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Hotshots

We gathered at the old 1890's Centerville Schoolhouse to honor our Camp fire heroes, the four local guys who stayed and fought the fire all night long in Butte Creek Canyon and saved our neighborhood. They all grew up in the neighborhood they saved and are now dubbed the Helltown Hotshots.

I still think of these guys fondly, as the little kids they once were, running around in my field at the annual Easter egg hunts. I also think of them as the bigger kids they became, blaring around too fast on their motorcycles, raising dust on the road, me running after them yelling and shaking my fists.

I spoke with one of them, Johnny, the horrific night of the fire, Thursday November 8th. A few hours earlier, my wife and I had evacuated our place, driving through a peaceful Canyon, with no fire visible, except up on the Paradise ridge.

Johnny yelled into the phone, "The whole Canyon is on fire!" He was standing high above the canyon floor, at the top of Center Gap Road, the steep, rutted dirt road that dives into upper Butte Creek Canyon from the Forest Ranch side, opposite the Paradise ridge.

"It can't be," I said, "we were just there!"

"It looks like it's all around the Centerville Schoolhouse and into

Helltown!" He groaned and said, "Twenty-foot flames are coming up towards us!"

"You better turn back. Get out of there!" I said.

He didn't. He and Jim and Danny four-wheeled it down that road into the Canyon, where they found Jack, who has some fire-fighting experience. Jack gave direction.

They first ran a fire line as best they could, with shovels, around the Centerville Schoolhouse. Johnny got a bulldozer and drove through the fire, scraping a fire break, saving the iconic Schoolhouse. They took off from there, and fought through the night, forming a ring around the Helltown area, saving the neighborhood of a few dozen homes.

At the celebration of the Hotshots, the Centerville Schoolhouse was packed. The Schoolhouse is the place where over the years, Canyon people gather for potlucks, picnics, fairs, Christmas shows for the kids. We applauded the Hotshots, thanked them, and humbly acknowledged our fortune amidst the tragedies of the Camp fire and the not so fortunate.

Danny spoke to us first. He pointed around the inside of the Centerville Schoolhouse, and said, "This is where I first met Santa Claus."

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| 347 Weymouth Way        | Chico | \$615,000 | 4/3   | 2802    |
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| 1045 Sir William Ct     | Chico | \$550,000 | 4/3   | 2685    |
| 3083 Montreal Ln        | Chico | \$540,000 | 4/3   | 2132    |
| 2 Blanqueta Ct          | Chico | \$532,000 | 4/3   | 2141    |
| 4282 Stable Ln          | Chico | \$489,500 | 3/2   | 1662    |

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| 1276 Orchard Way     | Chico | \$415,000 | 3/2   | 1558    |
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| 2860 Swallowtail Way | Chico | \$400,000 | 3/2   | 1348    |
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