

The Forest Ranch Post

November 2022

November's Friday Night Dinner Drive- Thru will be November 20th

For the month of November the Lions Club will be offering a Turkey Dinner complete with Dressing, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Cranberry Sauce, and a Slice of Pumpkin Pie all from the Cozy Diner, along with a Dinner Roll from the Tin Roof Bakery.

- The price, once again, will be \$20 each dinner.
- Only 300 meal tickets will be available.
- TICKETS FOR THIS MEAL WILL BE SOLD IN ADVANCE ONLY!
- The Lions will be selling tickets outside the Post Office on the Wednesday and Thursday prior to the dinner, November 18th and 19th from 10:00-6:00pm or until sold out.

- You may pay with cash or check only. Sorry, NO Debit or Credit Cards accepted.
- Got Questions? Call us at 899-1275.



You are invited to a

A FOREST RANCH THANKSGIVING

This year the FRCA and FRLC are offering a traditional Thanksgiving dinner to our community members at no charge so that we may share our blessings this year. Come out and join in fellowship, celebration, and the warmth of our community.

November 24th, 2022

Social Hour 4-5pm | Dinner at 5pm

Please RSVP by 11/12 if possible: 530-255-4330
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Dear Friends & Neighbors,

My message for this month is to VOTE. We often
take it for granted, but it has been a hard fought right
in the United States.

- 1776: White Men who owned property
- 1856: All White men could vote
- 1870: Black men could vote
- 1920: Woman gained the right to vote
- 1952: Asian people were granted the right to citizenship & right to vote
- 1962: Native Americans won the right to vote

It is so disturbing that there is such a wide division
between people. I think it is so important to respect
each other, acknowledge different opinions and solve
our problems with words...for example, through the
ballot box.

On that note: Please enjoy Thanksgiving.
Thanks to Mishka Nobel for organizing the free
Thanksgiving Dinner this year!

Beth, Editor

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# November 2022

| Sun        |               | Tue                        | Wed                                                 | Thu                | Fri           | Sat          |
|------------|---------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------|--------------|
|            |               | 1 Yoga<br>Crafts           | 2 FRWC<br>Sit 'n Fit                                | 3 Yoga             | 4 Sit 'n Fit  | 5            |
| 6 Mtn Joy  | 7 Sit 'n Fit  | 8 Yoga<br>Crafts<br>Lions  | 9 FRFSC<br>Mobile Vet<br>Food Commod.<br>Sit 'n Fit | 10 Yoga            | 11 Sit 'n Fit | 12 Recycling |
| 13 Mtn Joy | 14 Sit 'n Fit | 15 Yoga<br>Crafts          | 16 FRCA Bd Mtg<br>Sit 'n Fit                        | 17 Yoga            | 8 Sit 'n Fit  | 19           |
| 20 Mtn Joy | 21 Sit 'n Fit | 22 Yoga<br>Crafts<br>Lions | 23<br>Sit 'n Fit                                    | 24<br>THANKSGIVING | 25 Sit 'n Fit | 26           |
| 27 Mtn Joy | 28 Sit 'n Fit | 29 Yoga<br>Crafts          | 30 Mobile Vet<br>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 [lisa.weber@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto:colovelomab@aol.com). \$10.00 per class or \$65 per mo.. Contact Michael at: [colovelomab@aol.com](mailto:colovelomab@aol.com)

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

**November 14th 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>

***“Nobody will ever deprive the American people of the right to vote except the American people themselves and the only way they could do that is by not voting.”***

*Franklin Delano Roosevelt; 32nd President of the United States*

## YESTERYEAR... TEN MILE HOUSE

*By Andy Mark*

When John Bidwell's Humboldt Wagon Road opened up the ridge between Big Chico Creek and Little Chico Creek for improved travel, during the early part of the 1860s, many people quickly settled on land along the new highway that held promise for development as a stopover for stage and teamster traffic. Water was a crucial requirement and most people built on places where it was easily obtained. This may be why property on the road ten miles out of Chico did not appear to get settled upon until 1872, when John Perkin's laid claim to it. At the time there appears to have been a small spring nearby, but with not enough water to accommodate a way station for road travelers. By the end of the decade, however, after the place had changed hands several times, it was reported that water was hauled up from a nearby ravine, and travelers who watered their teams there were asked to pay a fee. In 1881, the news wrote that John McVey, who was the proprietor at the time, waived the fee if the user was willing to patronize the bar and table that the establishment also had to offer.



The *Official Map of the County of Butte, California, 1877*, shows a water tank down in the canyon east of the Ten-Mile House that likely stored the water before it was hauled up to the way station.

In 1895, the news reported that it was believed that the Ten-Mile House was the only place in northern California that sold water. Of course, we now know that no longer holds true.

In the 1880s, the Ten-Mile House was known for its organized bear hunts and turkey shoots, which were reported in the news on occasion. Billy Boness lived nearby, and during the 70s and 80s was probably considered the premier lion and bear hunter in the region. Billy once killed a huge mountain lion that was eventually stuffed and put on public exhibition for a couple of days, prompting the editor of the March 16, 1883, *Chico Enterprise* to remark, "The grizzly bear and the California lion, two of the great beasts of this coast, are rapidly disappearing, and will soon be seen only as this one is, in places where curiosities are kept." Although the latter species was able to escape this grim fate—barely—the editor was quite prophetic about the former. The California brown (a.k.a. grizzly) bear, once frequently seen roaming in the valley and mountains of the state, was hunted to extinction by the early twentieth century.

The Ten-Mile House was destroyed by fire, in 1886, when John Brown owned it. Fred Dorrett purchased the property, in 1887, and it is believed he rebuilt the house before it was sold the following year. By 1889, John Brown owned it once more. Like some other establishments along the Humboldt Road in those days, Ten-Mile House ownership changed hands frequently.

The Ten-Mile House was still in operation during 1904, when John Hollenbeck ran a little store there that sold tobacco, cigars and light refreshments. But it is unclear how long it served as a stop along the road after that.

*Figure Caption: There does not appear to be any early photographs of the Ten-Mile House. This one was taken around 1920, when it was likely abandoned. Courtesy of CSU, Chico, Meriam Library Special Collections.*



### Drive-Thru Fall Festival a Spooktacular Success!

The Lions Club held a Drive-Thru Fall Festival Event on October 24<sup>th</sup> for the Kids as a means for the children to have some fun this year in celebrating Halloween during the year of the Pandemic. All 46 of the children who attended were treated to lots of goodies, games, prizes, a pumpkin to take home and carve, a caramel apple, hot dogs, chips and a fruit drink, all from the comfort of their car. Everyone had a great time!

Many thanks to all the Volunteers who showed up in costume to help give kids some great memories! The Volunteers who assisted us in pulling off this event were Michelle Weininger, Eve and Steve Dutra, Michael Brown, Amilio Pass, Marlene Fune', Emma Davidson, Niya Palmarini, Emma Rogers, Daniel Faringer, Olivia Faringer, Lia Brown, Devin Brown, Gavin Sandlin, Brian Sandlin, Daniel from Trader Joe's in Chico and our infamous Volunteer Fire Fighters from Co#24: Jim Norman, Emma Ziebarth, Craig Kielb, Steve Wattenberg, Capt. Sam Daughtery, Andrew Renteria, and Blake Webber. The Lions who worked for many hours to make the Fall Festival possible were Jodie Campbell, Roger Campbell, Jill Collins, Steve Wallenburg, Rich Faringer, Twinkle Faringer, Todd Brownell, Melissa Gebicke, Debby Stewart and Tank Konstenius.

### White Cane Bake Sale Update

The Forest Ranch Lions Club's "White Cane" Bake Sale held on Oct 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> was very successful, raising hundreds of dollars for use in providing eye exams and glasses for those who otherwise could not afford them. If you know of someone who lives in the Forest Ranch or Chico area that could use this service, please contact Linda Dunning from the Chico Breakfast Lions Club at (530)570-7888.

### November's Recycle Day is Saturday, Nov 14<sup>th</sup>

The Forest Ranch Lions Club will be accepting all CRV Recyclables on Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-11:00am in the downtown parking lot next to the Vet Store. So bring only your CRV Aluminum Cans, Glass Bottles and Plastic containers to us. Last month was a record breaking month for processing recyclables! Remember, the proceeds from this service project help to fund the Post and other Community Projects. Thank you for your contributions!



The Forest Ranch Lions Club is sponsoring a FREE Children's Christmas Party -  
Sat, Dec. 17th, 1:00-3:00 pm  
(Santa arrives at 2:15pm)  
Forest Ranch Community Center  
15807 Forest Ranch Road



\* Open to Children Ages 4 to 12 \*  
Come make Holiday Ornaments & Decorations,  
Enjoy a Cup of Warm Cocoa or Cider while  
Listening to Holiday Music, Win a Door Prize,  
Receive a Stocking filled with Goodies and  
Get your picture taken with Santa!





On October 13th, 2022, **Janice May Haugh** passed away peacefully in Chico, Ca at age 79, after a long battle with Alzheimer's.

Janice, or Jan as she was known to friends, is survived by her sisters, Judith Reback and Joan Walters; children, Michael McCrillis, David McCrillis, John McCrillis and Patricia Thompson. She leaves behind daughters-in-law, Lisa McCrillis and Merena McCrillis; son-in-law, Galen Thompson; and grandchildren, Nicholas McCrillis, Josh McCrillis, Olivia McCrillis, Derek MacNaughton, Gaven MacNaughton, Fae MacNaughton, Reginald Clodfelter, Peyton Thompson and Janeva Thompson.

Jan was born on May 6, 1943 in Chicago, Il to parents John Jerome Haugh and Florence Jane Avery. The Haugh family moved to Burbank, Ca in 1946 where Jan attended Ralph Waldo Emerson Elementary, John Muir Junior High, and graduated from Burbank High School in 1961. She received an A.A. degree in accounting from Glendale Community college in 1963.

After residing briefly in Santa Barbara, Ca, Jan relocated to Forest Ranch, Ca in 1976. The small foothill town was her home for more than forty years, where she resided in a lovely custom home constructed by her sons. She enjoyed volunteering and serving her community, and was chosen Forest Ranch "Citizen of the Year" by the local Lions Club.

Skilled in numeracy, Jan worked in accounting for twenty five years at Mid Valley Title and Escrow Company before retiring in 2013. Among her interests were gardening, reading, music, dancing, trains, puzzles and cats.

Jan loved living among the pines and enjoyed the outdoors, hiking, camping and bird watching. She will be remembered for her kind and generous heart, her spunk and spirit, her sense of humor, and her readiness to help others. Gregarious by nature, she liked nothing better than having a good time with her family and friends. She was a wonderful mother, grandmother, sister and aunt.

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, December 3rd, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. at the Forest Ranch Community Center. To view the obituary online, send condolences to the family or share memories go to [NewtonBracewell.com](http://NewtonBracewell.com).

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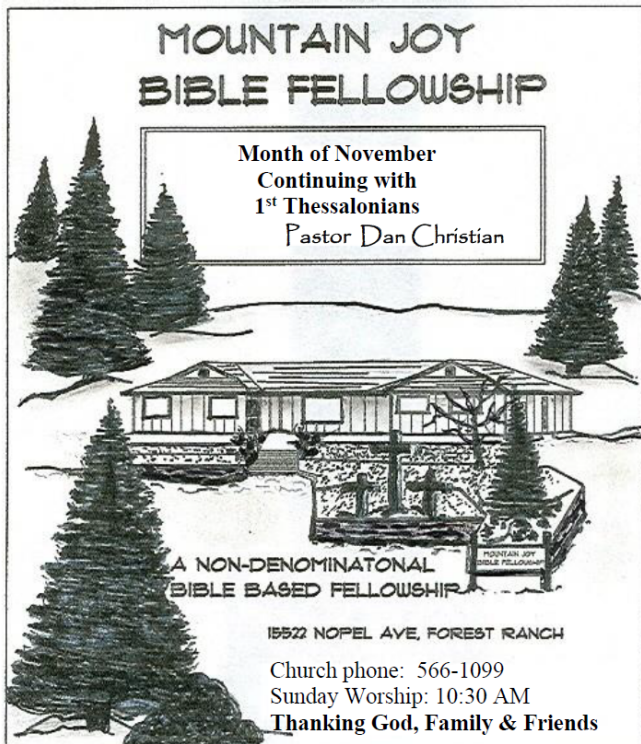
We are fellow Forest Ranchers who are working hard to make Forest Ranch safer during the fire season. The broom plant is a highly flammable invasive plant that increases fire danger in our neighborhoods. If you have broom plants on your property we would like to make you and your neighbors safer by helping you remove them. We have the proper tools and lots of experience

Please call (530) 892-8726 to set up a Saturday morning when we can come help you remove your broom plants.

Thanks for helping our community!



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### Additional Thanks for Donations at Co. 24 BBQ Fundraiser

- • Gretchen Vandewalle, the quilt, machine sewn, hand quilted
- • La Rocca Vineyards, complimentary gift card and wine
- • Shuberts Ice Cream, gift card and t-shirt
- • The Galley, gift card
- • El Guayacan Mexican Restaurant, gift cards
- • Live Life Juice Co, gift cards
- • Lake Shasta Caverns, Lakehead, CA., family pass
- • Toni Green, ornaments
- • Dan McGuire, handmade cutting board
- • Jim Crane Businesses
- • Johnny on the Spot.

My apologies for leaving these names and businesses out of the last Post. (*Dona La Franchi*)

Again, thanks to everyone for your support for Co. 24 Volunteer Fire Department.

### Mountain Joy Bible Fellowship news:

- Forest Ranch Tree Lighting: December 3rd time - 3pm at Mountain Joy Bible parking lot. More details to follow.
- Children Nativity Play: December 23rd - 6pm at the Forest Ranch Community Center. Call Pam Sage 530-343-2804 if you would like your child to be in the play. Ages 3-18, all children in Forest Ranch are needed and welcomed, practice is on Wed. @ 3pm and Sun. @ 12:30pm



Dino Lago and his wife, Nancy have been longtime residents of Forest Ranch, having built their house in 1992. Many of you may know Dino, as he has painted many houses in Forest Ranch.

Dino immigrated from Italy in 1955, where he was a Blacksmith. He came to visit an Aunt and several cousins in the Bay Area and ended working for one of his cousins as a painter. He was able to set off on his own and became a Painting Contractor. At the same time he joined the Sheriff Department and became a deputy in the Search and Rescue Posse, married his first wife, had two sons and became a citizen.

Dino and Nancy married in 1969 and had a son, Daniel. Nancy had grown up in Butte County and her uncle owned extensive property in Forest Ranch, so they were able to purchase land and build a home. Dino had built up a clientele in the Bay Area, so he had to commute until he established himself in this area. Meanwhile, he joined the Butte County Star Program (*Sheriff's Team of Active Residents*). When they found out he was a painter, he was 'recruited' to help eradicate graffiti. He heads up the program which serves all of Butte County.

Dino and Nancy usually visit Italy on a regular basis, where he has a brother and 'hundreds' of cousins, but the Pandemic has interrupted their plans. At 90 years of age, Dino no longer paints himself, but can be seen at every job site overseeing the work, ensuring it is done professionally.

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| <p>Rare opportunity! 5.49 acre parcel with outstanding Big Chico Creek Canyon views. Property sells with 1/2 interest in deep Earl Watson well. Gentle sloping to level on upper portion of parcel offers unlimited opportunities to build your dream home. <b>\$199,000</b></p> <p><b>5 acre parcel</b> privately situated with access to <b>seasonal creek</b>. Includes: ample, sunny garden and 12x20 gabled barn that is insulated, wired and sheet rocked; shipping container; water holding tanks, and gated access. <b>\$120,000</b></p> <p><b>Build your DREAM HOME</b> 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. This lot has multiple varieties of trees including Pacific Dogwood, Sugar Pine, Incense Cedar, White Fir, and Douglas Fir. <b>\$108,000</b></p> |  <p><b>PENDING</b><br/>This fantastic 3bd/2ba home is situated on over 5 beautifully treed acres and features a detached shop with roll up door, enclosed garden with raised beds connected to a drip system and covered RV parking. This spacious home is approximately 1,853 sq.ft. with a split floor plan, vaulted ceilings, skylights, and tons of built-ins. <b>\$475,000</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  <p>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. <b>\$179,900</b></p> |  <p>This 2bd/2ba home has a wraparound redwood deck with a built-in soaker tub. The acreage includes an established garden, out buildings, a covered picnic area along the creek and a small redwood deck next to the garden. Enjoy off grid living and never worry about a power outage! The system is solar powered with a backup generator. <b>\$310,000</b></p>       |
|  <p><b>JUST LISTED</b><br/>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! <b>\$325,000</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |



## FRCA MEETING October 19, 2022



The guest speaker for the FRCA General Meeting in October was Gilbert Mohtes-Chan, Public Information Officer for Caltrans, District 3.

He provided an overview of the fuel reduction work being done on Hwy 32. He explained that in addition to Caltrans crews, private contractors are also working. They are all working to reduce ladder fuels (mid-sized bushes or smaller trees which often allow the fire to jump up to the crown of taller trees).

One of the challenges is getting the best equipment. Caltrans was able to obtain a cone truck that had been on the auction block and refurbish it. Luckily, they share equipment which helps speed up the work.

Most of the questions from the audience was concerns about the spraying of herbicides; such as : “is it toxic?” “How long does it stay in the air?” “Is there a chance that it spreads to the properties adjacent to the highway?” Gilbert said he didn’t have the immediate answers, but would look into and get back to us.

## LABOR OF LOVE

On Saturday, October 29, 2022, a group of seven community volunteers turned out for the Forest Ranch Fire Safe Council’s first “Labor of Love” event for the

2022-2023 season. Dressed in gloves and sturdy shoes, and equipped with saws, rakes, shovels, axes and mattocks, these Forest Ranch community members cleared the defensible space around the home of a neighbor in need.



“I would like to thank the labor of love that came to our house! You all worked so hard, it’s beautiful! I’m just sorry I couldn’t help. Bless you all! My husband, myself, and my father thank you.” – Candace Fish, homeowner

The Labor of Love program is a grassroots effort of neighbor-to-neighbor support in ensuring homes are hardened in the face of increased risk due to wildfire. The Forest Ranch Fire Safe Council auctioned this year’s first Labor of Love work day to the Fish household back in September at the annual Volunteer Fire Department barbeque. Workdays such as these are meant to not only directly help those in need, but also as an educational workshop for volunteers to learn more about the land management issues we face here. FRFSC facilitator Caitlin Dalby says “Defensible space or ‘D-Space’ is important to continue to engage our neighbors about. Since the beginning of 2022, 566 FR homes have been inspected by Cal Fire and 21% of those remain non-compliant. By engaging as a volunteer for these work days, neighbors learn the tools and techniques of land management and D-space requirements while making a difference for a fellow Forest Ranch resident.”

“I had a good time, learned a bit, and met some new friends.” – Brian Raffaelli, resident of 1 year

Please stay tuned to the monthly updates from the FRFSC at meetings on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm. We are accepting donations to help pay for the cost of tools and tool storage, please contact [frfiresafecouncil@gmail.com](mailto:frfiresafecouncil@gmail.com) for more information on how you can get involved and stay informed.

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## Forest Ranch Community Thank you lunch for P31 & Viking Logging

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You may have noticed some changes along route 32 above and below Forest Ranch. These crews are trimming back the tree and brush along the roadway to ensure a clear road in the event of an emergency. The work being performed is demanding and potentially hazardous. The work is being done with a real sense that the crews know how important their work is.

P31 has contracted Viking Logging for this vital job. Gunnar Anderson, owner of Viking Logging, has very talented, experienced professionals working both for and with him. appreciation of the service and commitment to community shown by the work crews.



*Left to Right:* David Flores, Operations Manager 40plusleap, Brian Sandlin, Projects Manager 40plusleap, Stephen "Tank" Konstenius, President, CEO 40plusleap, Steve Rupp, Training Programs, 40plusleap Veterans Work Cadre Project, Gunnar Anderson, President, CEO, Viking Logging and two of his supervisor staff.



The Veterans 40Plusleap Work Cadre Project provided a Forest Ranch Thank You, providing a noon meal for Gunnar Anderson and his Viking Logging and P#1. Members of the community and the crews enjoyed a well-cooked burger!