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**BUTTE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

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**2022 Speaker Series**

March 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm, BCHS Museum,  
 1749 Spencer Ave. Oroville, Ca.

Join Us for A Presentation

*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. In 1856 the new town became the County Seat.*



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 impact on Native Americans in the area and interaction with the large Chinese population nearby.

**Admission is by donation; we hope to see you there!**

*As of March 1st, most of our facilities have returned to their normal public hours. The Oregon City School House will remain closed temporarily. Watch for a grand re-opening a little later this year!*

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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 County and receives no direct government funding. Membership in BCHS is open to all.

**Members receive:**

- Slickens (monthly newsletter)
- The Diggin's (quarterly publication)
- 10% discount on museum store purchases
- Early notice of BCHS programs and activities

**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

**BCHS Membership Application**

**Check one:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual (\$30)    | <input type="checkbox"/> Supporting (\$50)   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family (\$40)        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining (\$100)  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior (\$25)        | <input type="checkbox"/> Organization (\$30) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Family (\$35) |  |

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Mail with your check to: BCHS, P. O. Box 2195, Oroville, CA 95965



Our Spring Yard Sale  
**April 30th, 2022**



The Annual Butte County Olive  
Festival  
**June 18th, 2022**

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**



**New Members:**

Deborah Bolin - Chico  
Lance Rowles - Corning

**Our 2022 Speaker Series  
Coming in May:  
*The Evolution of the Relationship  
Between the California Indians and  
the Settlers***

**Upcoming BCHS Events**

**Coming in early 2022:**

**Museum Speaker Series  
Spring Yard Sale: April 30th  
Oregon City Picnic (tentative)  
Olive Festival: June 18th**

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

**WILDFLOWER SEASON  
at Oregon City School.**

Wildflower season, which brings thousands of visitors to Table Mountain, also brings hundreds of cars past our Oregon City School, and many stop upon seeing the interesting old schoolhouse.

BCHS volunteers will be at the school from 11 to 3 for four weekends during the busy season on Table Mountain, March 11 through April 3rd, to share the history of the old mining community. Because some repair work continues, we'll be on the porch with photo exhibits and a publications table, but folks can peek in through the door for a look at the old school room, have a memorable 'history experience' and take away with them a greater appreciation of the history of the area.

It's a great spot to spend a Saturday or Sunday afternoon, and we could really use a little extra help with this, so if you might like to assist with the endeavor (no previous Oregon City knowledge required) please call Lynsea Wells at 949-547-1930 or Lucy Sperlin at 521-6279.



**The Research Corner**

by Nancy Brower

Grants from the California Revealed program of the State Library have assisted BCHS in cataloging and digitizing collections within our archives. Our first grant, about five years ago, digitized the Moak Collection of Las Plumas power plant images and Bill Talbitzer's visual history of the construction of Oroville Dam. These items plus more (including some audio recordings) are available to the public on the Internet Archives at archive.org. More recently, a cataloging grant enabled the archives volunteers to accession photos from the Boynton Collection and the Butte County Farm Bureau. (Seth and Kate Boynton owned the *Oroville Register* and were long time early residents of Oroville.)

Currently, BCHS is fortunate to be participating in two grant projects. The first involves the digitization of three scrapbook collections. These include material from the Veterans of World War I organization, the Butte County Farm Bureau, and a compilation of material on the Parlin family (early Oroville residents.) The WWI material is of particular interest to those who had Butte County ancestors who participated in that conflict. The second grant is another cataloging opportunity to facilitate the organization and description of material produced by Bill Talbitzer during his career as a newspaperman and writer. It includes manuscripts and photographs. Much of the grant funding is used to purchase acid free storage materials to help preserve these historical treasures.