

TEMECULA VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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It is our mission to identify, preserve and promote the historic legacy of the Temecula Valley and to educate the public about its historical significance.

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Benefits Community and Visitors

Utilizing Technology To Interpret History

The Temecula Valley Historical Society did not shut down operations while sheltering in during COVID closures. Instead, they ramped up using technology to serve the community in even more comprehensive ways than before.

The historical society board of directors continued to meet via zoom where their ideas took root. Instead of in-person presentations each month, the society also utilized Zoom to give programs on topics of interest, including stories of a heroic warhorse Sgt. Reckless, a shooting at the Temecula Train Depot, the history of the 1909 restaurant, and depictions of Temecula people from the past. These were live-streamed and archived on Facebook where the presentations can be viewed at will.

When Temecula third-grade students could not go to Vail HQ for their annual field trip, the society engaged JDS Academy to film a virtual tour that the Temecula Valley Unified School District and private schools in the area received gladly.

During this time, President Shari Crall conceptualized a sign campaign throughout the community with history questions as teasers. Under her leadership, committee chair Bill Veale and several knowledgeable board members wrote topics and tantalizing tidbits to share.

As the committee explored ways to present the data, they recognized the value of offering a question with a QR (Quick Response) code, a square matrix bar code like those used in restaurants to access the menu. For the history question, the answer is found by using the QR code, so it is like a mini-treasure hunt. So, if you see some signs that say "Did You Know?", check them out and see what you can learn. Signs are presently posted at various locations including IHOP, the Army/Navy Store, Mariposa Ice Cream, Great Burrito, and at Stew's Barber Shop in the Palomar Village Shopping Center. At Vail HQ they are at Cheflavor, The Cookhouse, Temecula Clay, and Temecula Brewery.

Keep an eye out around town as this project evolves and grows in the months ahead. Let us know your thoughts and comments, as well as ideas on possible additional locations.



Special Event – Friday, July 16

A ribbon cutting to celebrate TVHS membership in the Chamber of Commerce; presentation of certificate and scholarship to intern Marcus Zarinelli; and multiple anniversaries, the celebration was joined by many members and supporters.



Board member Roger Cude presents college intern, Marcus Zarinelli, with a \$2000 scholarship. Marcus will study history at CSUSM this fall semester.

President Shari Crall cuts the ribbon backed by Temecula Chamber of Commerce representatives and held by Chamber of Commerce 2020 Citizens of the Year, our own Board members Darell and Rebecca Farnbach.



The Notable Women and Men of Temecula were joined by the Old Town Temecula Gunfighters to serve as hosts and guides for the event.



The TVHS Board poses for a picture with Sandy Helzer, an original VaRRA member and representatives of the Temecula Valley Chamber of Commerce.

TVHS Summer Evening Outdoor Events Continue thru August on Vail HQ Stage

The Temecula Valley Historical Society will continue its treat for the community with more free historical entertainment at the Vail HQ Stage on Mondays through August at **7:00 p.m.**

Please **bring your own lawn chairs** and join us for these presentations.

Shelley Leddy will present Trixie Fernald on **August 2**, a Temecula female photographer who was ahead of her time as an entrepreneur.



On **August 16** the audience will meet Temecula's phone operator Edna Swanguen who also owned Hall's Café, portrayed by Michele Elling.



On **August 9**, Julie Gilbart will present Jean Bethell who was Erle Stanley Gardner's (Perry Mason) Secretary for many years.

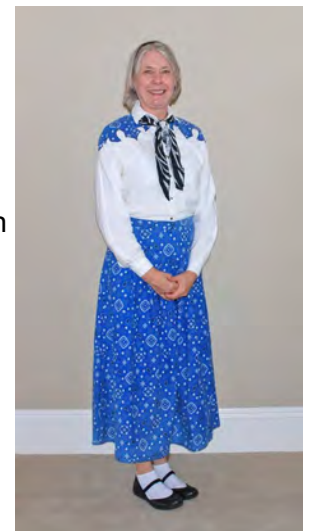


For our regular monthly Presentation **August 23** Dale Garcia will do a Presentation on the History of Palomar Telescope and Things That Fall From the sky..

Please join us for these entertaining and enjoyable historical programs. Remember to bring your own lawn chairs, or blankets to sit on.

Food and beverages can be purchased from Vail HQ vendors for consumption during the programs.

On **August 30** Mindy Johnson Presents Annie Mendenhall Bergman: wife, mother, Rancher and postmaster who lived most of her life in Aguanga.



President's Message

August, 2021



WE'RE BAAAACK! It has been so wonderful to see many of you at our Chamber of Commerce Ribbon Cutting and our Monday night presentations. Phil Washun has scheduled our first tour for August 11, out to the Perris train station.

We also want you to SAVE THE DATE for our 2021 Annual Dinner – except this year it will be lunch! Actually, it is our Annual Meeting, as required by our by-laws, installing new officers and board members and reporting on the progress of the society so time of day doesn't really matter. This year we decided to kick it up a notch, thanks to Annual Meeting chair, Dave Wilson. A lunch is scheduled for Thursday, November 11, Veteran's Day, at Wilson Creek Winery. Watch for more details and a special price for society members.

We are incredibly blessed as a society to 1) have preserved the Vail Ranch Headquarters property, and 2) to have wonderful volunteers to staff our Little Temecula History Center, Antique Store and drive and maintain our kiddie train and stagecoach. This brings in income that along with your donations enabled us to do big things this year including give a \$2000 scholarship to our college intern, Marcus Zarinelli, who will study history at CSUSM. Roger Cude made the surprise presentation to Marcus at our Ribbon Cutting ceremony and Marcus' face was priceless. If you'd like to get more involved with events or volunteering, be sure to check our website, www.temeculahistory.org for a calendar or email us at info@temeculahistory.org and let us know your interests.

Onward!

— *Shari*

Membership News

Welcome New Members:

**Dennis Hibberts & Amber J. Gentry
Daniel & Zana Easley**

Thank you for renewing your membership:

**Toni Benson
Cheryl Cady
Betsy Domanski
Lisa Woodward**

EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday, August 1 — 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. **Sunday Fun-day**

Is moving to evening hours to beat the heat. Find local vendors, photo ops, train and stagecoach rides, family activities, and a DJ to get the party started.

Monday, August 2 — 7 p.m. Presentation by the Historical Society. Shelley Leddy will present Trixie Fernald a female photographer who was ahead of her time as an entrepreneur.

Tuesday, August 3 — 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Farmer's Market Every Tuesday. Fresh local produce & others.

Saturday, August 7 — 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Ramble On at The Ranch Classic Car Show. 5th Annual at Vail HQ Featuring 100+ classic cars on Vail HQ property and Front lot, vendors, music, raffles and more.

Sunday, August 8 — 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. **Sunday Funday.**

Monday, August 9 — 7 p.m. Presentation by Historical Society, Julie Gilbert will depict Jean Bethell, secretary to Temecula's famous Perry Mason writer Erle Stanley Gardner.

Tuesday, August 10 — 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Performance by School of Rock, one of their student bands.

Wednesday, August 11—8:15 a.m. meet Phil Washum at Red Barn for day trip to Perris for guided tours of Train depot, bank building and hotel.

Friday, August 13 — 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. VW club meet Herrkooled VW car club will meet on property.

Sunday, August 15 — 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. **Sunday Fun-day**

Monday, August 16—7 p.m. Presentation by Historical Society, Michele Elling will depict Edna Swanguen Temecula's phone operator and owner of a café.

Friday, August 20 — 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Performance by School of Rock, local music academy. One of their student bands, and their "house band."

Saturday, August 21 — 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thistle and Sage Vegan Market — vegan friendly vendors.

Sunday, August 22 — 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. **Sunday Fun-day**

Monday, August 23—7 p.m. Presentation by Historical Society, Dale Garcia will give a presentation about "The History of the Palomar Telescope and Things That Fall From the Sky".

Thursday, August 26 — 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. VW car club.

Friday, August 27 — 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Starlight Bazaar

Saturday, August 28 — 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. **Derby Days Summer Carnival** at Vail HQ/ Games, raffles, mint juleps, swing music. Dress in retro attire.

Sunday, August 29 — 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. **Sunday Fun-**

100 Years Ago in Temecula

Selected items from Lake Elsinore Valley Press, Temecula Gossip Column — August 1921

Issue of August 5, 1921

By Elizabeth Nienke

Harvey Grey and Mr. Ritz experienced what might have been a very serious accident Friday afternoon. They were in route to Elsinore in Mr. Grey's Ford and while making the sharp turn just before entering Murrieta the brake failed to work and the car struck the sand by the roadside overturning it. Both suffered bruises and Mr. Ritz has a badly sprained wrist and arm. It seems miraculous that they escaped more serious injury.

The Temecula baseball nine played the Murrieta team last Sunday and was the victors, 5- 6.

Many Temeculans attended the dance given at Pala last Saturday evening and report a good time.

Charlie Roripaugh is visiting his brothers, Roy and Jack, and their families, for a week or two, previous to taking up his studies at the State University.

Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Roripaugh and family and Charlie Roripaugh are enjoying a few days of camp life in the mountains.

Chris Speziali is doing the inside painting at the new home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Burnham, near town.

Issue of August 12, 1921

By Elizabeth Nienke

The Temecula nine defeated Perris Sunday August 4, in one of the fastest games of the season. This places Temecula, Perris, Hemet White Sox and San Jacinto in tie for first place in the Riverside County league, each having won three and lost one. Father Toner, of Elsinore was a visitor Monday. There will be services at the Catholic Church next Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. The public is cordially invited.

Mrs. Frank Burnham has as her house guests her sister, Mrs. M.P. McHugh & daughter, Thelma, of Fresno.

Miss Ethel Hall, who is taking a nurse's course at the California Hospital in Los Angeles, visited her mother, Mrs. L. Hall over Sunday. Miss Hall graduates as a trained nurse next March.

Miss Lillian Taylor, who has been visiting Mrs. William Friedemann and other friends the past few weeks, has returned to her home at Warner's Hot Springs.

Issue of August 19, 1921

By Elizabeth Nienke

The Temecula Indians and the Hemet Cubs met on the Hot Springs diamond Sunday, August 14, and played a very interesting game, ending in a score of 2 to 5 in Temecula's favor. Hoguee again made the homerun of the game. C. Hudson, of Hemet, made a three- base hit. Butler, pitching for Hemet, walked two, struck out none, and Temecula hit him for 15 hits. Tano, for Temecula, walked none, struck out four, and held the Cubs to but three hits.

The home of Mrs. William Friedemann was the scene of gaiety on Tuesday afternoon when Mrs. Friedemann, Mrs. Carl Swanguen and Mrs. L.M. Hall en-

tertained with a miscellaneous shower in honor of Miss Helen Clogston, who is to become the bride of Jay Novick, of Elsinore, this weekend. Over thirty friends of the bride-to-be enjoyed the afternoon of music and the unwrapping of the many beautiful and useful gifts. Refreshments of delicious pineapple sherbet and cake were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Swanguen and little daughter, Marjorie, and Mrs. L.M. Hall motored to Warner Hot Springs Monday to attend the Indian fiesta being held there.

Mr. and Mrs. William Friedemann had as their dinner guests Friday, Mrs. Friedemann's aunt and family, Mr. and Mrs. Guthrie and children, of Hemet, and Mr. and Mrs. Carleton, of Imperial.

Born — To Mr. and Mrs. Aldin Barnett, of La Habra, a boy, Walter Aldin.

Joe Winkels is sporting a new Maxwell touring car.

Ralph Barnett, Louie Roripaugh and Barney Roripaugh, three Boy Scouts, went on a hiking trip in the Santa Rosa district over Sunday and Monday. One of the requirements of a first class scout is a hiking trip of over seven miles, remaining out over night and going without a scout master. These boys report a pleasant trip.

Mahlon Vail and A.F. Nienke were San Diego visitors Wednesday.

Albert Otto will drive the school bus and do the janitors work for the Temecula School this year.

The Temecula baseball team played the Julian team at Warner's Hot Springs on Monday, winning 26 to 12. On Tuesday they played Mesa Grande at the same diamond and were again victorious, 16-5. It was the regular team with the exception of 2 new pitchers doing splendid work.

Issue of August 26, 1921

By Elizabeth Nienke

The Temecula baseball nine played the Elsinore team on Sunday in a rather slow game, ending in a score of 14 — 7 in Temecula's favor. The main features of the game were errors on both sides and the umpire's squabbings.

A.B. Barnett and family are spending a few days at Oceanside and vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Sweet and daughter, Mildred, of Riverside, were the weekend guests of Mr. & Mrs. Kolb.

While on the way to Escondido on Monday, the steering apparatus of Mrs. Beemis' car broke. The break occurred just beyond the Red Mountain grade and luckily the car was moving very slowly, enabling Mrs. Beemis to stop almost immediately. Word was sent to Fallbrook and soon a garage man had repaired the part and Mrs. Beemis and party continued on their way.

Miss Helen Clogston, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Clogston, of Temecula and Jay Novick of Elsinore, were married Saturday, August 20th, in Riverside, Dr. B.S. Haywood, of Methodist Episcopal Church presiding. The charming young bride is a sister of Mrs. Leonard Hudson and is well known in Elsinore