3/12 – Topic: Land Use in Butte County  
**Speaker:** Carl Durling,  
Planning is the process of deciding how a community uses its land and other resources. The planning process involves analyzing the environmental and socioeconomic impacts of development and infrastructure projects. Planning decisions usually require local political approval, and reflect the desires and interests of the community. Local and state laws define the process for making planning decisions. (Government Code Sections 65000-66037).

3/19 – Topic: The Butte County Grand Jury  
**Speaker:** Joe Putyrae:  
Butte County is required by law to impanel a grand jury to serve for a term of one year. The number of impanel selected for this jury is 19. This body is mandated to investigate and report on both criminal and civil matters within the county. The major functions of a grand jury are divided into criminal indictments and civil investigations. While both functions are executed by the same panel in Butte County, the civil investigation portion requires the majority of time. The civil, or "watchdog" responsibilities of the grand jury include the examination of all aspects of county government, including cities and special districts, to ensure the county is being governed honestly and efficiently and county monies are being handled appropriately. The grand jury is mandated by law to inquire into the conditions and management of public jails.

3/26 – Topic: Butte County Sheriff's 2nd Chance K9 for Veteran's program  
**Speaker:** Eric Lyon:  
The BCSO 2nd Chance K9 for Veteran’s program is a collaboration between BCSO, Butte County Veteran’s Services, and Northwest SPCA. Dogs that are in the care of Northwest SPCA are brought to the BCSO 2nd Chance K9 program when SPCA deems them not adoptable due to behavioral reasons. Butte County Sheriff’s Office Alternative Custody Supervision Participants, who have been trained in dog training techniques, train the dogs to be good companion animals. Once the dogs are trained, they are available for adoption by a Veteran who can benefit from the companionship a trained dog can provide.

4/2 – Topic: The Three Concert Bands of Butte County plus a little music  
**Speaker:** John Richards:  
The Chico Community Band is a wind and percussion ensemble with approximately 40 participants, is open to musicians ranging from teens to seniors. Formed before World War II, the Band continues to practice a repertoire of marches, show tunes, and innovative pieces by current composers that it performs for local audiences. The Paradise Community Concert Band membership is between 30 and 40 members. Our musicians range from amateurs to professional. We also welcome the participation of music students and those who want to continue their musical development. Whether you currently play your instrument or haven't touched yours in years, you are invited to join us. The Oroville Community Concert Band (OCCB) has a membership of 45-60 musicians who love to play together; friends, families and committed community members. The Paradise Community Concert Band, Oroville Community Concert Band, Chico Community Concert Band and Paradise High School Band will present a combined concert on Thursday, March 15, 2018, at the Paradise Performing Arts Center in Paradise. John will also demonstrate the differing tones from several of his musical instruments.
4/9 – Topic: African American Migration to Butte County  
**Speaker:** Dr. John Henry Rivers, PhD.: Dr Rivers attended Chico State University, earning a bachelor degree in sociology in 1968. He received a master's degree in psychology in 1970 at Sonora State, and a doctorate in psychology in 1973 at Union Institute and University in Cincinnati, Ohio. Rivers is a published author and teaches black history at local schools. One of his most proud achievements is helping to develop the South side Oroville Community, doing what he can to help residents and to restore the neighborhood. **Under the leadership of Dr. John Rivers and a Board of Directors, the Society promotes awareness of the accomplishments of the historical South side community of Oroville. “We are the only historical society between Sacramento and Portland, Oregon that is engaged in research, preservation, and presentation of the history of African Americans in Oroville and surrounding locations”**.

4/16 – Topic: Butte Bots  
**Speaker:** Jon Andrews: Students from various schools in Butte County build robots as part of an international competition. Jon Andrew, an industrial technology teacher at Las Plums, is leading the project. He said students come with varied interests. "We have people who want to design, build and create, graphic design and even photography and videography," said Andrew. "Any student who has any aptitude, we'll take them.

4/23 – Topic: The Bard of Butte County  
**Speaker:** John Rudderow: Meet Pres Longley, know as the Bard of Butte County. He lived and mined here, and wrote poems, over 300. More than a century after his death in 1912 at the age of 88, John Rudderow and Nancy Leek, two local people who shared an interest in local history, and Pres Longley in particular, teamed up to publish a collection of more than 100 of his poems into a book, *The Miner Poet: Poems of Pres Longley*. Rudderow worked in the aerospace industry in Southern California prior to moving to Butte County. John lives in Butte Creek Canyon, near the Honey Run Covered Bridge.

4/3 – Topic: Walking Paths of Butte County  
**Speaker:** Wade Killingsworth: Thomas Wade Killingsworth. Work. Retired. College/University Professor. Chico State University. Chemistry/Geoscience Lecturer · August 2006 to May 2014 · Chico, California. Retired. Education. San Jose State University. Class of 1989 · Chemistry · San Jose, California. MS Chemistry. Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. Wade currently lives in Magalia and is active in the Paradise community.