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### **COUNTRY CHRISTMAS FAIRE RESULTS** ***Gingerbread House Competition Results and Canned Food Drive Results***

A successful canned food drive, more than 100 vendors, and 55 gingerbread houses built made the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Country Christmas Faire at the Nevada County Fairgrounds a success.

The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Gingerbread House Competition was once again a crowd favorite, with 55 entries received. Of those entries, the Best of Show winner was Wanda Dunn of Penn Valley, and the People's Choice Award went to Kathy Kinney of Penn Valley. The Best of Show is chosen by the judges, and the People's Choice is selected through ballots cast by individuals who attend the Craft Faire.

First place winners in the traditional categories include MaKenna Chapman, Preston Lancaster, and Finn Becker (child 5 & under); Owen Strolle, and Delaney Aday (child – ages 6-8); Aiden Keller (child – ages 9-12); Joe Ceselini (kits – ages 8 & under); Ariana Hoffman (teen – ages 13-17); Sherry Andreini (adult – 18 -64); Mary Abbott (adult – 65 & over); GVSD ASP Scotten Kindergarten, and Baylie and Brina Stratton (group – children).

First place winners in the non-traditional categories include Corbin Beals (child 5 & under); Keegan Thompson (child – ages 9 – 12); Toria Kinney (teen – ages 13-17); Wanda Dunn

(adult – ages 18 – 64); GVSD ASP Scotten 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade (group – children); The Jimenez Family (group – family); and Joanne Perilman and Company (group – adult 18 & over).

With the help of HOPE (Help Other People Eat) in Nevada County, Sunday's canned food drive collected more than 480 pounds of non-perishable canned food, which is enough to feed 20 families for a month. These donations will be used at the organization's December 15 food distribution. HOPE in Nevada County is a program established through the Grass Valley Elks, who partner with the Food Bank of Nevada County to feed those in need. HOPE distributes food on the third Saturday of every month to anyone in the county in need of food and emergency food. Additionally, the Wellmon family, who operate the Grinders food booth at the Country Christmas Faire, received \$175 in tips at the event, and will match that amount and donate \$350 to the local Food Bank.

The names of all the Gingerbread House Competition winners can be found on the Fairgrounds' website at [www.NevadaCountyFair.com](http://www.NevadaCountyFair.com). The 2013 Country Christmas Faire is planned for Thanksgiving weekend, November 29, 30 and December 1.

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