Butte Miscellany – Fall Semester 2018
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Classes are on Mondays 1:00 – 2:30
BCOE Classroom, 1500 Lincoln (next to the downtown Oroville Post Office)

9/10 – Topic: The Hmong in Butte County
Speaker: Lee Lo, Hmong Cultural Center

Zoo Siab Tos Txais! Welcome! The Hmong Cultural Center of Butte County was founded in 2000 as a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization in Butte County; The mission of the Hmong Cultural Center of Butte County (HCCBC) is to improve the lives of individuals and families through culturally sensitive education, advocacy, support and services. HCCBC provides resources, community based family support and empowerment through the promotion of health, education, cultural integration and social services to strengthen Hmong families throughout Butte County.

9/17 – Topic: The Salvation Army in Butte County
Speaker: Larry J. Feist, Major, Julie Feist, Colonel

The Salvation Army played a role during fire season last year as well as during the dam spillway crisis with mobile feeding units. It was a privilege to work in with all the partnering agencies. One thing that came out of these unfortunate events was that The Salvation Army in Oroville needed to work on getting a mobile feeding unit of some sort – so that we could respond immediately to a disaster area without having to wait for our comrades in other communities. We are happy to announce, that The Salvation Army in Oroville now has an Emergency Disaster Trailer – with the ability to provide up to 3 meals a day for an extended period of time at an evacuation center, a command center, or a Local Assistance center as needed.

9/24 – Topic: Butte County Demographics and the 2020 Census
Speaker: Jerry Wong, Partnership Specialist, US Census Bureau

The United States Census is a decennial census mandated by Article I, Section 2 of the United States Constitution, which states: "Representatives and direct Taxes shall be apportioned among the several States ... according to their respective Numbers ... . The actual Enumeration shall be made within three Years after the first meeting of Congress of the United States, and within every subsequent Term of ten Years." Section 2 of the 14th Amendment states: "Representatives shall be apportioned among the several States according to their respective numbers, counting the whole number of persons in each State, excluding Indians not taxed." The United States Census Bureau (officially the Bureau of the Census, as defined in Title 13 U.S.C. § 11) is responsible for the United States Census. The Bureau of the Census is part of the United States Department of Commerce.
10/1 – Topic: The Mock Trial Program in Butte County

Speaker: Jim Shelby, retired educator, Butte County Schools

The Mock Trial competition simulates a trial-level proceeding in which students play the roles of pretrial counsel, prosecuting and defense attorneys, witnesses, court clerks, and bailiffs before a single presiding judge and two to three scoring judges who score individuals based on their legal arguments and presentations. Each year, unique cases are developed and presented to create powerful learning experiences on the rule of law and our judicial system. Materials are based on important issues facing America's youth. Mock Trial materials include a hypothetical criminal case (summaries of case law, witness statements, official exhibits, simplified rules of evidence) and lesson plans on the central issues in the case. Moot Court case topics engage youth in current-day dialogs that encourage critical thinking about issues our communities are facing.

10/8 – Topic: The Jewish Cemetery

Speaker: Isabelle Fine, active in the Oroville Community

The Jewish Cemetery, located at 1874 Feather River Boulevard was established in 1859. It was deeded to the Trustees of the Oroville Jewish Cemetery by Andrew Gardella on April 11, 1871 "for use and benefit of the Hebrews or Jewish of said Town". The first recorded burial was on February 16, 1862. It is approximately 2.6 acres, of which 1 acre is developed. There are 130 interred. The Jewish Cemetery is designated as historical cemetery.

10/15 – Topic: The Organ Project and the History of the State Theater

Speaker: David Dewey, Historical Advisor, Organ Project Advisor
Former curator for City of Oroville's five museums

The State Theatre opened April 7, 1928 with a seating capacity of 1,529, and was originally equipped with a Wurlitzer organ. It was built for and operated by T & D. Jr. Enterprises. In the late-1970’s, United Artists twinned the State Theatre. The theatre was purchased by the City of Oroville in 1983. The dividing wall was removed in the 1980’s, and films returned. Since then, performing arts have become the main program, with some films shown. By 2018 the Wurlitzer organ was being played again and a dedication ceremony will be held in October 2018. The Oroville State Theatre is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Topics and speakers may switch or change.