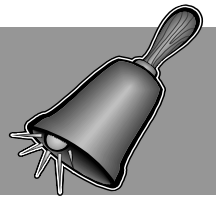


Centerville School Bell



No Potlucks are planned for July and August. The next potluck will be on September 19, 2009.

Details will be announced.

CRHA CALENDAR

August 5 - CRHA Board Meeting
7:00 PM School House

Sept. 2 - CRHA Board Meeting
7:00 PM School House

Sept. 19 - Potluck
6:30 PM School House

Join CRHA today!

CRHA is a public charity for tax exemption under Section 503©(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 2009 membership dues are \$10 for families, \$5 single, or \$100 lifetime. Send a check to CRHA c/o Kay Simenc, 12608 Centerville Road, Chico, CA. 95928



Fire Season is here

The No-Burn ban went into effect on July 1, 2009.

Please be sure to keep a 100ft. defensible space around your home.

Check out www.thenet411.net to learn more about firesafety, or join the chatline to learn about current incidents.

2009 49'er Day Faire

This Year's 49'er Faire was again enjoyed by folks from near and far. We would like to thank everyone that has helped through volunteering, donating items, or came to enjoy a beautiful day in Butte Creek Canyon.

Contributors to the Silent Auction and Raffle

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| Bidwell Golf Course | Far West Rice | Riley's |
| Bravo, Don and Michelle | All Star Rents | Golf Etc. |
| Cherry Tree Studio | Kathy Faith | Spiteri's Deli |
| Chico Burger | Tim Calhoon | Sierra Nevada Brewery |
| Corlin Paint | Bonnie Calhoon | Milani Vineyards |
| Empire Coffee | Collier Hardware | Rainbow Mountain Farms |
| Fostine's Nursery | Country Waffles | Air Carriage |
| Iron Mountain Leather | Floral Native Nursery | The Gold Smith |
| Kragen Auto Parts | Gates Resale | Cooper's Bluff |
| Krulder, Joe and Jori | Gold Country Casino | Dale's Transmission |
| Lyon Books | Golden West Nuts | Friends of Butte Creek |
| Madison Bear Garden | Harvest Nuts | Marilyn McCasland |
| Olde Gold Estate Jewelry | Hometown Buffet | Arlene Gale |
| Outlaw Baseball Tickets | Wayne Milani | Linda and Joe Cruices |
| Play it Again Sports | 5th Street Steakhouse | Rocky Niles |
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| Wilbur's Feed and Seed | Neil and Linda Bordenave | Terry and Nancy McCune |
| Sophie Duckett | Kevin Riley | Candy Savage |
| Canyon Ladies | Franky's | |

"VOLUNTEERS MAKE THE DIFFERENCE"

We would like to thank the Chairpersons:

- Michelle Cannon and Pam Contanzaro - Countrystore
 Cheryl Cozad - Plant Sale
 Linda Simmons - Kitchen
 Maureen Adams - Bake Sale
 Bill Brent and Bob and Gay James - Snow Cone and Popcorn Machines
 Joe Krulder - Silent Auction
 Sonja Johnson - Museum
 Mike Adams - Craft Booth
 Wayne Milani and Rocky Niles - Parking
 David Yorkowitz - Drinks

Our Volunteer Demonstrator

Laura Burghardt - Spinning
Nancy Hodges - Weaving Loom
Tony Cimino - Pack Mules

Linda and Sophie Cimino - Corn Husk Dolls
Gary and Marilyn Connor - Gold Panning

Volunteers that helped during the clean-up, set-up, take-down and staffing the booth's and Museum

Mike and Maureen Adams
Sars Clifford
Mike Clifford
Angel Minto
Bill and Barbara Brent
Michelle and Linen Cannon
Martha Campbell
Mya Campbell
Linda Simmons
Mary, Wayne and Andrew Milani
Tracy and Cheryl Crow
Donna
Nancy Jensen
Carol Helm
Paul Bowman

Pam Catanzaro
Kathie and Mike Kohut
Neal and Linda Bordenave
Judy and Tom Ramos
Bonnie Calhoon
Susi
Roxanne Caldera
Leo Perrizo
Betty Paugh
Vanessa Church
Sandee Machada
Dean Ostrander
Ron and Sally Willadsen
Lisa
Kevin and Joan McCormick

Sarah Krulder
Dianna and Otis Dean
Pam and Steve Runner
Wendy and Dave Buddenbaum
Claudia and Vern Lange
Tim Calhoon
Dot Whitlock
Rocky Niles
Tim, Margarete and Roxy Taylor
Laurel Thoennes
Dan Bunnell
Susie Bruns
Gordon Wolfe
Linda and Sophie Cimino
Sally Proctor

Additional Thank-You's go to:

Squeaky Clean Window Washing
California Conservation Corps
Work Training Center: Greg Ferguson - Driver; Wade Cameron - Transportation Manager; Carl Ochsner - WTC Director
Waste Management - Mitch Jagoe
Centerville Powerhouse PG&E Staff
Mike Clifford and Family
Ken and Carolyn Manies - Barb Wire Exhibit
Tony Schaeffer - Enterprise Record
Walt Richards

The Towns of Butte Creek Canyon

(excerpts from "Tailings of Butte Creek Canyon" by Lois Colman)

Diamondville

The news of the discovery of gold in California found its way to the faraway countries. Men began arriving in Butte Creek Canyon as early as 1849 or 1850. Mining began along the banks and stream beds along Butte Creek at Rich Bar, later named Diamondville. The store of Dr. James Brotherton, located on Butte Creek, was doing thriving business in 1852. This location became the mining town of Diamondville. During the early years there were Indians living in the immediate neighborhood, a fact of some concern to the people living there, though they caused no trouble.

There was a weekly stage through Diamondville from Oroville during the dry weather month. After 1855, John Nicholl made weekly trips to bring in the mail.

A description of this early town was reported in the "San Francisco Bulletin" in June 1857:

“The “Butte Record” remarks that there has been very considerable excitement of late in relation to the newly discovered diggings at Rich Bar on Butte Creek about 28 miles from Oroville, and a consequent increase of the population thereabouts. So the people assembled, on the eighth of the month, and adopted the measures for laying out a town.....

A committee was chosen to select a name for the town. The name agreed on by this committee was Goatsville. The names of the streets agreed to were A and B.

On June 12, 1857, a meeting was held to reconsider the name of the town. Three names were considered, Diamondville, Hurberville, and Shadesville. Diamondville won out by a majority of seven votes.

Helltown

This mining camp was established during 1849 and 1850, about the same time as Rich Bar, but there never was a formal town laid out. During its heyday there were several stores, a saloon, blacksmith shop and miners' cabins scattered nearby. The buildings in Helltown were constructed of wood, thus making fires a constant menace which took its toll at the settlement. The last major fire was in 1879 when the large store of H.A. Yokum, built in 1877, burned to the ground. About this time Helltown faded into the past after an existence of over 25 years.

There are 3 theories on the origin of the town's name: The first is that the careless handwriting of a miner sending a letter back home and forgot to dot the “i” in Hilltown caused the name to look like Helltown. The second theory is that the name was coined by miners who spent the night there drinking, playing cards and smoking. In the morning they discovered they had been striking their matches on kegs of gun powder and their oaths christened the town. The third explanation concerns two miners working near each other in Butte Creek. The younger man, a new arrival from the East remarked it was a long walk back to Centerville where he was camped. The second miner invited him to come up to his town. When they came within sight of the rough looking shacks and tents, the young man commented, “You have a helluva town”. The story was told at the saloon and a tipsy gentleman immediately coined the name “Helltown”.

Centerville

Centerville was the community that just grew. It was the last of the three mining settlements on Butte Creek to develop, but it happened to be the only one that survived through the years.

The survival of the community is credited partially to the fact that settlers in the area were more interested in farming than mining. Another factor entering into its survival was the selection of Centerville as the location for the hydro-electric power plant which was built, beginning in June 1899 and completed in 1900. This project caused a temporary boom in the population, and a permanent increase in the number of families remaining in the district.

It was here that the school was located and that, too, served as a nucleus for the settlement. The first private school was established at the Gale residence above the Helltown Road. Books were very scarce and children took turns studying them. On December 4th, 1871, classes began in the new school building just below Helltown Road. The first teacher, Miss Kate Gillman, received a salary of \$30 a month with room and board. By 1894 population had increased and a bigger school was needed. The current “Old Centerville School” was erected on what was then the Centerville Nimsheew Road. About the year of 1900, porches were added on both sides of the one-room building. In 1935 the large wood shed was removed and a basketball installed in its place. Windows were removed from the southside of the building, a few years previous to that date, and added to those on the north. The north porch was then removed. The “Chick Sales” buildings on the rear, right and left, were dispensed with and rest rooms were added on the south. The last additions were built about 1950 when a small kitchenette and cloak room were constructed on a portion of the south porch. Classes were held continuously in the building until 1966.

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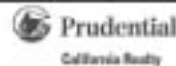
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