

*Elk Grove Historical Society*

# Stage Stop Gazette

JULY – AUGUST 2021

Volume 42: Issue 7-8

A publication by the Elk Grove Historical Society, representing the communities of Elk Grove, Wilton, Sheldon, Franklin, Bruceville, Point Pleasant and Sloughhouse.



## Inside the Museum Files:

### “The Blacksmith Statue”

We have a new addition, soon to be part of Heritage Park, next to the Blacksmith shop. Larry Alexander, who owned a local steel company in Florin, commissioned a Blacksmith statue. The young sculptor was Bruce Carty who also sculpted the Buffalo and Indian at Steele Realty on Gantline Road, which was moved there in 1979.

Mr. Alexander had the statue relocated to his home in Elk Grove when he sold his business and retired in 2015. He passed in 2019. The family reached out to the historical society and asked if we had an interest—of course we did! The planned move is for July 2021 on a new cement pad, which was recently poured.

Bruce Carty was interviewed about his creation and tells an enjoyable history of his life while accomplishing 100 sculptures located throughout 35 states. Read the entire history of the donor, the artist and his works on our website: ([elkgrovehistoricalsociety.com](http://elkgrovehistoricalsociety.com)) under History Topics. Look for “The Blacksmith Statue.” It’s fascinating and informative with many photos.



# Stage Stop Spotlight

(Welcome to our new feature, highlighting the connection someone has with the history of Elk Grove). We are searching for our next spotlight!

## Louis Silveira

Louis was born in Woodland, California in 1949. His dad brought his dairy to Elk Grove in 1951 and leased the Bud Jones ranch on the overpass—Highway 99. BJ's Brewery is Home Depot is just west of the houses for hired hands were previously. moving to Galt for two more. His Dad Elk Grove where he bought a 40-acre they moved, had just been renamed. It Road but, when they put a white line down the middle and raised the corner post signs, California Vineyard Rd. was too long so they shortened it to Calvine. Louis grew up where the family mostly raised hay. They brought 6-8 cows and had a couple of horses, dogs and later chickens. His Dad drove heavy construction equipment, built many freeways through Sacramento and worked on several Dam projects.



Laguna side of the Bond-Laguna now the location of their previous house. intersection where the dairy barn and two The family was there three years before gave up the dairy business and returned to ranch. The name of the road, to where was originally called California Vineyard

After high school, Louis joined the Navy for 4 years. He became a Hospital Corpsmen (medic), specialized in the operation room and later research. Louis developed a micro-surgical procedure and did stress studies for which he received a grant and was included in *One of The Most Outstanding Americans in 1972* for his research. Interestingly, many years later, it was ultimately one of the initial building blocks in forming the diagnosis for PTSD.

Louis continued his education in Medical School and graduating from a nursing program. Louis went on to develop the Laser Center and Mobile Laser Service at Mercy General Hospital for 15 years. He was then hired as the Resource Nurse and Team Leader for Orthopedics at the UC Davis Medical Center and Medical School in Sacramento—great people! 40 years an OR nurse—how amazing!

He retired 20 years later (2013) and searched to volunteer. Continuing to “help” is what nurses do! His plan was to locate placement for tents, collect money for events, clean up, fold chairs, etc.—no more management! Louis loves Elk Grove and the EGHS (historical society). It seemed the perfect fit to help others. Louis became the Stage Stop Gazette Newsletter Editor (*layout & design*), the Webmaster, the Archivist, the Assistant Director and Scheduler of Rhoads School. He scheduled 80 living history classes yearly, taught by several schoolmarms, and assisted with any needed society activities. Louis feels history teaches lessons, helping to root a community, while gathering and protecting it's preservation. The philosophy of “all-vital to Elk Grove” is much to be proud while feeling a small part of it all!

**Spotlighting individuals gives us a chance to learn about our neighbors, their experiences and connection with the history of Elk Grove, CA. Please submit a name to help us find our next Stage Stop Spotlight individual to publish in your Stage Stop Gazette? Thanks from all of us at the Elk Grove Historical Society!**

Please welcome our new

# Newsletter Editor

*Design & Layout*

## Deanna (Dee) Janey



I am honored to accept the Stage Stop Gazette Editor's position and hope to follow the expertise and creativity of Louis Silveira. I've been a member of the Elk Grove Historical Society, for a number of years, and enjoy the events and camaraderie. I was born and raised in Sacramento, on to Elk Grove, have three children and seven grandchildren. I graduated from Bishop Armstrong High School in 1961 and began work in many different positions: Cal Western Life Insurance (3 years), The Sacramento Bee Newspaper (20 years), Vice President and Controller of the California Land Title Association (6 ½ years), United Way and Discover Sacramento Magazine (2 years). In 2001, the California American College of Emergency Physicians hired me as an Event Planner, Office Manager and Editor-in-Chief of a 32-page newsletter (Lifeline), published 11 months per year, and distributed to all California hospitals, ER doctors and 4 surrounding states. I retired in 2012 but continued planning the ER doctors' CME conferences in Yosemite for 8 more years until the pandemic in 2020. I'm an Intuitive Counselor, Event Planner, love my family and friends and find enjoyment in writing.

I will do my best as long as health permits. Thank you.



## SOMETHING NEW!

The Elk Grove Historical Society now offers advertising opportunities, per newsletter publication, within the

## Stage Stop Gazette!

Please contact

Dee Janey ([djaney@me.com](mailto:djaney@me.com)) to place an ad!

**\$100.00 Full Page - \$50.00 ½ Page - \$25.00 ¼ Page - \$12.50 1/8 Page**  
**(Add \$25.00 color charge to above rates).**

Payments are submitted directly to The Elk Grove Historical Society:

<https://eghistory.org/>

# SPECIAL PROJECT

by Jeanette Lawson and Barbara Claire

"Historical Society historians, Jeanette Lawson and Barbara Claire, are working on a special project for our research library. We have copies of the Elk Grove Citizen on Microfilm for years 1909 to 1912 and 1947 to June of 1983. Our project is to have these newspapers converted to a digital format so anyone can search or just look at these newspapers from anywhere on your computer. To raise funds for our project, we've created a GoFundMe page and hope to raise enough money to complete our project and expand research capabilities for our community. Any donation would be greatly appreciated. You can view our project at <https://gofund.me/eb81cd8f>." Thank you!



## Big Day of Giving Results



Thank you to everyone who participated in the Big Day of Giving this May 6<sup>th</sup>. **Our total online donations were \$6,542 and the donations by cash and check totaled \$3,800 for a total in donations of \$11,342.** This is a great help toward paying for our outdoor kitchen that is currently being constructed.

We had a very enjoyable open house at the Elk Grove House museum, with complimentary wine and hors d'oeuvres. The Strauss Festival organization partnered with us during the open house and performed twice during the day on our large outdoor patio. We had about 100 visitors throughout the day.

Again, thank you all for a very successful and enjoyable day.

Dennis Buscher & Louis Silveira  
Co-chairs, Big Day of Giving





# Fantastic Yard Sale:

**This was our largest sale ever, with gross receipts of \$ 28,158.00!**

First, a thanks to everyone who donated merchandise for our yard sale. We received some fantastic items, which helped to push our gross receipts over the top. This was our largest yard sale; surpassing last year's which was so large that we had to expand the sale to four days.

And thanks to all the volunteers that helped organize, sort & price the merchandise, and to all the volunteers that help set up the structures for the sale and helped unload the boxes of merchandise and organize it on the tables. We had 73 volunteers providing 1,946 hours of work.

Our work began in March when we received the contents of a large estate in Arden Arcade. That was followed by another large amount of items from a family moving out of the area. Then the merchandise just kept coming in. Our 5-day workweek turned into a 7-day workweek and by mid May, 8 to 12 hour days.

And thanks to all the shoppers that helped clear the tables of all of our merchandise. Very little was left over after the "half off" special Sunday morning and then everything free Sunday afternoon. Very little left over that had to be disposed.

The yard sale is our largest fundraiser and helps in our goal of preserving the history of Elk Grove.

Dennis Buscher

Susan Saner

Co-Chairs of the Yard Sale



## **THANKS to ALL our 2021 Hardworking and LOYAL VOLUNTEERS!!!**

**Ken says, "Sorry if we missed you—we'll catch you next time!"**

Mike Anda  
Jim Arbuckle  
Cheryl Bennett  
John Bennett  
Sally Bergen  
Diane Blum  
Tom Blum  
Mary Ellen Burns  
Mary Bulford  
Dennis Buscher  
Angie Chalmers  
Dave Chalmers  
Justin Chalmers  
Mac Chalmers  
Melissa Chalmers  
Barbara Claire  
Sylvia Coon  
Julie Deaver

Annaclare Entrican  
Darren Entrican  
Jim Entrican  
Ellie Forcier  
Nancy Fox  
Lura Franzella  
John Frassetto  
Wayne Gallop  
Gretchen Golitely  
Sandy Hampton  
Sean Hampton  
Susan Hernandez  
Laura Herzog  
Tom Herzog  
Claudia Johnson  
George Kepley  
Lanie Kirby  
Dorene Ladewiq

Pat Lake  
Stan Lake  
Jeanette Lawson  
Ken Lawson  
Brookelea Lutton  
Jim Luttig  
Cindy Mahon  
Brad McVean  
Rosemarie Miller  
Ken Miller  
Dave Minister  
Mary Mendoza  
Steve Mooney  
Martha Morris  
Donna Olovson  
Carol On  
Kyla On  
Lani On

Pam Phelps  
Jim Pollick  
Sunny Prasad  
Melissa Pugliese  
John Ross  
Judy Semas  
Susan Saner  
Louis Silveira  
Ann Spivey  
Debbie Schupin  
Marie Sturgeon  
Roberta Tanner  
Michael Vargas  
Siegrid Voelkel  
Sean Wastman  
Ardis Weeden  
Cookie Whalen  
Betty Woolever  
Elaine Wright

# CIVIL WAR DAYS at Mahon Ranch

The Mahon Ranch, on the Cosumnes River, was the best place to have a historical reenactment of the Civil War. Thanks to Tom and Cindy Mahon for offering the best of event sites! Thanks also to Randy Martin, MD, Jim Entrican, Tom Mahon and the Native Sons of the Golden West for the photos.



**A GREAT SUCCESS!**





# Rhoads School Report



We are making preparations to reopen the Living History Program for the 2021 - 2022 school year. Things are going well! Please contact Roberta Tanner (916-214-8345) to volunteer! We need docents so please join us?

## Calendar of Events for July - August 2021

### JULY

July 4: **Independence Day**  
 July 12: Elk Grove Historical Society  
 Board Meeting  
 July 19: **NO** General meeting – Summer

### AUGUST

Aug. 2: Rhoads School Board meeting  
 Aug. 9: Elk Grove Historical Society  
 Board Meeting  
 Aug. 12: **NO** General meeting – Summer Break



Lucia (Lucy) Britt  
 Thom & Wendy Foulks  
 David Friedrich  
 Cindy Buscher Martin  
 Annette Buscher Merola  
 Lorili Ostman  
 Mayor Bobbie Singh-Allen  
 Councilmember Kevin Spease  
 Eugene & Sloone Ulliman

## Treasurer's Report: Jeannette Lawson

Operating/Restoration Accts:	<b>May 2021</b>	<b>June 2021</b>
General Restoration Fund	\$31,122.64	\$29,595.18
Wightman Memorial Fund	00.00	
Summer Kitchen Project	\$110,741.71	\$ 52,178.71
<b>Total Account Balance</b>	<b>\$141,864.35</b>	<b>\$ 81,774.89</b>
Real Estate Rental Account	\$29,030.47	\$30,578.95
Museum Store Account:	\$3,671.00	\$3,671.06
Rhoads School Account:		
Operating Fund	\$430.26	\$455.26
Scholarship Fund	\$11,513.79	\$11,513.79
<b>Total Account Balance</b>	<b>\$11,944.05</b>	<b>\$11,969.05</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$186,509.87</b>	<b>\$127,993.95</b>

**COME JOIN US!** Meet wonderful friends, enjoy and participate in great activities all year long!



The Stage Stop Gazette  
**Elk Grove Historical Society**  
P.O. Box 562  
Elk Grove, CA 95759



**Elk Grove House & Stage Stop**  
Museum Is located at  
**9941 East Stockton Boulevard**  
Adjacent to the west entrance to the  
Elk Grove Regional Park

**(916) 685-8115**

Email:

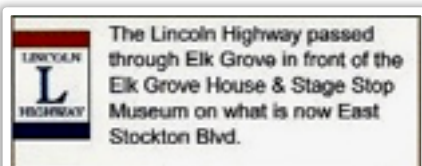
[eghs@elkgrovehistoricalsociety.com](mailto:eghs@elkgrovehistoricalsociety.com)

All the answers are on

**Our Website:**

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

- There are over fifty local history subjects listed on our website to peruse.
- The museum is open for FREE tours every first Saturday of the month between 12:00 to 4:00.
- The Research Library is open to the public by appointment only.



### **Rhoads School**

Information or scheduling

[rhoadsschool@gmail.com](mailto:rhoadsschool@gmail.com)

**(916) 685-8115**

**Newsletter  
Editor**

*Design & Layout*

**Deanna (Dee)  
Janey**



Non-Profit  
Org.  
U.S. Postage  
PAID  
Permit No. 86  
Elk Grove, CA.

## **New Member and Membership Renewal Form**

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

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

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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

Area of Interest: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Types of Membership and fee structure (check one)**

<input type="checkbox"/> Individual Person .....	\$20.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Family Group .....	\$30.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Student (Full time under 25) .....	\$15.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Senior Citizen (65 to 79) .....	\$15.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Senior Citizen (80+) .....	FREE
<input type="checkbox"/> Business, Corporation, Association .....	\$30.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime (Member & Spouse) .....	\$400.00

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