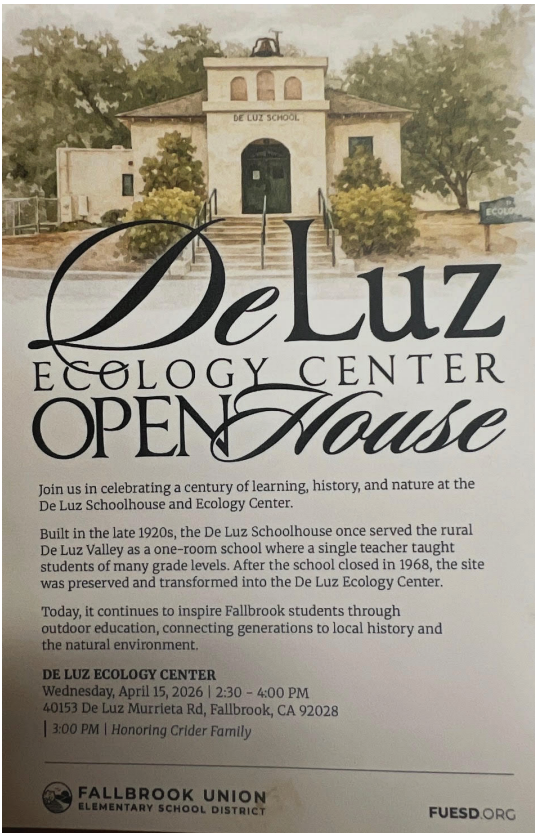


# De Luz Post Office Dedication at De Luz Ecology Center April 15, 2026



Join us in celebrating a century of learning, history, and nature at the De Luz Schoolhouse and Ecology Center.

Built in the late 1920s, the De Luz Schoolhouse once served the rural De Luz Valley as a one-room school where a single teacher taught students of many grade levels. After the school closed in 1968, the site was preserved and transformed into the De Luz Ecology Center.

Today, it continues to inspire Fallbrook students through outdoor education, connecting generations to local history and the natural environment.

**DE LUZ ECOLOGY CENTER**  
Wednesday, April 15, 2026 | 2:30 - 4:00 PM  
40153 De Luz Murrieta Rd, Fallbrook, CA 92028  
| 3:00 PM | Honoring Crider Family

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Carolyn Seghers Crider and nephew



Deputy Frank Golbeck, board trustee, gave the dedication and history of the post office speech at the ceremony.

To hear the Oral History of the De Luz Post Office download it in the section below.

The letter to the Crider's from the Fallbrook Union Elementary School District about acquiring the De Luz Post Office building is on the next page.





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*Call her  
and thank  
her - what  
kind of a league*

Dear Mr. Crider,

The Fallbrook Union Elementary School District is heavily committed to an outstanding educational program which is being offered to all third and sixth grade students in our district. This program will be held on site at the De Luz School and will commence within the next few weeks.

We are attempting to provide students with "hands on experiences," by utilizing community resources and individuals who have first hand knowledge of the area and its history.

Having traversed the De Luz Road often during the last few months, I have noticed the old De Luz Post Office, which I understand is situated on your property.

Is there any possibility you might consider donating the Post Office to our School District for educational and historical purposes? If so, I feel certain the students would glean a great deal from its presence on the property. We would also do any necessary restoration that the building might require in order to preserve it as well as move it from your property to the De Luz School site.

If you would like to discuss this matter, please feel free to phone me at your convenience at 728-1131 anytime during the working day.

Thank you, Mr. Crider, for your consideration regarding this request.

Sincerely,

*Linda Cowan*  
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