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Upcoming Events
Our Scheduled Speakers for Fall, 2024
*All speaking events will be held at the BCBS Museum
 1749 Spencer Avenue in Oroville*

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*Joining the Butte County
 Historical Society*

BCBS is primarily supported by memberships and donations from the people and the friends of Butte County and receives no direct government funding. Membership in BCBS is open to all.

Members receive:

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

BCBS Membership Application

Check one:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual (\$35) | <input type="checkbox"/> Supporting (\$55) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family (\$45) | <input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining (\$105) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior (\$30) | <input type="checkbox"/> Organization (\$35) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Family (\$40) | |

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

BCBS PROPERTIES

Ehmann Home
 1480 Lincoln, Oroville
 Saturday 11 am to 3 pm
 530-533-9418

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

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



Alvin Coffey
 The true Story of an African American Forty-Niner
 Saturday September 21st, 1 pm to 3 pm

Author Nancy Leek will be discussing the subject of her most recent book, an African American man who came to California as a slave and was eventually successful in purchasing his own freedom and the freedom of his wife and children.

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Leaving, Settling, Developing, Achieving
 The story of 19th and 20th century migrations and the founding of the Oroville Southside Community.
 Saturday October 19, 2024

Dr. John Rivers will be at the Butte County Historical Society Museum to present an interpretation of the South Oroville African American Historical Society's display that is a significant part of our exhibits for the 2024 season.

This talk was re-scheduled from April



Rancho Golden in the 20th Century
 Saturday November 16, 2024, 1pm to 3pm

Local Historian Mark Karr will be sharing his updated history of the economic and social conditions that led to the rise and fall of Oroville's nationally famous citrus industry and eventually, to the development of affordable housing for veterans of World War Two.

This event coincides with our Annual Membership meeting and elections. BCBS business should be completed in 10 minutes or less



Don't forget to send in your quilt tickets!



News and Notes of Interest to our Members

We recently scheduled a groundskeeping work day for Oregon City School property and of all things, it got rained out. In August. That doesn't happen too often around here. We will be re-scheduling for some time in September. If you are interested in helping give us a call at 530-533-9418. If we can't answer, leave your contact information and we will get back to you.

On the same note our Museum and Archives ground is looking a little shaggy also. A tentative date of Saturday November 2nd has been set for some pruning and hauling there. Again, let us know if you have an interest in helping.

Even More Opportunities to Volunteer

We have a wide variety of volunteer positions, whether it be in one of our various museums, our extensive archives, our webpage, social media or helping out at our various events, we appreciate your help. Visit the volunteer page at our website, read the overview and if you are interested or have questions, fill out the Volunteer Application form and we will contact you.

We are an all-volunteer organization, help us continue to serve the community as we have since 1956.

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

Board Meets at the Butte County History Center the 2nd Wednesday at 7 pm

2024 Officers

President - Larry Tracy
Vice President - Dale Wangberg
Vice President, Finance - Larry Mauch
Secretary - Open
Treasurer - Janet Bertagna

Board Members at Large

Marjorie Daley
Peggie Adamson
Daniel Ballard

Past President

Kent Fowler

Publications Staff

Diggin's - Nancy Brower
Slickens - Dale Wangberg

Our Annie B's Replacement fund drive is still ongoing if you would like to donate. Several of our members have pledged to match donations again this year so any donation helps immensely!

Welcome!

New Members

Evelyn Whiffen - Concord

Save the Date!

September 21: The Story of Alvin Coffey with Nancy Leek

October 19: Dr. John Rivers

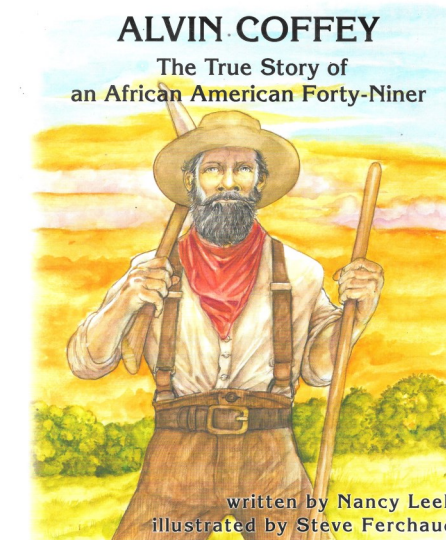
November 16: Mark Karr

December: Holiday Open House

Please Join us at the BCHS Museum on September 21, 2024 at 1 pm as Nancy Leek shares the story of the subject of her most recent publication.

Alvin Coffey: The True Story of an African American Forty-Niner is a picture book biography of a man, born into slavery, who came to California in 1849 seeking something more precious than gold. Mining gold by day and mending boots by night, Alvin never gave up working toward his goal – freedom for himself and his family.

Refreshments will be available at this event.



The Research Corner

By Nancy Brower



Have you ever been curious about how we handle research questions? Of course, much depends upon the subject. However, there are some basic steps that are used in most situations. Generally, the first step is to consult PastPerfect, our cataloging database. It allows us to search by subject heading, personal names, words in the description, and other options. Searches can cover all item types: photos, archives, objects, and library or be limited to specific types. Pulling those items from their storage locations is next to determine if they are useful in that circumstance. The index to Diggin's is consulted. We have print issues available for purchase, but there is also an index online on the BCHS website. The next step is generally to consult the standing files. These are filing cabinets full of folders organized by subject headings. A separate biographical file is organized alphabetically by surnames. These standing files consist of photocopies of newspaper articles, small brochures, and other small format print items.

Collections of the *Genealogical Goldmine* published by the Paradise Genealogical Society and *Tales of the Paradise Ridge* can also be of value. City directories are useful for pinpointing locations of businesses and residences and even identifying city officials. One of my favorite options is "phone a friend." Sometimes the consultation is done face-to-face or via e-mail, but experts in certain subject areas are often a great help when trying to locate information. For instance, Chuck Smay is always happy to provide expert assistance with Bidwell Bar questions, but several others help with various subject areas. Various online databases such as the California Digital Newspaper Collection, Newspapers.com and Ancestry can be of tremendous help. Every question is unique, but we attempt to answer them as thoroughly as possible with the resources that we have available.