

Sutter Creek Community Benefit Foundation

August Newsletter, 2021

Progress Report

Join us for a flag raising ceremony on September 19th. The historic Sutter Creek grammar school will be open for the public to explore and see all that has been accomplished. Don't miss new displays in the museum room, a special art exhibit by Sutter Creek students and their interpretation of this historic school, and our expanding collection of photography of the school and its students over the decades.

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Sunday, September 19, 2021
Historic Sutter Creek Grammar School

150th Anniversary Observance

TIME: 3:00 - 5:00 pm

Tour the historic grammar school, museum, and
Sutter Creek student art exhibit.

Flag Raising Ceremony

TIME: 4:00 pm

Flag raising service presented by
American Legion Post 108,
Cub Scout Pack 63, and Jake Guidi

LOCATION: Historic Sutter Creek Grammar School
Parking behind Grammar School on Broad Street



**The public is invited to gather at the historic Sutter Creek
grammar school and watch as Old Glory is once again
raised to fly high over the school.**



(This framed document is on display in the museum room.)

1890 Flag Raising Ceremony

The following are some excerpts from the April 12, 1890, Amador Dispatch account of the celebration.

The raising of the national flag, 21 feet by 14 feet, over our school house on last Saturday afternoon was a notable occurrence in the history of Sutter Creek.

All of the school children, to the number of 300, assembled at Howard's hall, and at 2:00 o'clock, headed by the Sutter Creek band, marched to the schoolhouse, and at once proceeded with the exercises.

Dr. J. H. Giles, in an eloquent and patriotic speech besought the children to honor and love the flag, not for its mere intrinsic value, as it was only a few yards of bunting, but because it was the emblem of the grandest country and the best government enjoyed by man.

Concluding with the song "America" in which everybody joined, after which three cheers for the flag were given, and the

crowd headed by the band, marched back to town. The total cost of the flag, pole, and appurtenances is over \$100.



In order to raise the American flag again, the old fiberglass pole had to be removed. A new, taller, aluminum pole was installed.





Brackets were loosened and a slot was cut in the eave to allow removal of the short pole. Next, the old pole was lifted out and the new aluminum pole installed.



Work on displays in the museum room make great progress.

Take a walk thru the history of the Sutter Creek grammar school. Eight posters, 24" by 36", hang from the ceiling and tell the story of how the school has changed over the years.



On the wall at the end of the walk thru exhibit is a current photo taken by photographer (and chief meteorologist at KCRA Sacramento) Mark Finan.



ALERT

SIGNAL.. A Steady Blast from Siren, Horn, or Whistle of Three to Five Minutes Duration Repeated as Necessary...

this Means ATTACK LIKELY WHEN RECEIVED - ACT AS FOLLOWS..

1. Key passive defense personnel go to Assigned stations.
2. All other personnel disperse according to Supervisor Instructions.



TAKE COVER

SIGNAL: A Warbling Fluctuating or Wailing Siren., A series of Short Blasts from Horn or Whistle., of Three Minutes Duration Repeated at Two Minute Intervals.

THIS MEANS

ATTACK IMMINENT!!! WHEN RECEIVED ACT AS FOLLOWS..

1. Take Immediate Cover.
2. Follow Supervisor Instructions.
3. Vehicle operators - stop motor at curb Take Immediate Cover.
4. Pedestrians in open seek nearest available shelter.
5. Personnel in Buildings:

TURN OFF LIGHTS • GAS • POWER TAKE COVER • OBEY INSTRUCTIONS.

Instructions to come out of shelter will be given by other means, as : Public Address System • Messenger • Telephone • Conelrad (640-1240 on your Radio)

This poster is from the 1950's and believed to have been found in the cellar of the school.

Miner's Birdcage

This small, handmade wooden cage is typical of cages containing songbirds such as canaries and parakeets that would sing, chirp and tweet back and forth between each other. These "alarm birds" – also called "tweety birds" – were taken into the mines to test air quality. When the normally noisy little birds stopped chattering, it was an indication that oxygen was being replaced by poisonous gasses. TIME FOR A HASTY EXIT!



The miner's birdcage is part of the mining display which will also include a story board of how mules were used and their critical role inside the mines.

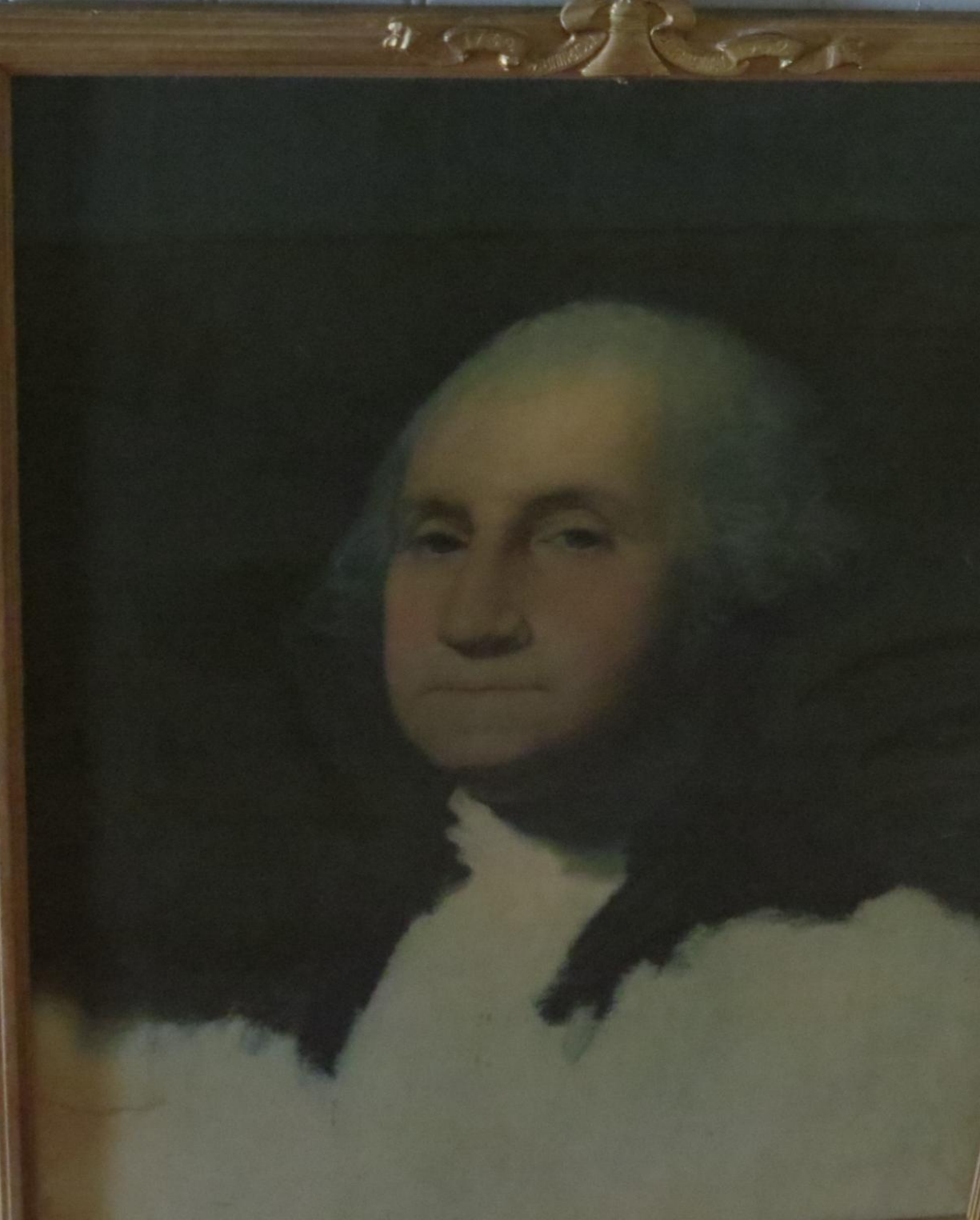


This tin ball is the one shown in the photo of the original school opening in 1871. Originally there was a weathervane atop the ball. Are the many bullet holes courtesy of Sutter Creek's own "sharpshooters"?

Sutter Creek Grammar School Cafeteria Menu	Cafeteria Rules of Conduct
Monday:	1. Line up quietly
Tuesday:	2. No horse play
Wednesday:	3. Eat all your food
Thursday:	4. No talking
Friday:	5. Sit on your bottom
	6. Clean up after yourself



The kitchen area now includes a menu board and additional photos of the school and children dating back to 1871. Photos of different aspects of Sutter Creek's history are displayed in rooms throughout the school.



C. H. Atkins
Olga Gacanich
Beth Morabe

Henriette Miller
Mildred Lugonja
Adele Tallia
Alice Seiaroni
Gertrude Hale
Dick Casagrande
Donald Vicini
Stanley Williams
Lorraine Marrow
Nellie Buzza
Rose Bertolatti
Russell J. Cuneo

The names above were hand written on the back of the framed George Washington portrait and were from the class of 1932. The portrait is part of a classroom display in the museum room.

The Sutter Creek Grammar School opened in 1871 replacing the original school which operated from 1856 until it was destroyed by an arson fire in 1870. At its current site, construction of the west wing was completed in less than one year on land donated by the

Wildman Mining Company. In the mid-1890's, the east wing was added consisting of four new classrooms.

To date, the Sutter Creek Community Benefit Foundation has raised over \$200,000 in private donations to fund the restoration project.

The membership/donor appreciation day originally scheduled for August will be rescheduled.

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