



The Wilton Historian

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE:

We have many exciting things planned this year and they will be explained further in the newsletter. I wish to thank everyone that made last year's events such a success. There was lots of work involved, but, I believe we all had a good time with the fundraising and History Day. Again, I thank all of you and hope to see you this year and that you bring a friend to see what is going on in Wilton.

Lorraine Robinson

JUNE 4th JULY 2nd AUGUST 6th & SEPTEMBER 3rd

"Bingo under the Stars" will be held at 12217 Keating Rd. This year we will be offering hamburgers, hot dogs shakes, freezes and other soda fountain products starting at 5pm. Bingo will start promptly at 7am.

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JUNE 11th - SAVE THE DATE

This is a night to remember for fun great Tri-Tips/Chicken and all the "Fixin's" Auction and music by the Old Time Fiddlers. Dinner starts at 5pm. Auction at 6pm. and Live Music at 7pm. All for the amazing price of \$25 per person.

For information and/or tickets call any Truck Restoration Committee Members: John Robinson/687-8896, Bill Kutzer/687-7542, Wayne Gallup/687-6784, Gary Cassity/687-6002, Don Smith/687-6704, Gene Rose/687-6349

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UPCOMING COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

APRIL 9th

Our fantastic Treasure Sale aka: Rummage Sale to be held at Wilton Christian School from 8am - 2pm. The inventory/rummage sale volunteers have been working diligently to sort, price and clean, when necessary, items donated. Judy Cassity, our leader, will accept items until April 1st.

Please call Judy, 687-6002, with offers to help or to donate items. We cannot accept stuffed furniture or large appliances. Wilton Christian School will have Breakfast on sale from 8am to 11am.

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AUGUST 13th is the date of a new event sponsored by the Wilton History Group and open to the public. Do you or your family or friends have any furniture, antiques or collectibles you would like to put up for auction? This will be a live

consignment auction and items will be accepted for sale on Friday, August 12th from 10am to 7pm, and on Saturday, August 13th from 9am to 10am. There will be a public inspection of items from 10am until Noon. The auction begins promptly at Noon. A 10% seller's fee will be charged on sold items. Food will be available for purchase. More information will be forthcoming in the next newsletter.

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OCTOBER 8th is Wilton History Day at the Dillard Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room from 8am to 3pm. The indigenous people of the Wilton Area, the Miwok, will be featured from the earliest times to 1900. How much do you know about the people who may have lived on your land? Their culture, social, spiritual beliefs and relationships with the pioneers and gold miners of the 1800's may have had a lasting effect on our perception as being good caretakers of our land.

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COSUMNES RIVER BASIN

by Eugene Rose

As previously noted, the Cosumnes Valley is defined by its two tributaries. Deer Creek hugs the Northwest side of the Valley and the Cosumnes River hugs the Southeast. These two waterways parallel each other for about 12 miles in the narrow valley before coming together.

At present the Cosumnes Valley has been largely cleared of native vegetation and has been given over to farming operations. Judging from the native plant growth along the two waterways and in occasional spots that have been allowed to run wild, there was probably quite a jungle on the plain of the Cosumnes Valley. Cottonwood, willow, valley oak,

ash and box elder were in abundance. Wild grape vines were profuse and intertwined over the limbs of trees along the water course and dense undergrowth was made up of blackberry, wild rose, button bush, willow, elderberry and many coarse growing annuals.

In our next issue we will discuss the "land bridge" between Asia and the North American continent, the earlier animal population and how that population led to one theory as related to the migration of man. We will also discuss the changes in animal species and how that affected migratory man.

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PRESENTATION IDEAS

Do you have any suggestions as to future topics for presentation at our regular membership meetings? Let us know.

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IN MEMORIAM

We extend our condolences, love and prayers to the Jackson family for the loss of their daughter, Traci L. Beckstrom and to the Kravitz family on the loss of Albert Kravitz, and also to the Womack Family on the passing of Jeannie Womack.

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EDITOR'S COLUMN

Though this issue of THE WILTON HISTORIAN is late, it's full of news and coming events. If you have an article, story, or item of interest, I would like to include it in the next newsletter, which will be available in July 2011. Kass Bergmann has received an e-mail regarding the blog for Family History Day 2011 at the California State Archives. The address is: <http://fhdnews.blogspot.com> . If you have a comment or question about Family History Day, the e-mail address is: fhddmailbox@gmail.com.

Please contact Bonnie Rose, Editor; Lorraine Robinson, President; or Barb Faust, Secretary to include an article in the July 2011 issue of the Wilton Historian.

Our membership continues to grow. Some members have yet to renew their membership for 2011. Check with the President to see if your membership needs to be renewed. Please continue your support by being an active member and sending in your dues.

Bonnie Rose

