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Bill Veale is seen teaching Western roping to Sister City students as they toured Vail Headquarters on Tuesday, July 30. The young people represented Daisen-Nakayama, Japan, here as part of a student visitation program which is celebrating the 25th year of the Sister City program with their city.

25th Year Anniversary

Sister City Students Learn About Western History

As the City of Temecula celebrates its 30th Anniversary, so do we celebrate the continuation of our Sister City program. Nakayama has been a Sister city since 1994. Each year we have the privilege of hosting adult community leaders, and student visitors to share a glimpse of the "Old West". This year is the 25th anniversary of being a Sister City to Daisen-Nakayama.

Nakayama is located on the southwest coast on the island nation of Japan. This sister city has many wonderful sights to see. In 2005, Nakayama merged with its neighboring town to become Daisen-Nakayama.

Temecula hosts adults from Daisen each winter and teens in the summer. Each group tours important locations in Temecula, including Old Town Temecula and the Vail HQ and the Little Temecula History Center. The visits go both ways. Recently representatives of Temecula toured Daisen, including our past president Bonnie Martland, Tracy Frick who is the director of the Temecula Valley Museum and City Councilman James Stewart. Visitors stay with families in the country they visit which gives an in-depth cultural exchange that cannot be experienced by staying in hotels & enhances friendships.

We look forward to future hosting opportunities with representatives of our Sister Cities from both Japan and the Netherlands.

Notable Men & Women of Temecula Activities & Presentations



On Sunday, September 1st, Bill Veale will portray José Estudillo at the Little Temecula History Center at 2:30 p.m. Estudillo was a horse trainer, rancher, and local politician.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sunday, September 1st** — 2:30 p.m. Bill Veale will portray Jose Estudillo, a father of twelve. He was a well known amansador (horse trainer), and later in life a rancher and politician. Come and meet this most fascinating gentleman at the History Center.
- Sunday, September 1st** — 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday Funday, Synergy Social. Vendors at Vail HQ.
- On-going thru November 10** — Special Exhibit entitled “Painters of the Valley” at the Temecula Valley Museum, featuring Temecula Valley Artists such as Ralph Love and Leverne Parker. Museum open daily 10 to 4. Closed Mondays.
- Tuesday, September 3rd** — 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Farmers Market at Vail HQ. Every Tuesday.
- Saturday, September 7** — 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Clear Charity Vendors and family games event at Vail HQ.
- Wednesday, September 11th** — 8:45 a.m. meet at the Little Temecula History Center for a tour of the Hamilton Museum in Anza. Depart at 9 a.m. Contact Phil Washum by phone at 951-201-0020 or email at pcwashum@verizon.net to sign up or with questions.
- Saturday, September 14th** — 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. Thistle & Sage Vegan Marketplace. Vendors and more, Vail HQ.
- Saturday, September 14th** — 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. *Western Days* in Old Town Temecula.
- Sunday, September 15th** — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. *Western Days* in Old Town Temecula.
- Sunday, September 15th** — 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday Funday with Synergy vendors at Vail HQ.
- Saturday, September 21st** — 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. Ride in At the Ranch *Car and Motorcycle Show*. Customs and Motorcycles, music, vendors & photo-ops at Vail HQ.
- Sunday, September 22nd** — 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. Michelle’s Place “Race for Hope” 5K walk to benefit Michelle’s Cancer Center. Register at www.michellesplace.org
- Monday, September 23rd** — 6 p.m. Monthly meeting & Presentation of Temecula Valley Historical Society. Rebecca Farnbach will give presentation on the Vail Headquarters, the creation of VaRRA and efforts to save the site and bring it back to life.
- Wednesday, September 25th** — 1 p.m. Mindy Johnson will present Annie Mendenhall Bergman for the Senior Golden Years group at the Mary Philips Senior Center. Public is invited.
- Friday, September 27th** — 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Starlight Bazaar. 300+ expected. Rides, music, family event. At Vail HQ.

Notable Men & Women of Temecula Activities & Presentations



Ramona Wolf



O.T. Hackett



"Trixie" Fernald

"Triple-header"

Special Performance Sunday, Oct. 6

There will be a special treat on Sunday, October 6th, at 2:30 p.m. at the Little Temecula History Center with performances by three Notable Men & Women of Temecula. First, Gerry Nicholas will present Samuel Hackett, the stagecoach driver better known as O. T. Hackett who stayed at the Wolf Store hotel place for a couple of nights each week. Next, Lynn Cudé will present Ramona Wolf, the wife of Louis Wolf, who ran the general store, post office and hotel that is still standing at Vail HQ. Finally, Shelley Leddy will present Catherine "Trixie" Fernald, a woman who was ahead of her time who was a photographer and bicyclist as well as a proprietor of a general store in Temecula. Come and be entertained, and learn little-known facts about these three colorful characters from our past.

— Save the date —
Annual Dinner Meeting of TVHS
Sat, Nov. 16

At the Assistance League

Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Raffles, silent auction items

— Reservation form on Page 6 —

*** Special Notice ***

“Painters of the Valley”

Featuring Temecula Valley Artists

NOW through November 10, 2019

At the Temecula Valley Museum

Open Daily 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Closed Mondays

This exhibit will highlight the beauty of the city while featuring local artists, past and present. Featured artists will include Ralph Love, Leverne Parker, Roy Morrissey, Jack Ragland.

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*** Grand Opening ***

Cookhouse at Vail HQ

Specials and new Menu items

Raffles and giveaways

Live music each evening

Friday, Sept. 6th — 6 pm to 10 pm

Saturday, Sept. 7th — 11 am to 10 pm

Sunday, Sept. 8th — 11 am to 9 pm

Donations Sought for Annual Meeting

TVHS is seeking donations of event tickets, new goods, services, or destinations, to be auctioned or raffled at our Annual Dinner on 11/16/19. Funds raised go to restore and preserve Temecula’s historic past and fund college scholarships. Items sought are: balloon ride tickets, golf, hotel vouchers, gift certificates or items from local merchants. Items will be stand alone or combined with others to create baskets worth a minimum of \$50.

Auction and raffle items have been a staple of TVHS’ ability to fund projects preserving Temecula’s wonderful history. To donate, please contact Julie Gilbert at juliediane1210@gmail.com. All donations must be picked up or dropped off by 10/28/19.

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Congratulations to member John Randall New Riverside County Commissioner

Congratulations to John Randall III who has just been appointed Historic Commissioner for the Third District in the Riverside County Historical Commission, an advisory board to the County Board of Supervisors.

John has been a high school history teacher and is a member of the Temecula Valley Historical Society. We appreciate John's willingness to serve on the commission and to advocate for preservation of historic sites in our region. He succeeds Darell Farnbach and Charolette Fox who previously held that position.

— Membership News —

Welcome New Members:

Perry Albertson

Martha Culbertson

Phil & Connie Harris

John & Sharon Harrison

Dennis & Karen Sterner

Nathan R. Vail

Roger Weber

THANK YOU FOR RENEWING YOUR MEMBERSHIP:

Robert & Elaine Culverhouse

**“New or Gently Used”
Children's Books Needed**

For the Free Library at Vail Headquarters. Please get to Rebecca Farnbach at our monthly meeting, or get to Antique Store on Tuesdays or Sundays, or the History Center on Sun.

100 Years Ago in Temecula

Selected items from Lake Elsinore Valley Press, Temecula Gossip Column – September 1919

Issue of September 20, 1919

Mrs. J. E. Freeman and R. M. Estrada, a Mexican, left last week Wednesday. Nobody knows where they went. Mrs. Freeman has a good husband and three as nice children as any mother could desire.

Mrs. Julia Vejar returned home from Hemet and Banning the first of the week where she had been visiting her children who had been attending school there.

The little Temecula School began its session for the year on Monday, September 16, with James Rawson as teacher.

Chris Poyerena of Whittier and Albert Guasti of Los Angeles were first of the week visitors of Mrs. Nieves Poyerena. They motored through the country and were very much interested in the fields of alfalfa and cattle in the valley. This valley grows some of the finest alfalfa in Southern California and some of the fine cattle, too.

Mrs. Joe Estrada and baby are visitors at the home of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. John Magee.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Bender and son Donald moved to Anaheim the last of the week. Mr. Bender while here was employed by the Santa Fe.

Miss Sarah Lisalda of San Jacinto is a visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Maruffo.

Mrs. John B. Kelly returned home from Los Angeles the last of the week.

Mrs. J. C. Rodriguez of Santa Ysabel was a visitor at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Banks.

V. James of Murrieta was a business caller at Knott's garage the first of the week.

Ferrell Freeman left for Los Angeles Monday afternoon, and from there he expects to go to the Imperial Valley.

A truckload of Indian children from the Pala reservation went through town on their way to the Sherman school, Riverside, the first of the week.

The Union school began its session Monday with Miss Alma Wilson as principal and Miss Frances Powell as the second teacher.

Elmer O. O'Connell made a business trip to Los Angeles the first of the week.

Mrs. Albert Banks and daughter Esther motored to Pala Sunday.

Mrs. Schlotte of Alamos was this week a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Machado.

Mr. and Mrs. Liney D. Helm of the Pauba Ranch moved to their place in town, so that their children can attend school.

Roy G. Fernald and Arthur Escallier motored to Riverside Sunday. Mr. Fernald is learning to drive his new car.

Miss Esilda Cantarini left for Riverside Monday noon, where she will attend the Sherman school at Arlington this winter.

Joseph M. Nicolas and family of Los Cholas Ranch were business callers in town the first of the week.

Mrs. James O. Freeman and children and Mrs. Rosa Arviso and children spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Felip Cazas.

Miss Ethel Hall returned home from Los Angeles the last of the week. She spent a few days there visiting relatives and friends.

William T. Barton has the contract to haul the children to the Union school.

J. E. Freeman left for Los Angeles the last of the week and will be gone for some time. He is looking after business interests.

A fine lot of cattle from Warner's ranch were shipped Wednesday, from here to Los Angeles.

Mrs. Nieves Poyerena, who is spending a few days here, has taken a great interest in gathering Indian relics for her collection at her home at Whittier. Mrs. Poyerena is a newcomer here and she intends taking back with her many Indian curios.

Miss Modesto Contreras left for Riverside on the noon stage. She will attend the Sherman school at Arlington.

George Maruffo, who went to San Jacinto a few days ago, returned home the last of the week with a load of hay. Charles McVicker and Dr. H. D. Wilson are again on the mountains deer hunting.

Mr. Smith of Hemet, brother of Lynn Smith is employed at William Friedemann's meat market.

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Volunteer Opportunities With TVHS Events & Education Committee

The Events and Education Committee Chair, Bonnie Reed, is wanting to build a committee of persons interested in promoting the goals of our Historical Society through community based activities and events.

No prior experience or 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 Bonnie Reed at 760-484-6019 or at grannyofive@gmail.com



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You are cordially invited to the 18th Annual Dinner of the:

TEMECULA VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Saturday, November 16, 2019 from 5:30 pm until 9:30 pm

at the Assistance League of Temecula

28720 Via Montezuma, Temecula, CA 92590

The price of \$40 per person includes dinner and the evening's program.

**Our invited speaker is STEVE WILLIAMSON, presenting:
"ERLE STANLEY GARDNER"**

Steve will talk about Erle Stanley Gardner, local resident & author of the Perry Mason novels.

At the time Gardner's death in 1970, he was the best-selling American author of all time.

He was friends with Mahlon Vail and other notable Temecula residents of his day.

Introduction of the 2020 Board of Directors and Officers

Silent Auction and Opportunity Drawings with new & unique items

Social Hour at 5:30 p.m. - Appetizers at 6:00 p.m. - Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Program Presentation at 7:30 p.m.

A portion of the dinner proceeds go to the TVHS Scholarship Program

Please complete the form below and return it with your check

RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY NOVEMBER 1, 2019.

TVHS Annual Dinner Reservation

Saturday, November 16, 2019 5:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Menu: A buffet dinner featuring appetizers of assorted Bruschetta, a mixed green salad with dressing, an entrée of Rosemary Chicken with lemon butter sauce, roasted potatoes, sautéed zucchini and mushrooms, with croissants & butter. Drinks include: iced water & coffee. Wine will be available. Delicious cakes will be served for dessert.

Name(s): _____ Phone: _____

Additional Name(s): _____

Number attending: _____ Total: \$ _____

I cannot attend but will assist with a donation for TVHS scholarships. \$ _____

The cost is \$40 per person (Guests are welcome!).

Seating is limited to 80 people.

Make checks payable to: TVHS (checks must be received by November 1st)

Please mail form and check to: TVHS, P.O. Box 157, Temecula, CA 92593-0157

You may also pay through our website using PayPal or a credit card at: www.temeculahistory.org