

Wells Fargo celebrates 150 years

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CAPITOLA — The Capitola branch of Wells Fargo has brought back a piece of history for the bank's 150th anniversary.

The mini version of a Wells Fargo Museum is on display through the end of the month, thanks to one of the bank's longtime customers, Ed daRoza. All of the items are a small part of his private collection. The display cases were donated by Cory Smith of Brilyse Pearls.

The collection includes a Wells Fargo Express agent's desk from the 1880s, an 1880s stationery case, an 1890s packing trunk, an 1890 money-order sign and a 1913 call card. Also on display are several money-order receipts, letters, waybills, delivery and receipt books, all dating back to the late 1800s and early 1900s.

The Capitola branch is at the corner of 41st Avenue and Capitola.

Wells Fargo is one of about a dozen Fortune 500 companies founded in or before 1852 which still are in their original business, using their original name.

A Wells Fargo desk from the 1880s is among items on display at an exhibit commemorating the 150th anniversary of the institution's founding.

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