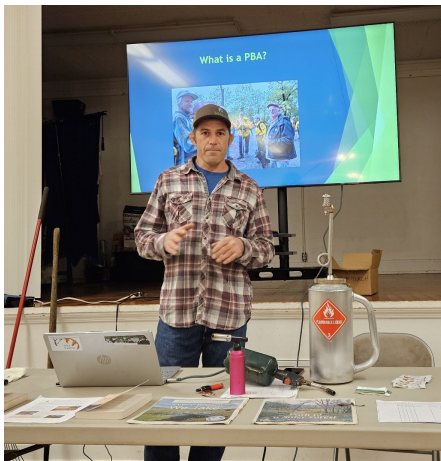


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Butte County Prescribed Burn Association Presentation

Wednesday, February 28, 2024

David Mitchell, a local volunteer firefighter for Company 24 and the Prescribed Burn Association Coordinator for Butte County Resource Conservation District gave a presentation to the Firesafe Council on February 28th.

He promoted the program PBA (Prescribed Burn Association), which is 'neighbors helping neighbors'. The program is statewide, its purpose is to help people identify how to prepare their property for a possible fire by using fire in a safe way. He noted that we can learn from the cultural burning practiced by local Native Americans.

The local PBA has been very active and several homeowners have participated in the program. Some of the highlights of the program are: getting to know and helping your neighbors, ensuring that your property is firesafe, eliminating invasive plants and preparing the soil for native plants, learning about how fire works so you can safely burn and identify situations, such as if a fire is slow moving or fast moving, and learning how to use different tools, such as a McCloud.*

David noted that "there are no dues, no Robert's Rule of Order, no strict requirements" just a way to help each other out in our community. The more fire safe each property is, the more beneficial for the whole community.

** McCloud is a tool that has a rake on one side & hoe edge on other side.*

To find out more or get involved contact David at: David@bcrd.org

Or come to the Fire Safe Council Meetings: Every 2nd Wednesday, 6:30 pm at the FR Community Center



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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

We are so fortunate to have so many
proactive community members...too
many to mention in this column. Below
Is one example of how reaching out can make a difference.



The following is a letter sent to Supervisor Teeter's Office. The next day a reply was sent by his Office Manager, Robin Bennet noting that work would begin soon...it was the next day. Most of the pot holes were filled and at least it will last a few days before the next storm.

"The squeaky wheel gets the grease!"

Letter:

We want to thank the county for all the maintenance it does do on Garland. We know it can be a tough job particularly during El Niño year.

As is common after winter storms, Garland Road has dozens of pot-holes some quite deep these days. As a frequent user of Garland Road we're hoping county crews will get maintenance done in the next couple days. This will give time for any fill in the potholes to be compacted by vehicle traffic before rain start later this week.

Often county crews use road base material to fill the potholes. Unfortunately, these are long term potholes and have a hard pan lining. When rain comes the water fills in the potholes and vehicle we'll splash the phones out of the puddles that's re-creating them. I believe it would be far better to use three-quarter inch crushed rock material this week much less likely to splash out of the potholes thus lowering maintenance needs.

Also in several places the drainage ditch is blocked or filled. This is especially true at the end of the pavement coming down from Highway 32. In this location the drainage ditch is blocked would only take a shovel and 15 minutes work to fix it. This blockage prevents the road water gathered from a 100 feet of pavement from draining off the road at the base of the pavement does guaranteeing many potholes will form at this location.

Again, we want to thank the county for all the maintenance it does do on Garland. We know it can be a tough job particularly during an El Niño year. Last week we had over 8 inches of rain.

Sincerely, Roger Cole & Orene Owen
Headwaters Road

Please consider getting involved in one of the Forest Ranch groups:
The Forest Ranch Community Association; FR Fire Safe Council, The
Women's Club or the FR Lions.

Hope the upcoming (maybe) storm doesn't wreak too much havoc.

Beth

MARCH 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 MtnJoy	4	5 Yoga Crafts	6 FRWC	7 Yoga	8	9 Recycling
10 Mtn Joy	11	12 Yoga Crafts FR Lions	13 FRFSC Food Commodities	14 Yoga Excel Workshop	15	16 Shamrocking Soiree
17 Mtn Joy	18	19 Yoga Crafts	20 FRCA FRCA Bd Mtg	21 Yoga	22	23 Pancake Breakfast & Easter Egg Hunt
24 Mtn Joy	25	26 Yoga Crafts FR Lions	27	28 Yoga	29	30/31

Yoga Classes are presently being offered through Zoom on Tuesday mornings at 7:30 and Thursday mornings at 8:30 am & 9:45 am. If you are interested please contact Lisa Weber at lisa.weber@yahoo.com or 591-5917. Each class costs \$15.00. *(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:** Please be advised that the food commodities are now held at
FOREST RANCH BAPTIST CHURCH 4967 Schott Rd *(The new location is at Hwy 32 and Schott Rd.)* Please circle the 2nd Wednesday of each month between 11:00am > 12 Noon

FR Lions: Meet the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm.

Recycle Day will be Saturday, March 9th in front of the Vet's Store from 9:00-11:00 am. February's winner of the last Collapsible Container giveaway was **Janina Carter**. Congratulations Janina! During the month of January we did not receive enough recycling to justify a trip to the Recycle Center in Oroville. We combined both January's and February's recycling and were able to give the FRCA \$200 to go towards the cost of publishing The Post.

FR Fire Safe Council: Meet the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm.

FRCA: All meetings begin at 6:30 on the third Wednesday of each month. General Meetings are held in February, April, June, August, October and December. Board Meetings are held in alternate months. Anyone can attend the meetings, however, only Board Members can vote at Board Meetings.

Book Club: Meets the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm. The book for March is Keeping the House by Ellen Baker. Morea Martin, who is organizing this, has also created the Facebook site: Forest Ranch Book Club, where the book titles are posted.

PAST COMMUNITY EVENTS

Carving Spoon Presentation

The Forest to Table presentation by Andrew Logan and Anasuya Basil was well attended.



Andrew walked around the room, providing insights and antidotes on carving spoons and Anasuya used the images on Power Point to illustrate her talking points. They discussed the differences between the trees, and which were easier to carve as well as the tools to use. There was a lively question and answer period as several dozen spoons were passed around for folks to see and touch.

They will be holding a 2 day workshop on April 13-14th, so if interested you can contact them:

510-848-8439 or email at:

anasuya@mybodywisdom.net

VALENTINE DINNER

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Fun event

Raffle ticket

Winners...mostly at one table!

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UPCOMING FRCA EVENTS

March

Microsoft Excel Beginners Workshop Fee \$10: FRCA members; \$15 non-members

Thursday, March 14, 2024 6:00 to 8:00 pm

Shamrockin' Soiree

Sunday, March 17, 2024 4:30 pm Donation



April

Computer Fundamentals Workshop Fee: \$10: FRCA members; \$15 non-members

Friday, April 4, 2024 6:00 pm

Smartphones & Their Shenanigans Workshop Fee: \$10: FRCA members; \$15 non-members, Thursday, April 11, 2024 6:00 pm

Living with Bears FRCA General Meeting

Wednesday, April 17, 2024 7:00 pm free

Earth Day Celebration & FRCA Clean-up (see page 9)

Sunday, April 21, 2024

Monte Carlo (see page 9)

Saturday, April 27, 2024 7:00 to 10:00 pm



READY FOR SPRING ??

If you're wondering what to do in a garden in winter, the answer is plenty. This may surprise you, just because we live in the foothills. There are always outside gardening tasks which need attention though. Naturally, you want to avoid making any winter garden mistakes. To keep you on track, here's winter gardening do's and don'ts to keep you busy until spring arrives.

What to Do in a Garden in Winter

Most winter gardening tips from experts focus on trees. This makes sense since gardeners often spend the other three seasons cultivating and caring for flowers, vegetables, and shrubs. Let's look into some winter gardening do's and don'ts for trees:

Winter is an excellent time to plant new trees, (bare root). To give those newly transplanted saplings the best opportunity for survival, be sure to keep them watered. If snowfall is scant, continue watering throughout the winter season, whenever the ground is thawed.

Spreading a 2- to 3" layer of mulch or compost around the base of the tree helps protect those new roots from temperature changes and frost heave.

Winter is also an excellent time to trim deciduous trees. Once the leaves are down, the branches are visible. If an ice storm damages the trees, cut back those limbs as soon as possible. Routinely pick up fallen debris to keep this job from becoming too overwhelming in the spring.

Additional Winter Gardening Do's and Don'ts

By the time winter arrives the flowerbeds, yard, and vegetable garden should be at rest and require little, if any, maintenance. One of the common winter garden mistakes is failing to prepare these areas for the cold season. If fall slipped by too quickly, be sure to review these winter gardening do's and don'ts and complete required tasks before the snow begins to fall:

Do pick up fallen leaves. Thick mats of leaves will smother the lawn and promote fungal growth.

Don't let perennial weeds overwinter in flowerbeds. The roots will become well-established during the winter months, which makes weeding much harder next year.

Do deadhead flowers with invasive tendencies. Seeds from manageable species can be left in place as winter forage for wild birds. The local quail have started coming in the morning as opposed to the evening, so I am tossing chicken scratch out early in the morning before the other birds clean it up.

Don't trim shrubs or fertilize during the winter months. These tasks can stimulate premature growth and result in damage to the plant, especially the azaleas.

Wrap the base of trees to deter rodents and deer from chewing the trunks.

Don't let your irrigation system freeze. Follow manufacturers recommendations for purging and winterizing your sprinkler system. Automatic sprinkler controls should be disconnected and put in the garage, or the mechanism could freeze and destroy it.

Do clean off the vegetable garden and properly dispose of diseased or pest-infected vegetation. Burn infected foliage, do not put diseased material in the compost pile. Don't turn the compost until things warm up a bit.

Don't leave container plants outdoors without protection. Move the planters close to the foundation of the house, bury them in the ground, or cover with a heat-retentive blanket. Better yet, move containers into a garage or storage area.

It seems early but now is a good time to start many of the spring garden seeds, except melons, and cucumbers, wait on those

We have a less than a month before "spring fever" hits. Be patient.

Until then, Happy Gardening..... Scott and Lynelle Jackson



FREE RESIDENTIAL GREEN WASTE DISPOSAL

For Butte County Residents Living in the Wildland Urban Interface

March 16, 20, 24 April 1, 13, 18, 23, 28 May 3, 8, 12, 25, 30 2024
7:00AM - 3:00PM

Neal Road Recycling and Waste Facility

1023 Neal Road, Paradise, CA 95969

HOW IT WORKS:

1

Butte County residents living in the wildland urban interface may dispose of green waste for free on designated days.

2

Residents haul and unload their own green waste at the Neal Road Recycling and Waste Facility.

3

Please notify the front gate staff at Neal Road Recycling and Waste Facility with valid I.D. that you live in the wildland urban interface.

4

Link to wildland interface map: buttecounty.net/1068/GIS-Maps (Select WUI Parcel Lookup)

Prohibited items: commercial green waste, trees and branches larger than 24 inches around, stumps, rocks, boards, and trash.

If material is transported in bags, the bags must be emptied on site and removed by the hauler.

Program supported by a grant from Cal Fire to reduce fuel sources in fire prone areas.



Funding for this project provided by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection's Fire Prevention Program as part of the California Climate Investments Program.

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Designated Days for Free Green Waste Disposal

For more information

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Bingo Nights in Forest Ranch

The Big \$50 Gift Card Winners at February's Bingo Night:

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| Applebee's - Won by John Fish | The Roost Cafe - Won by Roger Campbell |
| La Hacienda - Won by Connie Fisher | Safeway - Won by Donna Mathis |
| Lowe's - Won by Gwyneth Lee | Save Mart - Won by Tammera Carr |
| The Pour House - Won by Keryn Landavazo | Winco - Won by Connie Fisher |
| Raley's - Won by Yvette Bocast | Zavatterro's - Won by Larry Bonnington |

Welcome
Spring!

FREE
COFFEE

Bingo Day in Forest Ranch - Sat. March 9th
Forest Ranch Community Center
 11-2:00pm (**Doors Open at 10:00am**)
 \$15 Buy-In = 10 Games with 6 cards each
Prizes for winning Bingo is a \$50 Gift Card to Burgers & Brews, Hobby Lobby, Hula's Chinese BBQ, Italian Cottage, La Comida, Safeway, Scrubb's Car Wash, Tractor Supply, Woodstock Pizza, and Zavatterro's Grocery!
Limited Space - There are just 60 Spaces available!
Only Players who purchase a buy-in will be allowed inside.
 Age Limit is 14 to 100+ years old. Come early to get your space!

*** OPPORTUNITY DRAWINGS - Over 20 PRIZES ***
(Tickets for sale \$10=11 entries or \$20=26 entries)
 * Receive a \$3 Coupon for Food with any \$10 O/D Ticket Purchase

Food Menu: Biscuits & Gravy will be available for \$3. Hot Dogs, Nachos, Mixed Salad, and Bowl of Chili with Fritos or Corn Muffin for only \$3 each. Chips, Sodas and Various Baked Desserts will also be available for purchase.

* All Net Proceeds from this event will go towards Lions-backed Projects within Forest Ranch and throughout the World.

This event is sponsored by the Forest Ranch Lions Club

April's Bingo Night

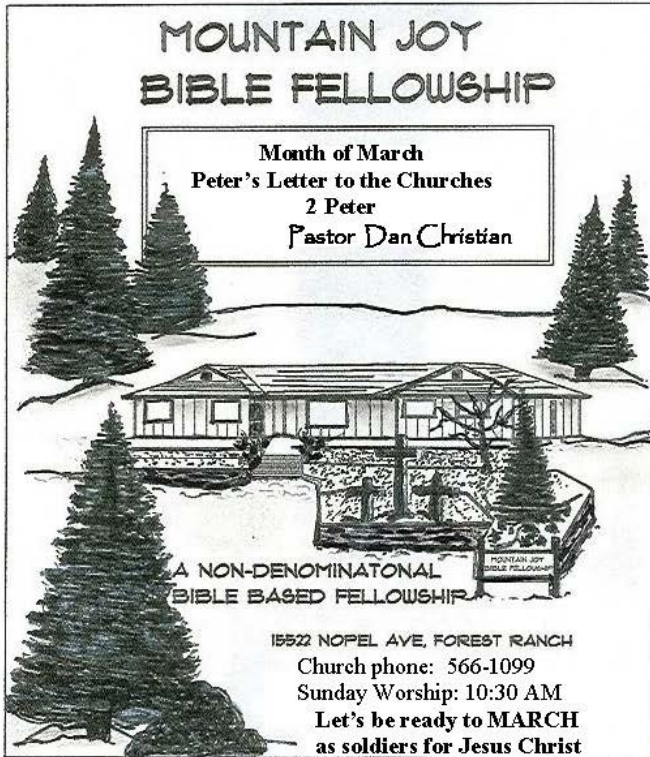
will be on April Fools Day, Monday the 1st.

Doors open at 4:30 pm,

games starting at 5:30 pm and over at 8:30 pm.

Hope to see you there!





Presentation of Quilt Check to FRCA



Thanks to **Sandy Santos** and **Gretchen Vandewalle**, who have both been active community members and accomplished quilters they were able to present a check for **\$1355.00** to **Mishka Nobel**, President of FRCA. The money is intended to help upgrade the bathrooms at the community center. They wanted to thank the Forest Ranch community for purchasing the tickets and making this a successful fundraiser.



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Monte Carlo Night

April 27th 7-10pm



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Tickets also available at the Door. \$10 tickets = 50K play money.

You can drop in at any time and stay or leave as you want.

NO TICKETS needed, if you just want to come and participate in the Silent Auction and walk around and visit.

SILENT AUCTION: there will be lots of amazing items.

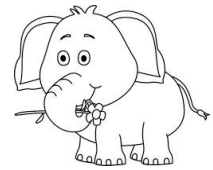
Silent Auction will go from 7 pm – 9:30 pm

ANY local artisans who would like to donate any item to help support our major. Contact Marlene 530-592-6613

White Elephant shopping: Women's club will be hosting fun and wonderful gifted items to go shopping with "play money".

So you can buy 50K for \$10 to just go shopping also ...

Contact Melissa if you can donate items: 530-514-3303



Money raised will go toward removing large dead Cedar tree threatening our community center Well tank.

If you can't attend but are willing to help donate support \$\$\$.

You drop/send to PO Box 381, Forest Ranch, 95942

EARTH DAY – (or rather Earth Weekend) 4/20 & 21

Calling out to Forest Ranch Community to help us celebrate Earth Day by volunteering to keep our Community safer. We will be doing fire safe fuels clean-up at two of our Community important facilities.

Sat. April 20th: 9am – 4:pm Or any time/hrs that you can do. Forest Ranch Charter School. The school is our Community's designated emergency safe zone (should an event happen and hwy access is closed). The school has large open space and concrete bldgs.. So this would be a temporary location for residents use, until safe access up or down Hwy 32 becomes available. So please mark you calendar and be willing to join in a great community work party to help make our local school safe for the kids and teachers, but also for us as a community.

Sun. April 21st: 9am – 4 pm. Or any time/hrs that you can participate.

Forest Ranch Community Center: Yes, we had a few trees come down in the storms and need help cleaning and also making the chance of our historic (built in 1930's, for 4th time from other fires). So we want to help keep it standing and persevere. More details and information will be in April's POST. But mark your Calendars: April Sat. 20th and/or Sun 21st.

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Forest Ranch 25th Annual

Pancake Breakfast &



Easter Egg Hunt



SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2024

At The Forest Ranch Community Center

Breakfast Served 8:00-10:30 am

Ticket Price: Ages 13 and up: \$10.00/Children: Age 12 and under: \$5.00

Price Includes: Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Juice, Coffee or Milk and your choice of Plain, Blueberry or Chocolate Chip Pancakes ~ Yum!

* 10 free game tickets with each kid's breakfast!



Carnival Games 9:30-10:45 am

Egg Hunts at 11:00 am

~ Ages 5 and under ~ Grades 1, 2 & 3 ~ Grades 4, 5, & 6

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Easter Bunny to Arrive Following the Egg Hunts

- *Have your photo taken with the Easter Bunny* -



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