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Joining the Butte County Historical Society

BCHS is primarily supported by memberships and donations from the people and the friends of Butte County and receives no direct government funding. Membership in BCHS is open to all.

Members receive:

- Slickens (monthly newsletter)
- The Diggin's (quarterly publication)
- 10% discount on museum store purchases
- Early notice of BCHS programs and activities

BCHS Membership Application

Check one:

___Individual	($40)	___Supporting	($60)
___Family	($50)	___Sustaining	($110)
___Senior	($35)	___Organization	($40)
___Senior Family	($45)		

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ **ZIP** _____
Phone _____
E-mail _____

Mail with your check to: BCHS, P. O. Box 2195, Oroville, CA 95965

BCHS PROPERTIES

Ehmann Home
1480 Lincoln, Oroville
Saturdays — 11:00 am - 3:00 pm
530-533-9418

Museum - Archives
Corner of Spencer and Baldwin
Oroville
530-533-9418

Museum
Open Fridays 9 am to noon and
Saturdays 11 am to 3 pm
Archives
Thursday and Friday
9 am - Noon

Oregon City School
2100 Oregon Gulch Road
Oregon City, CA

530-533-9418

Bangor Church
5730 LaPorte Road, Bangor, CA
Noon to 2 pm on 1st & 3rd Saturday
Closed: Dec., Jan., Jul. and Aug.
530-679-2112

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Please join us on Saturday October 24th for this special event

The Ehmann Home: Past, Present and Future

A Fundraising Dinner in Support of the Ehmann Home

Date: October 24th, 2026, 5:30 to 8:30 pm
Location: The Gray Nurse Hardware, 1359 Huntoon Street, Oroville, Ca
Cost: $80 per person, includes meal and door prize entry*.
Table of 8 available at $75 per person

Menu: Chicken Parmesan over bucatini with marinara, Caeser salad, braised vegetables and dessert.
There will be a no host bar. Water, coffee and tea will be provided

It promises to be an evening of interest and entertainment.

Music will be provided by the Oroville Old Time Fiddlers. Our guest speakers will include Catherine Rose, G.G. granddaughter of Freda Ehmann, who is considered the mother of the modern olive canning industry.

Tickets are available for pickup at the BCHS Archives , 2335 Baldwin Avenue, open 9 am to 12 pm Thursday and Friday. To pay by mail; reserve by phone at **530-533-9418** or by email at **buttehistory@sbcglobal.net**, mail check to **PO box 2195, Oroville CA 95965** Credit Cards accepted by telephone during Archives open hours. Purchase deadline is October 16, 2026. Limited seating available

Opportunity drawing tickets for gift baskets will be available for $1.00 each, 6 for $5.00 or 25 for $20.00.

* Door prize is a 30 minute scenic airplane flight for two in beautiful Butte County.

Many thanks to our platinum sponsor, Gray Nurse Hardware, for their generous support of this event

Some Downtown Oroville Halloween Fun!

On **Saturday, October 31, 2026**, from **3:00–7:00 PM**, Butte County Historical Society's Ehmann Home will be participating in the City of Oroville's Museum Mile Trick or Treat.

Costumed visitors can explore Oroville's historic sites—including the C.F. Lott Home, Pioneer History Museum, Chinese Temple, and Ehmann Home—while collecting treats and discovering local stories along the way.

Bring your candy bags, wear your best costume, and enjoy a festive evening of community, history, and Halloween fun on Museum Mile!

This event is brought to you by the City of Oroville in coordination with the Oroville Docents Association and the Butte County Historical Society's Ehmann Home.

The BCHS Mission
is to preserve Butte County's rich and varied history, making it engaging and meaningful for all.

Board Meets at the Ehmann Home,
1408 Lincoln St. in Oroville on the 2nd
Wednesday at 7 pm.

2026 Officers
President - Larry Mauch
Vice President - Daniel Ballard
Vice President, Finance - Open
Secretary - Lucy Sperlin
Treasurer - Open

Board Members at Large
Marjorie Daley
Dale Wangberg
Sandy Brodrick

Publications Staff
Diggin's - Nancy Brower
Slickens - Dale Wangberg

Welcome!

New Members

Patrick McWherter - Oroville

Upcoming BCHS Events

October 17
Presentation by Lee Dummel

October 24
BCHS Dinner/Fundraiser

October 31
Museum Trick or Treat: Ehmann Home Halloween at the Oregon City School House, 5pm

November 21
General Membership Meeting and Program

December 12
Holiday Open House

More activities are in the planning stage. Watch for announcements in the October Slickens

HALLOWEEN AT THE HISTORIC OREGON CITY SCHOOLHOUSE

There's a little town growing,
Just in back of the school.
With witches and fairies
And even a ghoul

Yes its that time of year
For you to get dressed
And join us for dinner
As our special guest

There'll be candy like crazy
And children abound
We can't wait to see you
In our little town

If you are interested in helping out on this project, please call Teddy at **530-961-2445**

A heartfelt thank you to the Leo T. Clark iris society for their generous donation of hundreds of iris rhizomes to the Historic Oregon City Schoolhouse.

12 Women that History Has Forgotten

A Program by Lee Dummell, Old West Historian

Saturday, October 17th, 1:30 pm at the BCHS Museum
1749 Spencer Avenue, Oroville Ca.

Join us on October 17th as Lee Dummell provides a brief history of each of twelve remarkable women of the old west whose contributions to our heritage have been mostly forgotten.

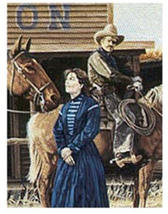
Soiled doves, soldiers or stage drivers, they all deserve to have their story told and to be remembered for their tenacity and determination as they navigated life through a world defined by wild country and wilder men.

Admission is by donation ($5 suggested) and refreshments will be available.

We hope to see you there!

Cathay Williams alias William Cathay who was a member of the all black Buffalo Soldiers in the Civil War

Mary Fields and her dog Pooch
Stage driver and much more



Belle Drewry
Women about town known for her cobalt blue dress which she was buried in and later exhumed.

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Tea Time at the Oregon City Schoolhouse

A Fun Time Was Had By All!

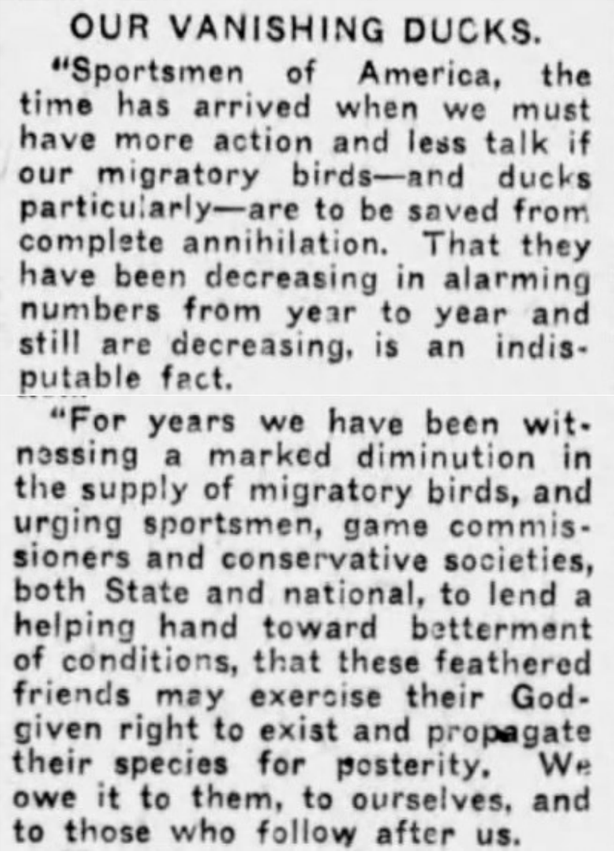
Fall Is Time For the Hunt and Harvest

Near Gridley, Ca. circa 1920's

The hunters in the above picture appear to have had a very good day. From a 21st century perspective, the photo screams "market hunting" but in reality given the number of hunters and the generous bag limits of the time (25 birds per person per day) they may be within the bounds of their daily take.

By 1926, when the attached article was published in the San Francisco Examiner, the overly generous federal bag limit of 25 birds had become a point of contention amongst outdoorsmen, with many calling for the states to lower their limits to 15 or maybe even 10 birds per day.

The columnist who published this article in the December 26, 1926 S.F. Examiner was quoting directly from Outdoor Life Magazine.



OUR VANISHING DUCKS.

"Sportsmen of America, the time has arrived when we must have more action and less talk if our migratory birds—and ducks particularly—are to be saved from complete annihilation. That they have been decreasing in alarming numbers from year to year and still are decreasing, is an indisputable fact.

"For years we have been witnessing a marked diminution in the supply of migratory birds, and urging sportsmen, game commissioners and conservative societies, both State and national, to lend a helping hand toward betterment of conditions, that these feathered friends may exercise their God-given right to exist and propagate their species for posterity. We owe it to them, to ourselves, and to those who follow after us.

Harvesting wheat at the Entler Ranch. A large wheat field being worked by a threshing machine pulled by 18 mules. Next to it is a flat bed wagon piled with sacks of grain, pulled by four mules.

circa 1900 BCHS # 000-3956

This grain harvesting combine is being pulled by a steam driven tractor. By the looks of the tractor wheels conditions may be bit wet in that field and they appear to be moving towards high ground. .

circa 1920's, BCHS # 1984-009-0018