9/11 – Topic: Cattle ranching in South Butte County

Speaker: LaVerne Daley

LaVerne Daley is a native Californian. She says, “I have learned to truly appreciate and love the legacy of cattle ranching in protecting open space and wildlife in Butte County, while producing a wonderful product for consumers.” LaVerne has been secretary for over 50 years for the Plumas-Tahoe Cattlemen’s Protective Association. The organization was formed to help public lands ranchers in the Plumas and Tahoe National Forests who wintered cattle in Butte and Yuba County. The organization will be celebrating its 100th year anniversary in 2019. She is a member of the Butte Historical Assn, Yuba Feather Historical Assn, Butte County Cattlemen, Butte County Cattlewomen, Butte County Farm Bureau and the Butte County Grange. She has twice been selected as Cattlewomen of the Year.

9/18 – Topic: Butte County Olive Industry

Speaker: Marsha Bamford, Bamford Family Farms

The first olive trees in California were brought by Franciscan monks over 200 years ago, who journeyed along the coast on their trek to establish missions. The trees adapted well to the Mediterranean climate of Northern California and produced what are now known as Mission Olives. The Bamford orchards are located next to Table Mountain in Oroville. This volcanically enriched soil combined with the Northern California climate has produced strong, healthy, Mission olive trees. Even after a century of harvests these trees are still producing award-winning olive oil that has a remarkable buttery, smooth taste making it an excellent oil to cook with and easily infuse with flavors such as lemon, jalapeño, garlic and blood orange.

9/25 – Topic: Knights of the Whip – Butte County

Speaker: Lee Dummel

Lee Dummel is a retired law enforcement officer who now lives in Magalia. He has been studying history for about 40 years, with a particular fascination with the 1800s. Dummel is a member of Trails West and the Oregon-California Trails Association. He has presented a variety of topics to historical groups here in the North State, the Stirling City Museum, Corning, and Red Bluff as well as at the Lake Oroville Visitors Center. Dummel often reenacts historical characters as an enhancement to his talks. Dummel may be accompanied Mary Schaefer who has portrayed two separate characters of female stage drivers, Amy Morrison and Fanny Morrison, known as the Buckskin Lady. Dummel says, “The stagecoach is the most iconic symbol of the Old West along with the Colt revolver. From the 1840s to 1880s, the stage was the best way to transport passengers, mail and other documents that needed to travel.”
10/2 – Topic: History of the Butte County Library System

Speaker: Nancy Brower

Nancy Brower arrived at the Butte County Library in 1973 after receiving her master's in librarianship from the University of Denver. She was successively the Children's Librarian, the Reference Coordinator/Oroville Branch Manager, and Assistant Director of Libraries before being appointed Director of Libraries by the Board of Supervisors in 1992. After fourteen years as Director, she retired to explore a variety of volunteer interests. Primarily this has allowed her to utilize her B.A. in history from the University of California, Santa Barbara to benefit the Butte County Historical Society. In 2012 Nancy was asked to write a history of the Butte County Library in anticipation of its centennial celebration in 2013. This project required combing through newspapers, library files, State Library publications, and other resources to unearth the story of library services in Butte County and the resourceful women who developed them.

10/9 – Topic: Researching your Past through the Historical County Records

Speaker: Melinda Rist

The Butte County Archives holds all types of Property Records, Vital Records, Naturalization Records, and Recorded Maps. Also to be found in the archives are the Board of Supervisor Minutes, Assessor Plat Maps, Great Registers, and a variety of other documents. All of these can now be found under one roof, and accessible to the public, either through our software programs or with the help of a dedicated volunteer. Melinda Rist is the Archives Records Analyst for the county. She makes sure the records are protected, preserved, organized, and made available to researchers. She will explain the value of these historical records, the work it takes to maintain them, how the average person can use these records for a variety of purposes, and how anyone can help with this valuable, fascinating and ongoing project.

10/16 – Topic: The Walking Trails of Butte County

Speaker: Wade Killingworth

Haven't heard back from Wade to see if this date is acceptable for his presentation.