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The Johnsville Historical Society Launches Brand-New Website: johnsville.org

The Johnsville Historical Society (JHS) is thrilled to announce the official launch of its brand-new website, johnsville.org. The website features a modern design, enhanced functionality, dozens of historic photos, a historical timeline, all the JHS newsletters in one easy-to-access place, notable JHS news stories and events, and a history of JHS, including an article on the woman who saved the Johnsville church and started the historical collection that JHS works so hard to preserve. p. 2



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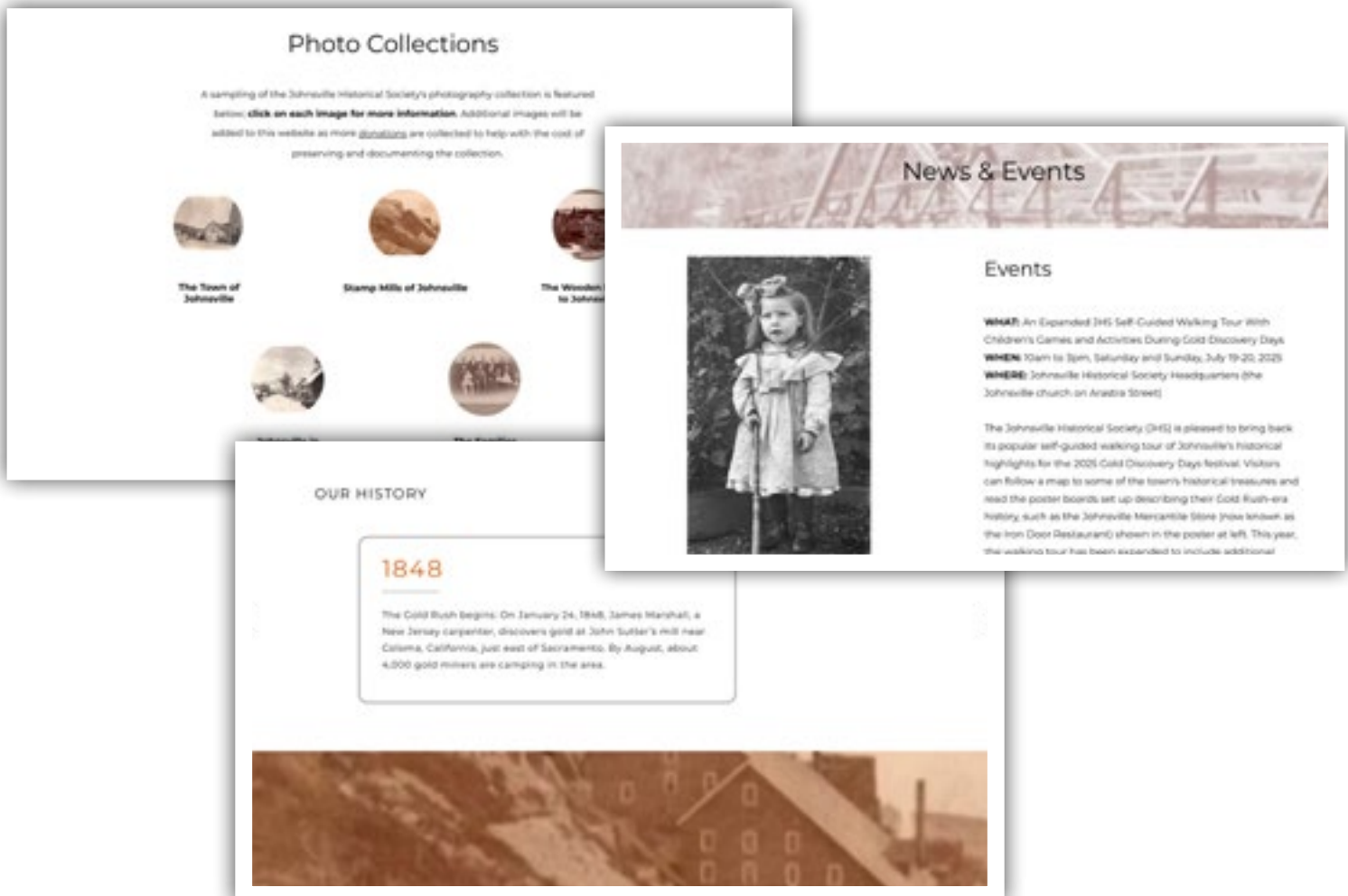
"We are incredibly pleased to offer this new website to our members and everyone else interested in our Gold Rush-era collection and history," said JHS Board President Kathy Osher. "It's easy to navigate and provides us with a great way to share our news and activities with the public. I hope it becomes a treasured resource to the history buffs in our state."

The nonprofit JHS is managed by an all-volunteer board of directors. The preservation of its fragile and extensive Gold Rush-era collection of more than 2,500 items, and maintenance of the Johnsville church/museum and surrounding trees, are entirely funded by donations, grants, and JHS membership fees.

A JHS membership/renewal form can be downloaded from the website, and information on how to make a donation is available. JHS also welcomes donations of historical images.

"We are grateful to the many individuals and organizations who have supported the Johnsville Historical Society over the years and have helped make this website possible," said Osher. "It's a significant milestone in our commitment to preserve the gold-mining history of Johnsville."

Please [visit the website](#) and share your feedback on the [Contact Us webpage](#). We would love to hear what you think.



JULY 19 & 20: SELF-GUIDED JOHNSVILLE WALKING TOUR FOR ALL AGES AND AN OPEN HOUSE WITH CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

BY BRUCE MACGREGOR

On the weekend of July 19 and 20, the Johnsville Historical Society (JHS) brings back for its second year a free self-guided walking tour of historic Johnsville, featuring new posters posted on sandwich boards throughout the town and activities designed for families with children. Inside JHS's headquarters (the Johnsville church/museum located in the forest off Arastra Street), visitors with children ages 5 and up will enjoy interactive games and activities designed to help the children understand what life was like from 1880 to 1910.

The event is being held in partnership with the Plumas-Eureka State Park Association's [Gold Discovery Day](#) festival on July 19 (although JHS will host the self-guided walking tour and children's activities on both July 19 and 20).

The activities for kids include the same kind of playtime activities the children in Johnsville enjoyed between 1880 and 1910: making paper dolls, coloring images of the area's wild animals (with the eight Crayola colors that were first available in 1905), playing toss-the-beanbag, and coloring miniature wooden block houses. A toy train and reproductions of historic board games will round out the event.

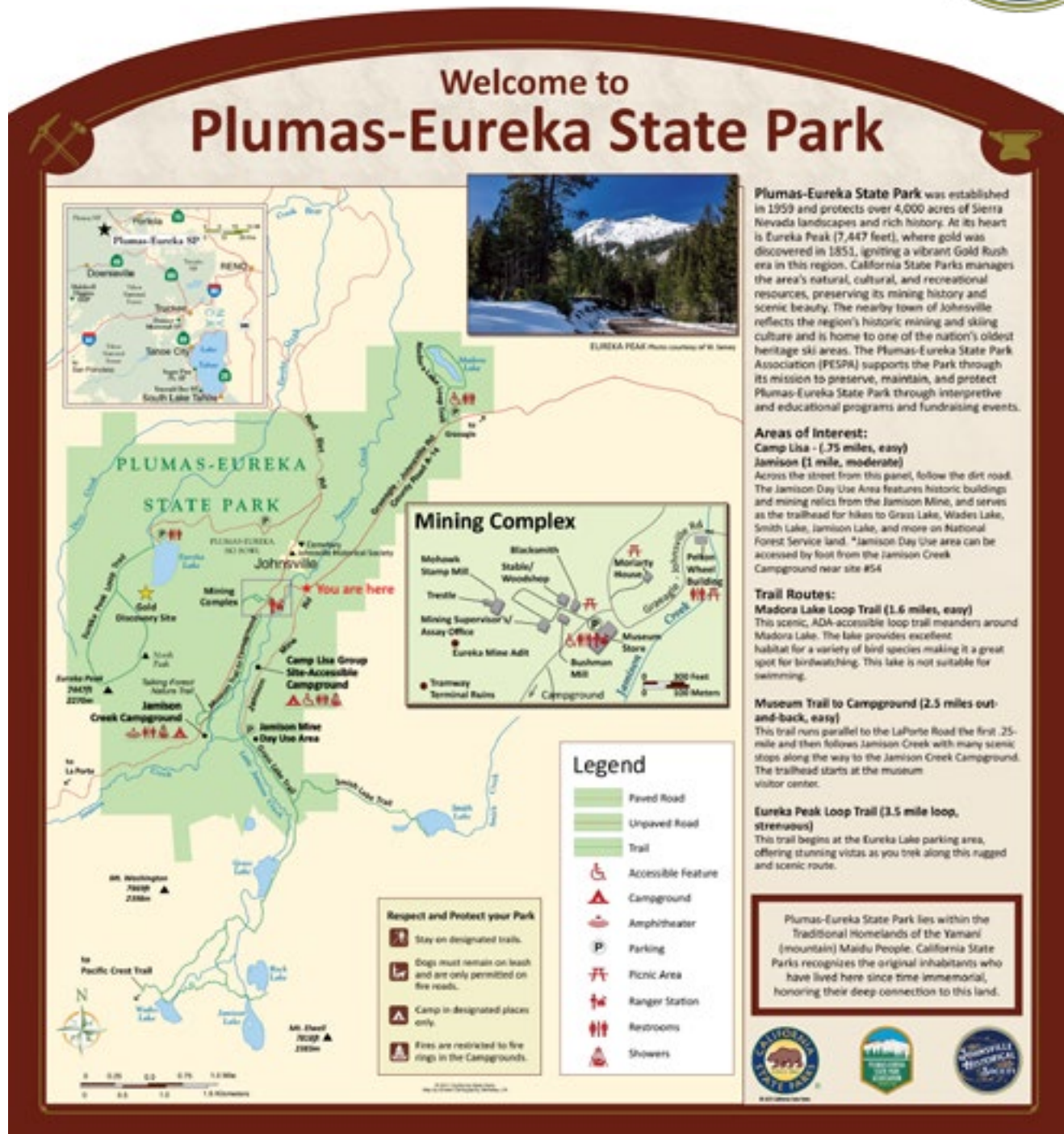
Homemade cookies—chocolate chip, peanut butter, toffee chip, and oatmeal—and homemade lemonade will be sold at the church.

For additional information and images of the walking tour held last year, see pages 4 and 5 of the [JHS Spring/Summer 2024 newsletter](#).





COMING SOON: A NEW PARK SIGN FEATURING JOHNSVILLE AND THE JOHNSVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY



The Johnsville Historical Society (JHS) is delighted to be among the highlights featured on this new [Plumas-Eureka State Park](#) sign co-sponsored by [California State Parks](#) and the Plumas-Eureka State Park Association. Measuring 48 inches by 66 inches, this welcome sign will soon be erected on the turnout across from the Jamison Mine turn-off sign (see the red "You are here" marker on the sign above). For more information about JHS, visit the new johnsville.org website.



RENT THE HISTORIC JOHNSVILLE CHURCH FOR YOUR NEXT SPECIAL EVENT

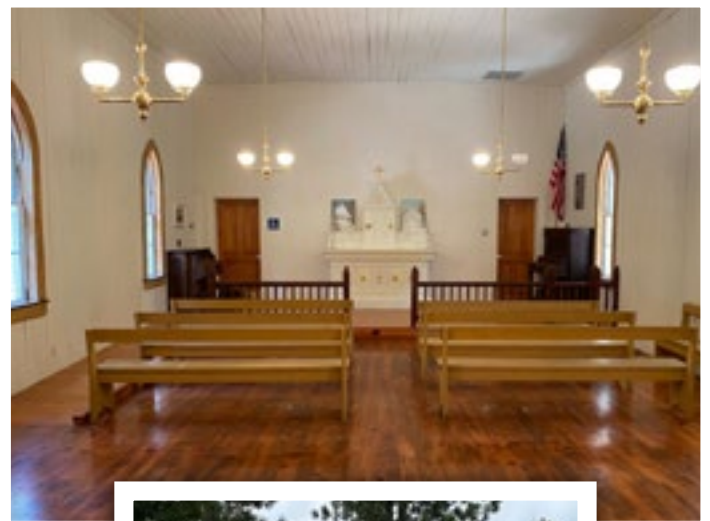
The beautiful Gold Rush-era church and museum located in the forest off Arastra Street in Johnsville, California, may be rented for special occasions, such as weddings or family gatherings. Construction of the church started in 1899 and was completed in 1900, then decades later it was lovingly restored by residents and other volunteers. Today, it is owned by the nonprofit Johnsville Historical Society (JHS), which uses it as a museum and its headquarters.

Maximum occupancy is 49 people, and events are limited to six hours per day, between 8 am and 9 pm.

The church features a modern kitchen, and food, beverages, and alcohol may be served (but not sold). It is wheelchair accessible.

The rental fee is \$500 for the first day and \$100 for each additional day, with a three-day maximum rental period; an insurance policy rider also is required. The rental income helps JHS maintain the historic church and grounds.

For more information, please email JHS Board President Kathy Osher at johnsvillegold@gmail.com.



IN MEMORIAM: KIMBERLY ZWICK



Kim Zwick—one of the Johnsville Historical Society's most active board members—passed away last October at age 59. She and her husband, Andy Bernadett, purchased a home on Main Street in Johnsville in 2012, and Kim immediately took an active interest in the town's history.

Kim joined the JHS board of directors in 2019 and served as treasurer until 2023. She was a certified public accountant and took great care of JHS's financial records.

Over the years, Kim and Andy took many long tandem bicycle rides around Eureka Peak and over Gold Lake Road, among other routes. They often frequented the Iron Door restaurant and the European Bakery.



The JHS board of directors is so grateful for her volunteer service and she is greatly missed. [Kim's official obituary](#) is posted online.





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Picnic in Johnsville, 1902

From left: Susan Mitchel-White, Emma MacGregor, Baby Evelyn White, Maggie MacGregor-White, Irene Mitchel-Sorocco, and unidentified boy.

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