

*Elk Grove Historical Society*

# Stage Stop Gazette

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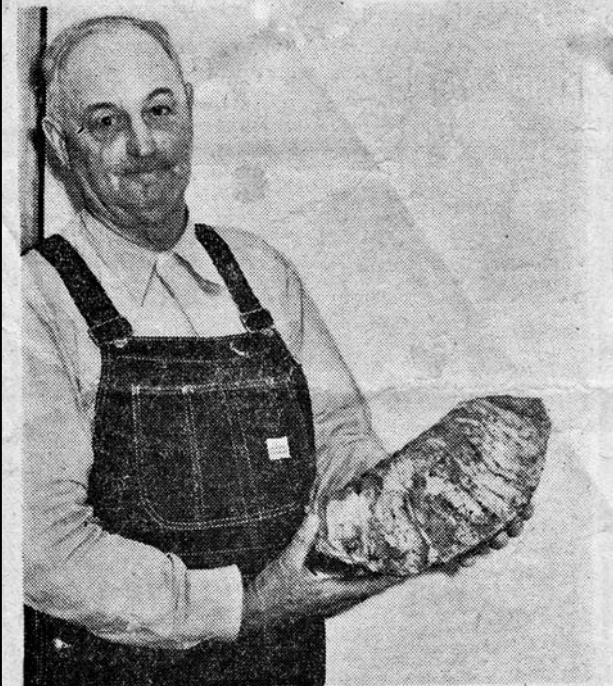
## Inside the Museum Files:

### “Mammoth Tooth”

In April of 1959, workers were excavating for a drainage sump on the Brooks Hop Ranch on Grantline Road. The crew reported broken bones and officials were called. There were artifacts but one item measuring 12 inches across and weighing 15 pounds was found to be a tooth from a wooly mammoth and believed to be over 1,000,000 years old.



MR. AND MRS. GEORGE BROOKS display a tooth unearthed on his hop ranch east of Elk Grove last week. The tooth measured 12 inches across and weighs 15 pounds. The tooth was found by Brooks when a crew excavating for a drainage sump reported broken bones in the area. The tooth, from a mammoth, is believed to be over 1 million years old. 4-22-59 — CITIZEN Photo



FIND — George Brooks displays a mammoth's tooth which was unearthed on his hop ranch east of Elk Grove earlier this week. Bee Photo



# 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!

## Barbara Claire

Barbara was born in Black River Falls, Wisconsin in March 1951, 10<sup>th</sup> of 11 children. Her birth name is Barbara Eileen Simplot, cousin to who had millions, but she didn't get Miles family at age 9 and moved to both grade and high school.

She started cosmetology training and took state boards in July school, passed and became licensed beauty shop for a few years, to one of her employees in 1974. She



to California to start a new life. 30 years with University of California, Davis was a proud time as Administrator, Analyst IV and Project Manager until 2014.

In 2015, she was featured in Ardent Magazine. In 2008, joined the Elk Grove Historical Society to volunteer and began as an assistant (in training) archivist. Barbara also took over the newsletter in 2008 and became quite involved with all the events. She was 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President of EGHS, in 2010, and on to President for 3 years (2011-2014). She loved attending, almost daily to do gardening on the grounds, planting flowers, pulling weeds, etc. around 2009 to 2017 when she moved.



There are photos on the EGHS website (<https://elkgrovehistoricalsociety.com>) of various decorating displays Barbara did with Mary Bulford during 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2020 which were everything from Annual Spring Teas, Old Fashioned Christmases, Haunted Stage Stop, Ballroom Displays and, by 2018, she accomplished much decorating on her own. For 2021's Old Fashion Christmas, Barbara will be doing the Markofer bedroom to the 12 days of Christmas theme – 7 Swans a Swimming.

For years, Barbara did most of the flyers for advertising and events, made programs for the bus trips, created displays at the administration building of the Elk Grove Unified School District for their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, created a large family tree including all the different school districts (dating back to the 1800s) that eventually became part of Elk Grove Unified. She helped with several historical society publications as co-author or just publisher. Currently, Barbara is the EGHS Society Publisher, Assistant Treasurer, Webmaster and online Store Manager. She is also 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President of the CRC Patrons Club. Her education, talents, experience, hobbies, interests etc. definitely expand much further than this full page can accommodate!!



**ALL MEMBERS OF**  
**ELK GROVE HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND GUESTS**  
**ARE INVITED TO THE DEDICATION OF THE HISTORICAL MARKER**  
**FOR THE JAMES HALL ELK GROVE HOUSE**  
**FOUNDER OF ELK GROVE**  
**ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2021**  
**Arrive 5:00 PM. Dedication 5:30 PM.**  
***Bronze plaque is provided and dedicated***  
***by the Grand Parlor Native Sons of the Golden West***  
***Ronald S. Brocco, Grand President***  
***and***  
***ELK GROVE PARLOR #41 N.S.G.W***

**JAMES HALL  
ELK GROVE HOUSE  
FOUNDER OF ELK GROVE**

JAMES W. HALL, HIS WIFE SARAH, SONS JOHN, HENRY, THOMAS, WILLIAM AND DAUGHTER ANNE TRAVELED WEST FROM MCHENRY COUNTY ILLINOIS TO HANGTOWN (NOW PLACERVILLE) WITH THE UPPER MISSISSIPPI OX COMPANY. AFTER TRAVELING OVER 2000 MILES THEY ARRIVED AROUND SEPTEMBER 9, 1850, THE DAY THAT CALIFORNIA WAS ADMITTED TO THE UNION. FROM HANGTOWN, THE HALL FAMILY CHOSE TO SETTLE FIFTEEN MILES SOUTH OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO. HERE THEY BUILT A TAVERN AND NAMED IT "ELK GROVE HOUSE", WHICH BECAME A STAGE STOP BETWEEN SUTTER'S FORT AND MONTEREY. ON MAY 13, 1854, JAMES HALL WAS APPOINTED POSTMASTER OF THE ELK GROVE POST OFFICE. LIKE SO MANY PIONEERS COMING TO CALIFORNIA SEEKING GOLD, HE AND HIS FAMILY HELPED THE INFANT STATE OF CALIFORNIA TO DEVELOP AND PROSPER.

**Dedicated September 9, 2021**



**BY GRAND PARLOR  
NATIVE SONS OF THE GOLDEN WEST  
Ronald S. Brocco, Grand President  
AND  
ELK GROVE PARLOR #41 N.S.G.W.  
JIM ENTRICAN, PRESIDENT**



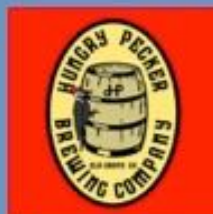
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**Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.**





The Elk Grove Historical Society, the Linda Mae Mahon Lema Foundation,  
the Mahon Ranch and the Native Sons of the Golden West present

# Civil War Days

Saturday October 9 – Sunday October 10

At the

Mahon Ranch

10171 Grantline Road, Elk Grove, CA 95624



Photos courtesy of Dr. Martin



History re-enactors from all over the USA will convene on the Mahon Ranch and stage typical Civil War battles with musket and canon firing, horses, encampments that all are welcome to roam, ask questions, watch the excitement, and experience history firsthand.

We are happy to highlight local hero Private Peter Glann of the California 1<sup>st</sup> Volunteer Cavalry Regiment who was in some of the key military actions that drove the confederate forces out of the America Southwest.

**Saturday: 9 am – 5 pm**

**Dress Parade 10 am**

**Battle Scenarios 12:30 pm & 3:00 pm**

**Sunday: 9 am – 3 pm**

**Church Service 10 am**

**Battle Scenario 12:30 pm**

Admission: Under 5 (Free), 6-12 = \$5, General Admission = \$10

Discounts for: Seniors, Veterans & Students 12-18 = \$8

Additional information and tickets log on to web site: [www.CWDElkGrove.com](http://www.CWDElkGrove.com)

Rain or shine the battle will go on! 916-761-2225 Jim Entrican

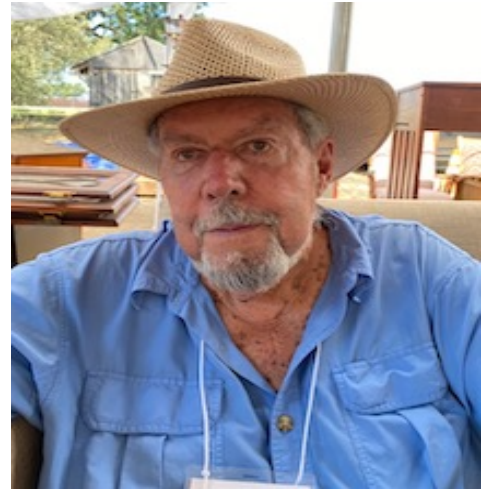
## PLEASE JOIN US!

8153 ELK GROVE BLVD., SUITE 50, ELK GROVE, CA. 95758 @ 6:30 PM

### **GENERAL MEETING SPEAKERS:**

#### For September 20, 2021:

*"Wayne Gallup has been a Civil War enactor for many years. He is going to share how it started for him, the research it took, how he procured his costume and gear and his experiences. It will be an enlightening look behind the scenes of an enactor." Wayne will join us again as our Spring Spotlight with lots more to offer!!*



#### For October 18, 2021:

*"Marielle Tsukamoto and family were among over 5,000, of Japanese descent, who were forcibly evacuated and sent to a concentration camp in Arkansas. The Tsukamoto family was able to return because their taxes and mortgage were paid by Bob Fletcher. She attended Florin Grammar school, graduated from Elk Grove High School, attended Sacramento State, taught elementary school and returned as Principal in Elk Grove Unified School District. She is committed to a future in Constitutional rights and inclusivity."*



#### Past June 28, 2021:

*"Sonoma State Graduate Student, Amber Tedrow, completed her thesis project on the Odd Fellows historic Hilltop Cemetery using ground-penetrating radar to search for unmarked graves. She has been trying to shed light on gaps in the history of the cemetery and who may belong to any of the unmarked graves. She gave results that were both revealing and interesting."*







Voting will be open in  
November 2021  
for electing new  
Board Members!

If you are interested in becoming an  
Elk Grove Historical Society Board  
Member, voting will be in November.  
Please contact our nominating chairman,  
Jim Entrican (916-761-2225),  
to express your interest in a position  
and he can answer questions.

The elected options are  
President

1<sup>st</sup> Vice-president

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-president

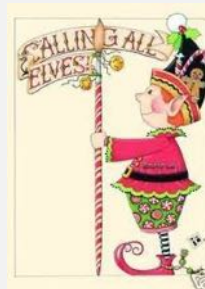
Treasurer

Recording Secretary

Correspondence Secretary

If interested, please submit a Candidate Bio  
which will present in the next Newsletter.

## Need Christmas Volunteers!



The Elk Grove Historical Society  
Christmas Committee is preparing for our annual  
event to be held in December. This year's theme is  
"The Twelve Days of Christmas". We would love  
your help in making this an amazing  
experience. Please contact the following:  
Decorating inside/outside - Rosemarie Miller  
[rosebudchief@gmail.com](mailto:rosebudchief@gmail.com) or 760-803-5893  
(Decorating from mid-October - mid November  
with takedown in January)

Santa's Workshop photos - Cindy Mahon  
[cindylibbymahon@gmail.com](mailto:cindylibbymahon@gmail.com) or 916-952-3417

Docent for weekends - Pam Phelps  
[pephelps48@gmail.com](mailto:pephelps48@gmail.com) or 916-494-3010

(Volunteers who assist with photos or in the house  
are scheduled for either a morning or afternoon shift,  
Saturday or Sunday, for the first three weekends in  
December).

**GET READY FOR THE HOLIDAYS NEXT ISSUE!**

**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS! PLEASE HELP US?**

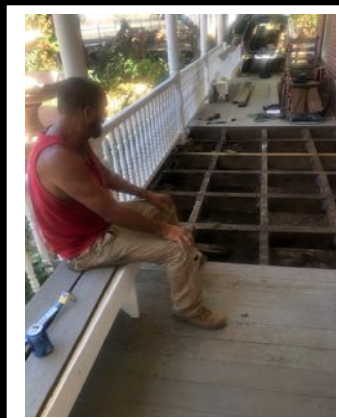
**STAY SAFE AND THANK YOU!**



## **STAGE STOP WORKS IN PROGRESS**



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## **ADVERTISE WITH US:**

### **STAGE STOP GAZETTE**

\$100.00 (Full Page) - \$50.00 (1/2 Page)

\$25.00 (1/4 Page) - \$12.50 (1/8 Page)

*(Add \$25.00 color to each ad run)!*

**Payments are submitted to EGHS:**

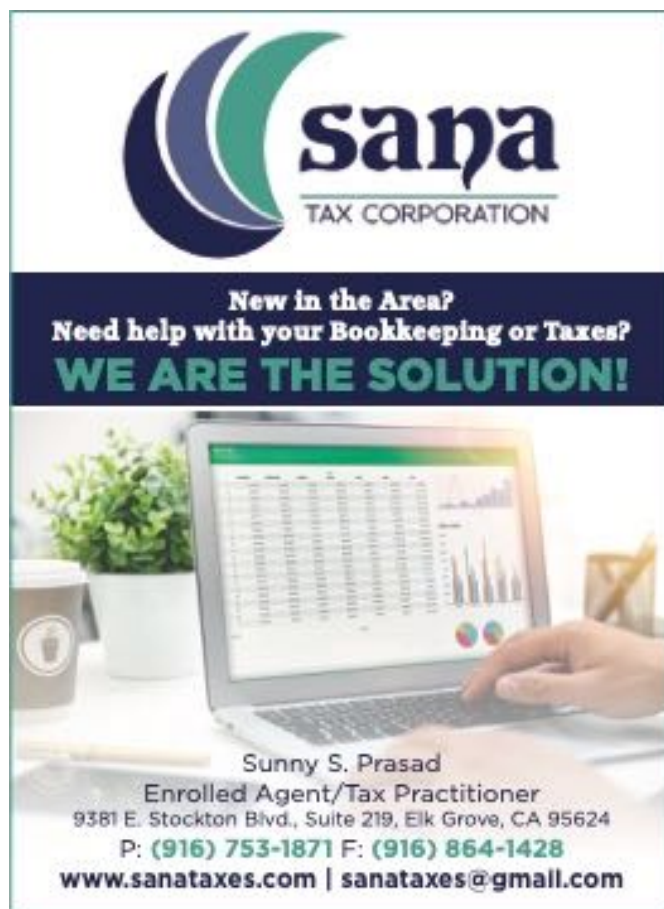
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## **Elk Grove High School “UPdate”**

In 2008 I started an email with fellow Elk Grove High School classmates and to my surprise, it really took off. Now, 13 years later, I have over 937 EGHS classmates (any year), teachers, and friends on my email lists. I report on class reunions, birthdays, anniversaries, obituaries, reports of classmate's activities and what they are up to, and bits of Elk Grove history. Its about and for EGHS classmates or anyone that is interested in similar information. I am just trying to keep us all connected and have some fun. No fees or obligation it is just an email. I keep personal information confidential

Louis Silveira ('67)

If you are interested in being part of the gang, just email me and you're in.  
Contact me at mine: [lssilveira@comcast.net](mailto:lssilveira@comcast.net) – Thank you





# Rhoads School Report

By Director Roberta Tanner



We are preparing 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 to join us!

## Calendar of Events for September - October 2021

### September

Sept. 4: Free Museum Tours, Noon – 4:00  
 Sept. 6: **Labor Day**  
 Sept. 9: Plaque Dedication  
 Sept. 11: Mahon Ranch **Brew Fest**  
 Sept. 13: EG Historical Society **Board** meeting  
 3:00 PM at the Museum  
 Sept. 20: **General Meeting** speaker:  
Wayne Gallup

### October

Oct. 2: Free Museum & Rhoads School Tours,  
 Noon – 4:00  
 Oct. 4: Rhoads School Board Meeting – 9:00 am  
 Oct. 11: EG Historical Society **Board** meeting  
 3:00 PM at the Museum  
 Oct. 11: **Columbus Day**  
 Oct. 18: **General** meeting speaker:  
Marielle Tsukamoto

•welcome•  
 NEW MEMBERS

Hans Feickert  
 Robert (Bob) Gordon

*join us!*

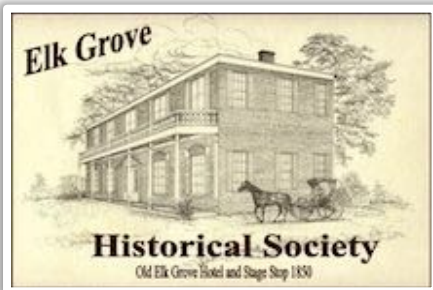
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### Treasurer's Report: Jeannette Lawson

Operating/Restoration Accts:	July 2021	August 2021
General Restoration Fund	\$63,249.86	\$60,237.83
Summer Kitchen	\$32,313.71	\$17,310.71
Wightman Memorial Fund		\$15,000.00
Library Digitizing Project		\$101.33
<b>Total Account Balance</b>	<b>\$95,563.57</b>	<b>\$92,649.87</b>
<b>Real Estate Rental Account</b>	<b>\$30,576.47</b>	<b>\$32,881.04</b>
<b>Museum Store Account:</b>	<b>\$3,671.12</b>	<b>\$3,671.18</b>
<b>Rhoads School Account:</b>		
Operating Fund	\$455.26	\$475.81
Scholarship Fund	\$11,520.89	\$13,084.89
<b>Total Rhoads School Account</b>	<b>\$11,976.15</b>	<b>\$13,560.70</b>
<b>Total of All Accounts</b>	<b>\$141,787.31</b>	<b>\$112,762.79</b>

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

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**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:

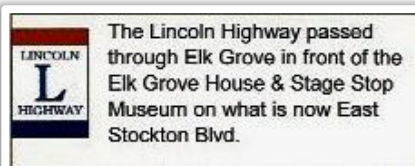
[eghs@elkgrovehistoricalsociety.com](mailto:eghs@elkgrovehistoricalsociety.com)

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 pursue.
- 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

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**(916) 685-8115**

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

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

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

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

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| <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 |

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