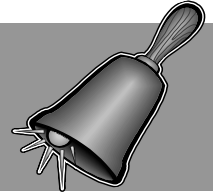


# Centerville School Bell



## CRHA CALENDAR

January 21 - 6:30 PM  
January Potluck  
Centerville Schoolhouse

February 1 - 6:30 PM  
CRHA Board Meeting  
Centerville Schoolhouse

February 18 - 6:30 PM  
February Potluck  
Centerville Schoolhouse

March 7 - 6:30 PM  
CRHA Board Meeting  
Centerville Schoolhouse

March 17 - 6:30 PM  
March Potluck  
Centerville Schoolhouse

## January Potluck

This month potluck will be held January 21 at the Centerville Schoolhouse. Please bring a sidedish, your own eating utensils, drinks and an item for the raffle.

## Calendar Sale

Butte Creek Canyon Calendars are on sale at the Colman Museum for \$5.00 each. Colman Museum is open Saturdays and Sundays from 1:00 PM to 4:00 P.M. They will also be available at the January potluck.

## Walt's Annual Rainfall Report (2011)

2011 was a rather strange rainfall year at NimsheW Run Lane. While the total was near normal since we began measuring in 1982, the monthly totals were unusual. Thirty of the 58 inch total fell in just February and March (18.60" in March alone). Rain started early in September this fall, then trailed off with only 1/3 inch in December. Driest December in memory? Not quite. December 1989 was completely dry. Butte Creek Canyon weather always holds fascination.

Editor's note: 2011/12 Season total rainfall for area just below the Covered Bridge is 4 3/4 inches with the first rainfall on October 4, 2011.

## Join CRHA today!

CRHA is a public charity for tax exemption under Section 501(c)(3) of the Federal IRS Code. That means your dues and contributions are fully tax deductible.

Your dues help support our Museum and School House. Annual 2012 membership dues are \$10 for families, \$5 single, or \$100 lifetime. Send a check to CRHA, 13548 Centerville Rd., Chico, CA. 95928

## New Acquisitions at the Colman Museum

For anyone interested in old structures of Butte Creek Canyon, our museum has just received a sketch of the 80 plus year old John Warner Gas Station/Store. Written on the back of the sketch is the very interesting story of the gas station. This old building still stands on the opposite side of the road just a short way below the School House. It is probably one of the oldest standing gas stations in Northern California.

John Warner was one of the major players in moving the schoolbell from the old woodshed that once stood on the grounds to the roof of the Centerville School House.

The Colman Museum also recently received a photo in very good condition of the old Swinging Bridge that crossed Butte Creek in Helltown. The photo is courtesy of Janice Evans and was taken around 1956/57. It will be added to our Bridge Display.

## 2012 CRHA Membership

Please remember to mail you 2012 membership dues to CRHA, 13548 Centerville Rd., Chico, CA. 95928. Your dues contributions are used for the upkeep of the Centerville School House and Colman Museum. Thank you very much!

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News about the Canyon and Colman Museum along with the newsletter are now available on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/colman.museum](http://www.facebook.com/colman.museum)

If you are interested in receiving the newsletter through your e-mail, please send an e-mail to [colmanmuseum@aol.com](mailto:colmanmuseum@aol.com) with the subject line "subscribe".

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