

# Why the Forest Ranch Community Association is important:

- It provides a well-maintained facility for meetings, music and food events, celebrations, weddings, etc.
- It works with all the FR organizations, such as the Charter School, Women's Club, Lions, FR Fire Safe Council and the Volunteer Fire Department to serve the community.
- It sponsors the Forest Ranch Post, a monthly newspaper

#### How YOU can help:

Become a member (page 8) and/or become involved in any of the FR organizations.

#### Forest Ranch Community Association

# General Meeting



Wednesday, August 17<sup>th</sup>

# 6:30 (Business Meeting & update from Cailyn Dalby)7:00 pm: Doug Teeter

at the FRCA Center 15807 Forest Ranch Rd

- Have concerns?
- Questions?
- Comments?

Here is your chance to meet Doug Teeter, our Butte County Board of Supervisor.

How does he view his role in supporting the residents of Forest Ranch?

How will he ensure that we are informed about issues that affect us?

"There is no power for change greater than a community discovering what it cares about." Margaret J. Wheatly

#### **Forest Ranch Post**

#### The Forest Ranch Post

A monthly publication of the Forest Ranch Community Association Editor: Beth Wattenberg E-mail: forestranchpost@gmail.com (530) 570-6319

#### FRCA Officers

President: Mishka Nobel Vice-President: Steve Konstenius Secretary: Morea Martin Treasurer: Nancy Bacon

#### **FRCA Board Members**

Marlene Fune Sharon Hintz Kelsey Brose Corrine Hayes Heather Childs-Alexis Kathy Meyer David Flores

#### Community Reps to Board

FR Charter School: Stephanie Mock FR Womens Club: Sharon Hintz FR Lions Club: Jill Collins Fire Safe Council: Dorr Lewright BEEP: Michael Brown Vol. Fire Dept.: Dona LaFranchi CERT: Rick Pero Mtn. Joy: Dan Christian Jeanette Christian FR Post: Beth Wattenberg Center Coordinator: Kathy Meyer Center Maintenance: Jim Norman:

Forest Ranch Community Association 530-255-4330 15807 Forest Ranch Road Forest Ranch, Ca 95942 P.O. Box 381

Website: https://forestranchcommunityassociation.weebly.com

A link to the Post is available on the Website each month.

Dear Friends & Neighbors,

As usual, there is a lot of activity in our community. This month we will have a chance to interview Doug Teeter, our Supervisor who replaced Tami Ritter. Please come to the meeting and have your voice heard.

In the past we were able to provide a membership form to all residents of Forest Ranch by inserting a form in the Post which was mailed out. Due to the increased costs, we are no longer able to do this, so we are relying on 'word of mouth' and a form in the paper edition of the Post. Please sign up and urge your neighbors to do so, so we can keep providing services and events to our community.

Two of the proposed upcoming events are another Cornhole Tournament and a Thanksgiving Dinner. Stay tuned, stay cool and get involved.

Beth

#### SIT 'N FIT CLASS

This class is held each M-W-F at 10:00 a.m. at the Forest Ranch Community Center and lasts 45 minutes. It is taught by Forest Ranch resident Michael Brown, who among other things is an A.C.E. Certified Personal Trainer, has a B.S. in Exercise Physiology and is a USA Cycling, Triathlon and Track and Field Coach. In addition, Michael is a Certified Massage Therapist and a Precision Nutrition Certified Nutrition Coach. These classes are designed for individuals who would like the assistance of a chair throughout their workout. The class works on improving balance and stability, correcting postural deficits, correcting muscular imbalances, as well as improving cardiovascular health and fitness,



muscular strength and flexibility.

We've had a broad range of ages and fitness levels join us so far. Michael provides the resistance bands, great music and laughter. Classes are \$10.00 each (only when

you attend) or a flat fee of \$65.00 per month, due at the first class of the month. What a great deal! Michael provides individual attention and adjusts exercises as needed for each participant.

For more information or questions please contact Michael at <u>colovelomab@aol.com</u>. Michael accepts cash, checks and Venmo.

# AUGUST 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Sit-N-Fit	2 Yoga Crafts	3 Sit-N-Fit FRWC	4 Yoga	5 Sit-N-Fit	6
7	8 Sit-N-Fit	9 Yoga Crafts Lions	10 Sit-N-Fit Food Commodities	11 Ice Cream Social;FRCA Mtg Yoga	12 Sit-N-Fit Farmer's Mkt	13 Recycling
14	15 Sit-N-Fit	16 Yoga Crafts FRFSC	17 Sit-N-Fit Mobile Vet	18 Yoga	19 Sit-N-Fit	20
21	22 Sit-N-Fit	23 Yoga Crafts Lions	24 Sit-N-Fit	25 Yoga	26 Sit-N-Fit	27
28	29 Sit-N-Fit	30 Yoga Crafts	31 Sit-N-Fit			

**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 <u>lisa.weber@yahoo.com</u> 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. (See full description page 2)

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.

<u>August 13th</u> is <u>Recycle Day</u> 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 2:00 pm next to Post Office <u>https://www.familymobilevet.com</u>

PLEASE NOTE: When you join FRCA you will be able to get a discount from Enloe Flight Care. Apply online at <u>https://www.enloe.org/</u> or call (530) 332-6774

# YESTERYEAR...

### Early Years in Forest Ranch

#### By Andy Mark

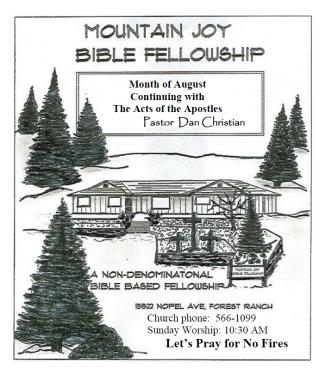
Soon after the Humboldt Wagon Road was constructed, in the early 1860s, settlements began to pop up along the road from Chico to Big Meadows (today's Lake Almanor). One place was sometimes referred to early on as the Sixteen-Mile House because of its distance from the beginning of the road in Chico.

The first notable settler at this stop along the road was a man named Elias Findley. In 1867, the news reported that Findley's place had a garden and one could pick cold watermelon from it. In 1873, Findley purchased the nearby Dashaway Mill from Aldersley and McCormick. The plant, located about 17 miles from Chico, supplied general lumber, shakes and posts.



Around the mid seventies, Horace Weld and his wife took over Findley's residence and started to develop the place, catering to road travelers and sportsmen. It was under their watch that a post office was established here, in 1878, and Horace Weld was its first postmaster. From then on, the town was officially called Forest Ranch. It was about this time that the first public school in Forest Ranch was established. By the beginning of the next decade, the Welds had made Forest Ranch a thriving little community, with cottages occupied by families, a hotel for boarders and travelers, a horse changing station for the Prattville stage and a highly productive garden and orchard.

In late 1881, the Welds left Forest Ranch and the property was purchased by Captain John Morrison and his wife, Margaret. It appears the hotel was managed by others for the next few years, but sometime around the middle of the decade Mrs. Morrison took over management. The Morrisons were a popular couple and instrumental in developing Forest Ranch for years to come.



Captain Morrison, who previously spent some years in the lumber business at Chico Meadows, also took over the Dashaway Mill, which had been moved about three miles above Forest Ranch after Wm. Bonham purchased the lumber plant from Elias Findley back in the seventies. In 1891, Captain Morrison completed the construction of a new sawmill in Forest Ranch, called the Forest Mill.

The Morrisons left Forest Ranch in 1903 and moved to Stirling City. The Forest Mill shut down at that point, but was reopened by the couple's son, Ira, in 1907. In 1908, after the local timber supply became exhausted, it shut down once more.

The hotel burned down in 1919. At the time, the property was owned by Ira Morrison.

*Figure caption: The Forest Ranch Hotel and other buildings, circa 1890. Courtesy of CSU, Chico, Meriam Library Special Collections* 

#### **FRCA MEMBERS** Joined between July 25th & 30th, 2022

#### Winner for \$100 prize will be announced at the August Ice Cream Social on August 11th

Mark Fish & Kathy Meyer Andy & Jill Mark Marv & Bonnie Megibow Tim & Nancy Bacon Steve Wallenburg & Jill Collins Joan Simmons & Steve McCulloch Bill & Corrine Hayes Brenda Zavala @ Barry Depweg Scott & Lynelle Jackson Allen & Helen Cornelison John & Catherine Nunes Jim Crane & Colleen Karlstrom Lynn & Dan Poole Danny & Jody Cornilsen

Mike & Donna Mathis Glen & Beth Stanley Lana Johnson Michael & Pamela Lindemann Roger & Janet Gruenewald Barbara Batt Joan Walters Paul Sullivan Prentice & Murlene Nunn Doug & Robin Patterson Larry & Julie Withers Tom & Sharon Hintz Carl & Melissa Dickinson Jim & Marcia Moloney

#### **Forest Ranch Cemetery Association**

Are you aware that Forest Ranch has a historical cemetery right here in Forest Ranch? The first burials took place about 1883 and were for two small girls who had sucked on deadly phosphorus tipped matches. Since there was no burial site at that time, the Halley family donated this 1/2 acre site as a cemetery. The cemetery has been run and maintained since 1952 as Forest Ranch Cemetery Association. The Association is titled as "a non-profit, mutual benefit corporation" with the State of California since 2018.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Association is a committee of one currently. I am asking for a few Forest Ranch residents who would

be interested in helping me keep the Association running. The requirements are few. Most years the biggest concern is keeping up the appearance of the cemetery, which we hire out for the work to be done. I also work with funeral homes on the rare occasion when they have a burial in the cemetery, to locate and mark the burial site using the map and old records. The Forest Ranch Cemetery Association has none of its own equipment, therefore the funeral homes make all the arrangements with the families.

If you have any questions, would like more information or would like to volunteer, please call me, Sandy Santos, at 530-891-0939. Thank you for your consideration.



# Forest Ranch FireSafe

# FOREST RANCH FIRE SAFE COUNCIL

With the hot and dry weather we are experiencing, it's important to remember that any yard work using power tools should be done before 10 am and in calm wind conditions. Your Forest Ranch Fire Safe group is meeting on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm, discussing current and upcoming work to be done on our land to harden our community against wildfire. In July, **Jim Houtman** from the Butte County Fire Safe Council gave a presentation about all the projects happening in Forest Ranch now or coming online soon. These include:

• **Defensible Space Crew** - For folks that have signed up, the BCFSC crew is already coming out to trim up, weed-eat, and move flammable debris away from homes to improve defensible space and bring homes into Cal Fire regulation compliance. This is especially timely because Cal Fire has been issuing warnings and citations for homes that violate defensible space specifications in Forest Ranch.

• **Roadside Evacuation Thinning** - Property owners on Headwaters Road, and those that connect to Headwaters, are encouraged to get signed up with BCFSC ASAP to allow this project to get started by late fall.

• **Chipper Program** - Has the funding to continue for the next few years, so as you trim up limbs and bushes on your own property be sure to sign up to have the chipper come to clear them out. They come up only once or twice a month, but they are great about contacting property owners who are interested in utilizing this service.

• Many more updates and resources were shared, such as being ready for wildfire with evacuation plans and a go bag, goat grazing, broom pulling, and more can be found on BCFSC website at <a href="http://www.buttefiresafe.net">www.buttefiresafe.net</a>

The Forest Ranch Fire Safe Council encourages ALL Forest Ranch folks to fill out the BCFSC intake form at buttefiresafe.net/contact so that projects coming online in your neighborhood in the near future will be shovel-ready as soon as possible. Stay tuned for updates about how to get your property ready to do the real good work during the winter: burn piles and prescribed broadcast burning. We will be updating our neighborhood safety leader contact list in the next 1-2 months, which will allow us to start organizing neighborhood workdays to help each other out in managing some of our unruly fire hazard vegetation as well as review and update our community's emergency plan. If you are interested in being a safety team

leader in your neighborhood or want any additional information on how to get involved in neighbor-to-neighbor work projects or need to use a weed wrench or pole saw, email us at <u>frfiresafecouncil@gmail.com</u> and we'll get you connected to the resources you're looking for. Stay safe and cool out there Forest Ranch friends, and do what you can to be ready for wildfire at any time as we reach peak fire season.



Submitted by Caitlyn Dalby

#### August 2022 - The Post Forest Ranch Lions Club News



The Forest Ranch Lions Club presented the Community Association with a new 10' x 20' Canopy with 3 side panels and two awnings for use in providing shade during FRCA functions held outdoors. The gift was presented to the FRCA board at their meeting held on July 27, 2022. The canopy will come in handy in providing shade for both FRCA and the Women's Club for selling sodas and desserts at the upcoming Forest Ranch Volunteer Fire Co# 24's annual BBQ to be held on September 10,2022.



#### Recycle Day for August will be Saturday 13th from 9:00am-11:00am.

Thanks for the great turnout last month. Your donations allowed us to donate \$161 to the FRCA to help with the costs associated with producing the montly POST. We ONLY accept items that are CA - CRV. If the item doesn't state it, we can't take it. We ask that you sort your recyclables by type: Plastic Bottles, Glass Bottles and Aluminum Cans and <u>PLEASE REMOVE THE LIDS OFF ALL CONTAINERS</u>.

<u>Please Note</u>: Recycle Day next month will be one week later on September 17th due to the Firemen's BBQ being held on the second Saturday in September. THANK YOU!

The Forest Ranch Lions Club will be selling Meal Tickets to the Forest Ranch Volunteer Fire Co# 24's Annual Fundraising BBQ in front of the Post Office every Weds, Thurs & Friday starting Aug 31st from 9 -5 pm. You will also be able to purchase "Opportunity Drawing" Tickets to win great prizes donated by local businesses and residents from the community Here's your opportunity to support our local fire station and volunteers. The Forest Ranch Lions Club will be donating 2 new Youth Bicycles with Helmets and 8 different youth book-bags filled with school supplies for the Fire Co#24's Annual BBQ Children's Opportunity Drawings to be held at the event on Sept 10th.

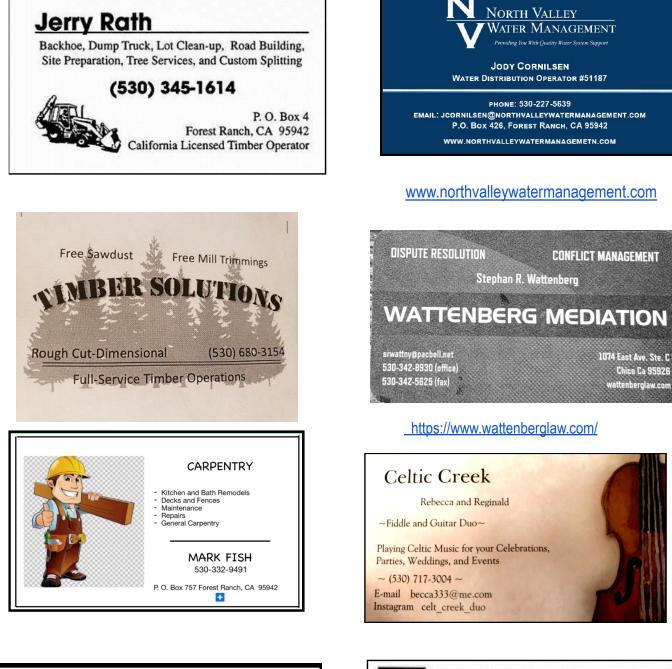


We will also be selling Special Fire Co #24 ceramic mugs filled with homemade cookies for only \$18 along with other baked goods with all the profits going to Fire Co.#24 during the advance ticket sales outside the PostOffice. Be sure to get yours before they all sell out <u>AGAIN</u>!

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# FOREST RANCH BUSINESS DIRECTORY





-Branch and debris piling or removal of bark beetle trees -Lot clearing of brush, downed tree, other.

-Small load (5 tons or less) gravel delivery & spreading.

- -Driveway repair and ditch clearing/cutting.
- -Soil, compost and other landscaping material delivery



Local resident, affordable hourly rates Contact Dan at 893 9044



# **David McCrillis**

Lic# 805236 P.O. Box 243 Forest Ranch, CA 95942

Home: 343-5530 Cell: 514-6523



## KNOW YOUR ZONE!

During emergencies, such as fires, warnings or evacuation orders will be based on zones. To find out your zone go to:

https://www.buttecounty.net/

If you are disabled or know of anyone who may need extra help to evacuate, please check out this program.

You can call 1-855-398-8899 or send an email request to: <u>snap@buttecounty.net</u>

On Sat. Sept 10th, 2022 from 11:00am to 3:00pm, the annual Firefighters BBQ fundraiser will be held. The Forest Ranch Lions Club is sponsoring this event. The BBQ will be held in the parking lot directly across from the Real Estate office tickets to please be present if their name is called. If on Nopel Ave.

We are also looking forward to welcoming all our new neighbors.

The money raised from the BBQ will keep or volunteer firefighter's equipment and training up to date. Living in this mountain community is our choice, but our volunteer firefighters are here for each and every one of us whether it is a medical or a fire call. As fire season is upon us let's all be fire safe and show our support to our Co. 24 firefighters The menu will be, from chef Henry Johnson, hamburgers, bacon burgers, hot dogs, vegie burgers, Polish sausages, with lots of fixings. Also, chili beans and potato salad. The Lions Club will be in charge of the serving line.

Meal tickets are \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children ages 5-10, children under age 5 are free. Your name on your meal ticket stub is good for a door prize. Also, raffle ticket prices are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.

The Forest Ranch Women's club will have homemade baked goods for sale, as well as a donation of a \$100.00 bill as a door prize.

The Community Association will have soft drinks. Co. 24 t-shirts will be for sale. The Charter School will keep our kids entertained.

We are asking people who purchase raffle or meal you cannot be present, please have someone, a representative/neighbor, etc. who may pick up your prize for you. We are relying on community residents once again for donations for the raffle or auction item(s), as well as items for the kid's raffle, as this will make the fundraiser a complete success. All artisans and crafting people are welcome to donate to this event.

You may drop off your donated item(s), with permission from our Post Office, with your name on the item at the Post Office Monday - Friday from 9:00am to 3:30pm ASAP. Please do not leave items in front of the Post office. Dead line for donated items is Sept. 8th at the Post Office.

We will not be accepting any used or garage sale items and no white elephants. Items in boxes never used will be accepted. Please no items the day of the BBQ. Also, no alcohol or glass containers at the event.

Any questions you may call Dona at 895-8847. Board member and raffle chairperson of Volunteer Fire Co. 24.

Be sure and save this date!!!

# ALERT FM Emergency Notification System

Butte County is partnering with Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) and ALERT FM to provide Alert FM devices to the community, and you may be eligible to receive a free ALERT FM receiver if you live in an identified Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) affected area with low or no cellular coverage.

ALERT FM is a device that receives mass notifications in times of crisis or emergency. This device keeps citizens informed when the power, internet and/or cellular networks fail.

FREE devices are available on a FIRST COME, FIRST-SERVED basis for eligible households. Once supplies have been exhausted you may request to be added to a waitlist.

Eligibility and Registration information is available at: https://www.buttecounty.net/dess



JULY 23, 2022 - FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – The Bambi Inn Resort, located in beautiful Butte Meadows California, is bringing back what was previously the most successful fundraising franchise event in Butte Meadows history. The Bambi Inn is partnering with Veteran-Adventures.org, a non-profit 501c3, and 40+ Plus Leap Rehabilitative Services to bring back the Veterans Chili Cookoff, an event that began at the Bambi Inn in 2005. The Bambi Inn has hosted innumerous events to support worthy causes for over 20 years. Owners Tom and Connie Neverkovec have always been strong supporters of local community.

Highlights of the day include award winning chili by approximately 20 or more contestant cooking teams, each asked to produce no less than 3 lbs of chili. Cash prizes and trophies for the winners - \$500=1<sup>st</sup> place (voted on by judges), \$350=2<sup>nd</sup> place (voted on by judges), \$250=3<sup>rd</sup> place (voted on by judges), \$500=People's Choice (voted on by ticketed guests). Chili and sides until they are gone.

To compete, please fill our contestant application. Please email <u>operrv2@veteran-adventures.org</u> or <u>40plusleap@gmail.com</u> to receive the application and judging rules. Entry fee donation is \$20.

Vendor booths are available, but in limited number. Please email <u>operry2@veteran-adventures.org</u> or <u>40plusleap@gmail.com</u> to receive the application and judging rules. Vendor donation is \$20 per booth space.

The Bambi Inn Veterans Chili Cookoff is open to the public, with paid admission donation of \$10 in advance, \$15 at the gate on the day of the event, Sat Sept 3, 2022. Gates will open to the public at 12 noon.

Lots of fabulous prizes to be raffled off, a 50/50 raffle, and a live auction will be held. Proceeds benefits Veterans-Adventures.org and 40+Plus Leap.

Live music by Van Hagar Chico Tribute band and RHM band of Forest Ranch.

Veteran-Adventures.org is dedicated to providing recreational interventions to veterans and their families. Based in Oroville, California, they focus on offering outdoor activities, including camping, fishing, boating, kayaking. Focusing particularly homeless and at-risk veterans, they and their families are invited to recreate, and to join and connect with other veterans and their families. Veterans-Adventures.org also organizes several outdoor and fundraising events each year open to all veterans and the public. The goal for Veteran-Adventures.org is to call attention to "22 a day", representing the average number of US military servicemen and servicewomen whom commit suicide every day. To provide alternatives and connection and networking resources.

40+ Plus Leap Vet Store provides assistance to Veterans and Veteran family members. 40+ Plus Leap also has Rehabilitation and Physical Therapy resources for veterans to overcome injuries and improve their health. Resources include a gym and physical fitness center located in Forest Ranch, California.

For more info call or email Veteran-Adventures.org or 40 Plus Leap

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