



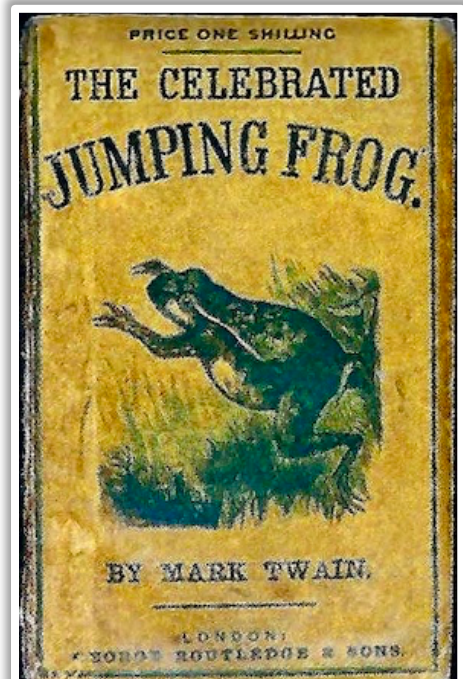
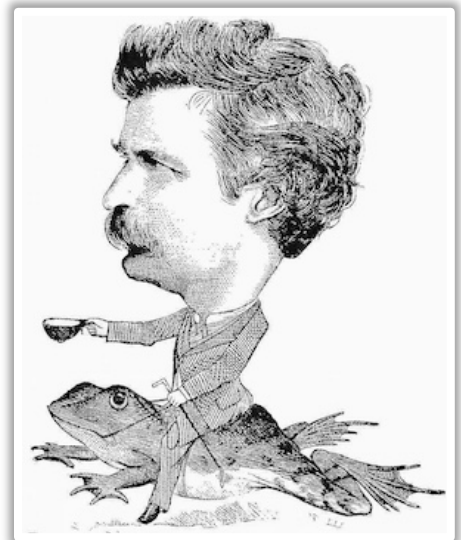
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Inside the Museum Files:

Frog Jumping Jubilee

A story was written by Mark Twain during his 88-day stay in Calaveras in 1865. It launched his international career. In short, Twain overheard bartender Ross Coon at the Angels Hotel tell the whopping tale of a jumping frog contest. According to the yarn, a hustler named Jim Smiley claimed he trained a frog to make long leaps on command. Smiley bet a stranger that his frog could out jump any other. The stranger took the bet but secretly fed Smiley's frog a handful of buckshot. Smiley in return could not make his frog leave his spot, and the bet was lost.

Calaveras County has kept the spirit of Smiley and his frog "Daniel Webster" alive by celebrating the Jumping Frog Jubilee on the third weekend in May, ever since 1928.





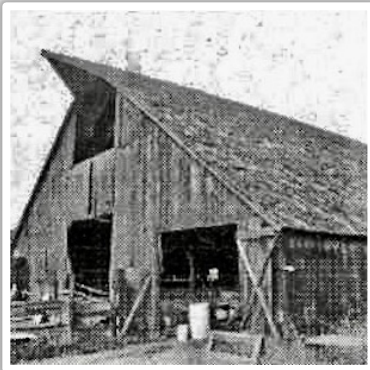
Thursday, May 1

The Big Day of Giving is a 24-hour online challenge held once a year to encourage the public to donate to their favorite charity/non-profit. Many non-profits rely on the donations, so this is important.

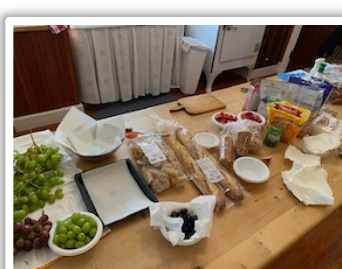
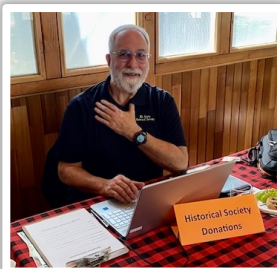
<http://bigdayofgiving.org/elkgrovehistoricalsociety>

(Attention: They have opened up early donating so you don't have to wait, you can donate right now!)

The Historical Society has been actively trying to raise funds to build our Barn Event Center. We need to add to our Rhoads School scholarship fund to help Title I schools attend and we need to finish up the costs for the protective covered wagon cover. We always appreciate your generosity.



The Museum will be open between 10:00 am to 3:00 pm for snacks and to help you with your donations. Strauss joins us.



*The Elk Grove Historical Society
Presents*

*Annual Spring Tea
Saturday, May 10, 2025
Gates open at 11 AM*

"Vintage Roses"

*The gazebo will be
lavishly decorated and
a great place to have
your picture taken.*

*Guests are encouraged
to dress for the Best
Hat or Ensemble*

*Valet Parking
Silent Auction
Raffle*



*A Great
Mother's Day
Gift!*

*Elk Grove House & Stage Stop Museum
9941 East Stockton Blvd.,
Elk Grove*

Tickets are \$50 for Members and Guests

We accept cash, checks or credit cards.

*Contact: Susan Hernandez at (916) 684-3181
or fill out the form on the back and mail it in with your payment.*

Tickets are also available on our website:

elkgrovehistoricalsociety.com



June 26, 27, 28, 29

8:00 am – 2:00 pm

Donation Collection Information at the museum:

May 16, 17, 18 – May 23, 24, 25, – May 30, 31,

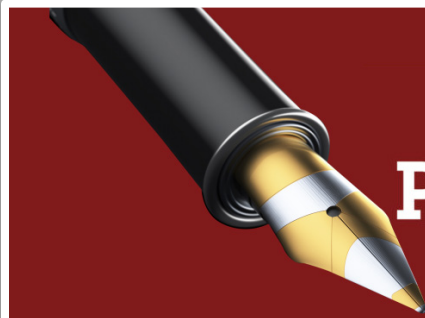
June 1 – June 6, 7, 8 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Donations we are collecting are vintage & antique items, glass, crystal, china, linens, jewelry, clothing, books, small appliances, toys, dolls, holiday decorations, garden items, tools, sports equipment, etc.

All items must be clean and in working order.

No particle board furniture, electronics, or televisions.

We need many volunteers: Call 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.



A Message from the
PRESIDENT



Dear Members of the Elk Grove Historical Society,

As we move into the summer months, I want to take a moment to recognize the exciting momentum we've built together so far this year—and highlight an especially meaningful milestone ahead.

This year marks the **175th anniversary of the Elk Grove Stage Stop**, one of the most iconic and historically significant landmarks in our region. For generations, the Stage Stop has stood as a symbol of our city's early roots and resilient spirit. It's more than just a building—it's a gateway into the stories of the people who built this community from the ground up. I hope you'll join us in celebrating this anniversary throughout the year as we honor the past and carry its legacy into the future.

We've continued strengthening partnerships with schools, growing community awareness, and laying the groundwork for upcoming projects and events tied to the city's **25th anniversary of incorporation**. It's a unique moment in time—where our city's modern progress and historic past come together—and the Society is proud to be at the heart of that conversation.

As always, I'm grateful for your continued support, involvement, and belief in the power of local history. Whether you're volunteering behind the scenes, attending events, or simply helping us share our story, your impact is felt.

Thank you for helping us preserve, protect, and promote Elk Grove's remarkable heritage. I look forward to seeing you at Heritage Park this season.

Warmly,

Bret Bartholomew

President, Elk Grove Historical Society

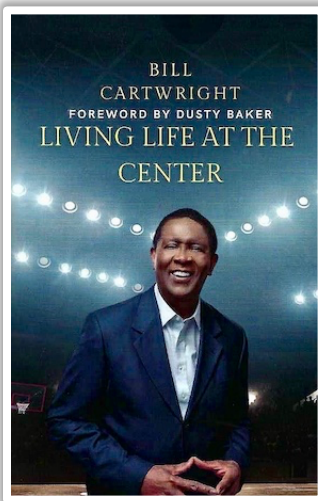


Congratulations! Long time Historical Society member Dennis Buscher was recently presented with the “Stars of Service” award given by the Elk Grove City Council. Dennis has been involved with the collection, recording and preservation of the history of our community all his life and finally recognized for his many years of dedication.

Museum Notes



The Guy Foulks plaque just outside the museum gate was chiseled off and stolen. CSD has informed us that 13+ plaques have been stolen off benches and other spots throughout the park. Also, the Murphy Corral historical landmark plaque has been stolen. The thefts have been reported, but not sure of costs to replace them or who will. The Guy Folks plaque at the museum was erected in 1965 and The Murphy Corral plaque was placed in 1959. This is very sad.



If you missed NBA legend Bill Cartwright's book signing event at the history museums in March, you can still pick up a copy at the museum store on first Saturdays between noon and 4:00 or contact Louis and he will make arrangements with you (916) 682-1335. The online copies are \$27 as well as ours, but ours are autographed.

Stage Stop Spotlight

Highlighting and appreciating our many volunteers



Tina Rieland

I have country roots, I was born in Cumberland, Virginia and have a very long family history there. In 2001 I bought a home here in Elk Grove. It seemed like a place where I wanted to raise my kids, and I did from kindergarten to high school. As the empty nest feeling crept in, I noticed an ad for volunteering at the museum and I responded. Low and behold it was the place I drove past for 24 years and always said we have to go there. Well, I'm finally here now meeting amazing people, making great friends, learning and teaching the history of which once was a small town. Sometimes, it is said that they save the best for last. Thank you all for welcoming me in. It's been amazing.

Calendar of Events for May and June 2025



May

May 1: **Big Day of Giving**

May 3: **1st Saturday** at the Museum tours, Noon – 4:00. Free

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

May 10: **Spring Tea**

May 11: **Mother's Day**

May 19: **Speaker series** – Harry Khangura



Harry Khangura - "More Than a Game: The History and Community Impact of Elk Grove Soccer"



June

Jun 2: **Rhoads School Docent & Board Meeting** at Rhoads School - 10:00 am

Jun 7: **1st Saturday** at the Museum tours, Noon – 4:00. Free

Jun 9: **Historical Society Board Meeting** at the Museum – 3:00 pm

Jun 15: **Father's Day**

Jun 16: **Speaker series** – Hal Bartholomew

Jun 26, 27, 28, 29: **Yard Sale**, 8am-2pm



Hal Bartholomew - "Elk Grove Incorporation Efforts 25 Years Ago."

All speaker series presentations are FREE and open to the public.

We have the privilege of using the Presbyterian Church at 8153 Elk Grove Boulevard – Suite #50, Elk Grove, CA 95758
(On the NW corner of Big Horn, behind the Chevron Station)

The hour-long presentation starts at 6:30 pm, doors open at 6:00.



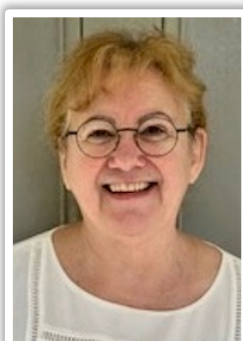
Rhoads School Report



Help is on the way! We have five wonderful candidates in training for the 2025-2026 school year, and they are fabulous!!!!



Colleen Flynn



Maria Spann



Bret
Bartholomew



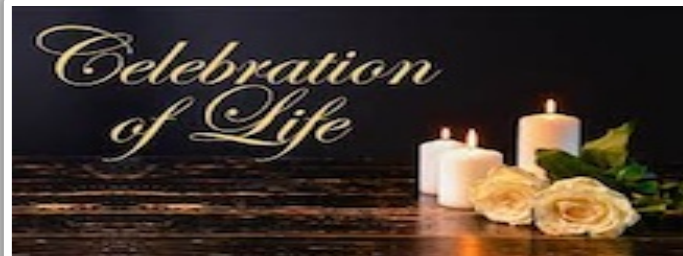
Katie Martin



Rhonda Walsh



- Sharon Renzo
- Richard Swain



Join us for a celebration of life for
Ken Miller at the Mahon Ranch
(10171 Grantline Road, 95624)
July 5th at 4:00 pm



Ken Miller

Ken and wife Rosemarie returned to Elk Grove in 2015 from Southern California and immediately immersed themselves into the community. Ken retired after 19 years in San Diego County as the Unit Chief for San Diego/Imperial County CDF (CAL FIRE) after 32 years in State Service. He was one of two men who put together the San Diego County Fire Protection District from the ground up.

He served as the Office of Emergency Services Fire and Rescue Coordinator for 8 years and later worked for the County of San Diego for 10 years as Fire Services Coordinator. Many of those in leadership positions.

He and Rosemarie found the Historical Society and volunteered in many capacities. Ken served as president in 2017-2018 and got us through COVID, then again in 2020-2022. And for several years he served as Santa Clause for An Old Fashion Christmas. He spent many tireless hours at the history museum, involved in many capacities, and was loved by everyone.

As his health declined the entire Historical Society was saddened and helped when they could. We all mourn the passing of this wonderful man. He wasn't only a friend, he became family.

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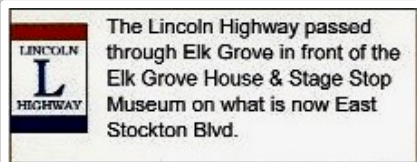
Elk Grove House & Stage Stop
 Museum Is located at
9941 East Stockton Boulevard
 Adjacent to the west entrance to the
 Elk Grove Regional Park

Our Phone: (916) 685-8115

Our E-mail:
eghs@elkgrovehistoricalsociety.com

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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