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Inside the Museum Files:

Elk Grove's 1st Theatre



Elk Grove has had two theatres. The first, called the Cow Palace Theatre, was in a cattle auction building at the end of Webb Street in Old Town Elk Grove. Ord Leachman opened the cattle yard in 1948 and the Amundson family had their opening night on December 7, 1949. Carl Amundson said, "At night it was a theatre and during the day it was an auction."

The theatre consisted of 500 theatre seats and six wagon wheel chandeliers. Only 45 minutes was required for two men to change the building from an auction pavilion to a theatre. After moving the seats onto the floor, the screen was lowered into place and the curtain was drawn.

It was open Wednesday through Sunday with one showing at 6:30 pm every day (except Sundays, which was 2:00 pm) The evening consisted of two full length movies, a cartoon, and a newsreel. They used to say, you could smell the Westerns! Of course, there were refreshments to purchase in the auction yard Wagon Wheel café. Adults-60 cents, Juniors-50 cents, Children under 12-20 cents, and family night-\$1.

The movie theatre closed in 1954 when the Amundson's built their new Boulevard Theatre on Elk Grove Boulevard. Look for that story in the next Stage Stop Gazette.

Hello, Dear Elk Grove, Historical Society Members,

May is a very busy month for us, and for you. We have two fundraisers: Big Day of Giving and our Spring Tea, and we have another event to bring history to the community, Civil War Days. Come join us.



May 4th Thursday, for twenty-four hours one day a year, organizations encourage citizens to donate to their favorite non-profit. Donations are how most non-profits survive. Please consider the historical society.



May 6th and 7th – Civil War Days: Come experience life during the Civil War with musket and cannon firings, entire tent encampments and many re-enactors.



May 13th Saturday – Spring Tea: This popular event often sells out. Not only because of the delicious menu, but for all the many great raffles and door prizes.

Thursday, May 4th

The museum will be open between 10:00 am to 3:00 pm for snacks and to help with your donations. Strauss dancers' demonstrations will perform each hour.



A 24-hour online challenge. Donate at:

<http://bigdayofgiving.org/elkgrovehistoricalsociety>



We need a protective covering for the covered wagon, we want to start the process of building the Barn Activity Center, and we need scholarships for the Rhoads School more than ever.

Civil War Days

Saturday May 6, 2023

Sunday May 7, 2023

At the

Mahon Ranch

10171 Grant Line Road, Elk Grove, CA 95624



Photos courtesy of Dr. Martin

Saturday: May 6, 9 am – 5 pm

Dress Formation 10 am

Battle Scenarios 1:00 pm & 3:30 pm

For best experience allow 1 hour before battle

Sunday: May 7, 9 am – 3 pm

Church Service 10 am

Battle Scenario 1:00 pm



Additional Information &
Tickets Purchase on website:

www.CWDElkJGrove.com

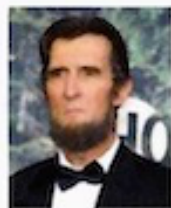
General Admission = \$10 Child Admission: 10 and under = \$5

Rain or shine the battle will go on!

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

For Information Call 916-761-2225 Jim Entrican

GUIDE TO THE EVENTS OF THE DAY



Abraham Lincoln

SATURDAY May 6, 2023



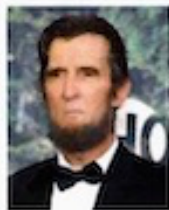
Harriet Tubman

9 a.m. Gates Open
Visit City and Craft Area
10 a.m. Dress Formation
11 a.m. Abraham Lincoln—Stage by Food Court
Escorted by Sacramento Mayor with Sacramento Living History Group
11:15 a.m. Southern Merchant—Stage by Food Court
11:30 a.m. Harriet Tubman—Stage by Food Court
11:45 a.m. Confederate Nurse—Stage by Food Court
12 Noon LMML Audio Presentation —Stage by Food Court
While listening to Pod Cast on Historical Events enjoy our Food Court
12:00 p.m. Loading station for the Tractor Hay Ride to the Battle Area
1:00 p.m. Battle Scenario
2:00 p.m. LMML Audio Presentation —Stage by Food Court
2:00 p.m. Tractor Hay Ride to the Battle Area
3:00 p.m. Battle Scenario
After Battle Visit Town and Craft Area
5:00 p.m. Gates Close

SUNDAY May 7, 2023

9 a.m. Gates Open
Visit City and Craft Area
10 a.m. Church Service—Across Bridge to Dance Floor
11 a.m. Abraham Lincoln—Stage by Food Court
11:15 a.m. Southern Merchant—Stage by Food Court
11:30 a.m. Confederate Nurse—Stage by Food Court
12 Noon LMML Audio Presentation —Stage by Food Court
While listening to Pod Cast on Historical Events enjoy our Food Court
12:00 p.m. Loading station near stage for Tractor Hay Ride to Battle Area
1:00 p.m. Battle Scenario
After Battle Visit City and Craft Area
3:00 p.m. Gates Close

Visit Camps and see how the soldiers live, shop at the General Store, visit Smith City and count how many GUNS Daniel carries.



Eat at the Food Court while being entertained by reenactors playing there favorite characters
Ask Abraham Lincoln a question, Look for General Ulysses Grant inspecting the Federal Troops. See and hear the stories from Harriet Tubman, a Southern Merchant and a Confederate Nurse. Many more thing for the family to do. And don't forget the wine tasting booth.



Elk Grove Historical Society Derby Day Spring Tea

Saturday, May 13, 2023

Held at Elk Grove House and Stage Stop Museum

9941 East Stockton Blvd., Elk Grove

Gates open at Noon

Luncheon served at 1:00 pm

Tickets \$50 per person

Prizes for table decorators and your best Derby Hat

Parking Shuttle Raffle & Silent Auction

Dress to Impress



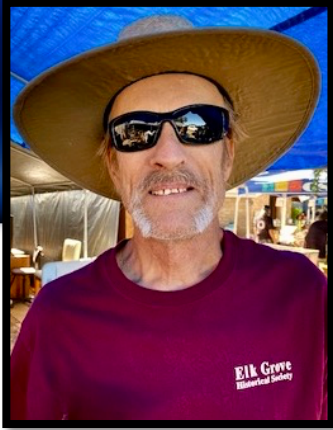
Design and decorate your own table

For information contact Melissa Sanchez

at mlissa_sanchez@yahoo.com

For tickets call Susan Hernandez at (916) 684-3181

or go to elkgrovehistoricalsociety.com



Stage Stop Spotlight

Highlighting and appreciating our many volunteers

Jim Pollick

Jim was born and raised in Upland, California. His father Andrew worked for the General Telephone Company, and Mom Barbara stayed home and raised Jim and his three siblings. Jim graduated from Upland High School in '73 and was scouted by the Minnesota Twins and the Kansas City Royals to join their baseball camps as a left-handed pitcher. Unfortunately, the opportunities were overshadowed by the coach's son who was also a left-handed pitcher and that tells that story. He decided to skip college and pursue construction work, which negated the baseball opportunity. He started out as a laborer for a roofing company and then worked his way into carpentry and finally became a journeyman. It was a good career choice for him as he likes hands-on-work and could stand back and look at what he had accomplished. Both his brothers have passed, but his sister Brenda, a teacher, had moved to Elk Grove. When he retired in 2014, he moved to Elk Grove to help his sister take care of their mom.

Jim never married. He enjoys fishing, hunting, and gold prospecting which he has done more often since moving here. One of his hobbies is tying flies and making salmon lures. He really enjoys his life here.

When he isn't tending to his hobbies he is volunteering at the museum, plying his skills on many projects. He says, "People here seem to like what I do and that's really a good feeling." Jim is truly talented, hardworking, very knowledge, and has become a real asset to the facilities gang. Thanks Jim!

Calendar of Events for May and June 2023



May

May 4: **Thursday - Big Day of Giving**

May 6: **1st Saturday Tour** of Museums noon to 4:00 pm FREE

May 6-7: **Civil War Days**

May 8: **Historical Society Board Meeting** at the museum - 3:00 pm

May 13: **Spring Tea**, noon-3

May 15 Speaker- Dave Lema,
Veterans Day Tribute



June

June 3: **1st Saturday Tour** of Museums noon to 4:00 pm FREE

June 5: **Rhoads School board** meeting at 9:00 am – Mike's Diner

June 12: **Historical Society Board Meeting** at the Museum – 3:00 pm

June 19: Speaker – David Stuart,
"The History of Motorcycles in the San Joaquin Valley"

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Dave Lema

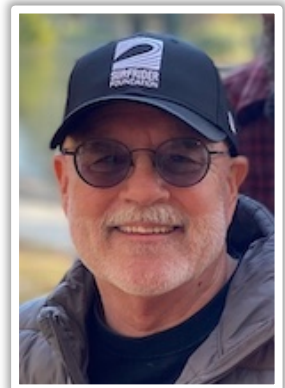
"Stories of EG Veterans Lost in Battle in WWI, WWII, Korean, and Vietnam Wars"



JUNE 19

David Stuart

"The History of Motorcycles in the San Joaquin Valley" 1900-1970



Each presentation starts at 6:30, doors open at 6:00 pm at the Presbyterian Church, Elk Grove Boulevard, 8153 Elk Grove, 95758.

Open to the public and is always FREE.



Rhoads School Report

We need your help!



As our present staff of docents retire and classes increase, we need new docents to replace them. You don't have to be teacher, only someone who will conduct a class as if it was in 1890. We will train you. An assignment is a 45-60 minutes "Pre-visit" to the school to explain to the students what will happen and what to expect. Then on the day of the class be at the Rhoads School to meet the students as they arrive around 9:00 and then teach the class until 2:00 pm.

That's it! You even get paid very well. Contact Head Docent and Rhoads School Director Roberta Tanner at clantanner@aol.com or (916) 214-8345 if interested. If docents can't be found, we may have to start limiting class participation. Please give it some thought or forward contact information on anyone you think might be interested. Thank you.



Betty & Jim Barnes

Cris & Amy Gorder

Jerry & Bonnie Marr

Mike & Debbie

McKey

Sharon Taylor

2023

Treasurer's Report: Jeanette Lawson

Operating Accounts:	February	March
General Operating Fund	\$28,282.31	\$20,935.28
General Restoration Fund	\$62,547.42	\$62,547.42
Feasibility-Barn Project	\$17,109.04	\$17,109.04
Library Digitalizing	\$101.33	\$101.33
Total Account Balance	\$108,040.10	\$100,693.07
Real Estate Rental Account	\$46,149.65	\$45,781.35
Museum Store Account:	\$8,261.12	\$8,222.25
Rhoads School Account:		
Operating Fund	\$555.91	\$555.91
Scholarship Fund	\$12,193.24	\$10,465.70
Total Account Balance	\$12,749.15	\$11,021.61
Total	\$175,200.02	\$165,718.28



June 22, 23, 24, 25

8:00 – 2:00

We need many volunteers, call the Dennis at (916) 479-2158 or Susan at (916) 996-9779 if you have any interest. We can sure use you any time you can spare, before or during the sale. Thank you.

Donation Collection dates at the museum:

**May 19, 20, 21 – May 26, 27, 28 – June 2, 3, 4 –
June 9, 10, 11 9:00 am to 2:00 pm**

Donations: We are collecting items, vintage & antiques, glass, crystal, china, linens, jewelry, clothing, books, small appliances, toys, dolls, holiday decorations, garden items, etc. All items must be clean and in working order. – No electronics, televisions, or particle board furniture, please.

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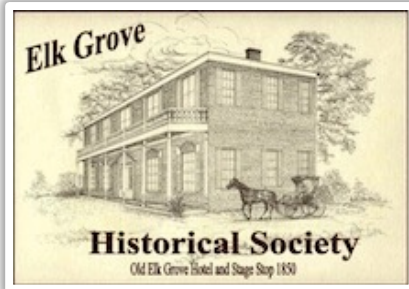
Sana Tax Preparation

Sunny Prasad has been the Historical Society's preparer for five years and we are amazed at his knowledge and attention to detail.

We couldn't be happier and hope you may consider his services. We believe you won't be disappointed.

Happy New Year!

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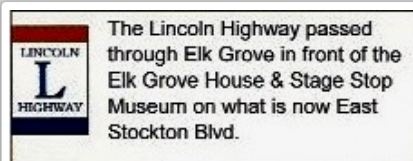
Elk Grove House & Stage Stop
Museum Is located at
9941 East Stockton Boulevard
Adjacent to the west entrance to the
Elk Grove Regional Park

Our Phone: (916) 685-8115

Our E-mail:
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Our Website:
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. Docents available for free guided tours at other days and times upon request.
- The Research Library is open to the public by appointment only.



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Name(s): _____
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