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Joining the Butte County Historical Society

BCHS is primarily supported by memberships and donations from the people and the friends of Butte • 10% discount on museum store County and receives no direct government funding. Membership in BCHS is open to all.

Members receive:

- Slickens (monthly newsletter)
- The Diggin's (quarterly publication)
- purchases
- Early notice of BCHS programs and activities

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BCHS PROPERTIES

Ehmann Home

1480 Lincoln, Oroville Saturdays — 11:00 am - 3:00 pm 530-533-5316

Museum - Archives

Corner of Spencer and Baldwin Oroville 530-533-9418

Museum

Friday from 9 am - Noon Saturday from 11 am - 3 pm

Archives

Thursday and Friday

9 am - Noon

Oregon City School

2100 Oregon Gulch Road Oregon City, CA (Temporarily Closed) 530-533-9418

Bangor Church

5730 LaPorte Road, Bangor, CA Noon to 2 pm on 1st & 3rd Saturday Closed: Dec., Jan., Jul. and Aug. 530-679-2112



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The Butte County Historical Society needs your help!



The Butte County Historical Society was founded in 1956. We have an extensive archival program at our Archives/Museum in Oroville. We also operate several other historic sites in Butte County. We currently are developing our webpage (buttecountyhistory.com) to support a virtual learning experience that can be accessed anywhere in the world.



We are looking for volunteers for the following positions:

- Someone with QuickBooks experience to help with our financial management and work with the Finance Committee. The majority of the work can be done from home.
- Digitization volunteer to assist with our digitization program at the Archives for both the webpage and new acquisition photos for cataloging. Familiarity with Photoshop Elements or another photo editing program is helpful. The archives are open on Thursday and Friday from 9 to noon. Working one of those days would be very helpful. Training is available.
- Museum docent to help with new displays and work part time as one of our docents. The museum is open Fridays 9-12 and Saturdays 11-3 (we are closed in January, February and two weeks in December to the public). Training is available, (two positions open).

If interested, please leave a message with contact information at 530 533-9418 or contact us via our webpage, buttecountyhistory.com via the contact tab on the site. We would be happy to set up a no obligation meeting for an overview of the positions we have open at the Archives/Museum located at 2335 Baldwin Ave in Oroville. We have a great team, and we look forward to meeting with you!







Continued closure of our facilities for February

Due to health concerns for both the public and our docents, BCHS facilities will remain closed to the public for the month of February. Planning for our spring events continues and we look forward to seeing you all soon!

This and That

The work continues on the our historic buildings to the extent that weather and finances allow. Both the Bangor Church and the Oregon City School House are receiving some much needed tender loving care. Marjorie Daley's crew at Bangor, and Larry Tracy's crew in Oregon City, have been taking advantage of the unseasonably sunny weather to rehabilitate the historic structures.

As announced in an earlier Slickens, the Museum is receiving some fresh paint also and should be looking good this spring.

"The House that Olives Built" has been patiently awaiting its turn for attention. Watch for more information soon.

Thanks to everyone who has already paid their dues for 2022. If you aren't sure, check your Slickens mailing label. An orange stripe indicates your dues are still due!

Our caretaker position at the Oregon City School is open and we invite those with an interest to contact us for more information:

buttehistory@sbcglobal.net or 530-533-9418

The BCHS Mission

is to preserve Butte County's rich and varied history, making it engaging and meaningful for all.

Board Meets at the Ehmann Home the 2nd Wednesday at 7 pm

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Museum Director - Lucy Sperlin Ehmann Home - Alberta Tracy



New Member:

Beverly Staples-Chico

In Memoriam

Machelle Conn

Upcoming BCHS Events

Coming in early 2022:

Museum Speaker Series

Spring Yard Sale

Oregon City BBQ (tentative)

Olive Festival

Watch for dates and information on our website, Facebook page and the Slickens.

A Special Thanks to our Collection Donors By Lucy Sperlin

THANKS to our 2020 and 2021 donors we have added many interesting and important things to our collection.....historic documents, very early 'product packages' such as early creamery and drug store bottles (and even cardboard ice cream and milk cartons), items brought by immigrants, photographs, store records, 'day books' and other records from people who lived in Butte County from the 1850s to the 1920s, as well as many items from the early and mid 20th century including over a century of records from the now closed Feather Falls School. These will inspire future exhibits and inform the work of researchers. Note that donations have come from people in at least ten states, as well as many places in California. (One intriguing item, a crocheted wall hanging with 'OROVILLE' in crochet and overstitching noting the death of FDR in 1945, was found in a storage locker in Texas!) We applaud all who have taken the time and trouble to see that the 'stuff' of history is packaged up and sent to the community of origin where it is the most meaningful!

Our 2022 Speaker Series Begins!

Join us at the BCHS Museum at 1 pm, on Saturday, March 19th for the beginning of our 2022 speaker series.

Ophir to Oroville, the transformation of a very small community of miners in 1852 to a bustling town with the opening of a 750 seat theater in Dec 1855.

Larry Mauch will provide information and lead the discussion on the birth and rapid growth of Oroville during a few turbulent years in the 1850's, a remarkable

transformation spearheaded by a handful of the community's businessmen whose names can be seen on street signs downtown.

The story includes discussion of the impacts on Native

American tribes and the early interaction with the Chinese immigrants.

Admission is by donation. We hope to see you there!

The Research Corner by Nancy Brower

In the past month I have cataloged three separate groups of class photos, all from different schools. The first was from a collection of records and photos that were fortunately removed from the old Feather Falls School before it was destroyed by fire in 2020. Included are yearbooks, class photos and candid photos/slides from the late 1960s through the early 2000s. The images reflect the rise and fall of the school aged population in the area and provide a visual description of the school's activities.

The next group was digitized from a scrapbook owned by the Oroville City Elementary School District and covers the period from about 1912-1918. All of the photos were taken in front of the old Oroville Grammar School on Bird Street. Many of the students in the 22 images are identified Newspaper articles were utilized to help with pinpointing the year and grade when it wasn't otherwise noted.

The third group was from the Thermalito School in the late 1910s and early 1920s. They came to us as part of the Ghianda family collection, and members of that family are the only ones specifically identified. However, the 1928 Thermalito 8th grade graduating class photo has a list of the entire class on the back, including the class officers.

These collections are only a small part of the school related photos and records held in the BCHS Archives. We have images from many schools around the county, including both student photos and images of the schools themselves. In addition to photos, the Archives is also the repository of a fairly inclusive collection of high school yearbooks.

The yearbooks provide a surprising amount of community information beyond the student body itself. At times they include articles about local history or landmarks. Advertising also is a source of information regarding local businesses.

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