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Inside the Museum Files

"Monty" Emergency Messenger



"Del Cann (1866-1948) became Elk Grove's 1st volunteer Fire chief, and 1st appointed Constable of the San Joaquin Township - services which he held for a long time. He had a special "messenger".... Monty was a handsome, intelligent, coal black Cocker Spaniel who did his job with total willingness because he loved Del and Mrs. Cann. Monty always showed deep concern when the phone in the fire house rang, and no one answered. His job then was to find Del as soon as possible. He went home to Mrs. Cann who talked to the operator and received the phone call. Mrs. Cann wrote the message down, placed it in a special container on Monty's collar and sent him to find Del. Monty was known to all the personal of the established businesses in town, so they knew he carried a message for Del. Monty didn't stop searching until he completed his mission. Sadly, one day the eventide Monty was on his way to find Del he was accidentally hit by a volunteer fireman. Monty died in Del's arms and later was buried in Mrs. Cann's rose garden by those who loved him." - Information by granddaughter Ouida Hanks



THANK YOU TO
OUR SPONSORS



Raise the Barn Banquet

FRIDAY AUGUST 22, 2025 | 6 TO 10 PM
DISTRICT 56 | 8230 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE, ELK GROVE

The Elk Grove Historical Society will host an evening of great food, music and community at the second annual Raise the Barn Banquet to support the Barn Project.



TICKET OPTIONS

\$85 PER PERSON

\$150 PER COUPLE

\$850 TABLE OF EIGHT

— Includes name or business on a reserved table, recognition in the event program.



Tickets can be
purchased at
EGBarnProject.org



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THE BARN PROJECT: LEGACY DONATION OPPORTUNITIES

The Elk Grove Historical Society is building more than a barn – we're creating a legacy.

The new Heritage Barn will serve as a historical exhibition space and event venue.

The barn will be a home for community stories, educational programs, and celebrations for generations to come.



LEGACY SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

Founders Circle | \$10,000*

- Name featured on the permanent Donor Wall.
- Invitation to VIP preview event.
- Custom recognition plaque.
- Website and event signage/program recognition.
- Reserved Table of 8 at the Raise the Barn Banquet.

Heritage Oak Sponsor | \$5,000

- Name on the permanent Donor Wall. (Second Tier)
- Framed recognition certificate.
- Website and event signage/program recognition.
- Reserved Table of 8 at the Raise the Barn Banquet.

Carriage Sponsor | \$2,500

- Name on the permanent Donor Wall. (Third Tier)
- Website and event signage/program recognition.
- Reserved Table of 8 at the Raise the Barn Banquet.

Friends of the Barn

- Name on the "Friends of the Barn" display inside the barn and on the website at the \$1,000, \$500 or \$150 levels.

In-Kind Sponsorships are Welcome!

Contributions of goods or services (e.g. printing, drawing prizes, labor, concrete) will receive recognition equivalent to half the value of the in-kind donation.

*Additional personalized benefits to be determined for those donating more than \$10,000.



Learn more about
The Barn Project:
EGBarnProject.org



Saturday, September 6
12:00 - 4:00 pm at the Museum
A day to celebrate Elk Grove!

Thank you Everyone!



Since the beginning of May, we have been involved in three major events: Big Day of Giving, Spring Tea, and the Yard Sale. There is a lot of planning and work involved in staging these events, but it takes many, many volunteers to pull them off. So, in a sweeping THANK YOU to all of you for all that you did to make them all so successful.

Truly we couldn't do it without you.

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!



Rhoads School Report



We combined our June board meeting with the end-of-the-year docent appreciation potluck where we discussed last year's program. We were pleased at the slow rebuilding of the program after the COVID years, the repairs of the 50-year-old rebuilt school, and the addition and training of five more new docents. We look forward to the 2025-2026 and are excited about the future. We really need to say Thank You to those docents, the fire-starters, our grounds crew, CSD, and the Historical Society for their continual support and the only way we can get things done. Blessings to all.



Stage Stop Spotlight

Highlighting and appreciating our many volunteers



Anna Walker

Anna was born and raised in south Sacramento. She went on to Sacramento City College where she earned her nursing license. Her first job was in the Maternity Unit in Salinas. After a few years of missing family and friends, she returned to the growing Elk Grove area and bought a house. She was hired for the High-Risk Maternity Unit at Sutter Hospital where she worked for 16 years. Presently, and for the last seven years she is enjoying the Postpartum Unit. She met her husband Bret, a correctional officer in high school and they have enjoyed the journey together raising their two sons, Zachary (23) and Antony (21). They are deeply involved in St. Peters Lutheran Church and their sons' lives, especially scouting. Once they finished their time in scouting and we're busy with school and jobs, she had more free time, like partaking in community service events related to her hospital. She says, "I think community services is valuable. I had visited the Elk Grove Stage Stop Museum a few times and admired the beautiful rooms and history. I wanted to be part of it! I feel so proud to help preserve Elk Grove History in my small way. I've met so many other Elk Grove Citizens who feel strongly about preserving Elk Grove History. I'm also learning so much myself about Elk Grove and the people who lived here, and the links to all the other history related to the area."

Calendar of Events for July and August 2025



July

July 4: **Independence Day**

July 5: **1st Saturday Tour** of Museums noon to 4:00 pm, FREE

July 14: **Historical Society Board Meeting** at the Museum – 3:00 pm

July 21: **No Speaker**- Summer Break



August

Aug 2: **1st Saturday Tour** of Museums noon to 4:00 pm FREE

Aug 4: Monday **Rhoads School board** meeting at 9:00 am – Mike's Diner

Aug 11: **Historical Society Board Meeting** at the Museum – 3:00 pm

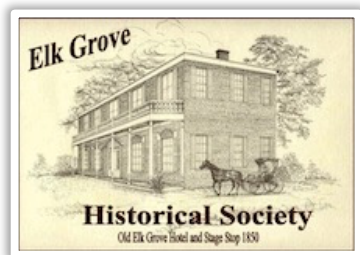
Aug 18: **No Speaker** – Summer Break



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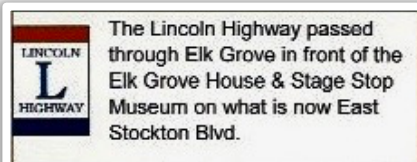
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- There are over fifty local history subjects listed on our website to peruse.
- The museum is open for FREE tours every first Saturday of the month between 12:00 to 4:00. Docents available for free guided tours at other days and times upon request.
- The Research Library is open to the public by appointment only.



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