

Co. 24 BBQ

A "Thank You" BBQ dinner was held on Tuesday, September 13th at the Community Center for all the volunteers who helped with this year's Forest Ranch Fire Co.#24 Annual Fundraiser. A check for \$8,691.29 was presented to Fire Captain Sam Daugherty representing the total amount raised at the event. Although the BBQ attendance was down by 20% over last year, the funds raised will help to offset the annual maintenance and upkeep on the Fire Station, their training and equipment. Many thanks to all who supported this event through their donations and hard work;

- Forest Ranch Lions Club
- Forest Ranch Community Association
- Forest Ranch Women's Club
- Mountain Joy Bible Fellowship Church
- Forest Ranch Fire Co #24 Volunteers,
- Dona LaFranchi, Coordinator of Silent Auction
- Marlene Fune, Auctioneer
- DJ John Hague, our favorite DJ
- Lion Henry Johnson, our favorite "Burger-Master" and his son Aaron.









Our 4 year old 'Superhero' from last Year saved up his pennies again and donated over \$73 for Co. 24. Emma Ziebath is accepting the donation.

Left is Henry preparing burgers Meals being served by volunteers The Forest Ranch Post A monthly publication of the Forest Ranch Community Association Editor: Beth Wattenberg E-mail: forestranchpost@gmail.com (530) 570-6319

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Website: https://forestranchcommunityassociation.weebly.com A link to the Post is available on the Website each Dear Friends & Neighbors,

Since we are no longer putting the Post in every mail box (due to the increased costs) we have experienced a dramatic reduction in dues from Forest Ranch residents. The dues have been instrumental in helping keep our center functioning...so please, if you haven't paid your dues, please pick up a membership application (in the plastic folder at the Post Office) and mail it in.

Dates to mark on your calendar: **November 5th:** Cornhole Tournament...check P.O. bulletin board for details. Mishka Nobel, our FRCA President, is organizing a Thanksgiving Dinner on **November 24th** with help from Tank, our VP for Forest Ranch residents...so, if you're not going out of town, consider signing up.

Beth, Editor

Construction of the editor:

Dear Forest Ranch Community

Thanks so much for the warm greetings and the wonderful spread presented by the Lions Club Saturday the 10th of September.

The support for your community including your Charter School is commendable and so small town America. I am proud to represent you on the school board in Area 5 and look forward to voting soon to renew your Charter.

Great job everyone.

Eileen Robinson Robinson4cusd.com

New FRCA Members

Margaret Gunnell Mary Madden I Jim & Kathy Golde Roger & Beverly Schreur

Mike Mullen Bob & Liz Thomas Linda Geiger

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2 Mtn Joy	3 LABOR DAY	4 Yoga Crafts	5 FRWC 7:00 Sit-N-Fit	6 Yoga Bake & Ticket Sale	7 Sit-N-Fit Bake & Ticket Sale	8
9 Mtn Joy	10 Sit-N-Fit	11 Yoga Crafts Lions 7:00	12 Sit-N-Fit Food Commodities FRFSC Bd 6:30	13 Yoga	14 Sit-N-Fit	15 Recycling
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23 Mtn Joy	24 Sit-N-Fit	25 Yoga Crafts Lions 7:00	26 Sit-N-Fit	27 Yoga	28 Sit-N-Fit	29
30 Mtn Joy	31 HALLOWEEN					

Yoga Classes are presently being offered through Zoom on Tuesday mornings at 7:30 am in person on Tuesday mornings at 9:15 and Thursday mornings at 8:30 am & 9:30 am. If you are interested please contact Lisa Weber at lisa.weber@yahoo.com or 591-5917. Each class costs \$10.00. (You only pay for classes you attend.)

Sit-N-Fit: Monday, Wednesday & Friday mornings 10:00 to 11:45 am. For more information or questions please contact Michael Brown at colovelomab@aol.com. \$10.00 per class or \$65 per mo.. Contact Michael at: colovelomab@aol.com

Sewing & Crafting: Tuesdays from 1:00 to 4:00 pm; contact Dona LaFranchi at: (530) 895-8847 or ddlaf@sbcglobal.net

Food Commodities: Usually the 2nd Wednesday of each month; Food can be picked up at Mtn Joy Fellowship Church: 15522 Nopel Ave; from 11:00 am to noon.

October 8th is Recycle Day Please remember to sort your recyclables by type: Plastic Bottles, Glass Bottles and Aluminum Cans. Make sure that each item has a CA -CRV on them and PLEASE REMOVE THE LIDS OFF ALL CONTAINERS.

Mobile Vet: Family Mobile Veterinary Care comes every 3 weeks, 10:00 am till noon next to Post Office https://www.familymobilevet.com

YESTERYEAR... Early History of Berdan's

By Andy Mark

Berdan's was a popular stopping spot during the early years of the Humboldt Wagon Road. It was located about twenty miles out of Chico in the approximate vicinity of today's Cal Fire station along Highway 32, about four miles above Forest Ranch.

An 1865 map reveals that a man named McDonald lived in this general location. In 1867, the news reported that a two-story hotel was kept there by J.C. Wertsbaugher and, in 1868, the news reported that J.N. McCormick took over the hotel. At some time, the property was also known as Hornback's stand.



The Comet Mill, first owned by C.F. Ellsworth and then W.K. Springer, was located nearby. It was known to produce about 18,000 shingles per day.

Myron Berdan purchased the residential property in 1874, most likely from Hornback. In 1876, the news reported that the cold, pure water from an 80 ft. deep well at Berdan's was drawn by horse-power. A post office was established at Berdan's, in 1878, and Myron was the first postmaster. In 1909, the post office was moved one and a quarter mile south. It was discontinued in 1916, when the Forest Ranch post office took over those duties.

In 1875, a rather bizarre murder took place at the abandoned Comet Mill site. James Dorland was killed and shot by a sniper, over a property dispute. Myron Berdan, who lived nearby, assisted in helping George Dorland, the victim's son, determine who the killer was and also testified at the trial.

Milton Cain, who fired the shot that killed James Dorland, went immediately on the run. There were many places in these foothill canyons that a person could hide from the law, especially with friends that would help him out. Figuring that Cain was still in the area, Sheriff Daniels formed a posse to track him down. Taking no chances, however, the lawman went from one cabin to the next, and after interrogating the inhabitants, he made each one of them join the party so that he could keep an eye on them. Cain was eventually caught, and it appears that it was due to the strategy of the Sheriff.

In the 1880's, Berdan's place was a busy stop for teamsters along the Humboldt Wagon Road, and was a popular resort that was newly renovated. Being so close to a number of gold claims, it was also reported that it served as the headquarters for the upper Butte Creek mines.

In 1898, the hotel at Berdan's burned to the ground, and Myron Berdan suffered burns by saving items from the post office. A local newspaper reported a touching story about how the locals wasted no time in coming to the assistance of Mr. and Mrs. Berdan, offering provisions, clothes, cooking utensils, dishes and various conveniences to help them cope during this time of difficulty.

Figure Caption: These bear hides were proudly hanging on the side of a barn at Berdan's, circa 1890. Courtesy of CSU, Chico, Meriam Library, Special Collections.

FOREST RANCH CHARTER SCHOOL



Christia Marasco was one of the founding members of FRCS, instrumental in launching the Charter School after CUSD decided to close the school. She has been the Director since its inception. She is a master juggler: keeping the school open during the Pandemic, offering support to students, families, faculty, and staff as well as overseeing the day to day challenges of running a school.

Lisa Sellu is a founding faculty member and has been the lead teacher since its inception, 2006. She teaches a $4^{th}/5^{th}$ combination class. One of her goals is to teach her students to be lifelong learners. She puts on Math Day/Nights as well the Homework Club.





Theresa Palmarini started teaching at FRCS in 2008 and has been the kindergarten teacher since 2009. She has several years of experience environmental education which she effectively applies to her teaching.

Kala Ulep is the newest faculty member, first working as a Teacher's Aide, then Director of the After School Program and then as a 2nd/3rd Grade Teacher in the 2017-18th school year.





Ms. DJ, aka Michelle Jimenez, was the middle school teacher at FRCS in 2016. She moved to Oregon, but returned as the middle school teacher again in 2020. Her expertise and dedication to each student is clearly evident.

Check out ongoing activities of the students on Facebook and Instagram

Forest Ranch Post

Successful Firefighters Fundraiser BBQ 2022!!!



On behalf of the Forest Ranch Volunteer Fire and Rescue Co. 24 our Fire Captain Sam Daugherty thanks the Forest Ranch Lions Club for sponsoring a great fundraising event. A big thanks to Sierra Nevada Brewery, sponsor, for the great tent donation, Gary's Tents, that made this a very successful and comfortable event. Also, our thanks to sponsor Johnny On the Spot Portable Toilets/Chico Septic, the Forest Ranch Women's Club for hosting the dessert table, the Forest Ranch Community Assn. for the selling of drinks and Co. 24 t-shirts. The total proceeds raised from the BBQ was \$8691.29. Thanks everyone.

A big welcome to all new residents for your support.

Also, thanks to John Hague for lending his music system in his absence, and to Marlene Fune' for an outstanding job at being our emcee for the entire event. Thanks to Michael Houar for help with the raffle. Also, thanks to Chef Henry Johnson for such good cooked BBQ food again.

Thanks to our new and local residents who donated raffle/live auction, and door prizes: Sharon Fuller, Andy & Jill Mark, Jerry & Maureen Blawat, Joanne Scangarella, and husband Ron, Margaret Martin, Mel Fune', Kathy Meyer, Todd and Janet Brownell, Terez Alfaque, Brian & Karen Horn, Lesli Kostiz, Gretchen Vanderwallen.

Chico residents' donations, Hannah Dodge Garrett, Susan Dodge Forrister.

Thanks also to local businesses and community residents who are business owners that sponsored and donated to this fundraiser: Mtn Joy Fellowship, Therapeutic Massage (Mel Fune), F.R. Realty & Crane Realty, Chico, (Jim Crane), Zavattero's (Sue Smith and Kyle Zavattero), Time Flies (Mike Mullen), Michael Brown Massage, Road Roaster Coffee Co., Orene Owen, Artisan, and Satava Art Glass,

Live auction items donated by: Doug Patterson, 1 lg, birdhouse, Joanne Scangarella, fused dish, 40-yard dumpster Recology, Oroville, Labor of Love, Fire Safe Council, Satava's Art Glass, Camel Bak military pack, Miska Nobel, Birdhouse (med) Margaret Martin, OR., 1 cord oak wood, Marlene Fune, 1 cord oak wood, Greg Shandel, Const., Handmade Bag, Orene Owen, Lesli Kostiz, Pinecone board, Liz Thomas, Computer Fox Picture.

Also, thanks go out to Chico and other outlaying area businesses who donated raffle/live auction and door prizes: Recology Butte Colusa Co., Scrubbs Car Wash, Gateway Science Museum, Chico, Lundberg Family Farms Richvale, Gates Resale, Great Harvest, Fire Safe Council, F.R., Castaldo Mgt., Road Roasted Coffee, F.R., Traders Joe's, Safeway Stores, Turtle Bay, Redding, Fairytale Town, Sac., Jim Moloney, const., Sierra Steel Harley-Davidson, Christy Gubbels, atty.

Once again, a very successful and fun day for all that attended to help raise funds



for our volunteer firefighters. Without all of the community and support we couldn't have done this without you.

Please help support the local and other area businesses as they supported us. We are looking forward to seeing you next year on Sept. 9th, 2023.

Linda Susan Forrister (Dodge)

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our beloved Mother, Sister, Grandmother, Aunt and friend, Linda Susan Forrister (Dodge). Linda Sue passed away peacefully in her own beautiful home surrounded by the love and support of her family after a difficult struggle with cancer on September 24th, 2022. She was such a sweet, kind, loving woman and will be greatly missed. The world is a little less sparkly now.

Linda Sue was born in Cherry Point, North Carolina on July 14th, 1955 where her father, Otis Dodge, was stationed in the Marine Corps. They moved back to California when she was very young. She grew up in Forest Ranch at The Dodge Place in the canyon. Her heart always remained a part of the community.

She graduated from Chico High School in 1973 before completing her education at Heald Business College. After that, she married and moved to Alaska for two years where she had her first daughter, Cyndi. They then moved back to Chico, and she had her second daughter, Lesley. She absolutely loved being a mother and her daughters will be forever grateful for the special moments she created in their lives.

She loved all things, pink, ruffly, sparkly and crafty. Linda Sue enjoyed being involved in many things including being a Girl Scout leader, foster parent, Forest Ranch Women's Club member, and taking part of the reunion committee for her high school. She spent 42 years as an insurance adjuster at Farmers Insurance where she gained many fond memories and friendships with coworkers. She was always passionate about reading and writing. She was nearly finished writing ascience fiction book and has been an editor and member of the North State Writers since 2015.



She loved baking, crafting and stamp art with her grandkids and friends. Her craft room was

always overflowing with craft supplies, beautiful projects and loving memories.

She loved her time with the ladies she called her Soul Sisters. She enjoyed going on cruises and traveling with them as well as the many hours spent in text and phone calls with them. Family vacations with her daughters as well as trips with extended family were some of her fondest memories. She especially enjoyed when those trips were near the ocean.

She made every holiday special with exquisite decorations and special traditions. Her themed Christmas trees and homemade candies were always amazing. Every Thanksgiving she made some of the best homemade pies. The traditions she made will be passed on through the generations.

Her Celebration of Life will be: At the Forest Ranch Community Center, 15807 Forest Ranch Road On Saturday, October 8th at 11:30am.

Shirley Isabell Bylard, born January 9, 1929, passed away on

Monday, September 19, 2022.

No services are planned at this time.



Forest Ranch Lions Club Annual White Cane Bake Sale October 7th & 8th

On Thursday Oct 6th and Friday Oct 7th, from 10am-5:00pm, , the Forest Ranch Lions Club will be holding its annual White Cane Bake Sale Fundraiser. Come check out all the wonderful home baked goodies celebrating the fall season. There will be cookies, small pies, mini loaves, cupcakes, and lots other sweet treats.

Got a special friend, or group of buddies or students you would like to give a tasty gift to? We will have many great items to choose from. If you would like to place a Special Order, call at 899-1275 in advance and we will have it ready for you.

All money raised from this event will be used to help local residents in the Forest Ranch and Chico area obtain eye exams and new glasses for those who do not have the resources to obtain them. If you know of someone who could use this assistance, please let us know.

Lions also recycle old and no longer needed eyeglasses, hearing aids and cell phones. If you would like to donate any of these items during this event, bring it to us and you will receive a FREE treat!

We will also be selling spaces for the October 22nd Community Yard during this Bake Sale. There are only 45 spaces available so make sure you get your space purchased on either day - first come -first served. See the Community Yard Sale article in this addition of the Post for the details. Spaces are \$20 each and require a separate deposit of \$30 cash or check which is refunded after the event provided that your space is completely cleared out by 3:00pm the day of the event.











HELPING YOURSELF AND CO. 24 VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

In Forest Ranch water for fire suppression is often hard to come by. Many homes have thousands of gallons of water stored in tanks that can't be used by the fire department because they lack the necessary fittings. Property owners involved in building new homes often overlook simple and inexpensive features that can make their domestic water supply extremely functional for fire suppression. Every year in California homes are lost to fire that could easily have been saved if water supply for fire protection had been provided. This article provides information on several aspects of this very important subject.

Rural water systems range from the very simple to the very complex. All systems utilize at least some of the following components: one or more tanks, a pump, water lines, a pressure tank, and of course some type of water source, usually either a well or a spring.

The most common failing of rural domestic water systems is the size of the pipe in the system, typically ³/₄ inch or 1 inch. If the homeowners have done a great job of clearing and managing vegetation around their home, this system and a garden hose may well be all that is needed to successfully defend the home. It will not be capable of providing adequate water supply to a fire engine attempting to suppress a fire inside the home or to defend the home from a major wildland fire.

From a fire protection standpoint, simpler is definitely better. The ideal rural fire suppression system would be a large tank or a pond located from 100 to 250 feet above the home to be protected with a 2 ½ or 3 inch water line running to the site to be protected. The water would be delivered through a 2 ½ inch valve with 2 ½ inch male National Hose threads. This system would be able to provide well over 250 gallons per minute and would function perfectly with no electricity available. Most of us don't have the ability to provide this perfect system, but there are several ways to either modify or augment existing systems to make them user friendly to the fire department.

GUIDELINES FOR MODIFYING EXISTING SYSTEMS

If your current system can deliver a minimum of 40 to 50 gallons per minute, it can be relatively easily adapted to provide water to the fire department by simply providing a 1 ½ or 2 ½ inch male National Hose pipe thread fitting in a location that is accessible to a fire engine. Most water tanks can be made accessible to the fire department by doing one of the following:

1. Provide a 2 ½ inch male National Hose thread fitting with a valve at the base of the tank IF a fire engine can be positioned within 12 feet of the fitting.

2. If it is not possible to get close enough to the tank, install a 2 ½ inch pipe from the tank to a location that the engine can get to and build your fire department connection there.

3. If your tank doesn't have a large enough discharge port and it isn't practical to install one, consider building a siphon by putting a PVC pipe into tank from the top then down the outside of the tank to a valve located approximately one foot above ground level. On the discharge side of the valve, install a 90 degree elbow and finish the fitting with the required 2 ¹/₂ inch male national hose thread adaptor. The siphon is established by pumping water into the tank through the fire department fitting then closing the valve. Once established, the siphon should take care of itself and can be easily reestablished if necessary. The siphon pipe should be secured to the tank if possible. If it's not possible to secure directly to the tank, set a 4×4 or larger post next to the tank and secure the siphon pipe to it, being careful not to obstruct the discharge fitting or the valve.

REMEMBER TO NOTIFY CO. 24 FIRE DEPARTMENT SO THEY ARE AWARE THAT YOUR TANK IS AVAILABLE FOR FIRE SUPPRESSION. Email: <u>BCF.Stn24@gmail.com</u> or call: 530.343.7776

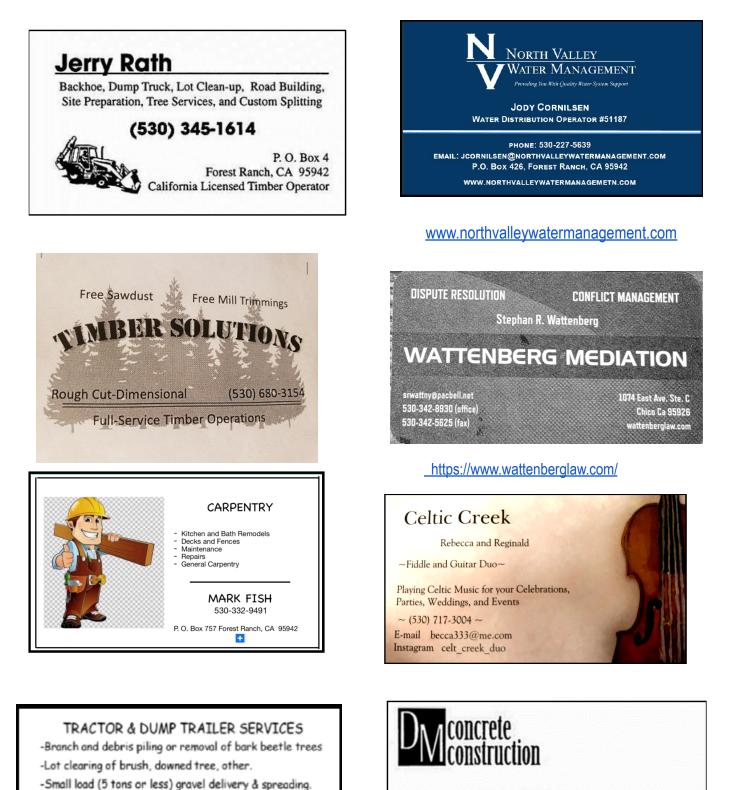
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-Driveway repair and ditch clearing/cutting.

-Soil, compost and other landscaping material delivery
Local resident, affordable hourly rates

Contact Dan at 893 9044

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Voter Registration deadlines

In person during early voting: Oct 10 - Nov 7 In-person at voting location on Election Day: Nov 8 Online: Oct 24 by 11:59 p.m. By mail (postmarked by): Oct 24

"Someone struggled for your right to vote. Use it! Susan B. Anthony



HUGE COMMUNITY YARD SALE

Saturday Oct 22, 9:00am-2:00pm

In Downtown Forest Ranch

This Event will be held outside the Mountain Joy Bible Fellowship Church located at 15522 Nopel Road

The Yard Sale will be advertised in the newspapers in Chico, on the local Radio stations as well as public announcements on local television.

- Spaces are Assigned on a First Come-First Served Basis.
- Spaces (Approx 10'X10') are available to rent for \$20 each.
- A \$30 Deposit is required for each space rented. This deposit will be refunded by 3:00pm at the end of the event provided your rented space has been <u>completely</u> cleared out.
- All Spaces are outside, so please bring a canopy along with a table, (no longer than 8') and chairs as needed.
- Each Seller is responsible for all transactions and sales within their space so be prepared to make appropriate change.
- The Lions will be outside the Forest Ranch Post Office on Oct 6 & 7, Thursday and Friday from 9:00am to 5:00pm to register Sellers and Rent out the available Spaces. We only have 45 spaces available and have sold out all spaces at our previous event.
- · This event will take place rain or shine (no refunds)

* <u>IMPORTANT</u> ~ NO DRUGS, ALCOHOL, GUNS, WEAPONS OR RACISTS ITEMS WILL BE ALLOWED FOR SALE OR USE DURING THIS EVENT!

* <u>Don't Miss This Opportunity To Clear Out Your Garage</u> <u>And Make Some Money</u>!

If you have any questions, please call 899-1275. Thank you!

This Event is Being Sponsored by The Forest Ranch Lions Club along with the Mountain Joy Bible Fellowship Church