

San Joaquin County Historical Museum

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San Joaquin County Historical Museum celebrates Springtime on the Farm May 5

Step back in time on Saturday, May 5 to experience pioneer life in the late 1800s at the San Joaquin County Historical Museum's Springtime on the Farm.

This annual family event will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the museum located in Micke Grove Park south of Lodi. In addition to the museum, the expansive park on Micke Grove Road also includes a zoo and large picnic grounds about one mile west of Highway 99 off of Armstrong Road.

Springtime on the Farm this year will feature an antique car show, farm animals, antique tractors and farm equipment, children's activities and demonstrations to show what life was like 100 years ago. Throughout the day, blacksmiths will fire up the forge and demonstrate their metalworking skills. Schoolmarms will teach lessons in the historic Calaveras School. Other demonstrations include soap whittling, gold panning, butter churning, and pioneer crafts like spinning and weaving.

Children will be able to experience pioneer life by participating in hands-on activities including old-fashioned chores like washing clothes on washboards, panning for gold and crafts like making cornhusk dolls.

Throughout the day, two historic individuals who played important roles in Stockton's past will be portrayed. Bart Bird will act as Commodore Robert Stockton, the military officer for whom the city is named. Dorothy Mulvihill will impersonate Julia Weber, daughter of Stockton's founder Capt. Charles Weber.

This event also features entertainment from Ron and Anna Green of Saratoga who will sing songs and produce a program for children.

Hamburgers, hot dogs, sodas and lemonade will be available for purchase.

Admission is \$5 each for adults and \$3 for children 2 to 8 years old. Children under 2 are admitted free. Tickets may be purchased in advance by calling the museum at (209) 331-2055 or 953-3460. Tickets also may be purchased early at the Music Box stores in Lodi and Stockton, the Travel Bunch in Valley Springs or Delicato Winery in Manteca. With advance tickets, the \$5 parking fee in Micke Grove Park will be waived.

For more information, call the museum at (209) 331-2055 or (209) 953-3460.

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