the North San Juan AIC/ Senior Center

School BoardSecond Wednesday, 6:30 pm in the school libraryYogaTuesdays 5:15 pm at the Camptonville SchoolFood BankThird Thursday at the Lake Francis Grange, Dobbins

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