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CALENDAR

Saturday November 16th Potluck & Dessert Auction

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

**Sunday December 8th
Holiday Gift Sale with Santa**
11am - 4pm at the Schoolhouse
Santa 11am - 1pm

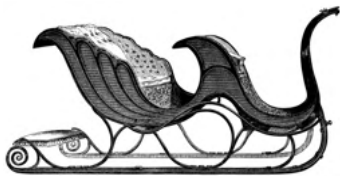
**Saturday January 18th
Potluck**
Bring a potluck dish to share and beverages if you like!
6:30pm at the Schoolhouse



Good Old Fashioned Holiday Celebration!

Sunday December 8th 11-4pm
at the Schoolhouse

- **Hot beverages** with neighbors!
- **Photos** with Santa! **11-1pm**
- **Gift sale!** Shop for friends & family!



This winter, break out the sleigh and bring your family and friends.
**The Colman Museum is Open
Saturdays & Sundays 1-4 pm**

Centerville
Recreation & Historical Association
13548 Centerville Road



**Ugly Sweater Contest &
Happy Hour! 3-4pm**



CANYON CLEAN-UP

Our museum sponsored, yet again, another successful annual October Canyon Clean-up. We had more than 50 canyon community, Chico and Paradise volunteers helping to pick up trash from our beautiful canyon roads and Creekside. The response to assist with this not-so-fun task was fantastic!

Thanks to Paradise Recreation and Parks District, our Colman Museum volunteers, Bonnie Calhoon, and Chico Chai for the much appreciated snacks and beverages. And many thanks to Waste Management for providing dumpsters.

What a wonderful community event that we all benefit from!



OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT

In September, 35+ residents enjoyed a night of entertainment at the Schoolhouse watching *Mr. Beans Holiday* on CHRA's new projector. Great family fun!

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you

Centerville Recreation and Historical Association would like to give HUGE thanks to the following:

Mark Ford: Our museum neighbor who has generously allowed us to use his property for our Fair parking every year! As our Fair grows, it has been greatly appreciated to have that extra off-road parking!

Enterprise Record: Our local newspaper donated advertisement space to assist us to get the word out for our yearly fair fundraiser. Thank you Mike Wolcott and Fred Crosthwaite!

Waste Management: Our local waste management company generously donates the big dumpsters that we use each year for our annual Canyon Clean-up and our annual fair. Thank you Christian Garcia for your assistance!

STARS Sheriff helpers: Each year we benefit by having the wonderful STAR volunteers help us with traffic management at our annual June fair. Thank you!

Paradise Recreation and Parks Department: Sophia and her helpers escorted fair attendees from the parking lot to the fair in a roomy air conditioned van. What a wonderful help!

CRHA Docents: A big thank you to all of the docents that man the museum each month. We could not keep the doors open without your generous volunteering of your time. Thanks to our old docents and our recent new ones! Claudia Lang, Lya and Brian Chapman, Tim Calhoon, Steve Voss, Jake Clifford, Annalise Thorpe, Huibert Venema, Cindy Bethard, Mike and Maureen Adams.

OUR GREY FOX

by Bonnie Calhoon

We see them often, mostly at night. Our native gray fox has a silver coat with patches of yellow, brown and white on their throat and belly with a black stripe down the tail. They have short legs with lengthier curved nails to climb trees to 59 ft and jump from branch to branch. Ears and muzzles are angular. They are typically 30 in to 44 in in total length and weigh from 8 to 15 pounds, females being slightly smaller. They can run up to 42 mph. They are of the class canid (like dogs) with red foxes being of a different genus. Unlike other canids, gray foxes have oval pupils.

Gray foxes are the only canid whose natural range extends to North and South America. Their enemies are dogs, coyotes, bobcats, and humans (drive carefully).

Gray foxes in California live in coastal ranges and mountainous lower ranges in low shrubbery and chaparral. They rarely dig their own dens, but rest in crevices, hollow logs, and under boulders. Many choose to live in urban and suburban areas under decks, sheds and porches. Large predators choose to avoid human use areas and roads; grey foxes benefit from this. They are known as an "edge species", hunting along edges of forests, woodlands, and roads.

Gray foxes are omnivorous and excellent hunters feeding on birds, berries, insects, eggs, acorns and fungi. They also eat small rodents, helping to control these populations in urban and suburban areas. To humans they are entertaining and harmless. Gray foxes do not attack cats and dogs and will not harm children. These foxes are secretive and nocturnal and hate water, flashing lights and loud noises.

Gray foxes mate in January with three to five pups born in February or March and stay together until fall when the young are sexually mature.



They live between 6 to 10 years. Gray foxes as a genus have only the Island Fox of the Channel Islands as they're only "congene". Personally, while visiting Santa Rosa Island, I saw these diminutive foxes. With research, I found the early prosperous culture of native peoples of the Channel Islands, even before the Spanish arrived, would befriend the small gray foxes and they became their pets!

So next time late at night you see a gray fox heading to the side of the road, let him know you know a little more about him!

BUTTE CREEK CANYON ACHIEVES FIREWISE STATUS

Thanks to the efforts of fellow canyon residents, Andrew Burke, Debra McCall, and others, Butte Creek Canyon is now a Firewise Community. What does this mean? Modest insurance discounts (varying depending on your insurer), an access path to grant funding for the community to implement fire prevention and response projects, and a safer community as we all work individually and as a community to prepare for the next fire. More information will be forthcoming in the SchoolBell and on the CentervilleMuseum.com website under the new Community menu.

For more information contact Debra McCall 530-412-3204

Butte Creek Canyon



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