

# **Valentine's Day Bake Sale**

February 9 & 10 - Thursday & Friday

10:00 am - 5:00 pm or until items are sold out In front of the Forest Ranch Post Office



Cookies

**Brownies** 

Cherry Tarts

Cupcakes

Muffins

**Great Gifts** 



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Homemade Candy

**Pretzel Rods** 

**Rice Krispie Treats** 

Lots of Fun Stuff



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Are you still looking for a gift this Valentine's Day for your

Sweetheart, Friend, Teacher, or Neighbor?

Something to make their Day and let them know they're Special?

Well, just come by the Lions Club Bake and Gift Sale.

You are sure to find something for EVERYONE on your list!















Don't forget to buy your tickets during the Bake Sale for the Valentine's Dinner being held on February 14th, 5:30-7:00pm Forest Ranch Community Center - Prepared by Roots Catering

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Website each month

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Well, it appears that the "Atmospheric River" is over. A few folks in Forest Ranch had trees damage their homes, but most of us were fortunate to 'weather the storms' and welcome the rain and snow.

As mentioned before, our membership for FRCA is down considerably due to the fact that we no longer reach every resident through the Post. This means our revenues are minimal. One of our major sources of funds was from our Monte Carlo Night, which has been cancelled for the last 2 years due to Covid. The last people who organized the event, Samantha and Johnny Hardy have moved to Chico. We need people who can keep Monte Carlo alive. Even if you are new to the community, there are folks who can help get it up and going again. If you are interested, please contact Mishka Nobel at: mishkanobel@forestranchcommunity.com

Those of us who knew Ed Fish are saddened at his passing. He served many years on the FRCA Board, generous with his time and money. There will be a Celebration of Life for him in March

Stay warm, healthy safe and enjoy our winter weather.

Beth, Editor

# **ENLOE FLIGHT CARE**

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To apply go to: www.enloe.org

Or call: (530) 332-6774

# February 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 FRWC	2 Yoga	3	4
5 Mtn Joy	6	7 Yoga Crafts	8 FRFSC Food Commodities	9 Bake Sale Yoga	10 Bake Sale	11 Recycling
12 Mtn Joy	13	14 Yoga Crafts Valentine Dinner	15 FRCA	16 Yoga	17	18
19 Mtn Joy	20 President's Day	21 Yoga Crafts	22	23 Yoga	24	25
26 Mtn Joy	27	28 Yoga Crafts FR Lions				

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 <a href="mailto:lisa.weber@yahoo.com">lisa.weber@yahoo.com</a> or 591-5917. Each class costs \$10.00. (You only pay for classes you attend.)

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.

Recycle Day will be Saturday, February 11th, 9-11:00 am In front of the Vets Store in downtown Forest Ranch. We accept CRV items ONLY - NO wine Bottles at this time. We were able to donate \$100 for December and for January to the FRCA to go towards producing the Post. Thank you all for your donations

# FOREST RANCH FIRE SAFE COUNCIL NEWS



Caitlin Dalby

On Wednesday February 8 at 6:30 pm, the Forest Ranch Fire Safe Council will be hosting the monthly community meeting at the FRCC, all are welcome to attend. This month we will be getting updates from PG&E, Cal Fire, the Butte County Fire Safe Council, and other community stakeholders on upcoming and ongoing projects aimed at mitigating wildfire hazards in Forest Ranch.

We will also have an opportunity to discuss biochar with Kenneth Scherer, Owner and Operator of KOrganics. Ken has devoted his business to generating biochar to help

assist eco restoration and conservation. His primary business is all about raising bugs to generate an inoculation blend to then load this unique fertilizer into biochar. He is also a board member of the Biochar Coalition and has conducted 20 Seminars in 3 states, educating others on how to make and use biochar for each and everyone's personal situation! If you would like to learn more please visit KOFrass.com and the Biocharcoalition.org.

....Then, on February 11, join Ken and the Camp Fire Restoration Project for a Good Fire workshop in Paradise from 10am-3pm at Noble Park - 6722 Pentz Road.¬¬

The Be Ready Butte website (<a href="https://bereadybutte.com/">https://bereadybutte.com/</a>) has been updated and contains a simple, excellent compilation of Butte County wildfire resources! It includes a link to the Butte County Evacuation Zones website where you can enter your home address to find your specific evacuation zone code.

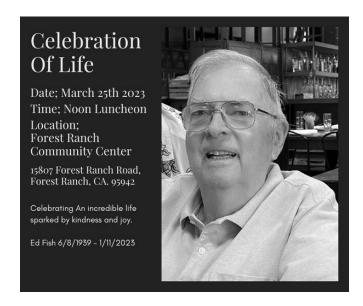
The Camp Fire Restoration Project is hosting a Good Fire and Biochar Workshop on Saturday, February 11, 2023, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM PST at Noble Park - 6722 Pentz Road Paradise, CA 95969.

On February 25th and 26th 10am-4pm the Butte County Fire Safe Council will have a new, hands-on exhibit about home hardening "Ember House" at the Gateway Science Museum (625 Esplanade, Chico) as part of the 4th Annual Butte County Museum Weekend

# New Members FOREST RANCH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

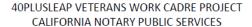
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The Family of Ed Fish are requesting that donations be sent to:

Forest Ranch Volunteer Fire Dept. P.O. 13; Forest Ranch, Ca 95942



#### Amanda Konstenius, A.Sc. R.N.

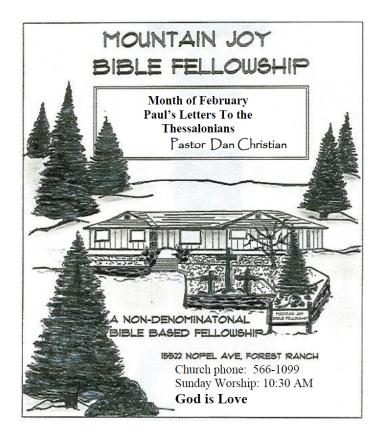
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# California State Library Parks Passes are available!

Butte County Library is now providing free vehicle day-use entry to over 200 participating state park units operated by State Parks to library card holders.

Learn more and request a pass today: www.buttecounty.net/bclibrary/parkpass

# Hailey Fune: Student/Athlete, Graduate of Forest Ranch Charter School.

Hailey is now captain of the Cal State University at Long Beach Women's Track and Field Team which has approximately 40 women athletes. The team competes in Division 1; Big West which has 11 teams.

Last year she achieved her personal bests in the Heptathlon (100 hurdles, high jump, shot put, 200 sprint, long jump, javelin throw and 800 run). She is optimistic about this year for herself as well as her team. Last year the Women's Team came in  $2^{nd}$  at the Indoor Championships.

The training takes place 6 days a week: weight lifting from 8:00-9:00 am; track from 12:30-3:30.



At the Ralph Lindeman Invitational at the US Air Force Academy in Colorado Hailey posted a new PR (Personal Record) and 3rd fastest time in LBSU history in the 60m hurdles. She improved to third all-around time in the finals.

The upcoming events are: New Mexico Collegiate Classic in Albuquerque on February 2<sup>nd</sup>; and on February 17<sup>th</sup> the MPSF Indoor Championships in Spokane.

# FOREST RANCH CHARTER SCHOOL

Attention parents and guardians of school age children;

Now is the time to enroll your child at the school. Applications will be accepted through February 16th.
Classes are filling up fast.



## Please call 530-891-891-3154





**Photos:** Left to Right: Field Trip to SF for Middle Schoolers; Snow Play & students Making StoneSoup.

More on Facebook.



# NO COST Chipper program available to Forest Ranch residents:

Here is a great way to keep your home better prepared. Butte County Fire Safe Council has received funding to make this program possible. All you have to do is stack the firewood in piles

Our Chipper Program is in full swing and we have plenty of funding! Please sign up through our website https://buttefiresafe.net/contact/or by calling our office at 530-877-0984.

# Note:

We have been very pleased with this program. They work efficiently and clean up the piles and distribute the mulch according to your wishes.

This is a great program and helps the homeowner another way to keep their property fire safe.

Beth Wattenberg





Kiersten Morgan

DRE#01808835





Prestigious Keefer Rd and Hagenridge Rd location with Rock Creek and Keefer Stough crossing private 7.5 acre property with custom home, gorgeous views, Robert Hill pool and enough owned Solar to zero out most power bills, plus barn, corrals and pasture – just a start of what this fabulous property offers. The 4bd/3ba home is over 3,000 sf and has an oversized detached 3-car garage with loft storage, a picturesque and heated Bob Hill pool & spa, 4-stall remodeled barn, multiple garder areas, owned solar, circular drive, stunning Coastal Mountain Range Views, Wisteria and grape covered arbor, and so much morel \$1,100,000





Don't miss your chance to own this cozy home situated in Forest Ranchl Tucked away under the beautiful pines this home sits on over an acre of fenced land with a large garage / shop building, a circular driveway, RV hook-ups and gated entry that opens 29 feet wide. This home on a permanent foundation features a welcoming living room with free-standing wood burning stove and is open to the dining area perfect for hosting your friends and family. This darling home is just waiting for its new owners to love it! Home and land are in need of some improvements and TLC and priced accordingly. \$250,000



This property features 2 nicely cleared parcels, each just over an acre. One parcel is unimproved with cleared walking and driving paths and the other parcel has a single-wide 2bd/1ba manufactured home. The home is privately situated well off the road and there is a well-maintained circular driveway. \$178,900



This lovely chalet-style home could be the perfect full-time residence, second home, or vacation rental. This property is conveniently located on .59 acres, featuring a fully fenced backyard, two private balconies, a spacious patio, an oversized detached 2-car garage with a workshop area, and a seasonal creek running through the backyard. Your retreat in the forest awaits! \$325,000





Build your DREAM HOME on this gated, fenced, and meticulously maintained 5.4-acre lot located in Forest Ranch, California. This gently-sloping property has multiple sites to build the home of your dreams. Just off the county-maintained road of Garland with easy access to Chico, this lot has multiple varieties of trees including Pacific Dogwood, Sugar Pine, Incense Cedar, White Fir, and Douglas Fir. Come experience the beauty and tranquility for yourselft!!. \$108,000



# BIG CHICO CREEK ECOLOGICAL RESERVE \* CHUPONA JAHI WHICEHT, CHICO \* TWENTY YEARS 1999-2019

# **BIG CHICO CREEK ECOLOGICAL RESERVE**

An exciting and important set of trainings, known as Cal-TREX—short for "California prescribed fire Training Exchange"—will take place at several locations in Butte County—including the Big Chico Creek Ecological Reserve (BCCER)—this fall and winter. Hands-on trainings occur the weekends of Oct. 15–16 and 22–23, with **on-call prescribed fire projects occurring through March 2023.** 

This event brings together more than 110 members of federal, state, tribal, local nonprofits and private landowner partners in a joint effort to learn prescribed fire best practices and restore the ecological and community protection benefits of "good fire." By using an "All Hands, All Lands" approach, these weekend trainings will focus on building a local prescribed fire crew, and will incorporate hands-on field scenarios, fireline leadership skills, local fire ecology, cultural burning and fire management. The TREX model provides peer-to-peer learning and training for fire professionals to gain certifications and experience.

BCCER is just one of the many agencies that are coordinating and have scheduled these trainings. Current Chico State undergraduate and graduate students are scheduled to work these trainings, with the majority of the University's graduate students coming from all three of the Wildland Management Program's cohorts.

BCCER Director Eli Goodsell said that being faced with the annual threat of destructive wildfires, cooperating regional entities hosting Cal-TREX see prescribed fire as a critical tool to get ahead of the problem. Fire plays a key ecological role in California, but that role has been absent for well over a century. The wildfires of today are a result of multiple factors, but a powerful driver of extreme fire behavior is the accumulation of vegetation. Historically these fuels were reduced by regular intervals of fire, resulting from lightning ignitions and indigenous burning.

"Prescribed fire projects are an excellent learning opportunity for our students and fire professionals, while promoting forest health and mitigating future catastrophic fires," said Goodsell (Criminal Justice, '07; MA, Environmental Policy and Planning, '11). "It is important that we conduct these projects now to protect our local communities, enhance our ecosystems and continue the conversation around the important role that prescribed fire plays on our landscapes."

The Cal-TREX events will be an opportunity for participants to gain hands-on experience, as well as a deeper understanding of the ecological importance of prescribed fire. Participants in TREX will become a part of an "on-call" team that will be notified on short notice to conduct safe and effective prescribed burn events when weather conditions change to favor wildfire mitigation and habitat improvement. Potential burn sites will create some smoke that may be visible throughout the community. When seeing a little bit of smoke impact, it should be known that under the proper conditions, this will benefit our community from larger smoke impacts in the future. All planned and prescribed burns this season will be permitted and approved by the appropriate local and state agencies.

This important training is made possible through collaboration of local, state and federal organizations, including the US Forest Service, Butte County Resource Conservation District, Butte County Air Quality Management District, Hayfork Watershed Resource Center, Big Chico Creek Ecological Reserve, Plumas County Fire Safe Council, Butte County Fire Safe Council, Plumas Underburn Cooperation, Feather River College, City of Chico and the US Natural Resource Conservation Service.

Media with questions or requests to visit (including live fire visits) can be directed to the events' public information officer, Gary Day, at BCCER@csuchico.edu or 530-342-1371.

# Want to get involved in Forest Ranch?



# FOREST RANCH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Mission Statement: "The Forest Ranch Community Association exists purely for and to protect and promote the general interests and welfare of the citizens of the Forest Ranch community."

Meetings: The third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Community Center. Board meetings on the odd months, General Meetings on the even months.

Contact: Mishka Nobel mishkanoble@gmail.com



# FOREST RANCH WOMEN'S CLUB

This is a group of women who meet monthly (except during July & August) and engage in many activities, including raising money through homemade crafts and baked goods which support the community. Meetings: The first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm at the Community Center.

Contact:

Janet Brownell

brownell.janet@gmail.com

If you are a new resident to Forest Ranch, you may not realize how vibrant this community is. There are several ways you can get involved. When you volunteer your time and talent you not only contribute to our community, you get a chance to meet other neighbors and expand your friendships.

# Forest Ranch Fire Safe

**Mi**ssion: Mobilizing Californians to

protect their homes, communities and environments from wildfire.

Vision: Together, people and communities have eliminated the impact of catastrophic wildfires on all they hold dear.

Meetings: The 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm at the Community Center.

Contact:

Caitlin Dably cautkubdakby@gmail.com Dorr Lewright dorr@lewrigt.com

# Forest Ranch Lion's Club



The Forest Ranch Lions have been active in the community since 1991, staging and supporting a multitude of community events, from the annual Co. 24 BBQ to the Pancake breakfast. They support the Post with the monthly recycling.

Meetings: The 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Community Center.

#### Contact:

Jill Collins myfashions2you@aol.com

# FOREST RANCH CHARTER SCHOOL

## Purpose

The purpose of FRCS is to maintain a local elementary/middle school option in the Forest Ranch community, while at the same time providing a valuable educational alternative for the Chico community. The educational program will be implemented by a collaboration of the Board of Directors, faculty, staff, students and parents, while focusing on our core values.

Volunteer Opportunities: Many available, please call

#### Contact:

Christia Marasco 530-891-3154 info@forestranchcharter.org



Station 24 Volunteer Fire Company

FireSafe

It was established in the '60's spearheaded by Grover Jones, Gene Rolls and the newly formed Forest Ranch Women's Club (originally named FR Community Club). Sam Daughtery is the captain at this time. Co. 24 continues to serve the Forest Ranch community in countless ways.

The number of volunteers fluctuates throughout the years. Men and women are encouraged to apply.

#### Contact:

(530) 538-6837; ext. 138 http://joinbcfd.org/

# FOREST RANCH BUSINESS DIRECTORY



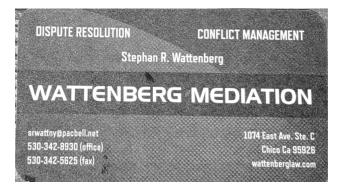








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# FOREST RANCH BUSINESS DIRECTORY

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# RAIN REPORT FOR JANUARY 2023

(as of January 29th)

Doe Mill 13.5 17.84 Headwaters Nopel Sugar Pine 25.04



# VALENTINE DAY'S DINNER

# Tuesday, February 14, 2023

5:30pm at the Forest Ranch Community Center Meal Provided by Roots Catering - \$20 Per Person

Looking for something to do on Valentine's Day? Don't want to drive out of town for a nice dinner and pay a lot of money? Well, the Lion's Club has the answer for you! How does an awesome dinner, fully catered by Roots Catering out of Hamilton City, with cloth tablecloths and napkins, served on china plates and real flatware ALL for **only \$20 per person** sound?

# Here's the Menu:

Chicken Marsala, Veggie Wellington with Marsala Sauce (Vegetarian/Vegan Option)

Mashed Potatoes, Sautéed Seasonal Veggies, Mixed Green Salad, Yeast Rolls with Butter,

Assorted Dessert Bar, Water, Coffee, Tea or Bring your own Beverage of Choice

# Tickets Sold in Advance ONLY!

Purchase your Tickets at the Lions Club Bake Sale on Feb 9 & 10

We will be in front of the Post Office from 10:00-5:00pm

Only 60 Tickets are available so be sure to get yours soon!

We can only accept Cash and Personal Checks

Got Questions? Call 530-899-1275 and leave a message

This Event is Sponsored by the Forest Ranch Lions Club

**WANTED**: People who would like to help plan and organize the next **Monte Carlo Night**. The last one was the beginning of the Pandemic.

**For years this has been the major fundraiser for FRCA.** The FR Women's Club has been in charge of collecting and organizing the free items that are purchased with the funny money. Local businesses have been very generous in the past by donating items for the Silent Auction.

There are notes on how it has been organized in the past, which should be very helpful.

Please email Mishka Nobel at: mishkanobel@forestranchcommunity.com