

The Forest Ranch Post

December 2022



ACTION REQUIRED:

There is a rumor that Butte County may request the Board of Supervisors to approve a motion to close 'Amador Stations' (contract with counties to provide year-round protection). Station 23 is an Amador Station. This would affect Forest Ranch and Butte Meadows.

This means that we would no longer have local Cal Fire available to respond to auto accidents, medical call outs or fires in the 'non fire season'. So far this year Station 23 has received over 220 calls.

We still have Co. 24, our local volunteer fire station, however, most of the volunteers are working and are often not able to respond. Co. 24 serves as a back-up to the paid Cal Fire firefighters.

When a 911 call out is made, if we have to rely on Chico first responders, that will mean at least 30 minutes and probably longer for most people. This could be critical in a medical situation or a traffic accident. After all, highway 32 is a major thoroughfare. On December 8th, proposals are added to the agenda for the December 13th meeting. It is expected that Butte County Administration will be proposing that Station 23 be closed during 'non fire season' due to budgetary needs.

What can you do? **

- Email our supervisor Doug Teeter* at DTeeter@ButteCounty.net
- call Doug Teeter at: (530) 762-2186
- Attend the Board of Supervisor Meeting December 13th (9:00 am at 25 County Center Drive; Oroville)
- Register to speak: bcadmin.net/comments
- Make an eComment: bcadmin.net/comments

*Isn't our supervisor supposed to look out for the best interests of our community?

**See page 7 for a complete description of how to participate in meetings.



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

Dear Friends & Neighbors,

In November we were able to express our views through the ballot box. This month we have the opportunity to have our voices heard on issues that directly affect our community: the possible closure of Cal Fire Station 23 on Platt Mountain and the cell phone service (or lack of) in our area. Hopefully many of you will take the opportunity to let the Board of Supervisors and the PUC (Public Utilities Commission) know what you think regarding the issues.

December is also the month where people are encouraged to give and share, however, I would like to acknowledge the folks who work year round to help others. Some of you clean up the highway, others help others make their property fire safe, others provide food or transportation to people in need as well as other kind gestures too numerous to name. This is what makes an exceptional community.

Since we are no longer able to provide the Post to every mailbox due to increased costs we have been experiencing a significant reduction in our FRCA membership. As a result, we need to find other ways to fund the Post, therefore we are raising the cost of ads which have not been adjusted for at least 15 years. So the cost of a business ad will be \$12.00 per month (still a great deal!) and per square inch will be \$1.60 instead of \$1.50. Hopefully all of our advertisers will stick with us.

We are now having 250 copies of the Post printed up for those of you who like to read the 'hard' copy. Please feel free to email us at the Post for any comments, suggestions, etc. On that note, it was suggested that we print the Fire Safe Council Certificate so people can show it to their insurance company to obtain a better rate. We were only able to locate a 2021 certificate, so we are planning on printing an updated one next month.

Have a safe and enjoyable holiday month!

Beth, Editor



December 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Yoga	2	3 Christmas Tree Lighting
4 Mtn Joy	5	6 Yoga Crafts	7 FRWC	8 Yoga Bake Sale & Food Drive	9 Bake Sale & Food Drive	10 Recycling Wreath Making (at school)
11 Mtn Joy	12	13 Yoga Crafts Lions	14 FRFSC Food Commod. Mobile Vet	15 Yoga Giving Tree (last day) Bell Ringing	16 Salvation Army Bell Ringing	17 Santa at Center
18 Mtn Joy	19	20 Yoga Crafts	21 FRCA Gen. Mtg	22 Yoga	23 Christmas Play at Center	24 Christmas Eve
25 Mtn Joy CHRISTMAS	26	27 Yoga Lions	28	29 Yoga	30	31 New Years Eve

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 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.

December 10th 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. All funds raised help support the Publishing of The Forest Ranch Post and with other community fundraising efforts

Mobile Vet: Family Mobile Veterinary Care comes every 3 weeks, **10:00 am till noon** next to Post Office <https://www.familymobilevet.com>

YESTERYEAR... *The Lucas Ranch in Big Chico Creek Canyon*

By Andy Mark

Paul Lucas was an early settler along the Humboldt Wagon Road. He raised cattle on a ranch down in Big Chico Creek Canyon, about 14 miles from Chico and located in today's Big Chico Creek Ecological Reserve. Paul supplied meat to saw mills and mining camps. In 1865, he married Ellen O'Callahan and the couple soon began to raise children, while maintaining the stock and butchering business there.

Their brand, placed on the left hip, was "24." Although the brand was meant to show ownership, that wasn't always respected by predators. In February of 1873, it was reported that a mountain lion killed a two-year old steer on the ranch. There were likely many other raids on the herd also.

As the ranch prospered, Paul and Ellen were able to acquire additional land in the Butte Meadows area as a summer range for the cattle that was raised in Big Chico Creek Canyon.

Paul Lucas died in April of 1880 and left Ellen to raise their six children by herself. The 1880 census listed the children as (age in parentheses): John (14), Charlie (12), Katie (9), George (7), Paul (4), and Mary (1). It should be noted that later on, John was often referred to as "Jack" and Mary was probably better known as "Mamie."

After her husband's death, Ellen Lucas continued raising cattle with the assistance of her older children, especially John. She spent much of her time in the summer at the Butte Meadows ranch and was known to enjoy trout fishing in Butte Creek.



Sometime around the middle of the 1890s, John took over the Fourteen-Mile House and ranch, located about a half-mile northeast of the Ellen Lucas ranch. He eventually moved to Chico and worked in the meat market business for many years, while still running the stock raising business in the foothills.

In September of 1912, the news reported a humorous story about the family. Apparently, Charlie had been away for about 15 years, spending time in Mexico and Arizona, when he decided to return home for a visit. The family knew he planned the visit, but didn't know when it would be. Thinking that his appearance had probably changed a bit over time, Charlie wanted to see if his mother and brothers would immediately recognize him. So, he first made five trips to John Lucas' meat market, in Chico, pretending to be running errands, and was never recognized by his older brother. Then Charlie decided it was time to go to the ranch in the canyon. There he pretended to show some interest in leasing some land, and managed to strike some kind of deal. After the brother at the ranch, who still didn't recognize him, invited him into the house to meet the mom, Ellen conversed with the "stranger" for a while before she finally caught a glimpse of his profile, realized who he was and cried out "It's Charlie!" A happy family reunion ensued.



Ellen Lucas died at her Big Chico Creek Canyon home in June of 1921.

Figure 1: Ellen Lucas. From George Mansfield's 1918 book titled *History of Butte County*...


RAIN REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2022		
Doe Mill	5.125"	
Nopel	5.8"	
Sugar Pine	7.0"	

Figure 2: The headstone of the younger Paul Lucas can still be seen in a small graveyard at the Big Chico Creek Ecological Reserve. *Photo by author.*



WE NEED YOU !!!

CAL Trans has eliminated much of the invasive Broom along the HWY in their defensible space clearance. Next Spring it will be interesting to see how the regrowth goes and what we will do about it.

Dorr (530-894-5915) is researching the purchase of a metal shed to be placed behind the Community Center which will hold all the tools used to eradicate 'broom plants' and the Adopt-a-Highway clean-up materials. Tools will then be available on loan for use on private property. Half of the cost of the shed is covered and another \$900 is anticipated. Donations to cover this cost are being sought.

If you would like to have an inspection of your property to locate 'Broom' or advice on its removal, please call Dulcy Schroeder (530-892-8726). A property consultation can be arranged.

The FireSafe Council next meets 12/14 at 6:30 PM. Questions concerning BEEP will be discussed. All are welcome.



16th Annual Wildfire Safety Summit
 Hosted by the Butte County Fire Safe Council

Wednesday, December 7th from 9 am-12:30 pm
Paradise Alliance Church
 6491 Clark Road, Paradise, 95969

- Activities, mingling, and connection with your fire-safe community
- Presentations about county-wide wildfire safety efforts and successes
- Refreshments and lunch provided
- Volunteer and community recognitions
- Take home resources and swag

This is a free community event with limited capacity. Registration will be required. Stay tuned.

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LET'S LIGHT IT UP!
3rd Annual Community Christmas Tree Lighting
Saturday December 3, 2022

Event Starts at 2:00pm **Tree Lighting at 5:30pm**

Les Bentes Taqueria Taco Truck until sold out Bring a chair to sit by the fire pits and listen to music.

4:00pm complimentary chili dogs, corn dogs, chips and drinks, hot cocoa, cookies, popcorn and cotton candy

Mountain Joy Bible Fellowship Church Parking Lot

Bring an ornament to hang on the tree or come by the craft table and make one. Face painting, Games, Petting Zoo and of course a visit from Santa and his magical elf.

This event is being sponsored by the Veterans Store, Mountain Joy Bible Church Fellowship and THE GOOD DOERS OF FOREST RANCH

Holiday Wreath Making Party

Come and join the FRCS PTP for a fun night of making your own holiday wreaths!

*Bring a dozen cookies for the cookie exchange!

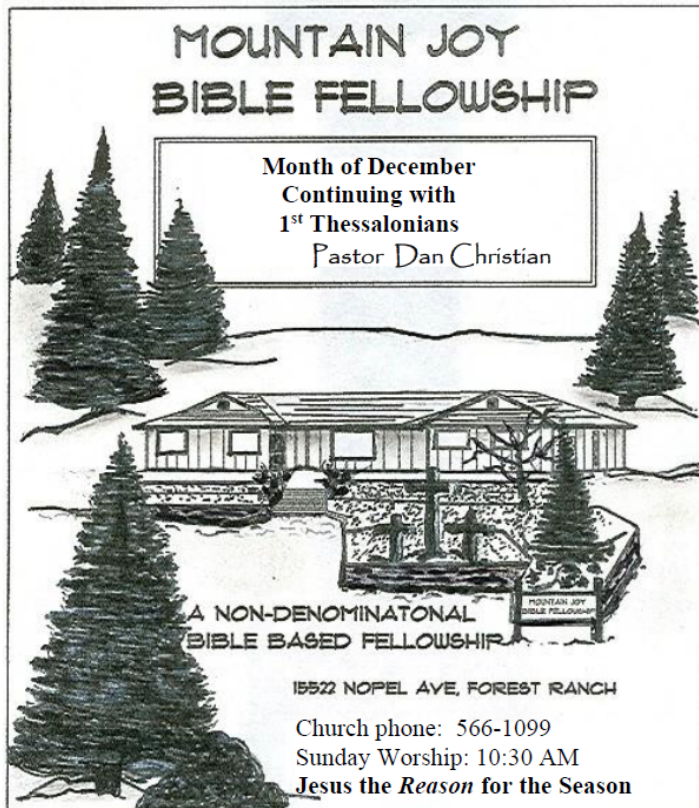
December 10th
 2pm - 5pm
 \$25 Per Person
 Additional wreaths are available for purchase

Please contact the FRCS PTP at: (530)891-3154 with questions or to RSVP

Event at the school: 15815 Cedar Crk Road

MOUNTAIN JOY BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

Month of December Continuing with 1st Thessalonians
 Pastor Dan Christian



A NON-DENOMINATIONAL BIBLE BASED FELLOWSHIP

15522 NOPEL AVE, FOREST RANCH
 Church phone: 566-1099
 Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM
 Jesus the Reason for the Season



A CHRISTMAS NATIVITY PLAY WITH F. R. KIDS

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PLAY WILL BE PERFORMED ON 12/23/22 AT 6:00 PM
 AT THE F. R. COMMUNITY CENTER
 15807 FOREST RANCH ROAD, F. R.
 PARENTS AND VISITORS ARE ALL WELCOME



How to Participate in Butte County Board of Supervisors Meetings



COVID-19 ADVISORY

Pursuant to State Public Health directives, in conjunction with the State's Stay at Home Order, and as authorized by Governor Newsom's Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20, Board of Supervisor Meetings are closed to members of the public at the present time.



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You can also sign up to receive email notifications for anytime a new agenda or meeting results are posted!



SUBMIT PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public can submit public comment on agenda items a number of ways!

All submissions must include reference to an item number.

Please submit only one comment per item.

Submit by 4pm the Day Before the Meeting:



Voicemail

Call 530.552.3303



Mail

25 County Center Drive, Suite 200,
ATTN: Clerk of the Board, Oroville, CA 95965



Register to Speak

- 1) Visit bcadmin.net/comments
 - 2) Find the Meeting & Item #
 - 3) Sign In (New Users Will Create an Account)
 - 4) Click Register to Speak
 - 5) You will receive an email with the meeting link
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- 6) The morning of the Board meeting, join the meeting using the emailed link beginning at 8:45am and stay tuned for your item to speak on!



You must register by 4pm the day before the meeting to be able to speak in the meeting.

Submit by the Close of the Meeting:



eComment

- 1) Go to bcadmin.net/comments
- 2) Find the Meeting & Item # you wish to comment on
- 3) Sign In (New Users Will Create an Account)
- 4) Submit your eComment



Email

Email ClerkoftheBoard@buttecounty.net
(the subject should read "Public Comment for Item Number ...")

All comments received will be sent electronically to the full Board and incorporated in the public record.

Individuals who need special assistance or a disability-related modification or accommodation to participate in this meeting, or who have a disability and wish to request an alternative format for the meeting materials, should contact the Clerk of the Board at 530.552.3300 or ClerkoftheBoard@ButteCounty.net as soon as possible to ensure arrangements for accommodation.

FRUSTRATED WITH YOUR INTERNET? AND/OR CELL SERVICE?



The PUC (Public Utilities Commission)
is holding **hearings on Dec. 6th & 8th**

You can submit your comments by going to this link:

<https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/proceedings-and-rulemaking/cpuc-public-participation-hearings>

OR...

‘Google’: PUC hearings

You should have received a letter in the mail with this information, but in case you didn’t
(or threw it away) if you can go online, this should work!

This will take you to the page which provides all the information about submitting a comment and
listening to the hearings.



 <p>Crane Realty 254 E. 8th Street Chico, CA 95928 (530) 680-8884 15511 Nopel Avenue Forest Ranch, CA 95942 www.JimCraneRealty.com CalBRE#00640752</p>				
	<p>Prestigious Keefer Rd and Hagenridge Rd location with Rock Creek and Keefer Slough 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 9-car garage with loft storage, a picturesque and heated Bob Hill pool & spa, 4-stall remodeled barn, multiple garden areas, owned solar, circular drive, stunning Coastal Mountain Range Views, Wisteria and grape covered arbor, and so much more! \$1,100,000</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>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 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</p>	
 <p>Kiersten Morgan DRE#01808855 Call me for more information on the market and for all your real estate needs.</p>				
	<p>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. \$475,000</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. \$179,900</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. \$298,000</p>	<p>This lovely chalet-style residence 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</p>

Holiday Bake Sale & Food Drive



December 8th & 9th

10:00-5:00PM

The Forest Ranch Lions Club will be having a Holiday Bake Sale and Food Drive in front of the Post Office on Thursday and Friday, Dec. 8th and 9th.

We will be selling your favorite home bake goods and special treats to give to friends or family with the proceeds going to help local families in need this Holiday Season. There will lots of great choices of breads, hand pies, cookies and candies to celebrate the season. Come by and check out the tasty treats we have. We're sure you'll find something you will like

We will also be collecting nonperishable food items that have not reached their expiration date to give to local Food Banks.

Thank you for your support! Wishing you and yours a Merry Christmas!

Forest Ranch Lions Club



Annual Bell Ringing
in front of Post Office
Thursday & Friday
December 15th, 16th



DOING THE MOST GOOD

*'Tis the Season
for Giving ...*



The Giving Tree

The Giving Tree is now up in the Forest Ranch Post Office with tags containing wishes from children. If you would like to make a child's Christmas brighter,

- Select a tag off the tree
- Purchase the item(s) requested
- Wrap the Gift
- Tape the tag to the outside of the package
- Place the wrapped Gift back under the tree in the Post Office by 4:00pm, Thursday, December 15, 2022

Thank you for helping to make this Christmas merrier for a child in this Community. The Lions Club will be delivering your gifts to the recipients in time for Christmas. We want to wish everyone a Healthy, Happy and Peaceful Holiday Season.



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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!