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CALENDAR

Saturday September 21st Potluck & Movie Night

Bring a potluck dish to share and beverages if you like! Join your neighbors watching a fun family movie following the potluck.
6:30pm at the Schoolhouse

Saturday October 5th Canyon Cleanup

Meet at the last parking area before the Covered Bridge on Honey Run Road. We'll provide trash bags, trash picker-uppers, water, coffee and snacks. Please help us clean up the canyon after a busy summer of visitors! Hope to see you then!

8:30am at the Covered Bridge

Saturday October 19th Potluck

Bring a potluck dish to share and beverages if you like! Hosts TBD
6:30pm at the Schoolhouse

**The Colman Museum is Open
Saturdays & Sundays 1-4 pm**
Come by for a visit & bring friends
and family!

Ice Cream Social



Saturday August 17th 6:30pm at the Schoolhouse

Your friends at CRHA are hosting an Ice Cream Social to celebrate summer and our community. No potluck in August, but please come and enjoy Ice Cream and a visit with your neighbors.

If you are new to the canyon please come and meet a few folks and have an ice cream...

We'd love to meet you!!!

Questions please call Julia 530-521-8563

THE 55th ANNUAL 49^{er} FAIR 2024

The 49er Fair was another huge success this year! Our Butte Creek Canyon community members contributed hard work and talents to make this year's fair not only a successful fundraiser for our wonderful Colman Museum, but a successful FUNraiser for our local community and beyond!

Vendors: So many vendors with so many different talents filled the school house grounds! We had some new vendors and some that have been coming to our fair for more than 14 years! Thank you to the many vendors and informational booths... Friends of Butte Creek and Butte County Fire Safe Council.... We appreciate you! A special thank you to Wayne Baker who sold raffle tickets for one of his beautiful cutting boards, then donated all of the money to our Colman Museum!

Drinks and Ticket Sales: Thank you Alice and Glenn Pruitt, Carol and Bill Helms, Diana Dean, Claudia Howell, Kathy Garlick and Joe King for spending busy hours setting up, organizing, and selling the drinks and tickets.

And a big thank you to Debra and Jim McCall for bringing the many heavy bags of ice from town to meet our needs on the hot day!

BBQ: Thank you Jim and Debra McCall for organizing and manning the much appreciated BBQ! A big thank you to Joriah Dering, Luke Steinberg, Mark Clement, Brooke McCall and JJ Magnotta for being part of the hard working BBQ Team.

Signage: Judy Ramos made all of the informational signs that led us all to where we wanted to go! Thank you, Judy, for another year of helpful signage!

Museum: Our wonderful museum was open and busy all day thanks to Claudia Lang, Margarete Taylor, Susie and Gene Bruns, and Joy and Ron Willadsen. Thank you!

Plant Sale: Cheryl Cozad did a wonderful job leading the team of plant sale donors and helpers in planting and setting up the beautiful 'garden' of plants for sale at this year's fair. The helpful plant helpers and donors include Liz Gibbs, Debbie and Greg Golett, Sally Proctor, Anne Murphy, Jenny Marr, Felicity Brown, Linda Cimino, Tracy Crow, Darlene Lightcap, Brad Cooke, Michael Cannon, Dick Fearon, Steve Renelle, Bruce Hicks, The Butte County Master Gardeners, and the Western Tree Nursery.



Pioneer Demonstrations: Teresa Kludt and the Mt. Lassen Fiber Guild demonstrated weaving and spinning. Linda Cimino and Chaise Ayres led children in the making of corn husk dolls throughout the day. Fair visitors enjoyed seeing old time arts in action. A big thank you to all of our demonstrators!

EMCEE: Thank you Ilian Westlund for yet another year of great microphone work assisting our crowds to know what and where things were happening throughout the day.

Gold Panning: We had another year of fun gold panning led by Steve Rennelle, Brian Lex, and Tim Calhoon. Tim's pay-dirt bags and nugget raffle of real gold was a hit, for sure! Many gold panners left a bit richer that day!

Beer and Wine: A huge thanks to Sierra Nevada for their generous donation of beer to this event! Thank you Judy and Tom Ramos, Terrence Hoffman, Mark Lightcap, and Sandee Machida for manning the bar.

Ice cream Sundaes: Thank you to Yvonne Westlund and her talented kitchen crew of Jayne Steinberg, Jane Bracamontes, Shelley Johnson, Sherry Clement, and Bonnie Murphree for preparing delicious ice cream sundaes!

Parking: Brad Cooke and Gordon Wolfe did a wonderful job organizing and managing the parking of hundreds of cars into and out of our neighbor, Mark Ford's, field! Thank you, Mark, for donating your field for fair parking for many years!



Music: A huge applause for Pamela and the Fiddlers, Gordy and Pamela Ohliger, The Pub Scouts, and CeeDub, Howard and Kenny for donating their time and talents for our enjoyment. Their music was a big treat of the day! Thank you CW Chase for setting up your PA system for all to use.



Gift Sale and Bake Sale: Thank you Suzanne Peters, Gail Cox, Cindy Heliker, Emmi and Vince Phipps, Linda Dickenson, and Rachel Church for time spent working in the gift and bake sale the day of the fair. Thanks, also, to the many Canyon Ladies who gave their time and contributed artistic talents when putting together the beautiful gift baskets, and to the many generous people who donated wonderful things for our sale!

Bonnie Calhoon, Debra McCall, Gail Cox, and Yvonne Westlund spent many hours making and baking pies, cookies and other goodies! Thank you for heating up your kitchens on hot days!

Volunteer Organizations: We had much appreciated help and presence from the Sheriff STARS volunteers, the Paradise Recreation and Parks Department's Sophia Munoz-Oliveres's shuttle service, and the Butte Creek Volunteer Fire Department. Thank you for your help!

Sponsors: Thank you to Sierra Nevada, Waste Management and The Enterprise Record for assisting us on our biggest fundraiser of the year!

**You may have noticed our fantastic billboard on lower Skyway advertising our fair. We'd love to add your business logo next year if you'd be interested in being a sponsor!*



THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to our museum docents and board members and everyone who participates in keeping the Colman Museum and Schoolhouse open to visitors and Butte Creek Canyon Community members! What a wonderful canyon gem we have!

Board Members

Tim Calhoon, Bonnie Calhoon, Julia Westlund, Mary Milani, Darlene Lightcap, Teresa Kludt, Liz Gibbs, Debra McCall, Gordon Wolfe, and Nancy O'Neill

Docents

Claudia Lang, Tim Calhoon, Steve Voss, Margarete Taylor, Huibert Venema, Cindy Bethard, Mike and Maureen Adams, and Jake Clifford.

We are saddened by the passing of our long time friend and docent Bob Speers. Bob was always willing to help out in the museum and pitch in wherever he was needed. We will miss him.

DOCENTS NEEDED

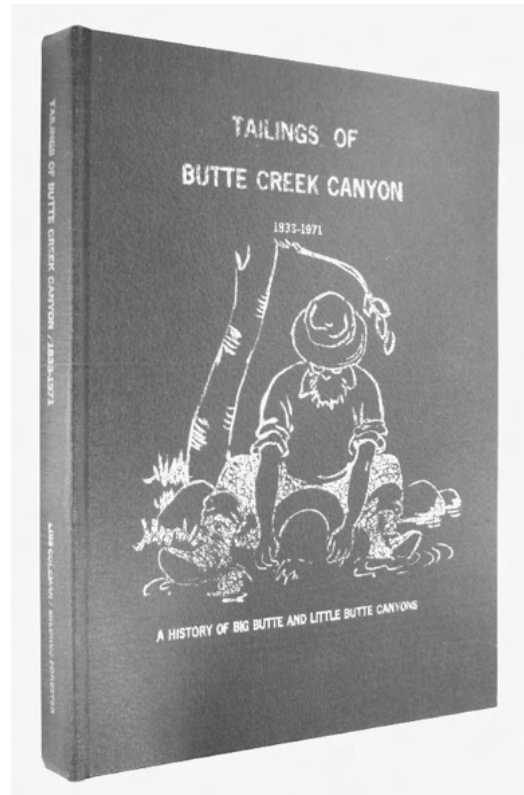
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Find out more about people, places, and history that make our Canyon special.

Many Thanks to Bob Fracolli for arranging the printing.

THE GREAT HUMBUG ROAD STAGE ROBBERY

Weekly Butte Record, August 3rd 1867

The Butte Record.

LOCAL NEWS.



STAGE ROBBED.—One of the most daring and successful robberies that has occurred in this vicinity for years was perpetrated on Monday last, in the middle of the day, and on a frequented road. Wood's stage, from Susanville to Oroville, was stopped a short distance below Magalia, by three men, armed with double-barreled shot guns, bowie knives and revolvers, and Rutherford & Co's Express box was robbed of some \$1,400, and the passengers of something over \$1,900; making a total of over \$3,300. The robbers were disguised in suits made of sacking, covering the body and head, gathered at the neck, with holes to see and breathe through. They emerged from the chapparal, in advance of the stage, with two shot guns bearing upon the driver, thus cutting off all chance for running away from them. The two with shot guns then approached either side of the coach, and compelled the passengers to alight and range themselves in a row, when they were covered with a shot gun in the hands of one of the robbers whom the passengers termed "the old man," while another, who carried a huge bowie knife in his sleeve, went through them *seriatim*, and gathered in about \$1,900. Mr. A. T. Clark, who resides at the Chico Landing, was the heaviest loser of any of the passengers, as the robbers obtained from him some \$1,300; from Lieut. Roberts some \$450, and from Mr. Piper, a soldier, \$120. Mr. Ayers, of Magalia, lost \$100, and a valuable gold watch. Mr. Piper saved about \$50 in gold by forcing a hole through his pocket and letting it drop into his boot. W. S. Green, of Magalia, formerly Supervisor, was among the passengers, and had in his possession \$800 or \$900 in gold, which he managed to save by various adroit manoeuvres while getting out of the stage and standing in the line. Six twenty dollar pieces and some silver, which he had loose in his pocket, were deposited on the floor of the coach

early in the engagement, and was overlooked by the robbers. While standing in the line, Mr. Green managed to drop a purse containing seven hundred dollars in coin, in the dust, and by a little judicious shuffling with his feet managed to cover it from their ardent gaze. He was among the first to enter the coach after permission was given, and placing his foot upon his deposit, secured it when the stage had passed from the sight of the robbers. After proceeding a short distance in the stage, Mr. Green returned and recovered his purse. While standing in line he was deprived of six bits which he had accidentally left in his pocket. George Empey of Oroville, was among the passengers, and was deprived of \$1 25. He asked the robbers to give him enough to procure a drink, and they gave him \$2 50. Mr. Ayers, who returned with Mr. Green to the scene of the robbery, picked up \$20 which had been dropped in the hurry of their proceedings. They returned small sums to most of their victims. The driver of the stage was not searched, and fortunately escaped with \$200 in dust which he had on his person. None of the passengers were armed. The only weapon on the coach was a hatchet, which was appropriated by the robbers to open the express box. Their disguise was complete, nothing being visible but their feet and hands. Some of the passengers fancied they recognized some of the movements of the robbers; but that, of course, is conjecture. We are not aware of the efforts being made for their capture; but it seem impossible for them to escape anything like a vigorous pursuit or search.

Note: The Humbug Stage Road (today's Honey Run, Centerville Rd., & Skyway) came up through the canyon and over the mountains to Susanville. This robbery occurred below Magalia on the branch of the road that split off to go to Oroville. (Values in today's \$ - multiply by 100)

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