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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 50 gingerbread houses built made the 27th Annual Country Christmas Faire at the Nevada County Fairgrounds a success.

The 9th Annual Gingerbread House Competition was once again a crowd favorite, with 50 entries received. Of those entries, the Best of Show winner was Kristal Souza of Grass Valley, and the People's Choice Award went to Mary Abbott of Grass 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 individual categories include Willow West (child 5 & under); The Dougherty Family (child – ages 6-8); Mollie Becker (child – ages 9-12); Helen Sands (kits – ages 8 & under); Nora Devlin (teen – ages 13-17); Kristal Souza (adult – 18 -64); Mary Abbott (adult – 65 & over); Hennessy Tween Tigers (group – children 12 & under); Lauren Kraemer (group – family); and The Perilmans and Crew (group – adult 18 & over). A complete list of the winners can be found on the Fairgrounds' website at www.NevadaCountyFair.com.

With the help of HOPE (Help Other People Eat) in Nevada County, Sunday's canned food drive collected more than 250 cans of food, as well as cash donations. These donations will be used at the organization's December 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 once a month to anyone in the county in need of food and emergency food every Monday.

The 2012 Country Christmas Faire is planned for Thanksgiving weekend, November 23 – 25, 2012. For information, visit www.NevadaCountyFair.com or call 273-6217.

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