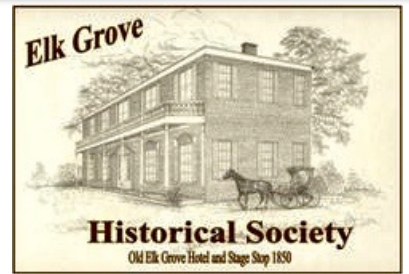


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## Inside the Museum Files: Nicolaus Dairy

In 1890, John Henry Nicolaus, a German immigrant, purchased 500 acres of land in the fertile Sacramento Valley (NW corner of EG, off Franklin Blvd and Big Horn). His next-door neighbor was the Joseph Sims Ranch. John Henry and his wife Lena established a dairy on their property. The young couple raised eight children there. The children attended nearby East Union School, which later became known as the Prairie School.

Like most farm families of the time, the families grew enough food for themselves and their livestock and were self-sufficient. Milking was done by hand, one cow at a time. On Sundays, the family traveled by wagon to the closest town, Franklin, to attend church and do errands. When the kids reached their teens, they moved with their grandmother to a house in downtown Sacramento in order to attend high school. The local 1-room schoolhouse only accommodated students through the 8<sup>th</sup> grade.....

The above two short paragraphs is the beginning of a 4-page narrative written by EGUSD project coordinator Patti Sipula (916-793-2258 or [psipula@egusd.net](mailto:psipula@egusd.net)) and represents only small part of the ranch history. Presently, the house, dairy, and buildings are in a secure facility, but Patti can be contacted for the entire story and details, tours, special events, or information. Contact her and request the narrative.

## President Ken Miller's Comments:

As summer passes quickly into fall, we are getting ready for a big month of September! History Week will be upon us with three events we are sponsoring or hosting: Plow to Plate (9/22), Pinkerton Picnic in the Park Honoring the Herburger Family (9/23) and the Hops Festival at the Mahon Ranch (9/28). We hope you can join us at these fun events. If you wish to **help as a volunteer**, please call the Historical Society phone number and leave a message. We can always use your help.

We are moving forward with the restoration process on the Foulks House. Permits were filed and approved by the City of Elk Grove to restore the home, using the same construction methods used in the 1850s with certain specific requirements. We are also exploring planning options for the Reese School – Wightman Social Hall. Once the planning options are approved by the Board, the Reese School will see the permit process begin.

EG Historical Society and Linda Mae Mahon Lema Foundation present

# PLOW TO PLATE

Dinner and Entertainment



For the Rhoads School Scholarship Program

## Saturday, September 22

6:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the Museum

(9941 East Stockton Boulevard - West entrance to the EG Park)

**\$80 per guest:** Pay by credit card at [elkgrovehistoricalsociety.com](http://elkgrovehistoricalsociety.com) or by check to EG Historical Society at P.O. Box 562, Elk Grove 95759

### FOOD:

Executive Chef Danny Origel from Meadowlands Kitchen & Bar, will prepare a menu with selections from the Davis Ranch, Lucky Dog Ranch, and other farms from this area. He will be assisted by the Burke Family Catering, Pioneer servers and others to make it another wonderful evening of delicious food.

### ENTERTAINMENT:

The Linda Mae Mahon Lema Foundation will be producing the entertainment which will include live music throughout the event by the Foundation String Quartet. The highlight of the evening will be the Foundation's annual live Play Reading which retells an oral history story captured and recorded by the Foundation in the previous year. This year the performance will portray the story of the **Elk Grove Book Club** founded in 1937 and is the oldest book club in the country.

We would like to THANK our sponsors, it takes a community to educate our children



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Join us in the park to honor the  
Herberger Family.  
Its Free, but you can purchase a  
lunch on our website.



You can purchase tickets on our website

Our condolences and prayers to the  
family of our friend  
Susan Johnson

## HISTORY WEEK SCHEDULE

**Saturday, Sept 22:**

**Plow-To-Plate** - Dinner and Entertainment  
6:00-9:00 at the museum - \$80

**Sunday, Sept 23:**

**Pinkerton/Herberger Picnic in the Park**  
10:30-1:00 at the museum – Free activities,  
lunch available for purchase \$10 & \$5 kids

**Monday, Sept 24:**

**Cemetery Tour – Sloughouse Cemetery**  
4:00 until dusk - Free

**Tuesday, Sept 25:**

**Cemetery Tour – Elk Grove Cemetery**  
4:00 until dusk - Free

**Wenesday, Sept 26:**

**Old Town Foundation Walking Tour & Dinner** 6:00-7:00 Free led Old Town tour, start at  
the Plaza. Discounted dinner prices at local fare

**Thursday, Sept 27:**

**Cemetery Tour – Franklin Cemetery**  
4:00 until dusk – Free

**Friday, Sept 28:**

**Chamber of Commerce Luncheon**  
11:00-1:00 – Tom Mahon speaker

**Friday, Sept 28:**

**Mahon Ranch Hops & Brew Fest**  
4:00-10:00 at the Mahon Ranch - \$45

**Sarurday, Sept 29:**

**Rotary Club Dinner**  
6:00-10:00 at Bob Lent Ranch

For more **details** go to our website:

**ElkGroveHistoricalSociety.com**  
and look on the menu for  
**“History Week Calendar 2018”**



# Rhoads School Report

By Director Roberta Tanner



We are prepared for the next school year and dates are being reserved daily. We are already preparing for our biggest scholarship fundraiser, our Plow-to-Plate dinner and entertainment on September 22 at the museum to kick off History Week.

## Calendar of Events for September – October 2018

### September

Sept 1: Free Museum & Rhoads School **Tours**,  
Noon – 4:00

Sept 3: **LABOR DAY**

Sept 10: EGHS **Board Meeting** - Museum  
3:00 PM

Sept 17: EGHS **General Meeting** – 6:30 PM at  
Presbyterian Church-8153 Elk Grove Blvd.  
w/ Guest \*Speaker Ellen McNeil

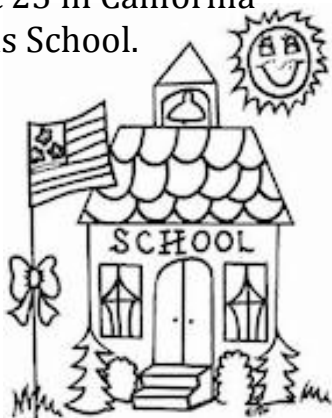
Sept 22-29: **History Week:**

Sept 22: **Plow-to-Plate dinner and  
entertainment**

Sept 23: **Pinkerton-Herberger Picnic in Park**

Sept 28: **Hops & Brew Fest** - Mahon Ranch

\*Speaker - Ellen has traveled the USA visiting 117 1-room schoolhouses and will be talking about 23 in California including our Rhoads School.



### October

Oct 6: Free Museum & Rhoads School **Tours**,  
Noon – 4:00

Oct 8: Rhoads School **Board Meeting**– 9:00 AM

Oct 15: EGHS **Board Meeting** – Museum  
3:00 PM

Oct 22: EGHS **General Meeting** – 6:30 PM at  
Presbyterian Church-8153 Elk Grove Blvd.  
w/ Guest TBA

Oct 31: **Halloween**

\*Speaker – Unknown at this time.

Look for info in the EG Citizen and on our website in the menu under  
“General Meeting – Presentations”



**FYI** – Every Christmas we decorate the eight room Hotel Stage Stop for the Holidays. We have four rooms that still need someone for each to lead the decorating. We have trees and a lot you can use or add your own touch.  
Call Cindy at (916) 685-7195

## Do you have a brand?



We have completed the blacksmith shop and are starting to stock it with local historical implements and someday hope to have demonstrations.

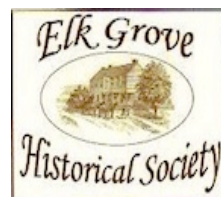
We are asking those with brands if we could use yours to burn into the walls. Leave a message on our phone or on the website to make arrangements.

Thank you



## MEMBERSHIP

If you want anymore detailed information about the events discussed in this newsletter or view our Photo Gallery, you can probably find everything you need on our website:



**[elkgrovehistoricalsociety.com](http://elkgrovehistoricalsociety.com)**

The City of Elk Grove is looking for someone to be on the EG City Historic Preservation Committee. They need members who are interested in helping designating and saving historic buildings and property in Elk Grove. Call Jason at 916-478-2286 for information. Please give it some thought.

# welcome

### New members

American legion Post #233

Dr. Janice Covell

Peggy Forseth-Andrews

Carol Keeley

Benny & Joy Rich

Andrew & Cathie Santos

Barre Stadtner

Dina & Kiana Wilcox

## Treasurer's Report: Jeanette Lawson

Operating Accounts:	July 2018	Aug 2018
General Operating Fund	\$10,642.34	\$15,246.91
Wightman Memorial Fund	\$12,131.60	\$11,844.64
Approved Expenditures	\$14,860.00	\$2,360.00
<b>Total Account Balance</b>	<b>\$37,633.94</b>	<b>\$29,451.55</b>

Restoration Accounts:		
General Restoration Fund	\$9,400.20	\$5,728.83
Donations	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00
Foulks House Fund	\$89,493.45	\$90,380.45
Reese School Fund	\$239.55	\$239.55
<b>Total Account Balance</b>	<b>\$249,133.20</b>	<b>\$246,348.83</b>

<b>Real Estate Rental Account</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>	<b>\$1,219.54</b>
<b>Museum Store Account:</b>	<b>\$1,320.75</b>	<b>\$1,257.72</b>

Rhoads School Account:		
Operating Fund	\$1,049.20	\$1,049.20
Scholarship Fund	\$5,118.66	\$5,118.66
<b>Total Account Balance</b>	<b>\$6,167.86</b>	<b>\$6,167.86</b>

**Total**      **\$296,255.75**      **\$284,445.50**

## Save This Date

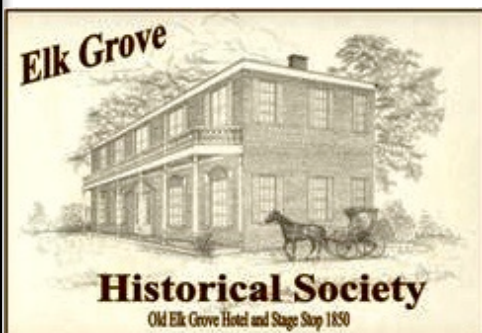
For our next bus tour to museums in Placerville



**Wednesday, December 5**



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[www.elkgrovehistoricalsociety.com](http://www.elkgrovehistoricalsociety.com)

Elk Grove House and Stage Stop Museum  
Is located at  
9941 East Stockton Boulevard

Adjacent to the West Entrance of  
Elk Grove Regional Park

Museum is open the first Saturday of  
each month or by appointment

Research Library is now open by  
appointment only.

To schedule an appointment:

Email:

[eghs@elkgrovehistoricalsociety.com](mailto:eghs@elkgrovehistoricalsociety.com)

Or

[msjlaw@comcast.net](mailto:msjlaw@comcast.net)

Or

Call 916-685-8115



The Lincoln Highway passed  
through Elk Grove in front of the  
Elk Grove House & Stage Stop  
Museum on what is now East  
Stockton Blvd.

Rhoads School

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### New Member and Membership Renewal Form

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

If this is a business membership, please complete the following:

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Areas of Interest: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Types of Membership and fee structure

#### Check one

\_\_\_ Individual Person.....\$20.00

\_\_\_ Family Group.....\$30.00

\_\_\_ Student (full time under 25).....\$15.00

\_\_\_ Senior Citizen (65 to 79).....\$15.00

\_\_\_ Senior Citizen (80+).....FREE

\_\_\_ Business, Corporation, Association.....\$30.00

\_\_\_ Lifetime (Member & Spouse).....\$400.00

Note: EGHS is a California Non-Profit Corporation  
Dues may be deductible under IRS code 501(c)3