

Calendar

JANUARY

1/1, New Year's Day

FEBRUARY

Black History Month
1/14, Valentine's Day
1/15, Presidents' Day

MARCH

3/8, International Women's Day
- 9:30 to 11:00 am, Community
Coffee at the Depot showcasing
items from our Women's History
Collection
3/20, First Day of Spring
3/22, Earth Day

APRIL

4/12, 152nd Anniversary of the
Battles of Prairie D'Ane, Moscow,
and Elkins' Ferry

MAY

Heritage Month

JUNE

6/11, Depot's 104th Birthday
6/28, John Teeter Appreciation Day

JULY

7/4, Independence Day

AUGUST

8/14, John Teeter Day

SEPTEMBER

Nevada County Fair

OCTOBER

National & Arkansas Archives'
Month
Fall Festival
10/12, Indigenous Peoples' Day

NOVEMBER

11/24, Thanksgiving Day
11/25, Native American Heritage
Day

DECEMBER

12/25, Christmas Day

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MUSEUM UPDATE

Things are going well for the Nevada County Depot and Museum and its efforts to both preserve and share the history of Nevada County and the surrounding area. Unofficially, the Elkins' Ferry Battlefield was closed on in December and plans can now be made to develop the property. Of course, before any developments can be made, the Arkansas Archaeological Survey will be surveying the battlefield to better understand the topography and locate pertinent areas for later interpretation. The last archaeological dig to happen in Nevada County happened in Emmet, where local farmer Carol Ferguson had accidentally stumbled upon a Native American burial mound.

There were actually two burial mounds in this location, though one he had already begun leveling with a bulldozer, unaware of the damage he was doing to a historical treasure. The survey was invited and found many things, including information and artifacts. For instance, it was determined that the site itself was more than a thousand years old, the original spot being some kind of sacred site for prayer or rituals. Later Indian groups, such as the Caddo, found these ancient sites and built their burial mounds on them. But who is to say what the desecration of these sites truly means for the perpetrator, for Carol Ferguson was later fated to accidentally blow himself up with dynamite while trying to remove stubborn tree stumps on the same piece of property. So when in doubt... don't bulldoze a burial mound.

- Ken Petre, Curator