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Centerville
Recreation & Historical
Association
13548 Centerville Road

February 2024

CALENDAR

**Saturday February 17th
Potluck & White Elephant
Auction**

Hosted by Bonnie & Tim Calhoon
Join the White Elephant Gift
Auction! Bring that impractical
Christmas gift or oddball item to
donate and find that treasure you
can't live without.

Bring a potluck dish to share and
beverages if you like!

6:30pm at the Schoolhouse

**Saturday March 16th
Potluck**

6:30pm at the Schoolhouse

**Saturday April 20th
Potluck**

6:30pm at the Schoolhouse



EXPLORE
**MUSEUM
WEEKEND**
EXPLORE **BUTTE** CA

Come and Join Us!

**February 24th and 25th from 10:00am to
4:00pm**

Special Events!

Gold in the Canyon

All Day Saturday & Sunday

Find out about Gold Mining in the Canyon
Past & Present with a special information
display, free gold maps, and discussion in our
Colman Museum during the two day event.

Victorian Dress Demonstration

12:00pm Sunday (Lunch Available)

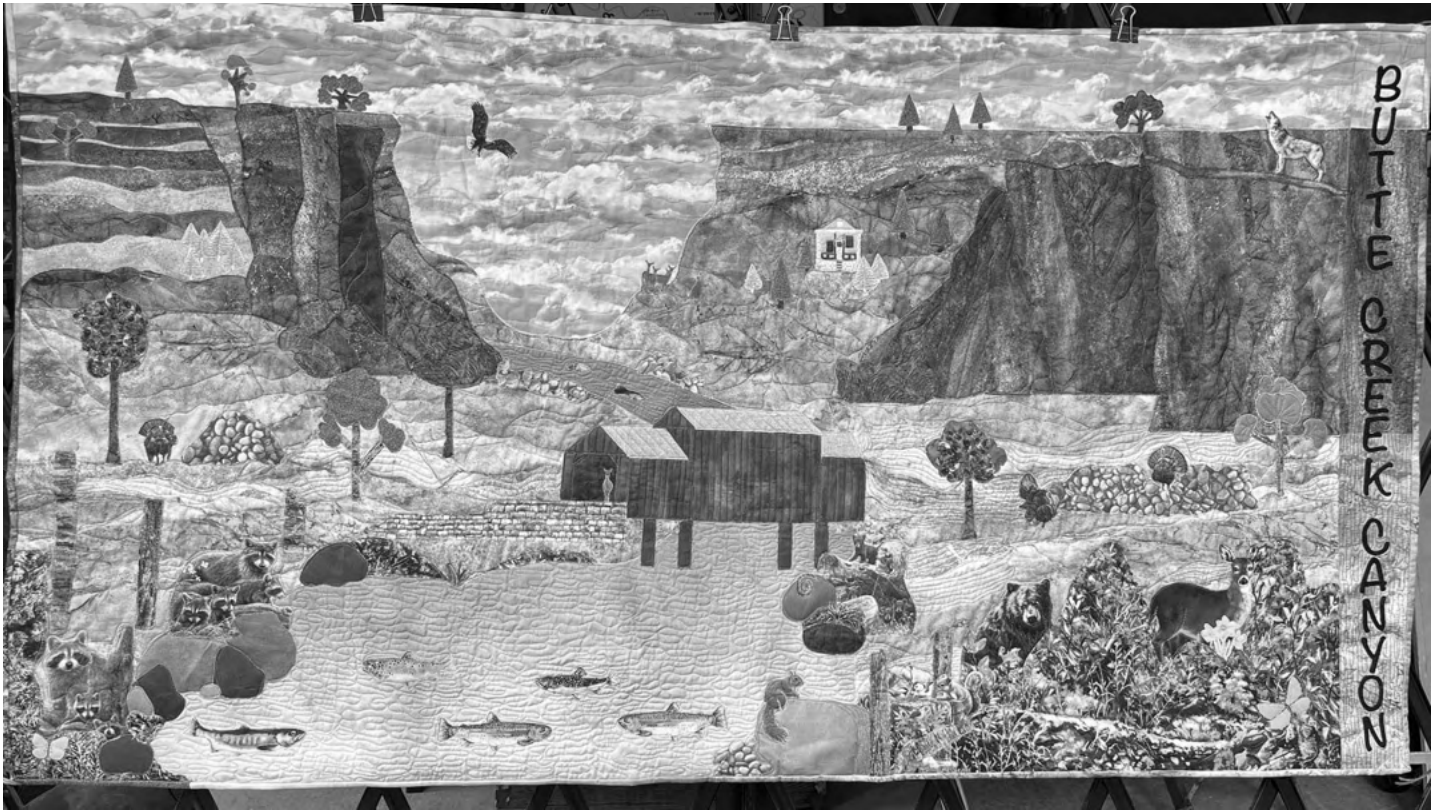
Explore the complexities and
devices of Victorian Era dress and
how our ancestors tried to keep up
in society with fashion.



Bring your family and friends.

**The Colman Museum is Open
Saturdays & Sundays 1-4 pm**

For More Information
www.explorebuttecounty.com



OUR CANYON AS ART

Canyon artist Linda Dickenson created a quilt depicting life in our beautiful Butte Creek Canyon for the 5-year Campfire commemoration. If you would like to see the stunning quilt, please stop by the museum on weekends from 1pm to 4 pm. The quilt is truly a brilliant representation of our canyon. The details and workmanship are beyond compare!



CHRISTMAS WRAP UP

The Schoolhouse Christmas Celebration hosted a gift sale and events for families that turned out to be a fun filled day. Santa visits were a hit with young and old alike.

COMMUNITY EXHIBIT

The museum display case is dedicated to the sharing of community member's items of interest. During the months of January and February the exhibit is entitled **Cell Phone Photography on the Mighty Mississippi from St. Louis to St. Paul** by Huibert Venema. Viewers will appreciate the collection of beautiful photos on display.

If YOU have a collection of interesting things that you'd like to showcase in our museum, please call 521-7930 and we'll gladly put you on the queue.

These interesting collections can be viewed in the museum every Sat. & Sun. between 1:00 pm and 4:00 pm.

WALT'S RAIN REPORT

With over 6.25 inches of rain in December, 2023's total of 51.87 inches nearly caught up with the 40-year annual average of 54 inches at Nimshew Run Lane (1100"). With only 1/3 inch of rainfall in June-July-August, September leaped ahead with 3.36 inches. Let's hope for abundant rainfall in 2024 to soak our soil and fill nearby reservoirs.

Walt Shafer has been recording rain totals at his Canyon home across from Helltown for over 41 years; since January 1st 1983.



COVERED BRIDGE REBUILD UPDATE

With sufficient funding from private donations and the Fire Victim Trust to move toward completion of the Honey Run Covered Bridge rebuild, 2024 should prove to be an exciting year. Contractors are ready and final engineering plans are now being tweaked for Phase 2--deck and trusses. Materials will arrive at the Park this spring. Summer will see fabrication of these materials and then erection over Butte Creek with large cranes. We expect Phase 3, siding and roof, to be completed this fall. The Covered Bridge Park will be closed during this entire process. Meanwhile, fundraising will continue to cover ongoing expenses to maintain the Park--about \$50,000 per year. Thanks for your support and patience!

MEANWHILE RAIN REPORTS FROM HELLTOWN IN THE PAST WERE A LITTLE FISHY

Reprint from the New York Times
September 2nd, 1878

SINGULAR PHENOMENON.

AN IMMENSE SHOWER OF SMALL FISH FALLING FROM A CLOUDLESS SKY IN BUTTE COUNTY, CAL.

From the Chico (Cal.) Record, Aug. 20.

About 2 o'clock P. M. a young man, who works on the Shepard ditch, stepped out of Mr. Yokum's store, and was pelted with an immense lot of small fish say from one to three inches in length, and consisting of a great variety--sun perch, flying fish, and many others that do not belong to the scale family. The young man called those in the store to come and see the wonder, when more than a dozen men went out and saw them dropping thick and fast. They covered the roof of the store and extended for a circumference of two or three acres, and perhaps more. I thought at first that a flock of traveling pelicans were unloading their pouches for the purpose of attaining a higher stratum of atmosphere, that would take them more rapidly to their destination. But I gazed for a long time in the clear blue sky in every direction, without being rewarded with the sight of a single pelican. Then I weakened on the pelican theory, and I am led to believe if it were the work of pelicans they must have been so high that they were out of sight. The fishes were very wet when they first fell, but soon dried after striking the ground. I understand that William Phillips, laboring under the impression that all good things come from above, devoured one of the finest ones of the lot, and said it tasted so good that he sadly regretted not having harvested more of them. Such fine epicurean frenzies are very rare in the community. Eli Branum has preserved quite a lot of them in a bottle of gin.

Editor's Note

Yokum's Store was located at Helltown and served miners and families in the canyon in the latter part of the 1800's.

While this may be the first record in Butte County of fish falling from the sky, it wasn't the last. In June 2017, the local news reported fish raining down on Stanford Avenue Elementary School in Oroville. See <http://tinyurl.com/43n5awk4>

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