

President's Message



Gloria Beverage

Why do we care about preserving history? Perhaps the question should be: why do we need to preserve history?

Growing up in Los Angeles, my cousin and I loved to explore. I had a car. Neither of us had any money. So, we would drive around looking for historic landmarks -- simple brass plaques placed on the sidewalk in front of modern, multi-storied office buildings. (Kind of geeky, I know.) Sadly, I don't remember the pieces of history those plaques were meant to preserve. Perhaps it was because I didn't "connect" with those stories.

After I moved to Placer County, however, I truly connected with local history. It wasn't the history I had read about in books either. I discovered I could reach out and touch buildings built 100 years ago and the fact they were still being used. Best of all, I delighted in talking with folks whose parents and grandparents had a role in "making" local history.

Since becoming active with the Rocklin Historical Society, I've developed an even deeper appreciation for local history.

I am no longer able to take for granted the hidden history of this city. Rocklin exists because of the Transcontinental Railroad, the quarry industry and the ranches, which grew and supplied fruit and livestock, even tobacco, that was shipped throughout the U.S.

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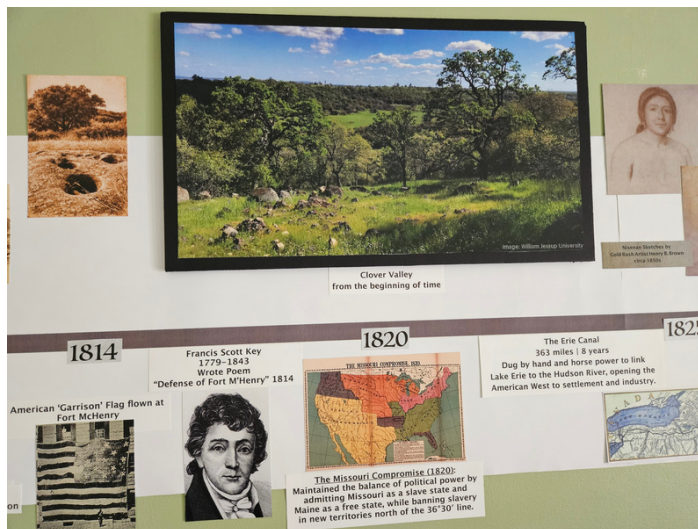
Our Heritage

Our Community

Summer, 2026

America 250: A Nation Grows Coast to Coast *Our new exhibit that's evolving, not revolving*

Exhibits in our "temporary exhibit room" revolve. This one evolves. Added to over time, it will grow as Rocklin's and America's story over the last 250 years continues to unfold. Read more about this unique exhibit on page 10.



A dual timeline traces 250 years of growth on both coasts—from independence in the East (the busy lower portion) to "Rocklin before Rocklin" in the West (the bucolic portion above the date line).

I'm proud to be part of a team of volunteers who are dedicated to preserving and showcasing sites that reflect this community's roots, including placing signage at the historic Roundhouse Park on Rocklin Road and the railroad tracks; restoring and relocating the office building from the Big Gun Quarry, the last operating granite quarry; and development of Johnson Farm into a public venue showcasing the farm industry.

The focus isn't just on the buildings and historic sites, either. Visit our Rocklin History Museum on Friday, Saturday or Sunday afternoons and listen to the behind-the-scene stories of Rocklin's beginnings shared by our docents.

This fall, monthly walking tours of Rocklin's original downtown will be offered and in October volunteers will host a visit with "residents" of the Rocklin Cemetery.

So, why preserve history? For starters, we gain respect for where we are. I believe if we are not aware of the backstory -- the people and how they accomplished what they did -- we can't truly appreciate the journey or understand the process of how we got here.

We need to preserve history because it strengthens us. Those pieces of history create the foundation for a shared identity, one that connects the residents and makes the community a place where families thrive.



Summer Events

Heritage Trail Day - June 20

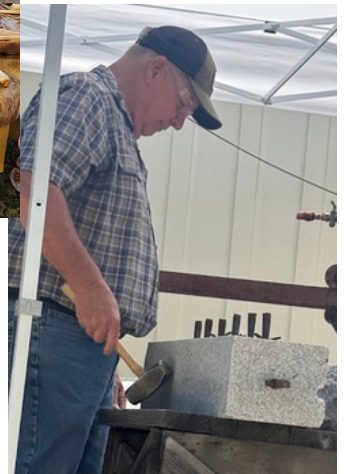
More than 100 visitors gathered at the Rocklin History Museum for this year's Heritage Trail Day, a highlight of the summer tour celebrating Placer County's rich past.

Guests enjoyed hands-on history and live demonstrations throughout the day.

Alex Commack from the Maidu Museum and Historic Site led an interactive exploration of traditional tools, clothing, hunting implements, and musical instruments — all crafted from deer and other natural materials used by Native peoples. The display, in conjunction with the new Rocklin 250 exhibit, invited participants to touch, examine, and learn how these items were made and used.

As in previous years, the crowd gathered for the granite-splitting demonstration, where Paul Ruhkala, Rocklin's resident granite expert, showed how stone was split using only wedges and feathers — no modern tools required. Susan Brooking served as emcee, guiding visitors through the process and sharing stories of Rocklin's quarrying heritage. And volunteer docent June Blackburn kept spirits high with fresh popcorn, adding a friendly touch to a day filled with discovery and community camaraderie.

The annual Heritage Trail Day continues to bring history to life, connecting generations through shared curiosity and cooperation. We hope to see you next year!



The Lions Club provided lunch - hot dogs and hamburgers. Look who's at the front of the line, member Smokey Bassett aka Joel Parker Whitney



A family finds time to rest a bit on the Rocklin Rattler, which the Fixit crew decked out in all its glory.

Celebrating Juneteenth in Rocklin

Rocklin Historical Society members Ronna Davis, Kent Dazey and Gloria Beverage participated in the annual Juneteenth celebration on June 20 at Johnson-Springview Park. Information on the Society's current projects -- signage for the Transcontinental Roundhouse Park, restoration of the historic Quarry Office Building and development of Johnson Farm - - was provided to attendees. Also on display was the Rocklin Rattler, a replica of the Central Pacific C.P. built in 1968 by the Rocklin Lions Club for Rocklin's first Jubilee celebration.

The display drew steady interest throughout the day, offering visitors a chance to explore Rocklin's local history and some of its plans for the future. The Society's participation underscores its ongoing commitment to preserving and sharing the stories that unite our community.

Scholarship Recipient Spotlight: Xander Keller

By Gloria Beverage

The Rocklin Historical Society is pleased to introduce our 2026 scholarship recipient, Xander Keller, a recent Rocklin High School graduate who will attend Aberystwyth University in Wales to pursue a B.A. in childhood studies. Her goal is to become an elementary school teacher.

Xander discovered her passion for teaching early, often helping classmates who needed extra support. At Rocklin High, the Child Development CTE pathway—and its internship at local elementary schools—confirmed her desire to work with young learners. She also credits her longtime French teacher, Madame Stephanie Arino, whose welcoming classroom and engaging teaching style deeply influenced her.

Her electives included art and design, four years of French, and Child Development. She participated in the Rock Painting Club and Marine Biology Club. Outside of school, Xander enjoys drawing, playing video games, making costumes

for conventions and Renaissance fairs, thrifting, and spending time with friends at Bubble University.

Xander has traveled to France, Switzerland, Italy, and Canada, and looks forward to learning about Welsh history, culture, and daily life. She also fondly remembers local field trips to the Bernhard Museum, which strengthened her interest in hands-on, experiential learning.

If she could teach any subject for a day, Xander would choose art—her favorite creative outlet. Though her dark clothing and makeup often make her seem intimidating at first glance, she describes herself as cheerful, outgoing, and talkative. Her personal goal for her first year in Wales is simple: make one good friend and build a new community.

The Society congratulates Xander, one of three historical society scholarship recipients, and wishes her every success as she begins this exciting new chapter.



A legacy of giving via a handcrafted quilt

Be sure to buy your raffle tickets for this beautiful quilt donated by Dr. Jim Carlson!

Proceeds will go to the museum's continuing preservation efforts.

View this hand-crafted quilt at the Rocklin History Museum, open Friday thru Sunday, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Tickets: \$1 each, 6 for \$5, 13 for \$10

The drawing will take place during the RHS Holiday Party on Monday evening, December 14th. The winner does not need to be present to win.



Union Granite Company's Black Granite Quarry

By Bonnie Ruhkala Neumann

The Ruhkala family, led by the late Matt and Eva Ruhkala, has been in the granite business in Rocklin continually since the 1890s.

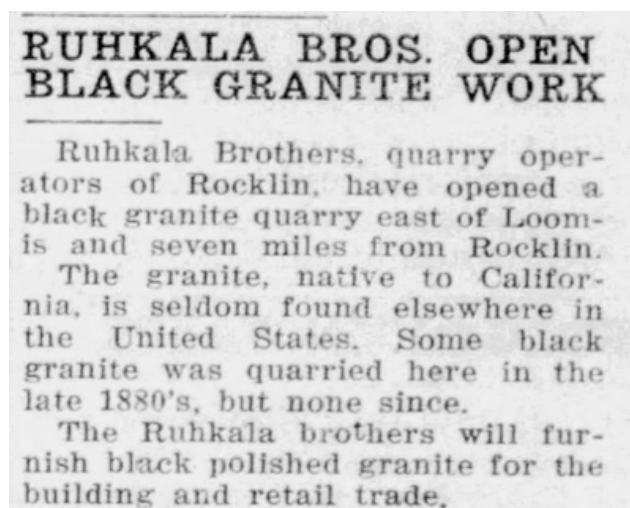
In 1933, four of the Ruhkala brothers, Abner, Michael, Benjamin, and Ruben purchased Adolf Pernu's California Granite Company on Pacific Street and renamed it Union Granite Company. This is the quarry that has been turned into Rocklin's Quarry Park Adventures.

One day in the early 1940s, Abner, Benjamin, and Ruben were deer hunting in the Auburn Folsom Road area of Loomis. Not only did they spot a large buck in a brushy area, but they also noticed what looked like an interesting outcropping of black granite close by.

Being good quarrymen, they let the buck go and instead got a sledgehammer from their truck and broke off a very large specimen of the granite. They took that piece of granite back to their Rocklin quarry for further investigation. They found that it was of excellent quality and polished up into a beautiful black granite color.

In 1944, the four brothers bought ten acres of land around the black granite outcropping from the Brown family. They also bought three more acres of land from the Holpainen family. They then began the process of opening up a new quarry by bringing over the necessary equipment to drill and blast the granite. A crew of men from their Rocklin quarry would travel to their Loomis quarry two to three times a month to get the black granite and take it back to Rocklin for processing.

They named their black granite California Pearl, and it became a very popular source of monuments, benches, and fireplaces. In fact, most of the Ruhkala brothers built beautiful fireplaces in their homes using their California Pearl granite. Black granite was quite rare, and the Ruhkala Brother's Union Granite Company was one of only two working black granite quarries in California. The quarry's success became another chapter in the Ruhkala family's long contribution to Rocklin's granite heritage.



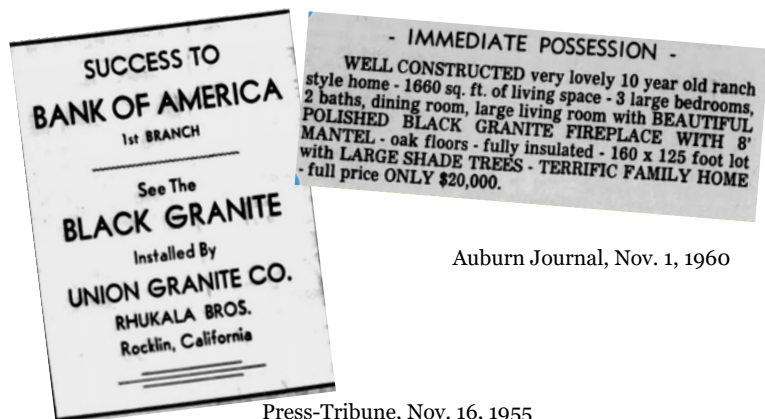
-Placer Herald, Feb. 17, 1945



Ruhkala's California Pearl used in this beautiful monument for Peggy and Roy Ruhkala



The author's home fireplace, using the popular polished black granite, "California Pearl," installed in 1950 when the house was built



Auburn Journal, Nov. 1, 1960

Press-Tribune, Nov. 16, 1955

Why we love Old St. Mary's

By the "Church Ladies"

We call ourselves the "Church Ladies"—with a wink to Dana Carvey's Saturday Night Live character of the same name—but what keeps us coming back to Old St. Mary's Chapel goes far deeper than a nickname. We volunteer because this beautiful chapel on Front Street connects us all to Rocklin's past, its present, and helps to shape its future. Every time we open the doors – every peel of the chapel bell, we feel that history breathe.

For some of us, the chapel holds personal memories: baptisms, weddings, memorials, Sunday mornings spent in the pews. These personal connections help us honor those moments while helping others create their own. We love hearing how couples met, how families grew, about the ones who attended Old St. Mary's, the ones who visited here on a third grade field trip and are now back planning their own wedding. Those conversations stay with us. They remind us why this place matters.

We also love the work itself. We enjoy giving people a special place to celebrate life's most important milestones, whether it's a wedding, a vow renewal, a memorial. The joy we feel from the comments made by couples married at our 140-year-old historical chapel—surrounded by the beautiful gardens—is something we treasure deeply. And yes, we cherish the fun parts too: festive days decorating for the holidays, appreciation luncheons at delicious restaurants, and meetings at Lake Lohse (quiz included).

But the heart of it all is the team. We are a group of strong, kind, dedicated women who lift each other up and laugh together as much as we work together. Being part of this group feels like being part of something bigger—something meaningful, and joyful. It's the positive vibes we feel when we are together.



Any time of year is beautiful at Old St. Mary's Chapel

As the years pass we remain proud stewards of Old St. Mary's, witnesses to countless stories, and joyful caretakers of a place where memories begin, endure, and return. Would you like to join us? We hope you will. For a little more information, contact Nancy Lohse at nlohse@hotmail.com

Congratulations!



1st place goes to the
Rocklin History Museum
for Best Museum



1st place goes to
Old St. Mary's Chapel for
Best Wedding Location!





Introducing a New Quarry Quarterly Feature: Recent Acquisitions

We're excited to launch a new newsletter feature that spotlights recent additions to the Rocklin Historical Society's collection. Each edition, we'll share a newly acquired artifact, document, or photograph—along with the story it helps us tell about Rocklin's past.

These items come to us through the generosity of community members who believe in preserving our shared history. By

showcasing new acquisitions, we hope not only to share fresh discoveries, but also inspire others to consider donating materials that may be tucked away in attics, garages, or family albums.

Every contribution, large or small, strengthens our ability to protect Rocklin's heritage and make it accessible for future generations. We look forward to sharing these new stories with you.

See what's new on page 7

Climate Resilience: Starting Local



Christina's 3rd Street Wildlife Habitat shows how simple, nature-based actions at the neighborhood level can beautifully support both ecological and personal well-being. Her presentation will highlight how small, local steps can help Rocklin adapt and thrive.

Join us August 18 at 6:30 p.m. at Old St. Mary's Chapel for an inspiring evening with Christina Ivazes, hosted by the Rocklin Historical Society. With five decades of experience in psychology, public health, environmental education, and youth wellness, Christina will introduce a practical local framework for building Climate Resilience—and share how everyday community actions can help reduce the impacts of our warming climate.



Christina holds a bachelor's degree in psychology and a master's in public health, is a four-time presenter at the Annual Student Mental Wellness Conference, a recipient of the National Daily Point of Light Award, and most recently earned a Certificate of Merit from the National Women's History Alliance for Educational, Achievement, and Influence in Local and Global Environmental Spaces for her 3rd Street Wildlife Habitat in Rocklin.



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Recent Museum Acquisition

By David W. Baker

Portions of a 1918 family album—containing six original sepia photographs—were purchased for the Society by member Raul Campos from an internet seller in Portland, Oregon. The images include James Waddell; his daughter, Myrtle Eureka (Waddell) Reitenour; her husband, Carl John Reitenour; and their son, Carl Waddell Reitenour. A 1918 photograph of the Waddell residence in Rocklin was also included.

James's father, **John Waddell (1819–1859)**, was an Irish immigrant who married **Catherine Strain (1826–1905)**, a Scottish immigrant. Their union produced twelve children. John, a shoemaker, operated a workshop and a small hotel in Pine Grove, Placer County—later renamed Smithville.

After John's death in 1859, Catherine married **John Connor (1832–1873)**, with whom she had three additional children. The family became early Rocklin pioneers, relocating from Pine Grove to the area that would become Rocklin in 1866, a distance of four miles.

James Waddell began work for the Central Pacific Railroad on March 11, 1869, as a messenger boy at age fourteen. Over the next four decades he advanced steadily through railroad ranks: brakeman, yardman, freight conductor, trainmaster, and station agent at Rocklin and later Roseville. His career spanned 44½ years with the Central Pacific and its successor, the Southern Pacific.*

James's first wife was **Hattie (Harriet) Russell (1858–1876)**, who died the same year as their infant son, James G. Waddell (1876–1876). In 1880, he married his second wife, **Ida Eureka (Clou) Cross (1855–1916)**, at Ophir, Placer County. Ida had a daughter from a previous marriage, **Lottie Marie Cross (1877–1951)**, who later married **William E. Peck (1870–1956)**.

James and Ida had three children: • **Myrtle Eureka (1882–1966)**, who married Carl John Reitenour and had a son, Carl W. Reitenour • **Ida M. Waddell (1889–1902)**, who died at age thirteen in Rocklin • **James Carlton Waddell (1894–1956)**, who married Mary Blanch Olds.

* Pgs. 941-942 History of Placer and Nevada Counties California with Biological Sketches by W.B. Lardner and M.J. Brock; History Record Company, Los Angeles, CA; 1924



Carl J., Carl W. Reitenour and James Waddell



Myrtle E., Carl W. Reitenour and James Waddell



James Waddell Residence in Rocklin CA in 1918

Meet Delia, the intern making a big impact

Delia Kitzmann serves as the Archives & Collections Intern at the Rocklin Historical Society and Museum, returning after previously completing an internship in 2022–2023. A recent cum laude graduate of Lake Forest College with a B.A. in History and minors in Museum Studies and Art History, she brings both academic training and hands-on experience in archival work, artifact care, and exhibition development.

Delia first joined the Society in 2022, assisting Archivist Sharalee Cartier with digitizing maps and documents, cataloging historic clothing, and researching the history of Loree's Little Shack on the Railroad Track. Her careful work and strong research skills made a lasting impression.

Now, in her second internship in 2026—again under Sharalee's supervision—she is already making key contributions. She has been scanning old ledger books with the museum's new gear and building a spreadsheet noting Rocklin's old houses by address. Sharalee notes that "her work here has been invaluable."

Her broader experience includes archival processing and exhibit labeling at the Donnelley and Lee Library, curating rotating exhibits at Lake Forest College, and contributing to archaeological artifact analysis. These roles have strengthened her skills in cataloging systems, exhibit design, and digital preservation, making her a highly valued member of the Rocklin team.

Outside her professional work, Delia's personal interests add depth to her perspective. "Recently, I've been really enjoying crochet," she shared. "I've been crocheting for years and usually I make clothing, but I actually just started making my first ever blanket a few months ago."

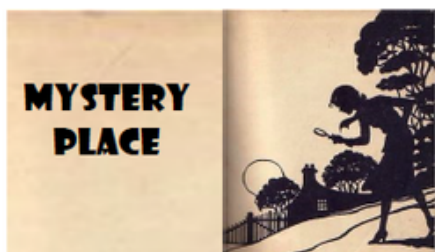
Her academic passions also shape her outlook. Asked about her favorite historical era, she chose the early medieval period in Europe, noting that her senior paper examined perceptions of physical disability in Christian miracle texts from the 800s.

Looking ahead, Delia hopes to continue working directly with history. "I absolutely love archival work and I would be happy to



continue working in the field in the future," she said. She plans to stay in the greater Sacramento area but also has a fondness for the museums of Chicagoland, where she studied.

Whether she is preserving Rocklin's past, analyzing medieval texts, or crocheting her first blanket, Delia brings curiosity, care, and dedication to everything she does. The Rocklin Historical Society and Museum is fortunate to have her back, helping ensure the community's history remains accessible for generations.



Where is our "Mystery Place" and what does it have to do with Rocklin? A Hint might be found in our story on page 4.
Answer on page 12.



Take a walk through historic downtown Rocklin



Know and Go

What: Walking tour of historic downtown
When: Second Saturday of month at 11 a.m.
Where: Starts at Historic Firehouse replica on Front Street

By Gloria Beverage

John Taylor wants to take folks back in time. Starting in September, he will host monthly tours of Rocklin's once thriving downtown district. He plans to show visitors the historic aspects of Front Street, including Old St. Mary's Chapel and the Roundhouse Park.

"I want to highlight the history of that area -- what is no longer there," he said. "I want to inspire them to dig a little bit deeper (into the history)."

Before fires destroyed Rocklin's original business district, Front Street was the center of commerce in the city's early years, he continued. It was home to a number of businesses, including a mercantile store, a butcher shop, several saloons, a lumber yard and, of course, a variety of stores offering household goods and supplies.

A resident of Rocklin since 1986, John joined the Rocklin Historical Society two years ago and is now a regular volunteer at the History Museum.

"Over the years, I recalled seeing articles in the Placer Herald," he said. "I would always look over at the museum when driving down Rocklin Road, finally deciding to stop by and get some information."

John admits he prefers the behind-the-scenes aspects of history. He feeds that fascination by visiting museums and exploring hidden gems, like the underground tours of Old Sacramento and Seattle, whenever possible. One of his favorite spots is the Rosicrucian Egyptian Museum in San Jose.

He also has a love of trains, which got fired up when he became a docent at the California State Railroad Museum in 2010. He admits he is not a "techie" as far as knowing the inner workings of trains. Rather, his interest focuses on the historic timelines of railroad history. In fact, one of his favorite exhibits at the museum is the private railcar, which offers a peek into the lifestyle of its owners.

"Well-to-do people, who traveled by train, had private railcars," he said, adding those railcars even had well-stocked kitchens.



From 1976 until he retired, John had a successful career in the building materials industry, selling and promoting products for Simpson Timber, Weyerhaeuser Company, Louisiana Pacific and Taiga Building Products to builder material dealers and major builders throughout Southwestern U.S. When his job with Louisiana Pacific was eliminated In 2008, he started a consulting firm sharing his knowledge of building materials and wood products with local businesses, like Fiberboard.

During his years in the building trades industry, John connected with another historic organization. He has held offices at the national and local levels of Hoo-Hoo International, the Fraternal order of Forest Products. Founded in 1892, membership is open to people working in the timber and wood-related fields or those who support those industries, he explained.

"In addition to the social and educational aspects of Hoo-Hoo, a key purpose is philanthropic," he continued. "We give to the local food banks. We give money to industrial colleges (offering training in the industrial arts)."

While most salespeople love to talk, John admits, he prefers to listen and ask questions. As a result, he has collected stories about Rocklin and its residents that he will share during the monthly walks.

One story that stands out for John was shared by Nancy Lohse, a longtime member of the Historical Society. "She told me about a 100-year-old man, who on his deathbed, confessed to being one of the kids that started the fire (that destroyed Front Street)," he said. "That story intrigues me. It's small-town Americana."

For more stories about Rocklin's historic downtown district, join John on the second Saturday of the month starting in September. Personal stories always welcome!

Rocklin 250, a Nation Grows Coast to Coast

We're celebrating the 250th Anniversary of the Signing of the Declaration of Independence with a new exhibit at the Rocklin History Museum—but the story doesn't end in 1776. As with any birth, whether of a nation or a community, it marks a beginning. Our celebration continues through September 17, 1787, when the United States Constitution was signed, completing the nation's foundational era.

What did Rocklin look like 250 years ago? Who lived here? What native plants supported daily life? Which of today's familiar birds, waterfowl, mammals, and fish were already part of this landscape—and which arrived later? Explore these questions through our fun, hands-on identification activities, designed to be engaging and educational for visitors of all ages.



View objects that honor the birth of our country



Photographer Alex Rideout captures the birds who sustained residents 250 years ago. These photos (and others) are available for purchase through his website. A portion of the profit from photos sold from this display will be donated to the museum

See Alex's Blog about his work for the museum here:
Alexrideout.com



The exhibit also traces how the birth of the United States shaped Westward migration—Rocklin specifically—as new territories were acquired, populations grew in the East, technologies advanced, and seventy-two years after 1776, GOLD was discovered a continent away. Watch our timeline expand from 1776, when this region was under Spanish sovereignty, through the Gold Rush, Statehood, and into the modern era. The timeline is unfolding gradually... come watch it grow, just as Rocklin did in the post-Gold discovery years.

What would you add to Rocklin's timeline? Leave your ideas in the suggestion box and help shape the next chapter.

A formal Opening Reception will be held later this summer. Until then, you're invited to preview the exhibit any Friday, Saturday, or Sunday from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.



Try your hand at our interactive quiz



View the exquisite sculptures by artist and RHS member Gerry Farren

Fixit Team to the rescue



It's been a long time since a train in Rocklin had a little trouble.



But at the Juneteenth Celebration, a new train-related disaster occurred when the bumpy road destroyed the Rocklin Rattler's cattle guard.

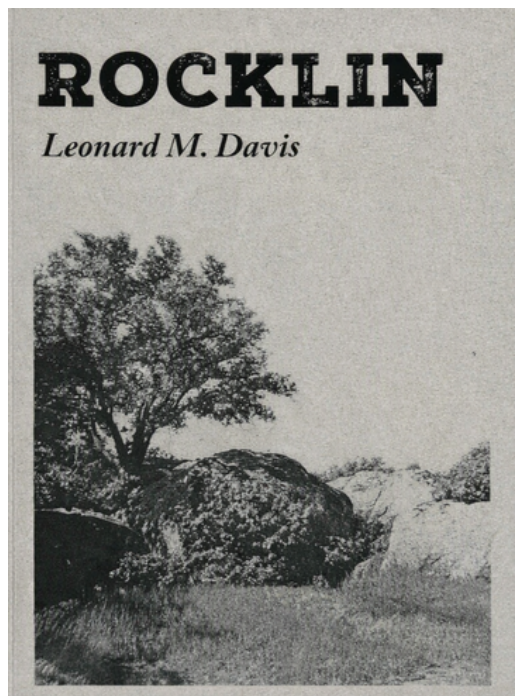


The Fixit Crew pondered a fix to prevent future failures.



Now, thanks to the Fixit Crew - it's back on track and good as new!

Discover Rocklin's Story — Early history from 1852-1981



Step back in time with *ROCKLIN, Past, Present, Future*, Leonard M. Davis's definitive history of our city from 1852 to 1981. **This newly updated fourth printing** brings Rocklin's past to life — from its rugged granite quarries and railroad beginnings to the families and businesses that shaped the town we know today.

This updated edition includes additional biographical sketches and improved illustrations, which add to Davis's deeply researched narrative.

ROCKLIN captures the spirit of a community built on hard work, resilience, and pride. It's a must-have for anyone who loves local history or wants to understand how Rocklin grew from a frontier settlement into a thriving city.

Available for a \$20 donation — your purchase supports the Rocklin Historical Society's mission to preserve and share our heritage.

Summer Isn't Over Yet!

School may be back in session, but there's still time to enjoy the 2026 Placer County Heritage Trail Museum Tour, running now through September 12. This summer-long celebration opens the doors of 30 museums from Roseville to Tahoe, each offering hands-on history, family activities, and free admission on their designated Heritage Trail Day (ours was June 20th).

Visitors can still pick up their free Get-Up-And-Go cards at our museum Fridays through Sundays, 1–4 p.m. Collect stamps during regular museum hours or on special Trail Days—just four stamps enters you into a drawing for gift baskets filled with local history. Travelers who collect all 29 museum stamps (the hike excepted) qualify for an additional bonus drawing.

Be sure to turn in your completed cards by 4 p.m. on September 12 at any participating museum to be eligible for prizes. Students entering grades K–12 can also join scavenger hunts for a chance to win a Samsung Galaxy tablet, Kindle Fire, or backpacks full of school supplies.



There's still plenty of summer left—so grab your card, gather the family, and discover the people, places, and stories that make Placer County's past so rich and colorful.

Support your local Historical Societies

The Rocklin Historical Society has partnered with the Loomis, Lincoln and Roseville Historical Societies. Since volunteers are the backbone of our organizations, the long-term goal of this partnership is to work together to find ways to preserve the history of South Placer County communities.

President Gloria Beverage and Vice President Bonnie Neumann hosted the initial meeting in July. In attendance were Denise Fiddymment from the Roseville Historical Society, Barbara Leak with the Loomis Basin Historical Society and Elizabeth Jansen of the Lincoln Historical Society.

The initial meeting focused on sharing the successes and struggles each organization faces in preserving its communities' history.

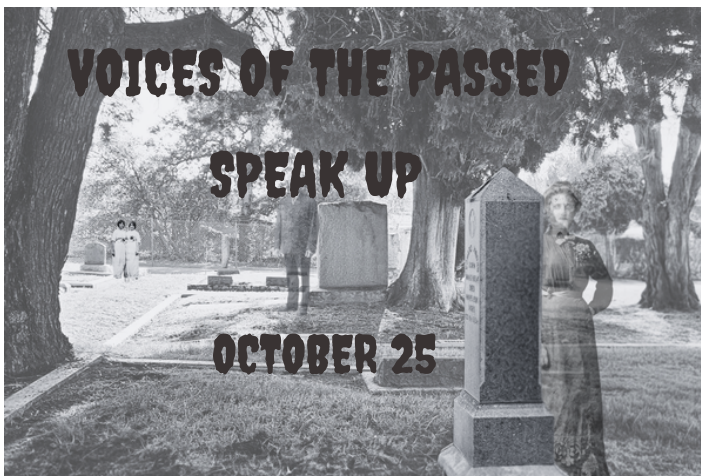


Editor's Note: This AI generated logo is not official - just an effort to add a little pizzazz and sense of camaraderie!

"The discussion led to the creation of a list of ways we can support each other, including sharing information about events and speakers' series as well as promoting programs sponsored by our organizations," explained Beverage.

"This partnership can go a long way toward helping our local historical societies fulfill their missions," she concluded.

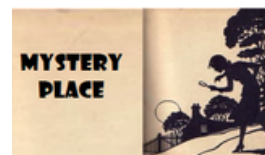
Quarterly meetings to continue developing this partnership are planned.



"Residents" of the Rocklin Cemetery will share their stories with visitors during the Voices of the Passed tour slated from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 25. Visitors will be encouraged to visit the gravesites of several of Rocklin's leaders to hear their stories as portrayed by Rocklin Historical Society members.

History lovers will have an opportunity to meet a number of historic figures -- famous and infamous. Among the figures being portrayed will be Rocklin's first librarian Jennie Minkinen, candy shop owner Annie Beasmore, sheriff Sam Renaldi, railroad doctor Henry Fletcher, Irish quarry owner Mary Quinn and the Ruhkalas, founders of the Union Granite Company, as well as many of others. A newspaper court reporter will reveal the details of the Landis tragedy -- a double murder involving a jealous husband and a Rocklin constable.

Admission will be free; however, donations will be accepted.



Our mystery place is 311 Vernon Street, Roseville. Built as a branch of the Bank of America in 1955, the facade features the California Pearl black granite from the Union Granite Company in Rocklin. See the feature about this special granite on page 4.

Rocklin Historical Society

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