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Inside the Museum Files:

## “The Early EG Boy Scouts”

Troop 59 was founded on Nov. 2, 1921, during the early years of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA). The troop originally met in a local church building before holding their meetings in the “Boy Scout Hall” on today’s Elk Grove Boulevard. The first Boy Scouts of Troop 59 were George Alltucker (EGHS ’27), Alvin Bartholomew (’28), Tom Brill, Cantrell Castello (’26), Leland Elam (’26), Perry Elmore, Warren Gage (’26), George Hasett, Elwood Keema (’28), Cecil McVay (’25), Norman Stewart, David Stirrene, John Tanson and Edward Warren (’28).

The Boy Scout and Cub Scout programs have recently expanded their offerings to girls. Cub Scouts range from 7-10 years old, and Boy Scouts range from 11-17 years old.

Later troop meetings were held in the scout lodge in Elk Grove Regional Park. That building, which opened in 1935, was later replaced by the park’s current Elk Grove Youth Center where the troop presently meets. For more information go to their website: [www.troop-59.org](http://www.troop-59.org)



This authentic covered Wagon was donated to the historical society, and we are working on a display area.



*Thank you  
So Much*

We have just completed four huge events: Civil War Days, Big Day of Giving, the Spring Tea and the massive Yard Sale. These events take months to plan and organize, some start planning immediately afterwards for the next year.

It takes many, many friends, and volunteers to accomplish these feats.

There is no way we could do it if we didn't have the dedication and enthusiasm from so many. We wish there was some way to list them all, but

it is an impossible task, and we would still miss a few. We can thank the leaders and their committee's for taking on the tasks: Dennis Buscher, Jim Entrican, and the Mahon family for leading the charge for Civil War Days,

Dennis Buscher and Louis Silveira for setting up the Big Day of Giving, Susan Hernandez for organizing the Spring Tea, and Dennis Buscher and Susan Saner for their tireless work on the Yard Sale. THANK YOU ALL!



# Civil War Days



Big Day of Giving – we partnered the day with Strauss and they brought dancers.





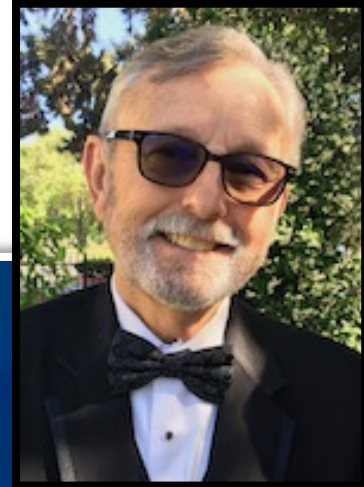
# Spring Tea



# Yard Sale







## *Message* FROM THE PRESIDENT

Thanks to all of you: Members, Volunteers, Friends, and Families, for the work you do year-round to make the Historical Society a living organization. Most recently, thank you for the lengthy hours so many people donated to the Yard Sale to make it successful. It is Summer, so take it easy, relax, kick off your shoes and take a vacation or two. You deserve it.

However, be safe! COVID and its derivatives are still here with us. More than likely, we have had family or friends affected by this illness. We do not want such illness to strike us again. We want everyone to be healthy in these distinctly different times.

Enjoy summer! See you at a 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Tour. Don't forget, No Speakers July or August.

Ken Miller, President



# Stage Stop Spotlight

Highlighting and appreciating our many volunteers



## Dave Chalmers

Facilities Manager

"I was born in Sacramento, California in January 1957. We lived on Pistachio Orchard Ranch on Bond Road. In 1962 the house burned, so we moved to our other 33-acre property on Grant Line Road and built a house. It was a small dairy. I helped with milking, but also worked for the Mitchell Turkey Farm and Hay Market. I graduated from Elk Grove High School in 1975. I went to Cosumnes River College for 2 years, then married Angela Lewis 1980. In 1983 we put a mobile home on the property. I became a union carpenter and worked at Rancho Seco for 5 years and SMUD's hydro system at Fresh Pond. I worked construction for a few years. Went to work for Sacramento County in 1998, retiring in 2017. I have one brother Charlie, and one sister Cindy (she passed in 2013). I have one daughter Melissa born May 1984 and one son Justin born March 1987. My grandson is Mac. When my kids got into 4-H, I became a leader for Sheldon 4-H for about 14 years."

"I think it is important to gather history from the area. I enjoy using my ranching skills and helping on the grounds of the museum and at their various activities."





# Rhoads School Report



Despite the various regulations regarding school districts, we were still able to host 22 living history classes this school year. Our forward-thinking Director Roberta Tanner created a power point presentation of a living history class and took the program to the classroom for schools that wanted to attend but weren't allowed. It's certainly not the same as experiencing the school in person, but we are all about teaching history and trying to keep the momentum and connections going.

We are ready for next year, whatever it may bring.



## November Election

### 2023 Historical Society Board of Directors

We know its early, but in the Nov-Dec newsletter will include bios of those who are seeking election to the six historical society offices. They are President, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Correspondence Secretary, and Treasurer. It is time to consider running if you have an interest. Those who haven't, please submit their bio to Louis at [lssilveira@comcast.net](mailto:lssilveira@comcast.net) as soon as possible. Thank you.



## Calendar of Events for July-Aug 2022



### July

July 2: 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday tours of Museum and School, FREE Noon-4:00 pm

July 4: **Independence Day**

July 11: Historical Society Board Meeting at the museum - 3:00 pm

July 18: **No** General meeting speaker Summer Break

July 28-31: Strauss Festival 7:30  
*"Waltzing in Wonderland"*

### August

Aug 1: **No** Rhoads School Board meeting – Summer Break

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Aug 6: 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday tours of Museum and School, FREE Noon-4:00 pm

Aug 15: **No** General meeting speaker Summer Break

### Mark Your Calendars:

- **September 3**, Saturday – Presentation of the EG Historical Society Pinkerton History Award and the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Rhoads School at 1:00 pm
- **November 27**, Sunday – Black Tie and Santa Old Fashion Christmas preview at the Museum at 6:00 pm.

•welcome•  
NEW MEMBERS

Matt & Heather  
Pratt

Dinah Withrow

## Treasurer's Report: Jeannette Lawson

Operating Accounts:	May 2022	June 2022
General/Oper/Restoration Fund	\$78,864.87	\$81,493.23
Wightman Memorial Fund	\$2,704.42	\$893.94
Library Digitalizing	\$101.33	\$101.33
<b>Total Account Balance</b>	<b>\$81,670.62</b>	<b>\$82,488.50</b>
<b>Real Estate Rental Account</b>	<b>\$37,267.70</b>	<b>\$38,759.40</b>
<b>Museum Store Account:</b>	<b>\$5,298.38</b>	<b>\$5,799.89</b>
<b>Rhoads School Account:</b>		
Operating Fund	\$233.23	\$258.06
Scholarship Fund	\$12,993.24	\$12,993.24
<b>Total Account Balance</b>	<b>\$13,226.47</b>	<b>\$13,251.30</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$137,463.17</b>	<b>\$140,299.09</b>

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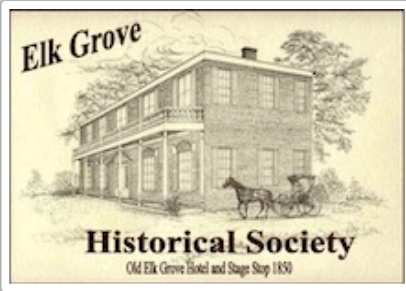
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Museum Is located at  
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**Our Website:**  
[www.elkgrovehistoricalsociety.com](http://www.elkgrovehistoricalsociety.com)

- 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.



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

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

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☐ Family Group ..... \$30.00  
☐ Student (Full time under 25) ..... \$15.00  
☐ Senior Citizen (65 to 79) ..... \$15.00  
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☐ Business, Corporation, Association ..... \$30.00  
☐ Lifetime (Member & Spouse) ..... \$400.00

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