

# Volunteer Co. 24 BBQ



Sat. September 10

11:00 am -3:00 pm

Parking lot on corner of Hwy 32 & Nopel Ave

- LIVE AUCTION
- RAFFLE-Adult & Kid
- GREAT FOOD— Burgers, Hot Dogs, Polish Sausages, Potato Salad & more
- MUGS & T-SHIRTS
- DESSERTS & BEVERAGES Provided by local service organizations

MEAL TICKETS: \$10 (adults) \$5 (kids 5-10)



L-R David Mitchell, Craig Kielb, Steve Wattenberg, Jim Norman, Emma Ziebarth, Captain, Sam Daughtery, and Sean Brown.

For further details see page 11

This is the major yearly fundraiser for our Volunteer Fire Department. The proceeds will be used for trainings and equipment. Our volunteer firefighters respond to all emergencies: medical and fire calls.

They help keep our community safe!

#### **The Forest Ranch Post**

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Dear Friends & Neighbors,

The Annual Ice Cream Social was a big hit as usual. Lots of kids and adults gobbling up ice cream. Several new families attended as well as teachers, staff at the Charter School and community members.

The next event is our Annual Co. 24 BBQ. Covid put a crimp in this fundraiser, but it should be well-attended as most of us are ready to socialize again. Dona LaFranchi is working hard to ensure that it will be successful. While you are enjoying the food, the Live Auction, Raffle and socialization you can thank all the firefighters for their time and energy that help keep us safe.

All of our organizations seem vibrant at this time, but we still need people to join FRCA, so if you have not already joined, please pick up a form at the Post Office (in the plastic folder for the Post) and send it in.

Watch for updates on the Farmer's Market at PO bulletin board.

Stay healthy and cool,

Beth



#### **COOL OFF WHILE SUPPORTING CO. 24**

These "Flip-out Flyers" make fantastic personal fans to help cool you off during our hot summer weather, but also double as a mini-flyer for the kids! They fold up to fit in a bag that easily slips in your purse or pocket. Forest Ranch Women's Club has provided 200 of these to Co. 24 for a 100% sales fundraiser and will be selling them (\$5.00) during the Annual Lions Club sponsored BBQ pre-sale ticket events on September 1st & 2nd, 8th & 9th as well as at the BBQ event itself on September 10th, or until they sell out. Get yours while they last. (Lip balm shown as reference only.)

ALL PROCEEDS GO DIRECTLY TO CO. 24!!!

# September 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Yoga BBQ tickets PO	2 Sit-N-Fit BBQ tickets PO	3
4 Mtn Joy	5 LABOR DAY	6 Yoga Crafts	7 FRWC Sit-N-Fit Mobile Vet	8 Yoga BBQ tickets PO	9 Sit-N-Fit BBQ tickets PO	10 CO. 24 BBQ
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**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="lisa.weber@yahoo.com">lisa.weber@yahoo.com</a> 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: <a href="mailto:colovelomab@aol.com">colovelomab@aol.com</a>

Sewing & Crafting: Tuesdays from 1:00 to 4:00 pm; contact Dona LaFranchi at: (530) 895-8847 or <a href="mailto:ddlaf@sbcqlobal.net">ddlaf@sbcqlobal.net</a>

**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>September 17th is 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 noon** next to Post Office <a href="https://www.familymobilevet.com">https://www.familymobilevet.com</a>

### YESTERYEAR... Early History of Fourteen-Mile House

By Andy Mark

In 1863, John Bidwell, Chico's founder, and four others received a twenty-year franchise to build and operate a toll road from Chico to Susanville. The first toll-gate along this route, the Chico and Humboldt Wagon Road, was located about fourteen miles out of Chico, at a place called Cement Springs. Today, the area is known as the Humboldt Highlands.

Although it is unknown who occupied this site during the 1860s, a man named David Craig and his family moved in sometime in the early 1870s. At that time, the stop along the road was referred in the news as the



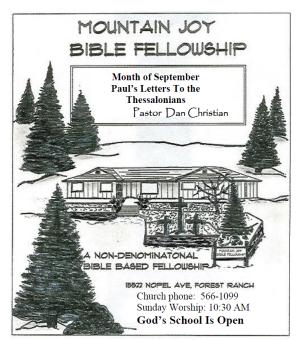
Toll-House (or Toll-Gate). Sometime later in the decade, however, people started calling it the Fourteen-Mile House. Although it's unclear whether or not Craig ever accommodated overnight travelers, his place was well-known for being a place to wash up and get served a good meal. In 1879, the actual toll-gate was moved one mile up the road from the Fourteen-Mile House, so Craig's place no longer served as a toll station.

The Craig family left the Fourteen-Mile House very early in the next decade, and an 1885 news report indicated that Mr. Spires and his three sons owned the popular stopping place at the time. The report added that there was an orchard, vineyard and a garden there. It's been said that the Spires family built a one-story hotel on the site. In 1885, Fred Dorrett was leasing the hotel and a few acres of land, and was growing fine potatoes.

In 1891, the news advertised that the Fourteen-Mile House was for rent. It was suggested that the eight-room hotel, barn, corral, small house and acreage, which included a vineyard and orchard, would easily bring in more than the rent.

Sometime around the middle of the decade, John Lucas, who had previously resided on land just down the road, took over the Fourteen-Mile House and soon built a two-story hotel. The hotel burned down in 1943.

Figure caption: The two-story hotel built by John Lucas. Courtesy of CSU, Chico, Meriam Library Special Collections.



# **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.

Eligibility and Registration information is available at: <a href="https://www.buttecounty.net/dess">https://www.buttecounty.net/dess</a>

# FRCA MEMBERS Joined between July 30th, and August 30th 2022

Missing...please pick up the membership form at PO box on bulletin board.
We Need You!

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

2022



A big thank you to
Allen Cornison
who
Donated the Ice Cream!

# Company 24 Firefighters 2022

**Captain Sam Daughtery** has lived in Forest Ranch approximately 35 years. He joined Co. 24 over 25 years ago and within 2 years became Captain. Sam is qualified to drive the Fire Engine, the Water Tender and the Squad. He retired from the Post Office 4 years ago. Now he can spend more time with his 3 grandchildren.

**Jim Norman** has been a firefighter for Co. 24 for over 20 years. Jim can often be seen driving the Squad to 'call outs'. He is the maintenance man for both the Forest Ranch Charter School and the FR Community Center. He has 8 grandchildren.

**Steve Wattenberg** continues to practice law and serve as a mediator as well as volunteering with Co. 24 for over 12 years. Steve drives the Fire Engine when fires ignite in the Forest Ranch area. He has 4 grandchildren.

**Emma Ziebarth** joined Co. 24 a week before the Camp Fire broke out in 2018. She works for Butte County in Code Enforcement in the Bio Hazard Abatement Program. She is close to finishing her requirements that enable her to drive the Squad.

**Craig Kielb** also joined up as a firefighter in 2018. He drives the Squad or the Water Tender when responding to emergencies. Craig is the Department Head of Automotive Technology at Butte College. After his family were burned out of Paradise they moved to Forest Ranch. He does the bi-monthly training for all the Co. 24 firefighters.

**David Mitchell** was a firefighter in Cherokee having completed his training at the Volunteer Academy. He transferred to Co. 24 this year, so will be on probation till May of 2023, but is able to go out on 'call outs'. His son attends the Forest Ranch Charter School.

**Sean Brown** also recently completed his Firefighter Training at the Volunteer Academy. He works as a Surveyor. Shortly after moving to Forest Ranch with his wife and two children, he joined up with Company 24.

# BE SURE AND THANK THEM AT THE BBQ!



#### From FRCA President, Mishka Nobel

#### **Greetings Forest Ranch,**

The Forest Ranch Community Association held a successful general meeting on August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022. We had a turnout of 29 members and visitors who signed in. I would like to remind everyone that we love to see as much of the community come out for the general meetings as possible so that we can support all of you. The general meetings take place on even months, ie. August, October, December, etc... We hope to see even more of you during the October 19<sup>th</sup> meeting! We do post meeting agendas and minutes at the post office for both the board of director and general meetings so feel free to review them at your leisure.

During the preliminary business meeting, Heather Childs-Alexis was voted in as Secretary for the remainder of the 2022-2023 fiscal year. I personally want to say a huge thank you to Heather for volunteering to step into this role. During her time as Secretary, she will also be training under our Treasurer Nancy Bacon to fill the role of Treasurer in upcoming years pending future elections.

We held a membership drive in June and July to promote membership of the Forest Ranch Community Association with a \$100.00 opportunity drawing and drew a winner during the Ice Cream Social and would like to congratulate Catherine Nunes as the winner!

Following our business meeting, we were joined by County Supervisor Doug Teeter who shared some of his projects and objectives for his term, followed by conversations with the community members present, to determine our needs and concerns. High level issues which were brought up surrounded landline, mobile, and internet service in our area as well as discussion on holding surrounding timber land management to their promises regarding maintenance of the fire break areas. Another topic included a need for direct lines of communication between a community representative and county road maintenance. We are looking to hold a Town Hall meeting with the help of Supervisor Teeter so that we can interface with the representatives of the organizations involved with these concerns. We will have more details in the October issue of The Post. In the meantime, please direct concerns, questions, or comments to forestranchcommunity@gmail.com. Caitlin Dalby introduce the new initiatives of the Forest Ranch Fire Safe Council, resources, and is interested in getting new neighborhood representatives for each neighborhood to focus on fire safety in their area.

Some upcoming events to keep in mind as you organize your calendar this Fall include our Cornhole Tournament on November 5<sup>th</sup> which will function as a fundraiser to support our first Forest Ranch Thanksgiving Dinner in collaboration with Forest Ranch Lions Club on Thanksgiving Day. I would like to shout out to the Forest Ranch Women's Club for their generous donation of \$250 to the Thanksgiving Dinner. We will also be holding a competition for a Forest Ranch Community Association Logo. We need both submissions and judges for this event. Stay tuned for more details on all these events!

I just want to personally say thank you to all of you for being such an amazing and embracing community! Go Forest Ranch!

Mishka Nobel

# In Remembrance of George Geiger

George Russell Geiger, a long time Forest Ranch resident, peacefully passed away at home with his family close by on Friday, August 19. He was born on October 15, 1942 in Lodi, California. When he was 8 years old his family moved to Chico where he attended Chico Jr, Chico High and graduated college from Chico State. After graduation, he moved to Petaluma, CA where he taught school in Santa Rosa. Later, George opened an Appliance Store in downtown Petaluma. On February 24th, 1979, while on a blind date at a church dance George met Linda Paul, the love of his life. Two weeks later George and Linda were married. On January 20, 1990 they moved to their new property in Forest Ranch.

George was a Charter Member of the Forest Ranch Lions Club and was instrumental in getting the club organized and served as the Club Treasurer for over a decade. George was always helping others. He was involved in all of our Lions Projects for as long as he was able. He was even a member of the Forest Ranch Volunteer Fire Co. #24 for a while. He helped the Chico Boys and Girls Club with donating basketball equipment and computers. He helped the Rotary Club with donations to help build Caper Acres in Bidwell Park.

George worked for the Chico Nut Company for over 8 years and later retired from the Mormon Church Farms in Chico as their Accountant. George was an avid San Francisco Giants Fan. He loved to talk about the Giants, the players and their stats. George was a gentle giant who cared deeply for his family and friends. He will be dearly missed by all who knew him.



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 <a href="mailto:frf:resafecouncil@gmail.com">frf:resafecouncil@gmail.com</a> 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

Check the plastic folder on the south side of the Post Office for forms and information on FRFSC.



### Forest Ranch Lions Club Annual White Cane Bake Sale October 6th & 7th

On Thursday Oct 6th and Friday Oct 7th, from 11am-6:00pm, , 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 eye glasses, 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 cookie!

# Buy Your Tickets for the Volunteer Fire Co #24'sAnnual Fundraiser BBQ in Advance! Save Time Waiting in Line at the Event!

The Forest Ranch Lions Club will be selling Meal Tickets and Opportunity Drawing Tickets for the Forest Ranch Volunteer Fire Co# 24's BBQ in front of the Post Office every Weds, Thurs & Friday starting Aug 31st, Sept 1, and Sept 2 as well as Sept 7, 8, and 9th from 9:00am-5:00pm

Purchase your Opportunity Drawing Tickets to win great prizes donated by local businesses and residents from the community Here's your chance to support our local fire station and volunteers as well as save time by not having to wait in line to buy your tickets and fill out each ticket with your name and phone number.

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 Post Office. Be sure to get yours before they all sell out <u>AGAIN!</u>



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. \$199.000

5 acre privately situated with access to sea 12x20 gabled barn that is insulated, wired and sheet rocked; shipping container, water holding tanks, and gated access. \$120,000

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. This lot has multiple varieties of trees including Pacific Dogwood, Sugar Pine, Incense Cadar, White Fir, and Douglas Fir. \$108,000



Big Chico Creek Canyon, Sacramento Valley, and Coastal Mountain Range Views! Dont miss out on this 2bd/2ba home, on over 3 acres with open concept floor plan, gas fireplace with stone surround, detached garage, and conveniently located in Forest Ranch. \$365,000



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 cellings, skylights, and tons of built-ins. \$475.000



This 2bd/2ba home has a wraparound redwood deck with a built-in scaler tub. The acreage includes an established garden, out buildings, a covered plonic 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. \$325,000



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/t ba manufactured home. The home is privately situated well off the road and there is a well-maintained circular driveway, \$189,500



RARE opportunity to own a cute 2bd/1ba, 823 square foot home in the desirable North Chico area. This home has so much potential and would be a fantastic starter home, investment property, downsize property, etc. This is a home you don't want to miss. \$330,000



This one-of-a-kind Forest Ranch home is situated on over 7 acras. This home features 3 bedrooms, 2.5 bathrooms, an open-concept kitchen, large laundry room, and an amazing loft area overlooking the great room. This is an amazing home you do not want to miss. \$445,000



Beautifully established Country Estate on over 7 ½ acres in north Chloco with spectacular views. This 4bd/3ba home is over 3,000 sf and has an oversized detached 3-car garage with loft storage, a heated pool & spa, 4-stall remodeled barn, multiple garden areas, owned solar, circular drive and so much more. \$1,100,000



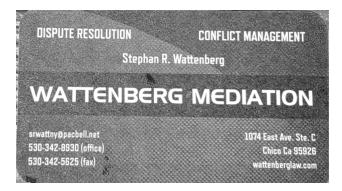
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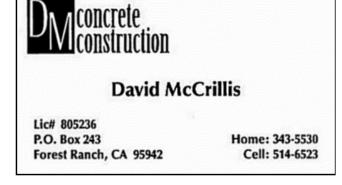




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#### **KNOW YOUR ZONE!**

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

https://www.buttecountv.net/

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# **VOLUNTEER CO. 24 BBQ**

# SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 10TH 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

This is the major fundraiser for the Forest Ranch Volunteer Fire Department, sponsored by the Forest Ranch Lion's Club

- The money raised from the BBQ will keep or volunteer firefighter's equipment and training up to date.
- · **Silent Auction** items have been very helpful in bringing in revenue.
- o All artisans and crafting people are welcome to donate to this event.
- o 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
- Raffle Prizes: please be present if their name is called. If you cannot be present, please have someone, a representative/neighbor, etc. who may pick up your prize for yo

- **BBQ**: *Henry Johnson* heads up the BBQ providing hamburgers, bacon burgers, hot dogs, vegie burgers, Polish sausages, with lots of fixings as well as chili beans and potato salad.
- **Tickets**: 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.
- **Door Prize**: \$100 provided by the FR Women's Club
- Homemade Baked Goodies: A great variety of treats baked by the FR Women's Club to buy.
- **Drinks & Root Beer Floats**: served and provided by the FRCA Board and members to purchase.
- · No glass containers or alcoholic beverages allowed.
- Any questions you may call **Dona** at 895-8847. Board member and Raffle Chairperson of Volunteer Fire Co. 24.

"COOKIES © CUPCAKES 
FUDGE RUM CAKE PIE !"

JUST TO NAME A FEW OF THE SCRUMPTIOUS DESSERTS

Provided by the Forest Ranch Women's Club At the Co. 24 BBQ

### **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 Rd



The event 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 completely cleared out.

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 in our previous event.

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

\* Don't Miss This Opportunity To Clear Out Your Garage And Make Some Money! If you have any questions, please call 899-1275. Thank you!

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

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**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 benefit Veterans-Adventures.org and 40+Plus Leap.

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