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Open to all — TVHS will celebrate both the completion of the merger with Vail Ranch Restoration Association, and as new members of the Temecula Chamber of Commerce, there will be special Ribbon Cutting event at the History Center on Friday, March 20th at 4:00 p.m. Come and participate in the festivities.

Ribbon Cutting Event

TVHS to Celebrate Merger with VaRRA & Chamber Membership

By Bonnie Martland

To celebrate the merger of the Temecula Valley Historical Society and the Vail Ranch Restoration Society, and as new members of the Temecula Chamber of Commerce, a ribbon cutting ceremony is planned for Friday, March 20th. The Temecula Valley Chamber of Commerce will conduct the ceremony in conjunction with the expanded TVHS.

The festivities will take place at 4:00PM at the Little Temecula History Center, the Red Barn, next to Kohl's on Temecula Parkway. Refreshments will be served and a tour of Vail Ranch Headquarters will be offered. Spread the word, and come join the fun as we celebrate the "new and expanded" TVHS! Save time to tour the History Center, if you haven't already had a chance to do so, and see for yourself an amazing collection of items from an earlier era of Temecula's history.

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From County Board of Supervisors

Special Recognition Proclamation Given To Darell Farnbach

The Riverside County Historic Commission surprised Darell Farnbach during their quarterly meeting at the Little Temecula History Center on February 20, with recognition of his fifteen years of service as a commissioner. Riverside County Supervisor Chuck Washington presented Darell with a framed proclamation honoring his service to the commission and expressing "sincere appreciation for his long and loyal service to this Commission and to his historic preservation efforts throughout the County", with a goal "to create a legacy for the children of Temecula and to give young families a sense of pride for the heritage of their hometown." The proclamation was signed by each of the five County Supervisors.

Adding to the event, Temecula City Council Member Maryann Edwards presented Darell with a certificate of recognition and thanks for "Mr. Farnbach's effort and personal sacrifice to preserve Temecula's most important historical property, the 1860s Vail Ranch Headquarter, and the Wolf Store have left an indelible mark on Temecula." It continued, "The citizens of the Temecula Valley are forever indebted to Mr. Farnbach for his vision and foresight in saving this important historical treasure for the benefit of future generations."

About thirty members of the Temecula Valley Historical Society were present for these presentations, including Charolette Fox who also served on the County Historic Commission in the past.



TVHS Group Tours S.D. Old Town

A number of TVHS members and guests took a tour on Feb. 18th to Old Town San Diego. They visited a number of Victorian homes located in Heritage Village. Each of the houses is unique. They were built in the 1800s and are still standing. Then the group walked a few blocks to visit the Whaley House which was completed in 1857. The Whaley House is said to be the most haunted house in the United States. The house was built atop the former execution grounds for San Diego. A gallows was constructed there in 1851 and the infamous Yankee Jim Robinson swung there for the crime of stealing a row-boat. For some eerie reason, no photo was taken of the Whaley House.



Had a great turnout for the January program where Jeffery Harmon spoke about the life of Juan Murrieta.

*** Attention ***
Members and Friends of TVHS

***TVHS is currently seeking
volunteers and docents to help
with school tours and events at
both the History Center
and Vail HQ.***

REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS

The Events and Education Chairman, Bonnie Reed, is forming a committee of persons interested in promoting the goals of our Historical Society through community based activities and events. With the merger of VaARRA into our society we are envisioning many projects that will continue to promote the history of the Temecula Valley. Its many historical locations and rich lore promises a continuous source of exciting subjects to present to the community in educational and fun ways. We are open to suggestions and hope that members will participate in these programs.

No prior knowledge of local history is needed. This is a good opportunity to learn about the history of this valley as well as the exciting history of the Vail Ranch. If you are interested or have friends who would be willing to put aside a few hours now and then for such an important cause please contact me, Bonnie Reed, at (760) 484-6019 or grannyofive@gmail.com.

Membership News

Welcome New Member

Max & Gail Cantu

Peggy Erfle

Steve & Denise Haerr

Barbara Phillips

Thank you for renewing your membership:

Beth Cobb

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, March 3 — 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and every Tuesday the Farmer's Market at Vail HQ.

Wednesday, March 4 — 8 p.m. Sketchfest at the Vail HQ Cookhouse. All artists are welcome.

Sunday, March 8 — 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday Funday Synergy Social Vendors at Vail HQ.

Monday, March 9 — 6:00 p.m. at the Murrieta Library, Hosted by the Murrieta Valley Historical Society, Gerry Nicholas will portray O.T. Hackett who was the areas stagecoach driver who also delivered mail. Event is open to the public.

Saturday, March 14 — 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Vintage Soul Flea Market at Vail HQ.

Ongoing through March 15 — at the Temecula Valley Museum a special photo collection entitled "American Farmer".

Friday, March 20 — 4:00 p.m. Ribbon Cutting Ceremony conducted by the Temecula Valley Chamber of Commerce to celebrate the merger of TVHS and VaARRA. Refreshments to be served and tours available for interested attendees. Open to public.

Saturday, March 21 — 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. Thistle & Sage Vegan Vendor Event at Vail HQ.

Sunday, March 22 — 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday Funday Synergy Social Vendors at Vail HQ

Monday, March 23 — 6:00 p.m. Regular monthly program at the Little Temecula History Center featuring two Notable Women: Edna Swanguen, a wife and mother who owned Hall's Café, and who was also Temecula's colorful telephone operator; also you will meet E. Hale Curran, a business woman who grew up in the Fountain House Hotel, and employed at Guenther's Murrieta Hot Springs Resort. Open to the public. Meet and greet at 5:30 p.m. with refreshments.

Saturday, April 4 — 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Civil War Conference "*The American Civil War: 1865: Turning Homeward*" presented by Gazette665 at the Temecula City Conference Center in Old Town. Registration Required at www.gazette665.com

***Looking for a place to meet up with friends?
Consider the many options for dining at Vail
HQ, or Augies Coffee.***

100 Years Ago in Temecula

Selected items from Lake Elsinore Valley Press, Temecula Gossip Column – March 1920

Issue of March 5, 1920

Alex J. Escallier made a business trip to Riverside Monday, returning the same day.

Robert Magee, who for the past year has been engaged in a large quarry at Lakeside, San Diego County, was a business caller in town on Tuesday.

Antonio Trujillo and James Tortuga were delegated by the people from Pechanga to the conference, which is held at Riverside this week.

George Studley, formerly foreman of the cowboys at the Pauba Ranch, now of Fallbrook, was a business caller in town the first of the week.

James E. Crew, potato king of the Pauba (Ranch) left for Los Angeles on Tuesday where he will spend a few days looking after business affairs and will also visit relatives and friends.

Last week Albert Banks nearly lost one of his horses in an accident when one of his four horse teams were hauling fertilizer and on crossing the bridge the team was pulling out and the horses were frightened and turned to the side, throwing one of the horses off the bridge and the front wheel of the wagon. The horse was hanging by the harness about 15 feet from the ground. No damage and no one was hurt.

Issue of March 12, 1920

Temecula Bank Shows Growth

The report appearing elsewhere in this issue of the First National Bank of Temecula as made to the Controller of the Currency at the close of business February 28th, shows that the popular banking institution has enjoyed a substantial growth since the time of their last published statement. Under the able management of Edward Greenfield, the bank's cashier, the institution is doing much to help the development of this locality.

James E. Crew of the Pauba Ranch has started his potato planting. Last season he had a splendid yield, in fact, the best crop that he has had since he started growing potatoes four years ago.

Antonio Trujillo and James Tortuga, who were delegated to the recent conference at Riverside, held there last week, returned home the last of the week reporting that the business affairs of the meeting were successfully transacted.

Pat Speziali has sold all his stock, grain and farm implements to Harry Smith, who is now farming the place. Pat has moved to town and rented rooms in the pool hall building but is undecided as to his future plans.

Cal Waggoner, foreman at the Pauba Ranch, spent a few days in Los Angeles last week. Mr. Waggoner looks after the interests of the Vail Company and has under him about thirty men.

Issue of March 26, 1920

Crop Outlook in Temecula District is Very Good - Train Time is Popular Hour - Big Shipment of Cattle Comes In.

Ed Vail of Los Angeles spent a few days at the Pauba Ranch looking after the interests of the Vail Company. Mr. Vail comes to the ranch quite often.

The Santa Fe for several days has had painters painting the houses of their employees along the track west of town. Miss Jennie Median of Los Angeles arrived in town Saturday to spend a few days at the farm of her uncle, Andreas Tortuga.

Charles McVicker, who for the past two years was connected in business with Ole Larsen in the pool hall, severed his connection the first of the week and last Saturday left for Tripp Valley.

Floyd Buck, a very successful farmer of Auld, was a business caller in town the last of the week.

Several carloads of cattle arrived last week from Arizona and were taken to Cahuilla. The cattle were bought by the Parks boys of Cahuilla.

Martin Verdugo, who has been in Los Angeles for the past two months under medical treatment, returned home last week. He is much better and expects to remain here for a few weeks.

The crops in this section have never looked better at this time of the year and the green feed is abundant. Many of the ranchers are wishing that the interval between rains would lengthen out and give them time to do their summer following.

All the girls go to meet the train at evenings. We wonder why?

Mr. and Mrs. Sands the first of the week moved to their new home near the railroad track. Mr. Sands is in the employ of the Santa Fe as station agent.

Albert Golsh and F. Scott of Pala were business callers in town the first of the week.

George Studley, formerly foreman of the cowboys at the Pauba Ranch and now living at Fallbrook, spent several days in town looking after business interests.

Mrs. J. C. Rodriguez, who for the past six weeks was visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Banks, left for her home at Lakeside, San Diego county, the last of the week, as she received word that her husband was ill.

John Benson was in town the other day, having arrived from Foster, California, where he had been employed in a stone quarry for the last three months. The first of the week he secured work at the ranch of Hugh Magee east of Pala.

Mrs. Mary Freeman left for Lakeside last week. She will visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Rodriguez. She expects to be gone for some time.

More Thank you notes . . . from students at Pauba

Valley Elementary, who visited the Vail Headquarters and History Center in November, 2019 on a field trip. All “thank you” notes have been re-keyed as they were written, misspelled words and punctuation as written (as much as Word would tolerate).

Dear Vail Staff,

Thank you for the field trip! It was such a wonderful time, and I learned some interesting pieces of history that I did not know! My favorite activity, or rotation was the washing and ironing! I've washed and ironed cloths before, but that way was way more fun! Also, the guy who was at that rotation was nice and really funny! I also have a connection, my mom knows Rebecca, since she's her customer at IHop. I really liked going into the stage coach too, it made me feel like I was in the 1800s. I would really love to go with my family, and I hope other people have the same experience.

Lucy

Dear Vail Staff,

Thank you for letting us go to Vail head quarters for our field trip. I loved an of the different eras that I learned. My favorite was the cowboys and blacksmith. It was fun looking at the items back then. For exsample how they did laundry. I also liked the guess the object game in the muesam. So again thank you for your time teaching us.

Logan

Dear Vail Staff,

Thank you for having my class over. I had a wonderful time learning about all the history. I don't have a favorite statioun they all were my favorite. I I had to choose it would be the cowboy station.

Robert

Dear the volenteers of TVHQ,

Thank you for entertaining us and teaching us all about the old days of Temecula. I like the blacksmith infor- mation the most because, it is so interesting to see how metal tools were made. Even though I like the black- smith part the most, I still am interested in the other old Temecula subjects.

Sincerely, Sid

Dear Blacksmith and volunteers,

Thank you for all you done to help us learn more about Temecula, and for all the fun activities like, the black- smith, (I like him and what he did) the cowboy, the laun- dry man, (he was funny) and more. Finally, thank you all for what you did!

Sincerely, Axel

Dear Volenteers,

Thank you for an amazing experience. I had so much fun learning and doing the activities. My favorite was when the black smith bent the rod. The cloth washing station was also really fun. Me and my friends would agree that it wa a fun trip, and I really enjoyed it.

Sincerely, Liam

Dear Vail Headquarters.

I learned a LOT of stuff. My favorite was the laundry. The laundry was a ton of fun, because I experienced some- thing that I never did before. The blacksmith looked VERY dangerous but it also looked fun. The cowboy was SUPER fun because we got to learn how to rope trick. The kitch- en items looked very OLD, but some looked like the items we have right now. Thank you guys so much!

Sincerely, Nike

Dear Voluntears,

Thank you for all the hard work you went through to teach all the 5th grade students about how that “city” use to be the town of Temecula. My favorite part was laundry because I loved how you could pretend iron and soak up the clothes like back then. I also really love that you all did this for free because you wanted to teach us about history. I really liked the Blacksmith as well be- cause he teached us about how he makes knives and more. Thank you so much voluntears!

Sincerely, Jeanna

Dear Volunteers,

Thank you for volunteering to help us learn about Temec- ulars past. We all enjoyed it and thought it was really cool. We also loved all the things you showed us. My fav- iourite was seeing the blacksmith and how knives are made, but I loved all of them. I'm also glad I tried coffee beans, they were weird tasting but good. Again, thank you for everything.

Sincerely, Ana

Dear Volunteers,

Thank you for all the fun. I liked it when we did laundry, learned about the wolf building and the hotels at the side of the building. It was funny when we had the coffee it was so good. The stagecoach was cool. Tell the black- smith that his was my fav.

Sincerely, Abbie